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Coming out

LGBT students step into the limelight

BY LEAH ESSLINGER
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Coming Out Day, celebrated on Oct. 11, brings awareness to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community. It has been celebrated since the late 1980s, adopting the day of the second national march on Washington to address the growing AIDS epidemic and civil rights issues. Since then, it has been practiced in the U.S. and the U.K. (on October 12). At Schoolcraft College, the whole week will be highlighted with events and guest speakers.

"Coming out is important

because it is healthy. Nobody likes not being able to be who they are. Nobody should be held back, nobody should be uncomfortable for being themselves," said Paul

Beaver, President of the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) at Schoolcraft College.

"Even though it is 2011, people are bothered by what's different. You look all through history, everything that hasn't been status-quo norm has been prosecuted. But who's to say lesbian, gay, transgender is not the norm? It's being human," Beaver said. Look at Don't Ask Don't Tell, named for Bill Clinton's 1993 compromise on discharge rules for homosexuals set up by Harry Truman in 1950. It has recently been repealed and service members who are gay can openly enlist in the military.

Beaver, who is also a veteran said, "I have served with men and women who are gay. They did their job. It didn't affect anything."

While there is still no federal law that prevents workplace dismissal for sexual orientation, allowing individuals to serve the country despite their orientation is a step in the right direction.

Organizations such as GSA promote awareness through action. One of the highlights of Coming Out will be the It Gets Better campaign which takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Testimonials will be filmed and made into a video for tormented youth to let them know life does get better after high school. The public is encouraged to come out and share their stories.

The week will continue

with different films chronicling the gay rights movement and speakers will visit the campus to discuss topics like sexual health, addiction, civil rights and current legislation involving the LGBT community. While many of these events bring light to issues facing LGBT, they are not exclusive to them. In fact, sexual orientation means nothing to members of the GSA.

"One thing about GSA is we don't out anybody. If you come to the GSA, we are not going to interview you and ask if you are gay or straight. You're just a member. Everyone who is a part of GSA is a member. If you choose to address your sexuality, that's awesome, but we are

not going to expect that," said Beaver.

Some people are not so ready to openly attend a meeting. Beaver goes on to explain that being a member on paper is okay, too. Any student can decide to sign up for emails, increase their awareness and give financial support. "Some members do not want to be a face in the

crowd because they are not comfortable with that yet," Beaver explained.

Coming Out week will be observed at Schoolcraft College from Monday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 14.

For more details about individual events, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

"Nobody likes not being able to be who they are"

-Paul Beaver
President of the Gay/Straight Alliance

Photo by Steven Grill



Unfortunately, many members of the LGBT community are persecuted for their orientation. According to AmericanProgress.org, only 5 to 10 percent of the youth population is LGBT, yet 20 to 40 percent of the homeless youth population is LGBT. 62 percent have experienced discrimination within their families, 86 percent are verbally harassed and 44 percent are sexually harassed. 62 percent of the LGBT community has attempted suicide. These statistics help illustrate why LGBT rights issues are civil rights issues.



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Meet the GOP presidential favorites

Perry vs. Romney

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With the 2012 election fast approaching, the two heavy hitters for the GOP slot are Texas governor Rick Perry and Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney. Other candidates vying for the position include U.S. Representative Michelle Bachman, Georgia Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Texas Representative Ron Paul, and former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum. CNN had discussed the idea of former New York mayor Rudy Gulianni possibly running, and the New York Times and the Washington Post both speculated about Sarah Palin getting involved. Behind the scenes, there is a strong push for New Jersey governor Chris Christie to throw his hat into the ring. As it stands, both Perry and Romney have an early lead as the candidates to beat in this year's Republican primary. Currently, Perry has a 6.2 percent lead in the polls over Romney, according to realclearpolitics.com, but, with the election so far into the future, it is hard to accurately predict who will bring home the party nomination.

Rick Perry was born into a very humble life. Among other absent necessities, he did not have indoor plumbing for the first five years of his life. After becoming an Eagle Scout and graduating from Paint Creek Rural School's Class of 1968 (in a class of 13 people), Perry was the first in his family to attend and complete college. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science, and after college he became a captain in the Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1977. Perry began his political career in 1984. After climbing up the political ladder, he became governor of Texas in 2000, taking the torch from George W. Bush as he left for the presidency.

Perry's opponent, Mitt Romney, was born in Detroit to a former actress, Lenore Romney (who had just recently abandoned her three-year contract with MGM to move to Michigan with her husband) and George W. Romney, who later became CEO of American Motors and, even eventually, governor of Michigan. Mitt Romney spent most of his career in the private sector, which gave him a lot of background in economics. He went on to become the governor of Massachusetts in 2002.

A big issue in the upcoming election will be health care, specifically Obamacare. Romney states (on his website), "Our next president must repeal Obamacare and replace it with market-based reforms that empower states and individuals and reduce healthcare costs. States and private markets, not the federal government, hold the key to improving our health care system." Perry says that, if elected, he will repeal Obamacare under the belief it is unconstitutional. Perry tackles the idea of our government's fiscal responsibility by being the first Texas governor since World War II to reduce general revenue spending, and cut more than \$3 billion in spending. He also protected and contributed to the state's "Rainy Day Fund" that has reached a total of \$6 billion dollars for any future need. Perry is opposed to rising deficits and he will be taking his effective budget-cutting plan into Washington.

Under the heading of "Fiscal Responsibility" on his website, Romney states that "President Obama has put our nation on an unsustainable course." If elected, he will cut federal spending and bring desperately needed reforms to the failing entitlement programs. Romney says he will return the power back to the states and the people.

With so much riding on the next elections, the debates are getting heated and, with President Obama's popularity flagging, more GOP candidates are getting involved in the discussions.

Perry appeared on "The Sean Hannity Show" and bashed Romney's healthcare plan, calling him "Obama-lite." Not only did he slam Romney, Perry also called Obama "President Zero" for his job creation record.

Romney countered the hit, calling Perry "Governor Sub-Zero" because of Perry's jobs record in Texas.

The verbal bashing is just getting started, and it will likely get worse until a candidate is nominated at the 2012 Republican National Convention next August in Tampa, Florida.

Logan Pacheco, a Political Science major at Wayne State University, said, "Strictly coming from an observational stand point, Perry may have a slight advantage with a conservative base over Romney because of Romney's healthcare legislation in Massachusetts."

A fellow conservative, Perry Stewart of Western Michigan University, said, "I don't feel comfortable with a Mormon president, so Perry has my vote."

The primaries are still several months away and the elections are further still. Whoever will be the final Republican representative is still up for grabs. Whoever it ends up being will have a major battle on their hands going up against incumbent president, Barack Obama. The most important thing to remember in all this is to educate yourself on the facts, the policies and the politicians who support them and who are against them.

Finally, never forget to exercise your rights as a citizen and vote.



Rick Perry

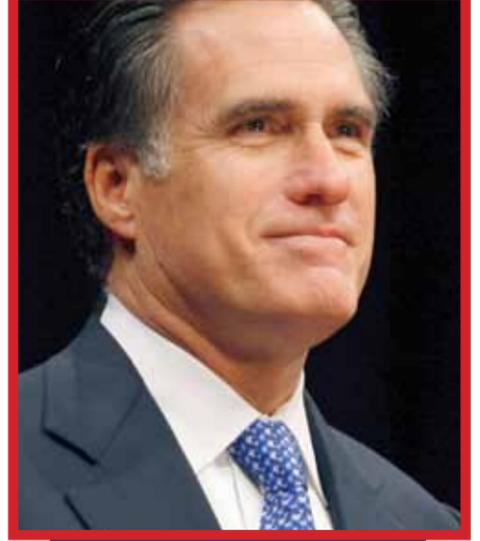
(From RickPerry.org)
Born: Paint Creek, Texas on March 4, 1950
Alma mater: Texas A&M Class of 1972
47th Governor of Texas

Fiscal Responsibility
Rick Perry believes that rising deficits, record debt and failed stimulus spending have jeopardized the future of our country, and he will take his proven budget-cutting record to Washington

Jobs
Rick Perry's support for low taxes, reasonable regulations, a predictable civil litigation system and an educated workforce has produced a job climate consistently ranked the best in the nation.

National Security
Rick Perry believes that our nation is most secure when we have the strongest economy in the world. His first priority will be to get America's economic engine running at full speed to restore our global economic leadership, and to ensure America has the resources needed to maintain a strong, modern defense.

Healthcare
If elected, Perry will repeal Obamacare – a misguided, unconstitutional and unsustainable government takeover of our health care that will undermine patient quality, increase red tape and send costs skyrocketing for taxpayers, patients and healthcare providers



Mitt Romney

(From MittRomney.com)
Born: Detroit, Michigan on March 12, 1947
Alma mater: Brigham Young University Class of 1971
70th Governor of Massachusetts

Fiscal Responsibility
As President, Mitt Romney will cut federal spending and bring much-needed reforms to entitlement programs. Mitt will work toward balancing the budget, reducing the size and reach of the federal government, and returning power to states and the people.

Jobs
Mitt Romney will rebuild the foundations of the American economy on the principles of free enterprise, hard work, and innovation. His plan seeks to reduce taxes, spending, regulation, and government programs. It seeks to increase trade, energy production, human capital, and labor flexibility. It relinquishes power to the states instead of claiming to have the solution to every problem.

Foreign Policy
The United States faces numerous challenges abroad. China is emerging, Russia is resurgent, and radical, violent jihadists seek our destruction. We must rise to these challenges to preserve our interests and promote peace. Mitt Romney believes that peace and prosperity around the world depend on a strong America.

Healthcare
Our next president must repeal Obamacare and replace it with market-based reforms that empower states and individuals and reduce health care costs. States and private markets, not the federal government, hold the key to improving our health care system.

Log-on for tuition savings

Groupon offers valuable deals for college students

By COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Who among us hasn't been burdened with the outlandishly high prices of college tuition? It seems like a lot to ask of us, especially if we have more than one job keeping us busy, or if we have personal and financial problems that may get in the way of our education. But there may be a new way to both pay for your tuition and save money. And it's due in part to a website called Groupon.

What is Groupon? Launched in November of 2008, Groupon is a website based in Chicago that offers great deals in coupon form for different companies, locally and nationally. The name itself is a fusion of the words "group" and "coupon."

Recently, Groupon has entered into a deal with fellow Chicago-based structure, National Louis University, a college that specializes in teaching techniques, in what may be a very good idea. The website is offering coupons that can help students at the school pay their college tuition by downsizing the usual price.

The plan goes like this: Groupon offers the aforementioned coupons to students who request them, as they cut the usually high price of a three-credit, graduate-level introduction to teaching course from \$2232 to a mere \$950. The deal is open to 25 students (15 of whom must first register for the deal in order for any one of them to receive it). The only catch is that the deal is only open to new students at the private university. Completing the course doesn't guarantee admittance into the university's degree program and students will still have to complete another 33 credit hours in order to receive their respective degree.

"There are all kinds of factors in the K-12 world that are really

discouraging teachers and people seeking teaching degrees," Joceyn Zevin, VP of marketing and communications for National Louis told the Chicago Tribune. Hopefully, this offsetting of the price will curb that discouragement.

Despite its usefulness, Groupon has earned a not-so-shining reputation. Last month, Groupon was hit with a slew of lawsuits stemming from employees not receiving overtime pay for clocking in over 40 hours. Considering this, (not to mention some issues with Donald Trump, "The Apprentice," and advertising) many people may not even want to associate themselves with the company if they've heard negative things about the website.

"I work at a grocery store. I know what a good deal is, and Groupon isn't," said SC student John McTigue.

Naturally, there are doubts that this venture will succeed but there are plenty of eyes watching as colleges and universities have experienced a dip in enrollment while students are looking for any way to save on tuition. Even those folks that have never heard of Groupon are likely to visit the website as more companies look toward new ways to attract attention through unconventional deals. This deal may be just what students at National Louis University need if they want to save money.

While there has been no word if they plan to expand to other schools, the deal may one day be used in colleges across the nation. So if you're low on green, maybe one day you'll be able to jump online and download a coupon to your favorite college or university.

In our news

By RAMON RAZO
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World news

United Nations – Looking past 20 years of failed negotiations, Palestine has asked the U.N. to accept them as a member once again. The bid would recognize a Palestinian nation over the territories of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and east Jerusalem. Many Palestinians claim they feel frustrated with near 50-year occupation that Israel has had. Mediators have called on both countries to try and come up with a mutually-beneficial outline within the next month. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas claimed that negotiations with Israel would be useless if the country continues to build on lands that the Palestinian government claims is theirs. Abbas claimed that the Palestinian government could not persist and could even collapse if the Israelis not cease their settlement construction. The United States is opposed to Palestine becoming a U.N. member and both the U.S. and Israel have been urging other council members to do the same.

National News

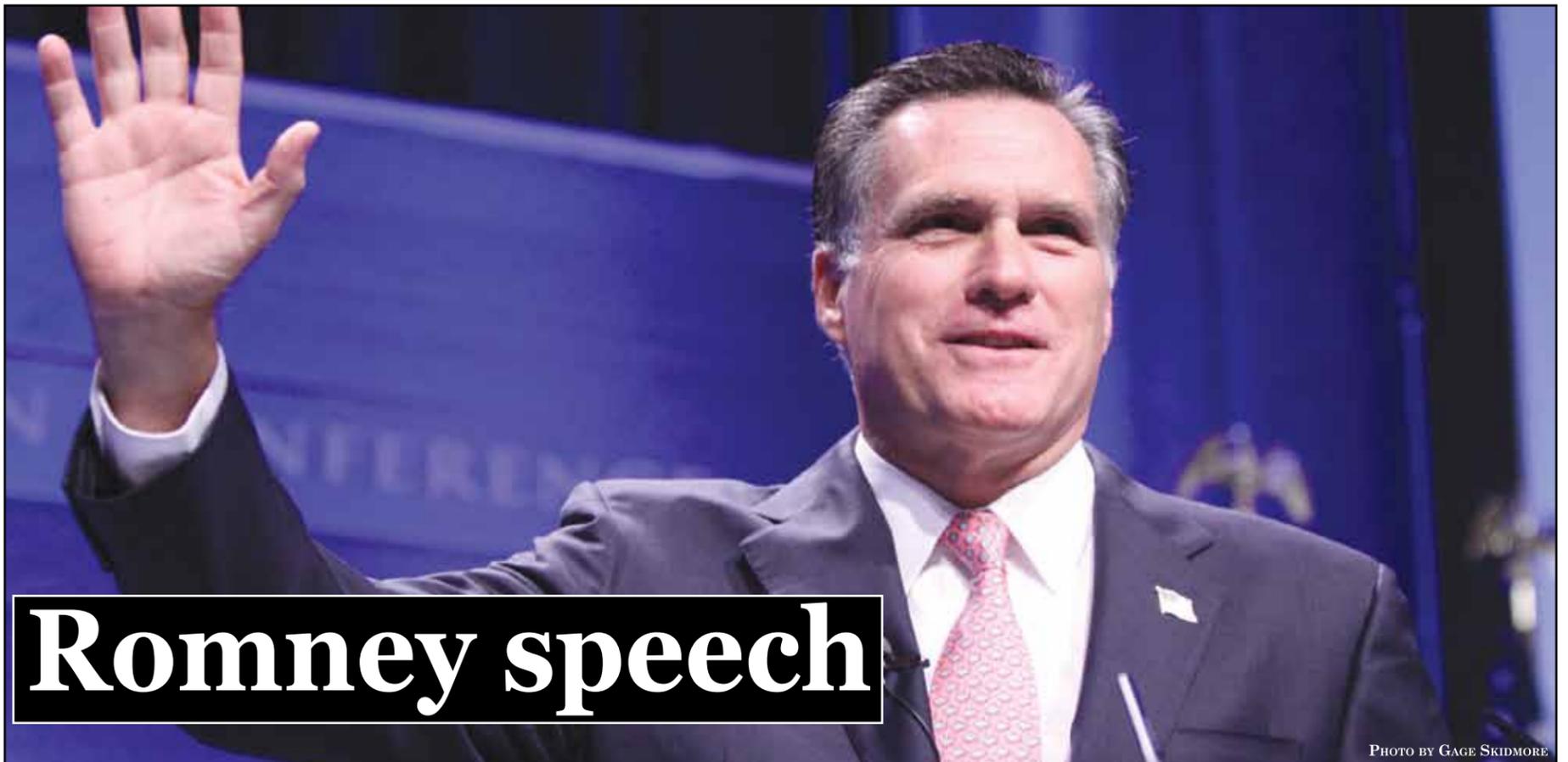
Kansas City – Jeremy Comb might have taken his fourth meal a bit too seriously. When Comb visited his local Taco Bell in the hopes of scoring some taco deliciousness, he said he very plainly explained to the employee that he wanted hot sauce for his food. Upon returning home, Comb opened his food up to see that everything was right except for, of course, no hot sauce. Comb quickly jumped back into his vehicle, returned to the Taco Bell and, brandishing a shotgun at the guilty employee, demanded hot sauce. Naturally, the police were called. Comb initially attempted to play down the incident, insisting that he had been wielding the far less deadly tire iron in his fiesta fury. Video surveillance proved otherwise. Comb was arrested on several state and federal charges. Not surprisingly, this isn't Combs first encounter with the law.

Local News

Warren – Officers responding to a home invasion are now facing investigation, stemming from an incidental death caused by Taser. Officers came into contact with 27-year old Richard Kokenos after several 911 calls reporting a possible home invasion. Upon arrival, Kokenos reportedly began fighting with officers. One officer finally resorted to using his Taser and the ensuing shock resulted in Kokenos' death. Warren Police Commissioner Jere Green was weary of divulging too much information because the case is still undergoing investigation. This marks the second such death to happen in Warren, the first case being 16-year old Robert Mitchell. After a traffic stop, Mitchell fled cops and ran into an abandoned house in Detroit where officers attempted to subdue him. After being hit with a Taser, Mitchell died. A later autopsy revealed that the young man had a heart condition.

Detroit – While initially seen as a temporary step in order to conduct a financial review, the Detroit Science Center might be shutting its doors for good. John Miller, interim president and CEO of the center, said that, initially, the center would be shut down in order to conduct an "exhaustive review of the museums financial operations." As stated in a mid-September press release, the closure would allow the facility to conserve operating funds, thoroughly re-examine the museums operations and develop long-term viability for the center. The Detroit Science Center closed Sept. 26 and the doors will remain shut until at least Oct. 12 while the center's board members search for ways to save it from its financial woes.





Romney speech

PHOTO BY GAGE SKIDMORE

At the MRLC

BY IAN GALLAGHER
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Former Massachusetts governor and presidential hopeful Mitt Romney was the keynote speaker during the final dinner at the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference. It is widely assumed that Romney will take Michigan in the GOP presidential primary and his speech was the most anticipated of the conference. Romney's ties to the state are deep. His father, George Romney, was governor as well as CEO of the now-defunct American

Motor Company. Mitt was born in Detroit and grew up in Oakland County.

The speech was more than just another stop on the campaign trail – it was a homecoming. Romney stressed his affinity for the state and for Michiganders, “I like people who know what Vernors is.” His talk then progressed into the usual campaign-style, pro-America rhetoric about the “people of America that have made us great and will keep us great.”

Romney stressed his ties to the “common American” and differentiated himself from the politicians in

DC. “[The] people in Washington don’t understand America,” he told the crowd gathered in the opulent Grand Hotel dining room.

Romney also made the usual campaign practice of attacking the current office holder, especially if they are from the opposing party. “Four years ago, Michigan was in a recession. Obama said he’d change that, and he did – now all [of the] states are,” said Romney.

From there, the speech changed gears as Romney went into his campaign talking points. He spoke on how he used business skills to get Massachusetts “on firm financial

footing.” The former governor also touched on his plans for taxes and his intent to lower them and other financial barriers in an attempt to make businesses more globally competitive. “[The] cost of regulation is larger than the burden of taxation. Day one, all regulation put in place by Obama are put on hold, get rid of politically [motivated] ones,” said Romney.

Romney finished his speech to ravenous applause. While he may have been governor of Massachusetts, you would be hard pressed to tell that he was anything but a Michigander at the Mackinac conference.

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10:00AM – 2:00PM

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Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

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Campus Crime

Compiled by Melina M. Chiatas
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Disruptive Student

On Sept. 2, an instructor reported that one of their students took his attendance sheet for his class and walked out of the building with it. When the teacher told the student to return the attendance sheet, he ignored the instructions. Approximately 10 minutes later, SC police approached the student and asked him where he had been the last 20 minutes. The student was dishonest and ignored the officer's questions. Finally, the student admitted to taking his instructor's attendance sheet, pulled it out of his pocket and handed it to Sgt. Swiger. When they asked the student why he took the sheet, he said that he felt like it was the right thing to do. After the officers finished questioning the student and searching his backpack, the student said that he was on several medications and was a recent drug user.

Stolen Property

A student was working out in the PE building fitness room between 10:45-11:45 a.m. on Sept 15. His back pack, hooded sweatshirt, wallet and iPhone were 30 feet from the free weights where he was. The student took several breaks between to walk back to where his belongings were located, use his iPhone, and then place it back in his sweatshirt when he was done. When he was finished with his workout, he gathered up his belongings and was ready to leave. That was when he noticed his iPhone was missing.

Disorderly Person

On Sept. 19, an unknown person called an instructor's office extension number and began using profanity towards her. The instructor hung up the phone immediately. It appears that the unknown caller didn't seem to have a motive or reason for calling. The instructor didn't recognize the caller and couldn't think of anyone who would have a reason to swear at her.

Larceny

A student reported that \$325 was stolen from his pants pocket in the PE building on Sept. 15. His pants were left in the main gym on the floor, close to the nearest entrance to the gym. The student doesn't know who may have taken the money.

Information

On Sept. 8, a report was made regarding an upset customer at the SC bookstore. The student wanted to sell back his books that he used his financial aid to purchase for the semester. He was told that he could only return them for a refund on his financial aid. When the student had called earlier, he was told that he could sell back his books, but the student didn't mention that he had purchased them for this semester. The policy states that items purchased with financial aid can only be refunded during the refund period. The supervisor tried to explain the situation to the customer, but he

became upset and told them, "I don't want your books. You can shove them up your butt." When the student was questioned by an officer, he admitted that he used profanity towards the supervisor. Then he apologized and left the bookstore with his wife.

Larceny

A student reported a missing textbook on Sept. 13. She had placed the book in one of the classrooms on a desk. When the class relocated to the lab, the student went to her vehicle and left her textbook in the first classroom. When she returned to the classroom, all her classmates were in the lab, but she noticed her textbook was missing. The instructor questioned the class and nobody admitted to taking their classmate's textbook.

CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

Compiled by Ramon Razo • News Editor

Massage Therapy

Looking into massage therapy? The Radcliff Center is hosting a massage therapy open house, on Oct. 12, from 4-7 p.m. The event will be an informal meet-and-greet with students and instructors. There is no registration fee. For more information, please contact Kathy Paholsky at 734-462-4770 or by email at message@schoolcraft.edu.

Writing Rescue Workshops

Sometimes it can be hard to convey thought and emotion through the written word and it can be a challenge to paint a quality picture using only letters on a page. This Writing Rescue Workshop will focus on the importance and utilization of narrative, illustrative and descriptive writer. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. until noon. For more information, call the Learning Assistance Center at 734-462-4436.

Evening Recital Series

Gabriel Bolkosky and Michele Cooker

The popular Evening Concert Series will kick off the 2011-12 season with a performance by violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Michele Cooker. Mr.

Bolkosky has performed across the country and teaches violin at the University of Michigan. He is executive director of the Ann Arbor-based, non-profit organization, the Phoenix Ensemble. Ms. Cooker has partnered with many distinguished musicians and participated in music festivals across the United States, Canada and Mexico. She also teaches piano privately at Kerrytown Concert House. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the Schoolcraft Music Department, tickets are \$20, and students can get them for \$10. The concert will take place Oct. 14, from 8-10 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center.

Campus tours

Campus tours include an admissions presentation from a Student Recruitment Specialist and a walking tour of the campus with a Student Ambassador. During a tour, participants visit various buildings around campus, discuss student life and other aspects of being a Schoolcraft student. Campus tours will be held on Oct. 11 and 18 at 10:30 a.m., and Oct. 13 and 27 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call the Office of Student Recruitment at 734-462-4683.



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Days: Monday - Thursday
Time: 4:30p-5:30p



For more information, please call 734-462-4400 ext 5037 or email acvista@schoolcraft.edu.

From ACT to SAT

Being prepared has significant benefits

By NATALIE BURNS
STAFF WRITER

Preparing for college is not always easy. Sometimes, it can be downright stressful. Finding a school is hard enough, let alone preparing for what the college scene will bring. Being adequately equipped for the ACT (American College Testing) and SAT (originally the Scholastic Aptitude Test, now it doesn't stand for anything) is an important aspect when entering into any college. Fortunately, Schoolcraft College offers many workshops and programs that can help students come prepared and stay on task.

Schoolcraft's test preparation workshops feature the most up-to-date materials along with precise approaches to achieving higher scores. "It's substantially about gaining organizational skills and confidence building," says Lauren Murphy, Promotion Coordinator for Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development program (CEPD).

Schoolcraft offers the ACT Preparation Workshop with computer-based diagnostic tests that will identify strengths and weaknesses in math, science, reading, English and writing. This course assists students in developing skills for the future. Along with establishing aptitude, strategies for the writing section of the test will also be covered. This course is \$259 for the seven-week workshop. An online ACT prep course can be great for those that enjoy working at their own pace. Schoolcraft offers one for \$229. If you need any assistance, e-mail support and a toll-free telephone helpline are within reach.

Once adjusted, it might be difficult to stay on task as college can consistently be difficult. That's why the College also has many options for students to stay focused. The Learning Assistance Center (LAC) has helped students

all around campus gain confidence in taking tests, concentrating on homework and focusing on classes. The LAC could be referred to as a sort of resource center – it helps students at every angle. This includes Writing Fellows, tutoring, workshops, language assistance, study tips and practice tests. The LAC is all about helping students excel and succeed. In fact, the LAC's mission is being "Committed to helping under-prepared students prepare, prepared students advance, and advanced students excel." The LAC has goals that include developing resources that promote achievement and preservation along with fully integrating the services within the college community. They also include marketing regulations so that the community comprehends that the assistance available is for all students at every initial level.

College can be a lot of fun as it is filled with new people, faces and professors. With ongoing activities and constant entertainment, college can also be distracting. That is why Schoolcraft College offers numerous options to help you come prepared and stay constructive. If you want to gain confidence and organizational skills, take advantage of the Learning Assistance Center or Continuing Education and Professional Development departments.

Valuable student resources

Continuing Education and Professional Development

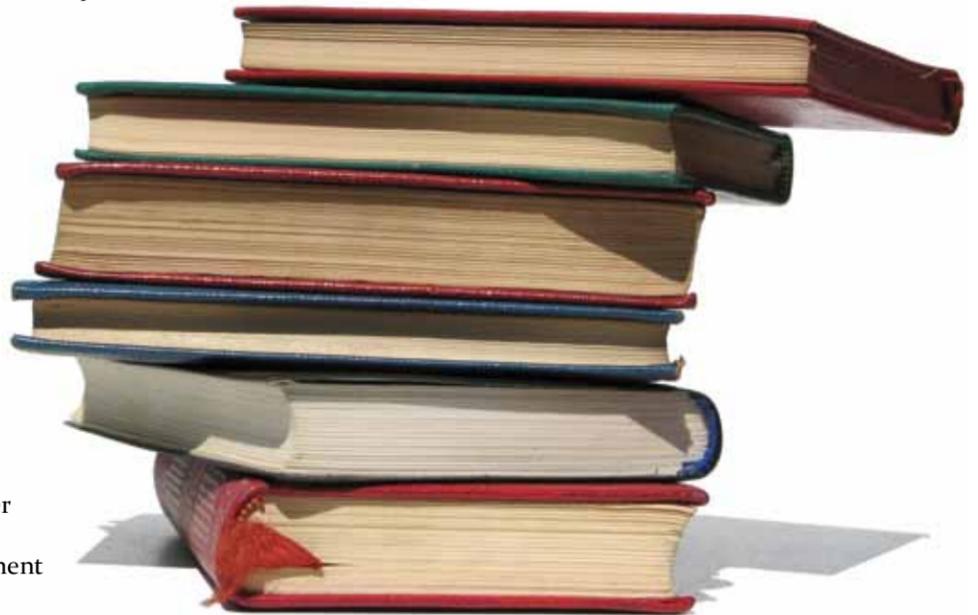
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Phone: 734-462-4436

Learning Assistance Center

Website: schoolcraft.edu/cepd/

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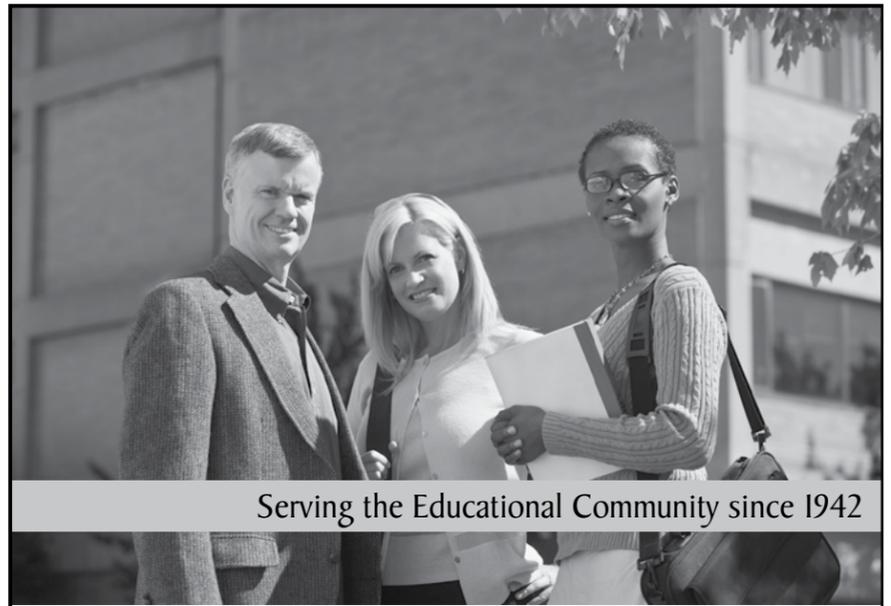
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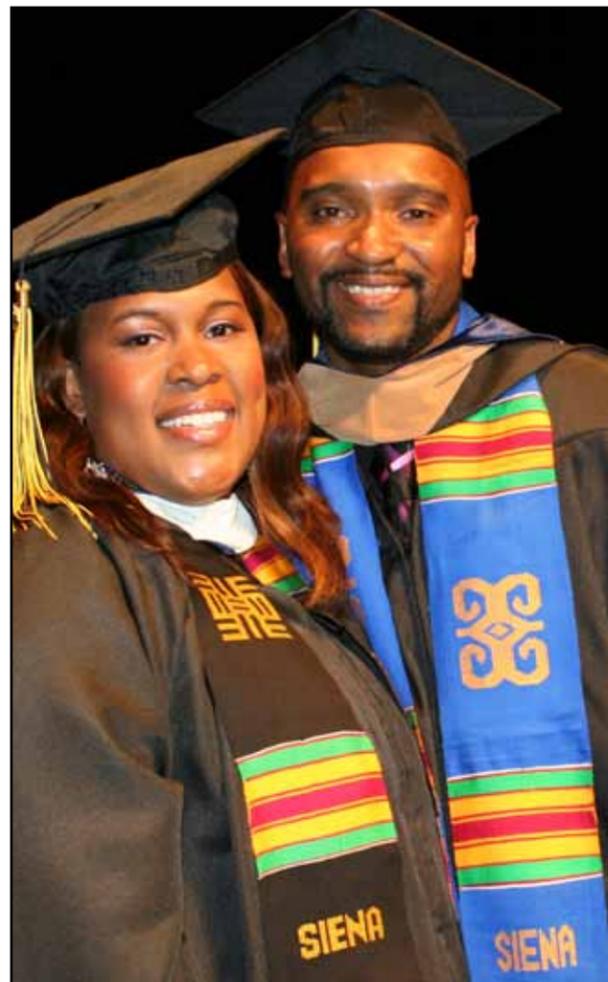


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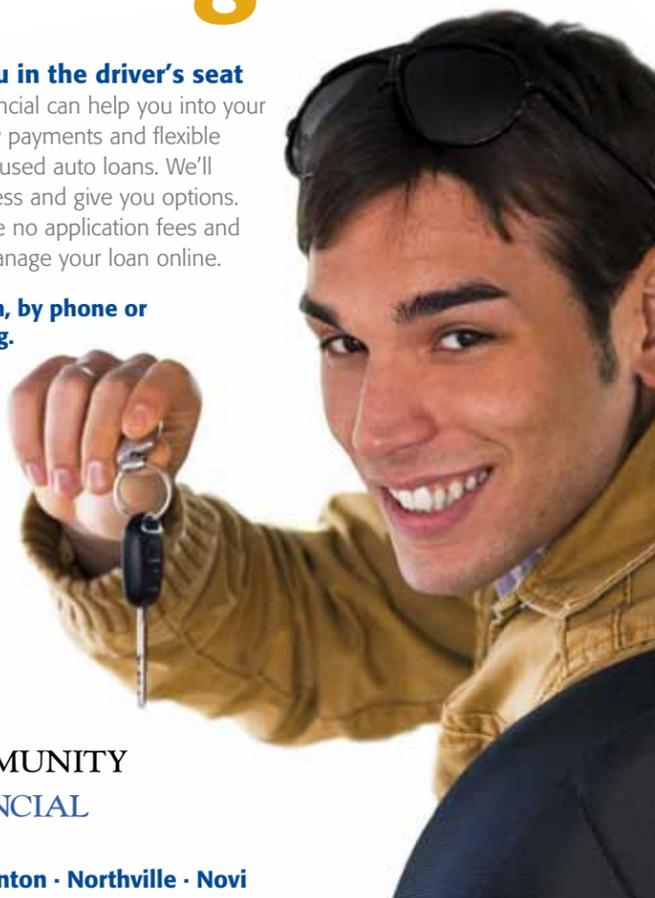


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Walking towards a cure

SC to host a mini Relay for Life

BY ISHPREET KAUR
STAFF WRITER

Relay for Life is a fundraising event for the fight against cancer from the American Cancer Society, which is driven by volunteers for typically 24 hours. The main objective of Relay is to raise money for cancer research and patients by spreading awareness of this disease which has impacted the lives of countless Americans.

Relay for Life was originated back in 1985 by a surgeon named Dr. Gordy Klatt. In order to raise money for his local American Cancer Society and to demonstrate support for his patients, he decided to run marathons. He walked for roughly 24 hours around the track in Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Throughout the night, nearly 300 of his closest family and friends supported him by attending the event and paying \$25 to walk or run with him. Klatt was able to raise a total of \$27,000. After completing this wonderful event, Klatt introduced a similar 24-hour Relay for Life event so others could participate. In 1986, the first Relay for Life was held with a small team of people recruited by Klatt himself. Since then, every year almost 4 million people take part in Relay events in over 5,000 communities nationwide.

Schoolcraft's mini Relay for Life will be held on Oct. 24, on Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus. It will not be a typical 24-hour event. Instead, the SC event will start at 6:00 p.m. and last until 11:00 p.m. More than a dozen teams have already been formed. Student clubs and organizations, such as SC's own Phi Theta Kappa chapter, are forming their own teams with unique names.

"I am very excited to be taking part in this event and helping the American Cancer Society raise money for cancer research," said Mital Patel, Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa.

Organizers of this event are hoping more teams will join in with this worthwhile event as the mini Relay will also be tied to the College's 50th anniversary celebration and the campus will be busy with activity.

As a tradition, Relay for Life helps celebrate the victories of those who have endured immense pain and were still able to survive cancer. The celebration begins with the Survivor's Lap, an inspirational as well as an emotional experience for cancer survivors to circle around the track and support each other.

The next part of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony, taking place after dark, in which candles are lit in paper bags filled with sand. Each of the bags bears a name of a person who has been touched by cancer. During this part of the ceremony, participants silently walk around the track as a sign of respect.

The final part of the event is The Fight Back Ceremony which ultimately concludes the Relay for Life event. This encourages participants to make personal commitments to save lives by fighting against cancer. These personal commitments may be as simple as following healthy lifestyles such as not smoking, getting a regular screen test or taking steps for spreading awareness about cancer. The Relay for Life is a symbol of hope that one day we will be free of this disease.

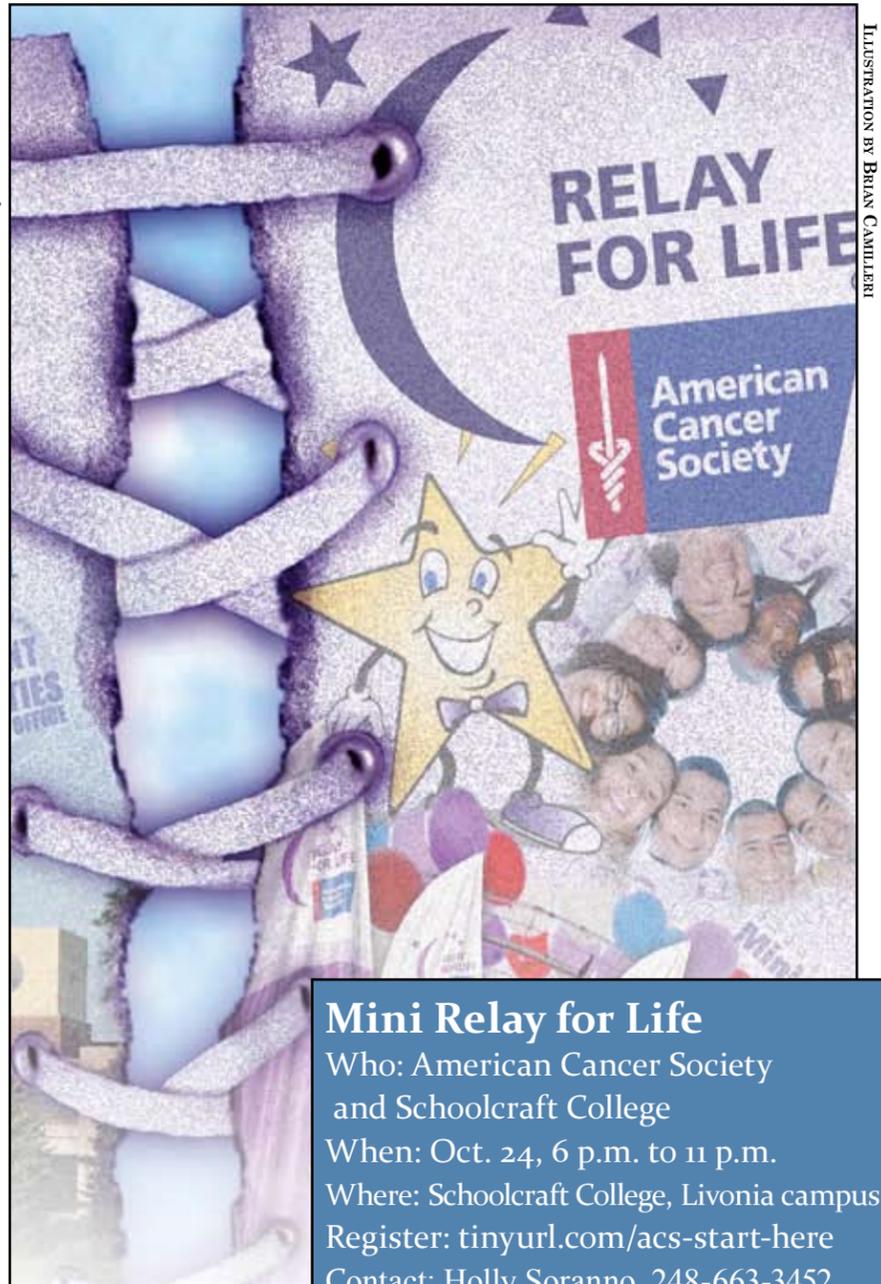


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Mini Relay for Life

Who: American Cancer Society and Schoolcraft College

When: Oct. 24, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Where: Schoolcraft College, Livonia campus

Register: tinyurl.com/acs-start-here

Contact: Holly Soranno, 248-663-3452

Secrets of the Quill

BY LEAH ESSLINGER
STAFF WRITER

Q. I always have trouble with conclusions. Any suggestions?

A. Temptations to merely "phone it in" plague even the most promising of academic careers. The conclusion is never the place to cut corners. In fact, it is the most important part of a well-prepared essay, perhaps only taking the back seat to the introduction. You do not want to pull the "midnight special" here by simply slapping on a namby-pamby ending. Statements such as "and that is all there is to say about shrimp" work for Forrest Gump, but they will never work for you.

What you *do* want is an answer to your thesis. Remind your audience of the point of view you expressed in the beginning by briefly restating your position. Be sure to answer any questions you may have posed in the introduction. Thinking of your thesis as a question is a good way to start. Then, you can answer your thesis question with a short summary. Think of it as a "sum up" or recap of your most important points.

Posing a question is another avenue one can take. It can help keep your subject on the reader's mind, perhaps even inspiring your audience to discover more about the topic. Similarly, a personal challenge or recommendation may be in order. Specifically in a persuasive piece, any of these techniques can stimulate interest by directly involving your reader.

A strong conclusion should never be an afterthought. It should never contain an apology or moral indignation – nobody is interested in either. When writing an academic essay, stick to the cold, hard facts, keep your purpose in mind and stop by the LAC for peer reviewing from your friendly neighborhood Writing Fellows. Follow these steps, and weak conclusions will become a thing of the past.

Q. My teacher says that I have trouble staying on topic. I know, but I start to run out of things to write about and have not reached the word limit. I have no idea what to do. Can you help me?

A. The Golden Rule of Writing? Thou shall know thy topic.

When you find yourself running short on words, DO NOT use more words! Instead, do a little digging into your topic. The webbing strategy previously discussed is a good place to start. You need to manipulate your topic so that it is narrow enough to research, but you need enough background information to fluently speak on the matter.

To write a basic essay, gather enough information so that you may talk about the general topic for five minutes without stopping or repeating anything. We have all heard a person talk in circles, the person we all want to avoid at a party. Nobody wants to be that guy, and your teacher does not want to listen to that guy. The point is by doing this you will be able to work with a topic in a meaningful way while carefully considering various points of view.

Next, the real research starts. With the topic sufficiently narrowed, scour various sources that move the essay to a specific point. Mapping our outlining is a writer's best friend. Like a road map, these show how to get from the introduction to the conclusion. Understand that a wordy essay is usually an unorganized one. There are various tools one can use to map an essay, many of which can be found with the Writing Fellows. Remember the Writer's Golden Rule and consider various pre-writing techniques. It can help clear up the wordiness, while still maintaining the ever-important word count.

Do you have any English queries of your own? If so, you can send questions to fellows@schoolcraft.edu. We'll be glad to help you work through your writing troubles.



PHOTO BY OLESIA KOVAL

Chad Perkins, Brian Camilleri, Todd Walsh, and Ian Gallagher are always game for a good cinematic spectacle.

Get eccentric

Up close with SC's movie club

BY TIERNEY SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The Eccentric Movie Club (EMC) was started by John McTigue and other unique students who enjoyed hanging out together, watching odd movies and talking about them. The name EMC came up when they settled on turning their discussions into a movie club. McTigue is still involved with the club but Todd Walsh and Thomas Avery have filled the roles of president and vice president and continue the club's mission to provide interesting movies and the theme nights.

"What other club invites you to be as openly exciting, different and eccentric as you need to be?" asked McTigue.

It's a place where members can go and watch never-heard-of, odd, old, forgotten or just plain weird movies, as well as relax and do homework.

"After watching the movies, we talk about how good or bad the movie is and, if the movie is really bad, we make fun of it while its playing," said Avery.

EMC intends to be a fun atmosphere where odd ball people and anyone else can come and enjoy themselves.

Alex Kuras describes the Eccentric Movie Club as "a trap. It's a lot of fun and good times had by all."

To join EMC, all anyone has to do is show up to the meetings held every Tuesday and Thursday and sign in.

EMC politely requests all new members have fun, enjoy themselves but try to follow the rules as to make the club enjoyable for all members. The meetings are between noon and 6 p.m. but anyone can stay longer if they'd like – especially if they're having fun. There are no fees and no requirements other than showing up.

Every Tuesday is "Random Day" when members can watch previously selected movies or bring in movies to watch. Also, suggestions can be made by the members if they want to watch something that isn't on the list or hasn't been shown. Thursdays are the themed days when all of the movies focus around a central idea or gimmick.

If you're looking for a fun, unique, eccentric club or even a place to laugh out loud and relieve stress, then join the EMC and find a new odd side to yourself or other people and watch movies that you might have never considered before.

The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-6 p.m. in the Lower Waterman wing of the VisTaTech Center, downstairs from Henry's Café. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Eccentric Movie Club upcoming themed events

Ghostbusters Day, Oct. 7
Classic Horror Day, Oct. 14
Overly-Scary Day, Oct. 21
Musical Horror Day, Oct. 29
Quentin Tarantino Day, Nov. 3.

October seminars offered by Learning Support Services

Super Systems (of equations)
Oct. 10, 1-2:20 p.m., MC 110

Narrative, Illustrative & Descriptive Writing
Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to noon, L110

Writing after English 101 and 102: College Workshop Expectations
Oct. 19, 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., MC 200 B&C

Electronic Reference Tools
Oct. 19, 2-3 p.m., LA340

Factoring FUNdamentals
Oct. 25, noon-1:30 p.m., and Oct. 26, 6:30-8 p.m., MC110

Perplexing Prepositions
Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to noon, L110

APA when Writing Research in the Sciences
Oct. 27, 11 a.m. to noon, L110

Education Summit
Oct. 27, 1-2 p.m., MC 200 B&C

Social Media for Job Seekers, Job "Keepers," and Employers
Nov. 1, 10:30-11:50 a.m., LA200

Little Red RADICALS Hood
Nov. 1, 1-2:20 p.m., MC 110

Avoiding Plagiarism
November 2, 10 a.m. to noon, L110

Rockin' Rationals
Nov. 14, 6-7:30 p.m., and Nov. 15, noon-1:30 p.m., MC110

How to Write Clear and Concise Papers
Nov. 15, 2-3 p.m., L110

A boost of success

Schoolcraft hosts a variety of class-assisting seminars

BY MONTGOMERY JONES
STAFF WRITER

The Learning Support Services provides Schoolcraft students with success seminars that can help with anything from math story problems to keys to memorization for an exam. The seminars are completely free and may make a difference from the 2.0 you have and the 3.0 you want.

"I really enjoy them, especially the math ones. I was in Math 053 and they really took me to the next level. I recommend them to everyone, take notes and don't be afraid to go. I appreciate that Schoolcraft offers them," said Jessica Solak, a student here at the College.

The seminars may be especially beneficial to freshmen transitioning from high school classes to college classes. Students that attend may vary in math and English levels but the tips and tricks given are useful to all. Regardless of what level you are at, these seminars can only assist you.

"Students should come because the seminars are designed on areas to help them academically. We consult with the faculty and offer what students need. They are offered by Learning Study

Skills and Writing Fellows and help with study skills, careers and social media," said Professor Donna Clack.

The seminars will supplement any tutoring or classes you may already attend. They are



meant to give you that extra enhancement you may need. "I would like to learn different study skills and see what works for me, there are so many different study tips. Having the option would be nice," said Josie Pulis, who had just recently learned about the seminars.

If have you need help with an essay or math, have thought about becoming a teacher, or are curious about social media as a tool for careers, there is an array of upcoming seminars would be good for you. (See sidebar.)

For more listings or information on any of these programs, drop by the Learning Assistance Center located in the Bradner Library. Light Refreshments will be served and prize drawings will occur at each seminar.

Navratri

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There was never a dull moment as hundreds of revelers filled the DiPonio room, dancing to the live music provided by Samvad. Adorned in brightly colored outfits, guests came from far and wide to enjoy one of the nine days of the Navratri festival. Guests were treated to a traditional Indian dinner by Suvai's Taste of India.

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Club Events



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New clubs on campus

Sports and Recreation Club

The Sports and Recreation Club is a new addition to the Schoolcraft's roster of student organizations. They hold open play of any sport every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the PE Bldg. For the first two weeks of October there will be drop-in basketball offered, followed by a three-on-three basketball tournament on both Oct. 26 and Nov. 5. All events hosted by the club will be available to any Schoolcraft student or faculty member. For more information on joining either the club or one of the tournaments, contact Ryan Marshall through: SC.Sport.Recreation@gmail.com. You can also visit the Student Activities Office or call 734-462-4422.

Billiard and Table Tennis Club

Do you like to shoot pool or play table tennis? Then this club is for you! Bring a friend and come join us as we just hang out and play. Be sure to keep an eye out for information about our upcoming tournaments. Want more information? Stop by the Student Activities Office or call 734-462-4422.

Friends of the Puzzle Piece

This is a club for people with disabilities or people who like to work with those dealing with disabilities and special needs. Not sure how to deal with people with disabilities? Then come with an open mind and gain a fresh look on what you can do to help or just be a friend and supporter. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, please contact Student Activities at 734-462-4422.

Blizzard for Bucks

Join us on Monday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. as “we show you the money.” America's number-one campus game show, Blizzard of Bucks is bigger and more fun than ever. It's got a whole new look with new games, more prizes and even more chances to win. Come compete against others in the wildest, goofiest games ever for your chance to step into the Incredible Money Machine and “go for the dough” and a SWIRLING SEA OF GREEN.

Asian Student Association

The ASA will be hosting a Navratri event on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 7 pm to midnight, in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Baptist Christian Challenge

Do you want to enrich the quality of your overall college experience ethically, morally and spiritually by challenging yourself to explore God's word? Then please come to our meetings every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman. The next meetings are scheduled for Oct. 13 and 20.

You can also join us for our Alpha Course on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. The next Alpha Course classes will be held on Oct. 12 and 26 in the Lower Waterman.

Beats and Music Faction

Want to make progress in personal musical talent? Then stop by the Beats and Music Faction meetings! During meetings you'll meet, teach and learn as well as give and receive constructive criticism with those who share the passion of music. The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12, 19 and 26, at 1 p.m., in the Lower Waterman portion of the VisTaTech Building.

Eccentric Movie Club

Join SC's Eccentric Movie Club for some of the most odd, puzzling and just plain crazy movies produced by some of the most respected writers in TV and film. Each session is from noon to 6 p.m. Schedules of movies can be provided upon request. Movies are watched in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. Their next viewings are on Oct. 11, 18 and 25.

Gay/Straight Alliance

The Gay/Straight Alliance is a social connection for equality-minded individuals who want to create a safe environment to help change, support, and educate our world one step at a time. Meetings are held on Wednesday's from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Their next meetings are on Oct. 12, 19 and 26 in the Lower Waterman located in the VisTaTech Building under Henry's Café.

Native American Club

Learn about Native American culture and tradition with respected SC faculty member Karen Schaumann. Learn the ins and outs of Native American history, tradition and customs through a variety of hands-on activities, productions and learning-based activities. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 3-4:30 p.m. in LA 521.

Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club

The Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club provides an opportunity for viewing and discussion of Japanese Animation. Their next meeting is on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5-10 p.m.

Math and Physics Club

We want you to come ask us math and physics problems as you meet new people who love math and improve your problem solving skills. Meetings will be held every Friday at 10 a.m. in the Biomedical Tech Center, Rm. 300.

Photography Club

Photography Club provides a welcoming environment for graphically inclined hobbyists, graphic designers, and students majoring in artistic fields. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13 and 27 from 5-7 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

The PTK meetings will be on Mondays from noon to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. beginning Oct. 3.

PTK Movie Nights

Come join us on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6-9 p.m. as we watch “2 Million Minutes.” Regardless of nationality, as soon as a student completes the 8th grade, the clock starts ticking. From that very moment the child has approximately two million minutes until high school graduation, two million minutes to build their intellectual foundation, two million minutes to prepare for college and ultimately a career, two million minutes to go from a teenager to an adult. Popcorn will be provided.

In “Race to Nowhere”, a concerned mother-turned-filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that invaded our schools and children's lives. This remarkable new film shines a light on the price young people pay for this “race to nowhere.” High-stakes testing has replaced meaningful teaching and learning. Cheating is commonplace. Stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant. Many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired. Schoolcraft College and Phi Theta Kappa will host a screening on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7 – 9 p.m. Come become a part of the grassroots phenomenon that is feeding a groundswell for change. Please contact Student Activities at 734-462-4422 for more information.

Pizza kit and fruit basket orders

Phi Theta Kappa is hosting another Pizza Kit fundraiser. Orders are due by Monday, Oct. 17 for Pizza Orders and Friday, Oct. 21 for fruit baskets. Members will receive one star for every \$50 sold. Pizzas will be delivered on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and can be picked up from 1- 6:30 p.m.

Fruit Baskets can be picked up on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PTK/ Biggby Coffee Fundraiser

Help raise money for Phi Theta Kappa by purchasing our specialty mug. It includes several coupons including one for a free beverage. The mugs are available for sale now in the Student Activities Office for \$8. They are refillable at the new Biggby location in Livonia at the intersection of 7 Mile and Farmington Roads for \$1.25. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Thayer's Park

Come help Phi Theta Kappa trail blaze through Thayer's Park on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Make sure to dress for the weather and to be working outside. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

American Cancer Society Mini Relay for Life

Come help Phi Theta Kappa as we join the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. We are hosting a Mini Relay for Life. Monday, Oct. 24 from 6-11:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. For more information please stop by Student Activities or give us a call at 734-462-4422. Live music, hot dogs and beverages will be available.

The Schoolcraft Connection

Want to further your skills in writing, editing, photography and design? Then join the award-winning Schoolcraft Connection, a student-run newspaper! Staff meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

Student Activities Board

Want to get involved on campus? Then come and see how with the Student Activities Board. General meetings are Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. The Student Activities Board provides students and the college community with a variety of programs and activities that are educational, service-oriented, have entertainment value and provide a social environment where students can meet a diverse group of new people.

Table Top Club

Come and join the Table Top Club every Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. The Table Top Club is Schoolcraft College's premier location for game players alike. Play a variety of card games ranging from Dungeon & Dragons, Solitaire and Cheat. Students shall learn to develop personal friendships and leadership.

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By **KIM POMA**
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Pure imagination

Once upon a time, I was a kid with nothing but a handful of Beanie Babies, a couple Barbie dolls and a mind stuffed with imagination. Remember that first scene in “Toy Story 3” when it shows how it looks in Andy’s mind whenever he plays with his toys? That’s how my mind was. I saw nothing but the story I was putting on, the characterizations I gave my toys. I could spend hours in my room making up one new game after another. And then after a long day of play, I’d put away my toys and snuggle under the covers while my mom or dad read a bedtime story.

When I walk through a toy store today, I want to cry. All I see are toys with different “Internet accessible” capabilities. Webkinz have replaced low-tech Beanie Babies. Toys that once came with nothing but a simple name now come with an entire world that contains clothing, games and new online friends. All it takes is a code and a click of the mouse. Why would a kid want to use their stuffed animal to come up with their own game when one is already written out for them?

Sure, they get to pick the pet’s name and gender but, after that, it’s nothing but a world that’s already been imag-

ined by someone else. Why should they imagine what the pet’s home looks like or even use pillows to make one themselves when they can just log onto the site and view it first-hand.

The best part of my day when I was a kid (other than the excess amount of toy playing) was when I would be tucked into bed and my mom or dad would read me a story. Because it was fun and it was always entertaining and it’s something I will always remember. I credit it with being the reason why I love reading so much now. And I will never forget that crowning moment when I managed to read a book all by myself.

If walking into a toy store brings a tear to my eye, walking over to the book section beckons uncontrollable sobs. All I ever see are LeapFrog books. I struggled through reading a book. I had to sound out words and letters and, yeah, I got a few wrong. But I did it – I read the book. I won and I didn’t need a battery-operated pen that could give me the answer. What challenges do these books really set? What message do they send? “Hey, it’s okay if you can’t get this word, we’ll tell you what it is. Don’t feel like reading? Hey, we’ll read it for you!”

It’s like everything marketed to kids today includes a bonus website, two AA batteries, or comes with all the imagination already included. As technology becomes more advanced, I’m a little worried to see what’s going to happen to the future generations. How can a kid learn to be creative when everything is spelled out for them? How is a kid going to *want* to read when technology just does it for them?

Willy Wonka sung it best: “There is no life I know/to compare with pure imagination.”

Stop kicking my childhood



LIKE THE
TRUTH, BUT
BETTER

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“American works of art belong to the American public; they are part of our cultural history. People who alter or destroy works of art and our cultural heritage for profit or as an exercise of power are barbarians, and if the laws of the United States continue to condone this behavior, history will surely classify us as a barbaric society.”

That was a quote by none other than George Lucas, testifying in front of Congress in 1988. Back then, it was a plea to enact legislation that would protect films from being altered in their original form. 23 years later, it is now the most ironic statement ever uttered by anyone.

Ever since the release of the special editions of the “Star Wars” trilogy in 1997, Lucas has been catching flak for continually altering one of the most beloved movie series of all time. As if the whole “Han shot first” debacle wasn’t enough, the new Blu-ray release of the Complete Saga features even more drastic changes, including digitally blinking Ewoks and the addition of Darth Vader shouting “Noooo!” as he decides to save Luke at the end of “Return of the Jedi.” (Because, obviously, that was everybody’s favorite part of “Episode III.”)

Either Lucas is unable to comprehend why fans might be outraged at such changes or he just doesn’t care. Either way, it’s despicable. I’m not the hugest “Star Wars” fan by far but the films were still a large part of my childhood. (In my family, we have a tradition that if you ever get sick, the best way to get better is to watch the original trilogy front-to-back.)

I shudder to think of how these changes would affect someone who truly loved these movies – someone who waited in line in 1983 to see the midnight opening of “Return of the Jedi” while dressed as Chewbacca.

Of course, Lucas isn’t the only one slapping our collective childhoods upside the head. Recently, Disney re-released “The Lion King” into theaters in 3-D. Unsurprisingly, it made ridiculous bucket-loads of money. Consequently, over the next two years, Disney is planning on re-releasing an additional quartet of their animated classics: “Beauty and the Beast,” “Finding Nemo,” “Monsters, Inc.” and “The Little Mermaid.” Of course, all of the films will be in glorious, headache-inducing 3-D.

The double whammy of profiting from our nostalgia while simultaneously destroying it is disgusting to the point of being admirable. Even if you aren’t militantly anti-3-D – and let’s be honest, no great two-dimensional movie has even been made better with the help of awkward glasses – the experience is never the same. It’s a self-defeating endeavor even if the new technology is brilliant. And, every time the glitches of modern 3-D do show themselves – and they always do – it tarnishes the experience, like smearing an old family photo with mustard.

Our memories are precious. When you purchase a ticket or buy a DVD in the hopes of experiencing something you haven’t seen in years, you’re paying to relive those old memories. When you’re steeped in memory, the slightest change is jarring, like stepping on a Lego in the middle of the night. It’s unpleasant and it’s unnecessary.

So, to George Lucas, Disney, and anyone else who wishes to trample on my fondest memories, I make this request: Stop. Just stop. Stop with the remakes and the re-releases, stop adding scenes, stop adding technology, stop adding mistakes. Work on something new. Create something magical that this generation may one day be nostalgic about. And for heaven’s sake, leave my childhood alone.

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Death to Palin is the Media's cry



LET'S BROADEN
OUR MINDS

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My friends, let's acknowledge a problem. Among a menagerie of other issues and qualms, one prominent sin we need to confess is our obsession with the need to watch other people fail, fall, crash and burn. We see this ever so glaringly in the cases involving Tiger Woods, Charlie Sheen and that guy that Sandra Bullock was with. The Media loves this stuff because we eat it up. (I like to use the big 'M' because it's a seemingly living, breathing entity with its own identity.) One of these morsels for the country to devour is former Alaskan governor-turned-vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Back in the 2008 elections, everyone was surprised to see McCain choose a running mate who was relatively unknown. Immediately, her qualifications and experience were called into question. That's fair. There is no objection to that. But it was the level that went into bringing to a head every nitty-gritty bit about her life that was deplorable. Were other candidates given the same treatment?

Mainly, the Media made it their mandate to paint an incredibly biased picture of some know-nothing bimbo. I grow tired of people latching onto Palin's alleged ability to see Russia from her house when that phrase was never actu-

ally spoken by her. Tina Fey – a comedian – said that. It's annoying when a politician is belittled as a caricature and nothing more. And even if you take time to dig up every misspoken word she's ever uttered, that doesn't equal stupidity. Everyone who speaks for a living is going to say something stupid from time to time. Remember the "57 states" that Obama had visited? But easily the biggest travesty was when the Media went after Palin's daughter, Bristol. Palin claims to be a Christian. One core Christian belief is that sex is to be saved for marriage. Bristol strayed away from this teaching ... and we never heard the end of it. The proper response to that should be, "So what?" This is Palin's daughter, and not the woman who was, at the time, on the road to the White House.

And now we come to the whole conundrum with the rumor of Sarah Palin having done the dirty deed with former NBA player Glenn Rice. Again, who cares? This was something that happened over 20 years ago, before she was even married. If it had happened, for instance, when she was in office, married and while under oath in court that would have been different. As it stands, it's simply a little-too-late and a-lot-too-much attempt by the Media to smear her even more. Why is she so vehemently attacked by those on the political left? It's hard to tell. You think we would want to lift up a strong woman that speaks her mind and doesn't sugarcoat her religious and political beliefs. Are left-leaning pundits threatened by her appealing looks?

But I digress. It's time for the Media to take note and start reporting the truth. That's what they're there for. At the same time, forget some of the manufactured sensationalism. Sarah Palin is no longer a threat to Obama – she is damaged goods at this point – so those on the left should relax. But when you start blowing up people's sex lives and the sex lives of their children just to smear them, you're treading some dangerous territory. Territory marked TMZ.

Locked out



OCELOT
DEN

By **ENIMARE ARHEBAMEN**
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How would you like to outsource your sports players? You might be asking yourself, "Wait, did he say outsourcing sports?" Yeah, it's possible. With the National Basketball Association (NBA) lockout affecting a number of players who love to play, it's not really hard to understand that they would want to find another way to make their living.

The NBA lockout is a period of major negotiating between players and management for professional basketball organizations. The NBA teams are not allowed to trade, sign with or contact players. On the flipside, the players cannot access NBA team facilities, trainers, or staff. This is actually the fourth NBA lockout. It began on July 1. Lockouts remain in effect until the NBA owners and the NBA Players' Association, the NBPA, reach an agreement.

The reason that there was a lockout this year is because management claims it has been losing money to the tune of nearly \$300 million per year. Twenty-two out of the thirty teams have been losing money since last season. Now there is a scramble to find new ways to squeeze profits from

television revenues, ticket sales and any other revenue stream owners can concoct.

On the flipside, owners are devising new ways to cut costs and that starts with their largest expenditure, player salaries. There is talk of a hard salary cap, a proposal to decrease the players' salaries by 40 percent and even talk of limiting the length of contracts. All of these ideas are just to try to fix the problem with the NBA's monetary problems where owners can't curb their own overspending.

As a result, players like Kobe Bryant are thinking of leaving to play abroad instead of just waiting for the NBA to restart. It's the best way for players to demonstrate that they are willing to fight this lockout for as long as necessary. As more iconic players defect, the prospect of starting the season seems increasingly remote.

In the end, this situation has come about simply because management can't stop itself from handing out ludicrous contracts to players that can't possibly perform up to the level of money they are still earning toward the end of the deals. As a result, teams are handcuffed for years by bloated contracts. The only recourse for management is to lock the doors and force players to negotiate a completely new deal from scratch.

In the end, this is a battle of billionaires fighting millionaires over an astounding pile of money. The money is provided by fans and they are the only ones without a voice in this argument. The owners can retreat to their palatial homes while pampered players travel to exotic locations around the world to play in front of new cheering crowds. Meanwhile, all of those new stadiums, funded largely by tax payers, sit idle as NBA fans wait and wait ... and wait for owners and players to come back to playing a game for which they all get to enjoy the spoils of an incredible rich pie.

Letter to the Editor

A few more words to share

Kenneth Cole once asked "You're on a video camera over 200 times a day. Are you dressed for it?"

This is a truth one would never have to ask or tell Schoolcraft College's Chief Librarian, our wonderful friend, Mr. Roy Nuffer. Style was his middle name. Roy Nuffer, our brilliant colleague of over 20 years, was always – always – dressed impeccably. Which is not really surprising, considering the very name "Roy" derives from old French terminology, meaning "king" and "someone who lived in a regal fashion."

Class, sophistication and style were his hallmarks as he represented Schoolcraft College. He displayed the ultimate level of professionalism as he interacted with administrators, colleagues and students. This was Mr. Roy Nuffer.

Oscar Wilde once said, "It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances. The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible." Roy Nuffer would forever share smiles whenever someone noted that his sherbet tie so complimented his mango magenta classic Oxford sweater – or chuckle when hearing that his ocean blue turquoise tie flowed so beautifully with his blizzard blue aqua pearl shirt and his favorite "professor-style," silver-grey vest. Sometimes, if it was an especially extraordinary beautiful and sunny day, Roy Nuffer would select a beautiful oh-so-classic bow tie.

When it came to men's fashion, no one presented the professional image better. If Ann Wintour had created a Vogue magazine for academics, Mr. Nuffer would have graced its cover.

And when it came to service, Roy Nuffer was Schoolcraft College's literary and academic star. Whether he was asked to serve as an academic judge for countless scholarship competitions or to work behind the scenes for the faculty forum, he was always there to help. When asked to supplement an instructor's lectures with his very own research secrets and brilliancy or simply asked to speak to students about the dangers of plagiarism, in over twenty years, can anyone ever remember Roy declining the opportunity to share his knowledge?

This wonderful man, our friend, our colleague, Mr. Roy Nuffer, was indeed an outstanding researcher. I will forever remember the time when I thought I had bought a lemon of a car. Roy researched and supplied the addresses and telephone numbers of the CEO, COO, executive president and the chairman of the board. Shortly thereafter, all concerns were resolved to perfect satisfaction.

The recent beautiful memorial, created by Associate Dean of Learning Support Services Dr. Deb Daiek with support of faculty, administration and Schoolcraft College staff, perfectly demonstrated the extreme appreciation and love that we all felt in our hearts for Mr. Roy Nuffer.

"The time, energy and talents shared by Mr. Nuffer are priceless," said Political Science Professor Dr. Alec Thomson.

"Roy Nuffer understood the importance of our mission and worked behind the scenes to make sure that we stayed on the right track in our many academic endeavors," said Math Professor Lois J. Bearden. "Mr. Nuffer did not take a highly visible role, but he was always working behind the scenes to ensure that faculty and students were treated fairly."

Someone once said that "a smile is the light in the window on your face that tells people you're home." Roy Nuffer was forever home.

"Roy Nuffer always had a ready smile," says English professor Dr. John Nathan, "and he will be greatly missed for his professionalism, kindness and sense of humor."

"Mr. Nuffer was so knowledgeable in his field," said Communication Pro Belinda Eleson, "but, too, he always had a sense of humor which I could always totally relate to. He will truly be missed."

As our recent campus memorial so perfectly demonstrated, Mr. Roy Nuffer's contribution to our Schoolcraft College campus community will be forever treasured.

By Jajuan C. Taylor, PhD

OCELOT OPINIONS

"A lesbian couple was escorted off of an airline flight for public display of affection. Is this an appropriate reaction by the airline?"

Compiled & Photos by Steven Grill



Alex Grogan

Major: Undecided

"This is a free country; you should be able to do whatever you want if you're not hurting anybody."



Ashley Carley

Major: Quantum Physics

"Everybody needs Lovin!"



Eric W.C. Carlson

Major: Video Game Design

"If we as a country talk about freedom and as a people find love acceptable, unless the couple was joining the 'Mile High Club', this was an overreaction. Not necessarily prejudice, but overkill at the very least."



Hussein Ozeir

Major: Pharmacy

"You should have the freedom of choice to be with whoever you want.."



Jennifer Havas

Major: Medical Technology

"If its just a kiss then let them be. This is no different than a newlywed couple."



Julius Rea

Major: Undecided

"Lesbians are hot. Whatever floats your boat."



Marcello Marchesini

Major: Undecided

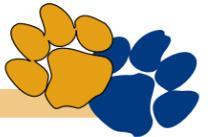
"PDA is against the rules of the airline, so the gender of the participants is inconsequential."



Molly Caruso

Major: Radiology

"I don't think people should be discriminated against for their sexuality."



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“Obama’s healthcare plan [is] really a disaster for [the] country.”
Wants to “bring market-based reform to healthcare.”

Dan Benishek

1st District



“[Greece] is our future if we don’t get a handle on this [debt].”
“[We] need new negotiating partners to make significant progress.”

Bill Huizenga

2nd District



“[This] level of debt is immoral.”
“The debt is a tax.”

Justin Amash

3rd District



“Every [piece of] legislation must have the Constitutional authorization in it.”
“[We] need to find markets that will bring jobs to the U.S.”

Dave Camp

4th District



Will “fight [the] deficit and create jobs.”
“[My] jobs include ferreting fraud and abuse in the [energy and commerce] committee.”

Fred Upton

6th District



“Open borders for America-loving people, but not terrorists.”
Looking at “better ways to take out coal [for] energy independence.”

Tim Walberg

7th District



For “the balanced budget amendment to get the US back on the path to prosperity.”
“First and foremost responsibility of the federal government is to provide for the common defense.”

Candice S. Miller

10th District

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Michigan Republican Leadership

Washington by way of Mackinac

An inside look at the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference

BY IAN GALLAGHER
MANAGING EDITOR

On the road

Halfway up to the Mackinac for the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference, Thaddeus McCotter dropped out of the presidential race. The College Republicans of Schoolcraft College (CRSC) were at a gas station in the middle of nowhere when the call came. There was a sense of letdown, though the decision was expected, but it still came as a surprise. Undoubtedly the lack of coverage for his campaign and no access to the GOP debates forced the decision. McCotter announced his withdrawal and with it an endorsement of Mitt Romney.

When the CRSC arrived on Mackinac Island, things quickly got heavy. The dock was filled with campaigners distributing everything imaginable; hats, shirts, buttons, stickers and promotional literature. “Wear this at our party and drink free,” promoters would say. It was a scene out of the 19th century, when immigrants arrived in New York. Banners were everywhere. It seemed that every building had at least one politician’s name posted across the front.

It was clear that heavy campaigning was happening. On the way to the Grand Hotel for registration, the attire seemed to be various

campaign shirts or business suits. Everyone who registered got a grab-bag filled with various goodies. McCotter campaigners described it as, “Christmas for Republicans.” The first social event was a barbeque hosted by Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. The talk was mostly political but very light. It was a chance to build goodwill with other party members as well as to start getting one’s name out.

The conference

Saturday was the main day of the conference. The CRSC members were all looking forward to the McCotter Bowl, a flag football game to be held later that afternoon. First, however, was a congressional Q&A session of Michigan’s 15 congressional delegates, nine of which are Republicans. Most of the time was spent on the congress members’ introductions, which included a mixture of jokes, back stories and their views on issues close to the panel members. [See story below.] There was only time left for a handful of questions, mostly touching on tax and immigration issues.

The Pundits and Pollsters panel discussions followed later in the afternoon to a smaller crowd than the Q&A session. John Fund, a conservative columnist, made strong points on the obstacles to Obama’s reelection. According to Fund, the primary hurdles are high unemployment and that the White

What are your representatives say

Quotes from the Mackinac conference

BY IAN GALLAGHER
MANAGING EDITOR

There was not much talk about students at the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference but the Connection was dutifully there finding out what Lansing is doing for you.

The Snyder administration will have a “special message” this November on “talent-workforce development” according to Lt. Governor Calley. “[The Snyder Administration is] trying to align all the things we do for folks, from early childhood education, all the way through to career transition,” said Calley. They plan to do this through using the principals of supply and demand to better sync education to growing employment fields. “The major employers are telling us, ‘We can’t find people with the right skills,’” said Calley.

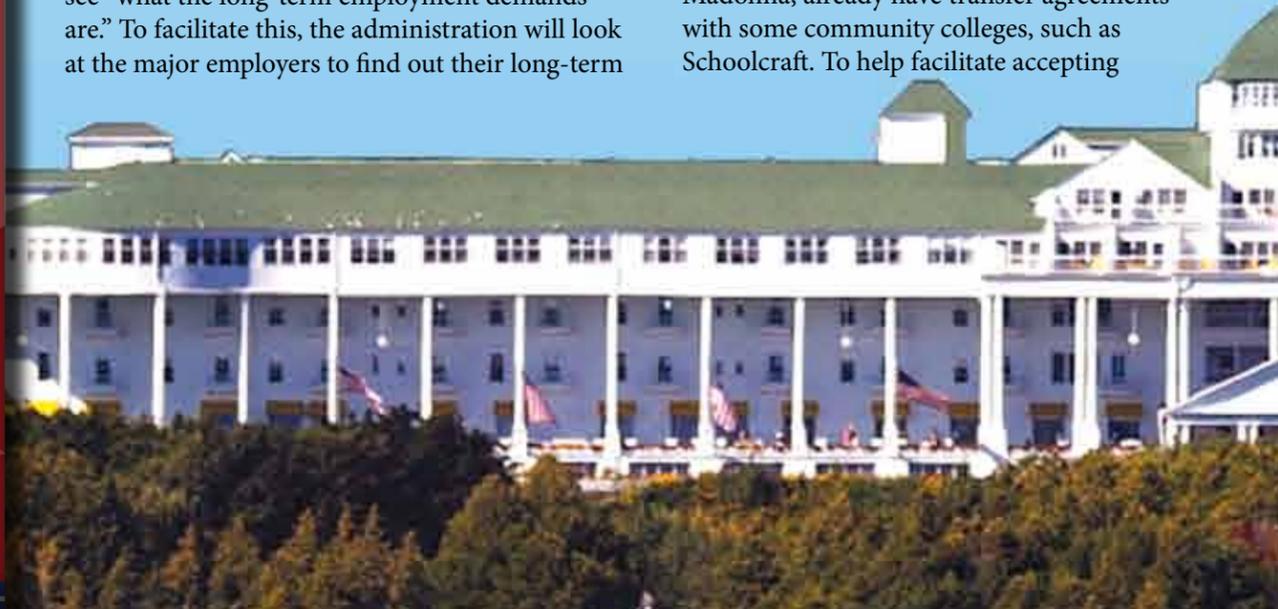
The Lt. Governor also spoke about allowing students to make informed decisions for their education using information from employers to see “what the long-term employment demands are.” To facilitate this, the administration will look at the major employers to find out their long-term

employment outlooks to better estimate where in the next 10 to 15 years there will be employment demand. This should help students know where the jobs will be and hopefully keep them in Michigan.

Impact on colleges

The administration’s plan will also touch community colleges. The Republican members of the state house are looking to “make it easier for students who go to a community college to transfer their credits to university,” said state representative and former Schoolcraft College trustee John Walsh. The problem is that since universities are constitutionally autonomous, there is a limit to what they can be legislated to do. This is leading representatives, such as Walsh, to look for ways to incentivize universities to taking transfer credits.

Some universities, such as Eastern and Madonna, already have transfer agreements with some community colleges, such as Schoolcraft. To help facilitate accepting



Leadership Conference

House has lost trust with congressional democrats. Fund's theory is that democrats believe that their leader does not know how to protect their own reelection chances.

Romney speaks

After the dinner that night, with Mitt Romney as the keynote speaker, numerous parties began. Drinks flowed freely as politicians gathered endorsements, shook hands and patted backs while dancing around to "Sweet Home Alabama." People were talking, laughing, debating and preaching to the choir. This was the time to get down with the Grand Old Party.

The presidential straw poll held during the conference was a foregone conclusion. Romney dominated, his ties to the state and the fond memory many have for his late father, former governor George Romney, helped him immensely. Still, the conference was more than a chance for candidates to do some back-slapping and gain endorsements.

"This is also a wonderful way to really get to know your local, state and national officials on a personal level," said John Dalton, the Michigan Political Director of the College Republicans.

The conference was a great experience for the CRSC and the other young people that attended.

ing about you?

transfer credits, Walsh and other representatives are trying to make general education requirements more understandable and increasingly uniform. Some universities could be hesitant to accept more transfers because they receive more in tuition from students if they attend for four years rather than transferring in after two. However, "52 percent of junior students at universities now come from community colleges," said Walsh, "the problem is that they're not getting themselves transferred." Meaning those students are failing to transfer all of their community college credits.

Generally the Republicans in Lansing are hoping to create an environment that allows "some degree of competition, either within school districts themselves or charter schools, so that we can give every student the opportunity to pick the school that they want," said Walsh.

Jobs and taxes

Knowing that Michigan has been losing population, Lansing is trying

"For students, this is the perfect opportunity to see how the political game is played outside of Washington and Lansing," said Dalton.

Indeed, the Mackinac conference was truly politics in action, at least the fun part. Now that the parties are over, the campaigns get into high gear and begin the long drive to November.

Fallout from a short-lived presidential bid

Though well known throughout southeast Michigan – McCotter is the representative for parts of both Wayne and Oakland counties – he was a non-factor on the national scene. Now that he has opted out of the race for the White House, McCotter is finding the seat he expected to leave faces some competition from within his own party.

Mike Kowall has decided to remain in the race for Michigan's new 11th district, stating that he had been considering a congressional seat and that, because of the redistricting, he considered the seat open. This should lead to a potentially interesting GOP primary.

"Thad is facing a primary challenge and this will be somewhat of a more costly campaign [...], but in the end I do see McCotter coming out victorious," said John Dalton.

to keep jobs in the state. "The activities of our administration are to create an environment that is more conducive to job growth," said Calley. To do that they have passed major changes to the tax code in an effort to make it "simple, fair and efficient." Calley said the administration has achieved "a truly balanced budget," and had just finished on a health-and-wellness initiative with a transportation "special message" coming up. The administration has also been looking at business regulations in the state in an effort to make regulations "fair and reasonable." Calley said these will create "the type of environment, in Michigan, where it's an attractive place to be for an employer." The Lt. Governor was optimistic about the future of the state. "Michigan has the talent and the right workforce to make it happen. It's just putting all the pieces together and aligning them generally in the same direction," said Calley.



"Servant of the sovereign citizens of Michigan's 11th District."

"The time has come for the Tea Party and the Republican Party to come together to serve and save this great nation."

Thaddeus McCotter

11th District



"[Students] have the right to a good education,"
"Enhance opportunity to keep the good teachers and make it easier to move or improve performance of a bad teacher."

John Walsh

19th Legislative District

"What frustrates me is when you hear a story of a student who can't transfer credits from a community college to a university, or even worse, from a university to another university."

Brian Calley

Lt. Governor

"Right now we have this myriad of different things we do to prepare people for the workforce that's based on tradition and hunches as opposed to real data."

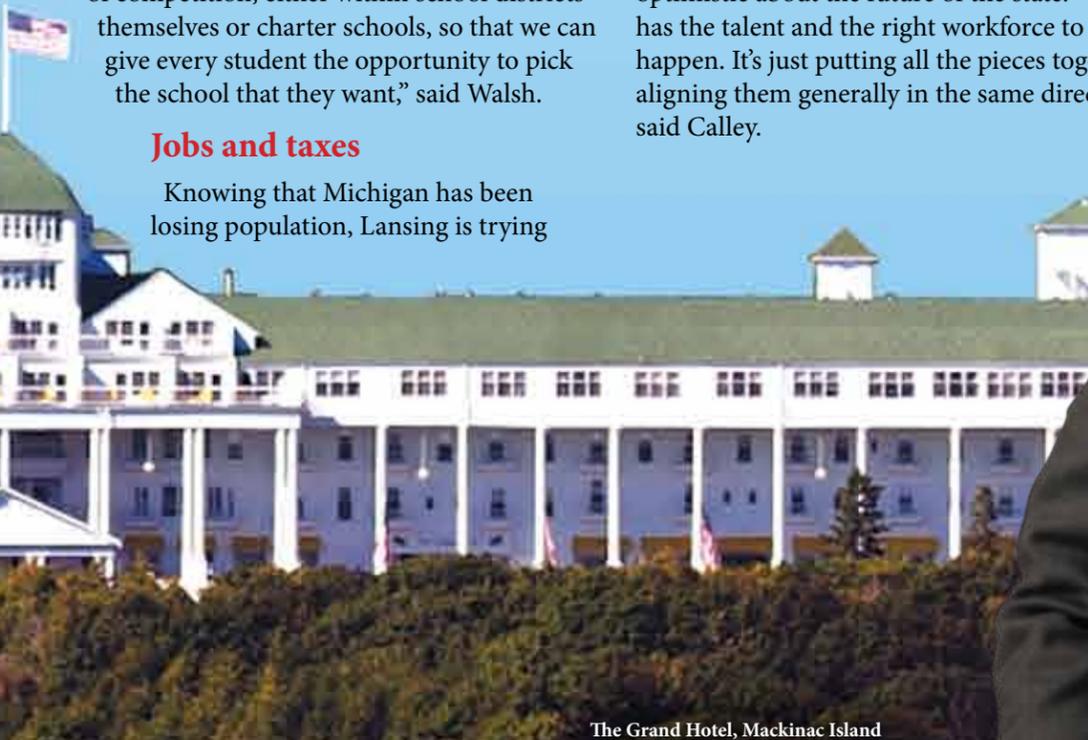
"Education and our workforce development system are not aligned properly to what the economy is demanding."

There is "an important role for community colleges and trade schools to play."

"Information which is gathered from those who are job providers in the state [to see] what the long-term employment demands are."

The administration's goal is "to create an environment that is more conducive to job growth."

"A competitive and easy-to-comply-with tax system [and] a fair-and-reasonable regulatory environment."



The Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

October 10, 2011



Let's dance

Friday Night Rental

By TODD WALSH
STAFF WRITER

Due to the remake of "Footloose" launching in theaters soon, why not put on some dancing shoes and get down with these other great dance movies.

"Step Up" (2006)

In the past decade, one dance series has been dominating movie theaters. "Step Up" follows a deadbeat kid named Mac (played by Damaine Radcliff) who cannot finish anything. One day, he and a group of friends break into the Maryland School of Arts and decide to trash the place. Mac gets caught and is forced to complete two hundred hours of community service at the school. While serving his sentence, he begins watching ballet student Nora Clark practice as she prepares for her senior dance showcase. Unfortunately, Nora's partner sprains his ankle, and Mac steps up to help her.

"Step Up" is very predictable – boy meets girl, they fall in love, they break up and at the end they make up and dance. What sets it apart from every other dance flick is the chemistry and changes between the leads. Mac is a lazy kid who likes to take short cuts, and Nora is a girl who takes everything too seriously and never follows her gut. Obviously at first they don't get along, but after they learn to trust each other, they both grow as human beings. Mac becomes a responsible adult and Nora slowly becomes more relaxed and learns to follow her instincts. They work together to create some of the coolest dance moves ever seen on film – a mixture of ballet and break dancing.

"Mad Hot Ballroom" (2005)

Here's another movie that takes place at a school, but this time it is a documentary. The film chronicles three groups of fifth graders from different schools in New York. They are introduced to a new ten-week ballroom dancing program. At the end, they go head to head in a dance competition.

In recent years, documentaries have become more ubiquitous in Hollywood. Richard Roeper called this era "the

golden age of documentaries," and movies like "Mad Hot Ballroom" represent this golden time. It is more than a film about dancing and competition. People will see how the power of dance can invigorate a child's self-esteem. Many of the children come from bad backgrounds and are likely to drop out of school. After learning the etiquette of dance, they become more refined, and begin to come to school with their shirts tucked in and are less troublesome. It is an all-out inspiring film that will leave you crying and cheering.

"Top Hat" (1935)

Actor and dancer Gene Kelly once said, "The history of dance on film begins with Astaire." Fred Astaire was the main dancer during the golden age of film. His career spanned over 70 years both on stage, television, and of course film. There is no better movie to begin with than "Top Hat," the film that danced Astaire into stardom. Astaire plays Jerry Travers, an American dancer, who moves to London to star in a show created by producer Horace Hardwick (played by Edward Everett Horton). While practicing his tapping one night, Jerry accidentally wakes up Dale Tremont (played by Ginger Rogers). When she storms up the stairs to complain, Jerry sees Tremont and it is love at first sight. After some miscommunication, Dale believes Jerry is married and wants nothing to do with him and decides go to Venice. So of course, Jerry follows her to Venice with hilarious mishaps.

"Top Hat" is a classic among classics. Astaire not only dances but sings and acts. The song "Cheek to Cheek" is performed for the first time in the movie; this version is also the best. His character has charm, sympathy, and humor, which he plays to fullest. This is third time Rogers and Astaire worked together and they play off each other like Abbot and Costello. The dancing is flawless; they look great together and interact hysterically. If you pay close attention, you

may catch a few other celebrities in this movie. Lucille Ball plays a flower shop girl and Dennis O' Keefe is an elevator passenger. Astaire and Rogers demonstrate that tap dancing is a complex and beautiful art, which they execute perfectly.

"Dance with Me" (1998)

There are many romantic dance movies like "Dirty Dancing" and "Save the Last Dance," but one that always seems to be forgotten is 1998's "Dance with Me." It's a romantic tale of a Cuban named Rafael (played by singer Chayann) who moves to Texas after his mother dies. There he works for John Burnett (played by Kris Kristofferson) as a handyman at his dance studio where the dancers are getting ready for the Las Vegas Dance Competition. There he meets Rudy, young dancer Rudy played by Vanessa L. Williams. They fall in love however Rudy insists on putting her dancing career and family over her love.

"Dance with Me" is the classic boy-meets-girl story. While "Step Up" feels more like a fantasy, Rudy and Rafael's story gives a sense of realism. A simple kiss does not fix all their problems and make everything perfect. Rudy chooses to be a professional dancer and she is willing to do anything for it, while Rafael is just trying to make ends meet. What truly sets this film apart is that it focuses not only dance but also on Rafael's Cuban culture. Joan Plowright, as Bea Johnson, also has to be mentioned because she steals the show. Every action, line, and trait she has is priceless. The scene at the dance competition where she wants to dance like Rafael and his partner is gold. She walks down to the stage and yells, "I want to do that too," and then she performs one of the funniest dances ever, trying to dance like Rafael's partner. The audience can tell she makes the movie funny. If you're tired of the usual dance fare, then give this flick a shot.

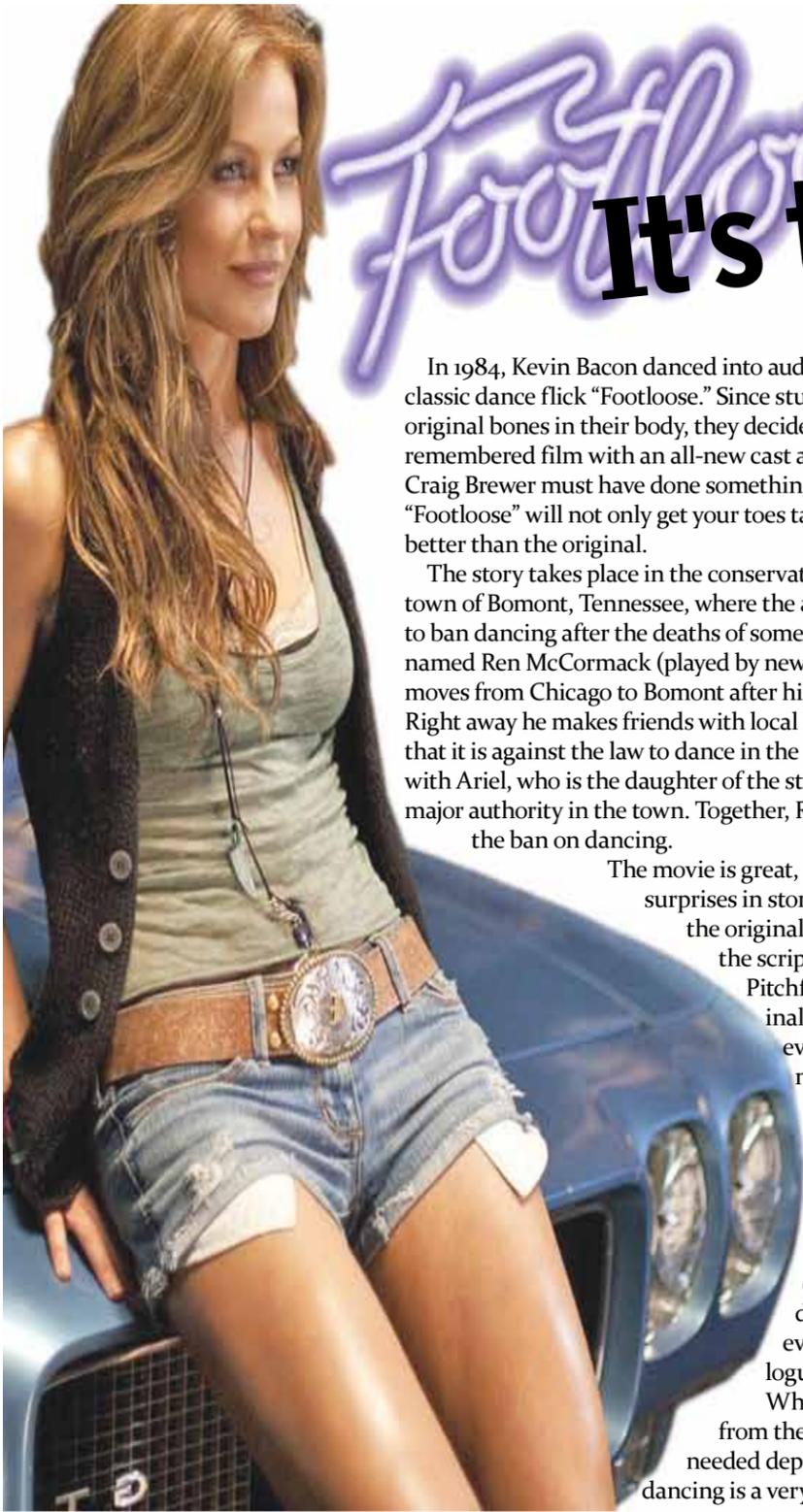


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Footloose

It's time we all dance

"Footloose" is set to enchant

By **TODD WALSH**
STAFF WRITER

In 1984, Kevin Bacon danced into audiences' hearts with the classic dance flick "Footloose." Since studios today have no original bones in their body, they decided to remake this well-remembered film with an all-new cast and attitude. Director Craig Brewer must have done something right, because this new "Footloose" will not only get your toes tapping but it might just be better than the original.

The story takes place in the conservative and old-fashioned town of Bomont, Tennessee, where the authorities have decided to ban dancing after the deaths of some local teenagers. A youth named Ren McCormack (played by newcomer Kenny Wormald) moves from Chicago to Bomont after his mother passes away. Right away he makes friends with local kid Willard and learns that it is against the law to dance in the city. Soon he falls in love with Ariel, who is the daughter of the strict Reverend Shaw, a major authority in the town. Together, Ren and Ariel work to lift the ban on dancing.

The movie is great, but there aren't many surprises in store for those who've seen the original. This is largely because the script was co-written by Dean Pitchford, who penned the original "Footloose" in '84. Almost every scene from the original is here, like Ren playing chicken with Ariel's boyfriend or the scene where he is offered weed – even the dancing montage returns. In the scene where Ren confronts the courts to lift the ban on dancing, the filmmakers even use the exact same dialogue from original movie.

What does set the movie apart from the original is some much-needed depth. A whole town banning dancing is a very corny idea and the origi-

nal movie added little interest. In the remake, Craig Brewer took the idea and expanded it, asking the question, "What would you do if you were a parent and your kid died after going to a dance party?" By taking a more serious look at the events and issues, Brewer adds some much-welcomed depth and intrigue.

As far as acting goes, everyone is great except for Kenny Wormald. No matter what he's supposed to emote, he acts angry. He does a terrible job and it just brings down the whole movie. However there is a shining light with the supporting cast. First there is Dennis Quaid as Reverend Shaw. Quaid plays it like a big brother who watches over everybody. It's his rules and if you don't obey them he turns into a monster. There is a scene when he turns on his own daughter and becomes this frightening character. It's terrifying and very compelling. Julianne Hough is also brilliant as Ariel and her ranges of emotion are impeccable. However, it's Miles Teller who steals the show as Willard – he makes the movie funny. Every time a serious issue arises, he is there to lighten the mood with an amusing comment.

Now, what is a dance movie without its soundtrack and dance steps? Unsurprisingly, the whole soundtrack is composed mainly of cover songs from the original film. The cover of the title track is horrendous, but to be fair the original song wasn't exactly great. The best tune is a country version of "Holding Out for a Hero." Not only is it a good song but it fits the scene perfectly. There is one original song that was created just for the movie: "Where the River Goes" by the Zack Brown Band. The only thing that needs to be said is that it had better be nominated for Best Original Song. As far as dancing goes, the movie likes to recycle. It features practically the same dance steps as the original, but Brewer at least updates the film slightly, adding some hip-hop, breakdancing and country style dancing.

Ultimately, "Footloose" has flaws but it's still a solid picture. Wormald is horrible but thankfully the supporting cast saves the movie. Fans of the original are in for no surprises. They are going to feel like Brewer Photoshopped new actors into the original movie but they should enjoy the drama added to the storyline. However, those who have never seen the original are in for a huge treat. So kick on the music and let's dance.

Ballin' on a Budget

Cider Mills

By **JOSIAH THOMAS**
STAFF WRITER

Looking for the best cider around? Then you are in luck, because there are several very good apple orchards and cider mills to choose from, whether you live near or far.

Parmenter's

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Northville
248-349-3181

Parmenter's of downtown Northville serves the best donuts and very good cider. The Northville Winery is in the same complex, where you can get wines and more for competitive prices.

Outside, wooden play structures are a favorite of kids, a view of the cider presses on the side of the shop, and a scenic creek that has an incredible number of ducks surrounding it. The cider and doughnuts are the most affordable overall and the parking is both spacious and user-friendly.

Erwin Orchards

61475 Silver Lake Road,
South Lyon
248-437-0150

In South Lyon there is Erwin Orchards at the corner of Kent Lake Rd. and Silver Lake Rd. This orchard is well known for its numerous children's activities that stand far above the competition, such as a race-track for tricycles and a virtual tour of beekeeping. There are also \$2 wagon rides and for \$12 you can pick your own pack of apples.

Franklin Cider Mill

7450 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills
248-626-2968

Out on the East side, there is Franklin Cider Mill at 14 Mile and Franklin Road, right in the middle of the city of Franklin. The cider here is the best overall and it is available cool in cups for only a dollar apiece. There is also a close-up view of the presses on the inside of the shop.

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Plymouth Orchards is located in a rural Plymouth Township on Warren road 2.4 miles West of Beck. This orchard offers a great farm-like environment featuring various animals such as goats, chickens, cows and a donkey. It has a large indoor shop with a wide selection of goods. They also offer hayrides, pick your own pumpkins and the largest parking lot available.



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Alternate Frequencies



The Wall Clocks

"Odds and Beginnings"

Genre: *Psychedelic rock*



BY HEATHER GREENSHIELDS
STAFF WRITER

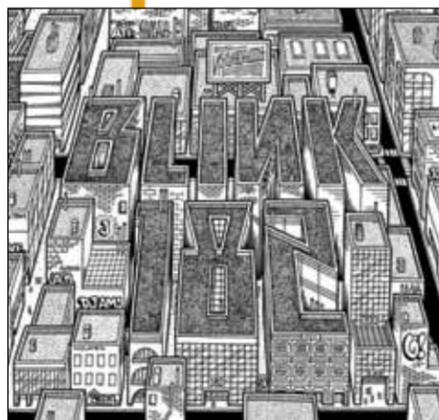
Take a plunge into the beatnik generation as this quartet sends you on a journey through time. The Wall Clocks have created their own brand of psychedelic rock, layering instruments together to form a uniquely spacious sound. In the past half-decade, The Wall Clocks have made a name for themselves in the greater Detroit area, and they were voted Detroit's "best local band" by Ambassador Magazine. The Wall Clocks are also well known for being the official house band of the Hard Rock Cafe Detroit.

The newest full-length release from the group is called "Odds and Beginnings." In this disc they combine their sense of rustic simplicity with strong and unique rock elements. In "All Things Will Go Away," the song is stripped down to just acoustic guitar. It is then layered with rhythms that merge with the vocals as they shine over the other instruments. "Redheaded Thunder" is another passionate track. Through a strong, built-up chorus with some guitar-heavy solos, this song intertwines the new and old characteristics found in the groove of the band's distinct sound.

The album opens with the song "Get Off The Island," which merges prominent drum rhythms with raging guitars that give a rare sound of experimental rock with a blend of funk for good taste. The bass pumps up the chorus and sets up the next verse which quickly turns into a sing-along, dance-along melody. Conversely, the song "Next Time" brings about a smooth, relaxing, trance-like atmosphere that sweeps you away with the sweet harmonious components of the song. "Next Time" gives you a warm cozy feeling, like being on a beachfront in the Caribbean. The album moves smoothly from song to song, winding its way through the unique sounds The Wall Clocks have come to be known for. This album incorporates numerous musical techniques and traits not found in many albums today. The Wall Clocks have certainly found their artistic muse.

The Bottom Line:

This latest release by The Wall Clocks brings you a fair mix of experimental rock with a bit of funk to spice up the sound. "Odds and Beginnings" will surprise you with every wonderfully distinct song.



Blink-182

"Neighborhoods"

Genre: *Pop punk*



BY IAN MARK
STAFF WRITER

The legendary pop punk trio of Mark Hoppus, Tom DeLonge and Travis Barker is finally back with a new album. Fan expectations were high and the band has promised a lot. While not as stellar as their previous efforts, "Neighborhoods" is by no means a disappointment. It is the logical progression from their previous self-titled album, infused with the spacey elements of Angels & Airwaves (AVA), along with traces of Hoppus and Barker's band, +44.

The album starts out very strong. "Ghost on the Dance Floor" has a catchy guitar riff that is very reminiscent of AVA. Hoppus' background vocals compliment DeLonge's perfectly. It sets the mood early on, introducing the melancholy atmosphere that remains constant throughout the album. After this comes "Natives," which isn't quite so great. It's plagued by Tom sounding over-the-top and slightly ridiculous, which is unfortunately frequent on the album. "After Midnight" is arguably the best track on "Neighborhoods," with a great, melodic guitar riff that sounds more like self-titled-era Blink.

"Snake Charmer" is a perfect example of the experimental side of this album, with a hard-driving intro that fails to be catchy or fit the song and more over-the-top vocals from DeLonge. The album is redeemed by "Heart's All Gone," which is a nice return to the style of '90s-era Blink. Hard and fast power chords mixed with Hoppus' spot-on vocals make this track a highlight of the album.

Unfortunately, the album is predominantly downhill from here. "Wishing Well" sounds more goofy than anything. Are we supposed to take DeLonge seriously when he's belting out "La da da da da" for the chorus? Luckily, the band manages to end the album on a good note with "Even if She Falls." The track is surprisingly good, harkening back to 2003's "Blink-182" with an even heavier AVA influence.

All in all, the album is a good effort but doesn't quite measure up with Blink's previous work. The album is so heavily steeped in AVA influences that the album will appeal more to AVA fans than dedicated Blink fans. Regardless, it's a decent album and fans of either band should check it out.

The Bottom Line:

"Neighborhoods" has its ups and downs, but ultimately it's a solid comeback for the pop punk trio.



Steven Wilson

"Grace For Drowning"

Genre: *Progressive Rock*



BY JONATHAN KING
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Steven Wilson is one of the modern godfathers of progressive rock. Known primarily as the frontman for the band Porcupine Tree, Wilson has also worked with numerous bands and projects including Blackfield, No-Man, Opeth and Anathema. Despite a long and active career, Wilson has so far only released two solo albums under his own name: 2008's "Insurgent" and his most recent work, "Grace For Drowning."

Spanning two CDs, "Grace" is an expansive sonic monolith that draws its sound from a career's worth of musical experimentation. Prog rock, jazz, metal, pop, experimental, ambient and choral music are all joined together, and the resulting amalgam is undeniably fascinating.

Previously, Wilson has worked on remixing the back catalogue of prog pioneers King Crimson. The influence of this project was significant and consequently, the album has a pronounced Crimson-esque flair. "Remainder the Black Dog" is an unabashed KC throwback, with its angular guitar patterns and some scorching saxophone work by jazz instrumentalist Theo Travis.

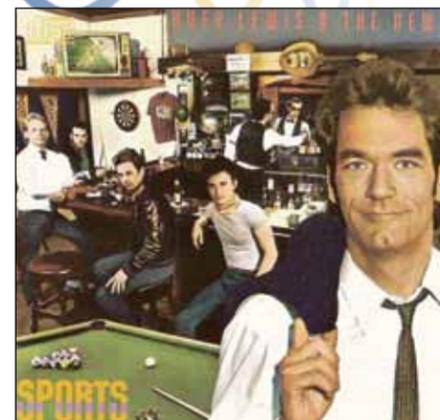
"Raider II" is the centerpiece of the second disc – a 23-minute soundscape inspired by '70s progressive rock and jazz. Beginning with dark, brooding piano and strings, the piece shifts through a number of movements and styles yet never overstays its welcome.

And yet, merged within the dense atmospheres and oblique note structures are beautiful melodies, sublime harmonies and even a few catchy hooks. "Deform to Form a Star" features some enchanting piano work by Dream Theater's Jordan Rudess. Meanwhile, "Postcard" is a bittersweet ballad that erupts into a Hollywood crescendo with swelling strings and triumphant choirs.

While the album's influences may be all over the place, the album itself is composed and striking. From the harsh and heavy "Sectarian" to the soft aether of "Like Dust I Have Cleared From My Eye," everything is captivating and cohesive. The album is simply one of the most impressive things to come out of this artist. Considering Wilson's astonishing body of work, that's pretty darn impressive.

The Bottom Line:

"Grace For Drowning" is perhaps Wilson's most definitive work to date. Those who give this sonic pastiche a chance will find something uniquely rewarding and utterly wonderful.



Huey Lewis and the News

"Sports"

Genre: *Rock*



BY ALYSON DOLAN
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Is the "Heart of Rock and Roll" still beating in this modern age? Has it "Finally Found a Home" amongst the bubblegum pop and gangster rap? We think so. Huey Lewis and the News is a San Francisco-based band that first formed as early as 1972. Lead singer and harmonica player Huey Lewis met keyboardist Sean Hopper and teamed up with three former rivals to form the group Huey Lewis & The American Express, which in 1980 was changed due to a complaint from the credit card company. After two mediocre releases, The News finally released their breakout album, "Sports."

"Sports" launched in 1983 and ignited the ongoing career of Huey Lewis and the News. The album was 2nd on the Billboard's 1984 year-end album chart, only following Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Singles from "Sports" included "The Heart of Rock and Roll," "Heart and Soul," "I Want a New Drug," and "If This Is It." The torrent of singles was remarkable, and has yet to be duplicated in The News' long career. "Sports" went multi-Platinum, and has sold over 10 million copies to date in the U.S.

"Heart of Rock and Roll" is incredibly catchy and light hearted. Lewis has a unique style, and his voice has a raspy sound that is unmistakable. The News compliments Lewis' vocals perfectly, with rocking drum parts and steady, strong guitar solos. Another great track is "Walking on a Thin Line." It's full of guitar riffs and that classic rock sound. Finally, "I Want a New Drug" has everything: catchy rhythm, slamming guitar solos, an insanely awesome horn part, and the beautiful sound of Huey Lewis' vocals.

"Hearing 'Sports' today, the album still sounds surprisingly fresh, all the more remarkable when one considers how poorly other hits of the day have fared," said Bob Norberg from Capitol Mastering. It is hard not to hear any song from "Sports" without rolling the windows down and turning up the radio. If you're craving some classic '80s rock, this is one album you need to check out.

The Bottom Line:

If you are looking for an upbeat rock album "Sports" is perfect. It's full of that classic '80s rock sound that will not disappoint you in the least.

Moneyball

Book/Movie review

By HEATHER EARNLEY
STAFF WRITER

Michael Lewis is an incredibly gifted writer. He is the author of "Moneyball" and "The Blind Side", the latter of which struck box office gold and captured the hearts of millions. "Moneyball" systematically catalogs a baseball team's rise to the playoffs by implementing a new way of looking at the game involving obsessive statistical knowledge. On the outside, it does not sound like a must read, yet it is.

"Moneyball" dives deep into how and why the Oakland Athletics needed a new way to look at baseball, while retaining a strong human element. Professional baseball players who were unpopular with scouts, managers and sports writers were acquired by the A's and given a new life. The Athletics supported them, recognizing their talents that everyone else in the league had overlooked or ignored. At the heart of "Moneyball" is an ugly duckling story any reader can identify with. The style and rich detail Lewis provides brings a vast insight to the subject matter, and his commitment to his craft makes each page engrossing.

"Moneyball" is a book that you will not be able to put down. Billy Beane (Oakland's General Manager) is the nucleus of the story. His passion for winning and wheeling and dealing is unparalleled. Beane is an imposing figure and fitting to be the center of the maelstrom that shook professional baseball. An army of statisticians were obsessed with compiling baseball data and reinterpreting it to be used in better, more efficient ways. However, they were primarily armchair theorists who had no connection to any team. Beane was the first person *inside* baseball to actually implement these ideas. Most scouts, managers and owners did not want anything to do with it. These ideas violated all the traditional rules of baseball and offended the time-honored traditions of the game. Out of all of this conflict and struggle Lewis found the seed for his story.

The film version of "Moneyball" is both an elegant sports movie and a fantastic screen adaptation. While the movie does not fully catch the passion or imposing violence of Billy Beane (played by Brad Pitt), it does provide a more fleshed out version of the man that is probably closer to the truth. There are some interesting anomalies between the book and film. A few names have been changed and personalities slightly altered due to objections. A slight subplot also delves into Beane's relationship with his daughter who is only mentioned once in the book.

Visually, the movie looks good. It's beautifully filmed, perfectly paced and the writing is impeccable. The movie flows effortlessly and time goes by quickly. Jonah Hill is wonderful as straight man Peter Brand and Philip Seymour Hoffman shows excellent restraint as Art Howe, the A's manager. The movie took a long time to be made, having more than one director fall through and countless other setbacks. It is evident that the movie was crafted just as carefully as the book. All the pieces fall together perfectly and it adds some serious weight to the canon of great baseball movies.

Whats the BUZZ

COMPILED BY LEAH ESSLINGER
STAFF WRITER

Michael Jackson The Immortal World Tour by Cirque Du Soleil

Blending surrealism, fantasy and mystery with the sometimes overtly political messages of Michael Jackson's music, The Immortal World Tour lands in Detroit on October 15, at Joe Louis Arena. Cirque Du Soleil uses Jackson's timeless hits to create a stunning visual spectacle, complete with dance moves recalling those of The King of Pop himself. The tour promises to celebrate the music and magic that Michael Jackson continues to be known for, with the youth and creativity Cirque has come to be known for. Tickets go from \$125-\$175, and are sure to sell out quickly.

"6 Degrees" – The Art of Craig Paul Nowak

One of the hippest places in Detroit is showing the work of one of Detroit's most successful artists. Paul Nowak is known for his introspective portraits, which showcase a humanity that spans race and socioeconomics. "I paint to show my audience what they mostly take for granted, that which cannot be seen, only felt," said Nowak in his artistic statement, which may be found on blogspot.com. His work will be showcased at Cass Café through October 29. If you are short on cash, head downtown, buy a coffee, and enjoy Craig Paul Nowak's artistic intensity.

My Fair Lady

Based on the novel "Pygmalion," this play is widely remembered for its film adaptation, with Audrey Hepburn playing the lead. Now is your chance to experience it on the stage, as it was meant to be seen. The musical follows Eliza Doolittle, a downtrodden woman with a thick cockney accent, and Henry Higgins, a straight-laced academic who believes poverty can be solved with proper diction. The play features songs such as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Wouldn't it be Lovely?" and "The Rain in Spain." My Fair Lady will be playing at the Fox Theater on October 22, at 3pm. Tickets range from \$40 to \$70.

The Misfits

The Misfits are a punk band that began at the dawn of the punk movement in 1977. Their music has been described as aggressive, confrontational and dangerous, giving voice to the most intense angst. With a strong cult following, this band is not for the faint of heart. Their music should be played at the highest volume. Their dress and presentation recalls the gore of the scary B-movie, and dares fans to see them live. They play Harpo's in Detroit on Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. and ticket prices are \$23.50.

Brothers till the end

"Gears of War 3" ends the trilogy on a bloody high note

By Crystal Wallace and Richard Kraft
Staff Writers

Welcome to the world of hardcore, intense, gut-wrenching gameplay. These are some of the attributes that the "Gears of War" series has offered gamers over the last five years. "Gears of War 3" is the last installment of this well-known trilogy, which has offered blood-soaked third-person antics since its inception in 2006. It has been racing off the shelves since its release on Sept. 20. This game supplies its horde-loving, beast-stomping gamers with intense gameplay that makes you feel as if you are really the one saving the rest of humanity from monstrous forces such as the Lambent and the Locust.

As expected, the campaign ties up all the loose strings in the story, and gives a more in-depth background to its characters and their relationship with each other and the environment they have come to survive in. This gives the characters a more real feel that the gamer can connect with by giving them a final touch of humor and sensibility. Of course, "Gears" still offers its energetic, hypnotizing, action-packed missions that will leave you wanting more.

The classic Horde mode has been revived with different maps, new weapons and brand new bosses, like the horrifying Lambent Berserker and the Corpser. Horde still gives you the intense 50-wave battles, yet now every 10th wave you encounter a random boss. With these additional bosses, you are now able to construct defenses for yourself. You can armor your command posts with turrets, sentry guns, and the brand new Silverback Suit. What is a Silverback you ask? Well, it is a mobile turret the gamer is able to control. This gives them the ability to turn themselves into a walking gun, or a stationed turret. This is what every "Gear-Head" has been waiting for.

There is also new game mode called Beast. This mode is the reverse game play of Horde, giving the gamer a chance to play the Locust side in battle. Just like Horde, each wave gives you more enemies to dismember. The twist is, with each session of gameplay you begin with a set of Locust characters, and with each wave you conquer the gamer gathers money and experience that goes towards unlocking more available characters.

"Gears of War 3" has finished off one of the best trilogies in Xbox 360 history, but even with its fluid gameplay and its original and challenging modes it still has its flaws. The voice acting has made the characters seem a bit too cartoony in a sense, and the amount of damage given and

taken feels greatly unbalanced. Despite these minor issues, "Gears of War 3" has the same good ol' feel

that will keep fans satisfied, and its attention-grabbing modes never get boring. If you like bullets and chainsaw blades, this is truly a must-play experience.

GEARS OF WAR

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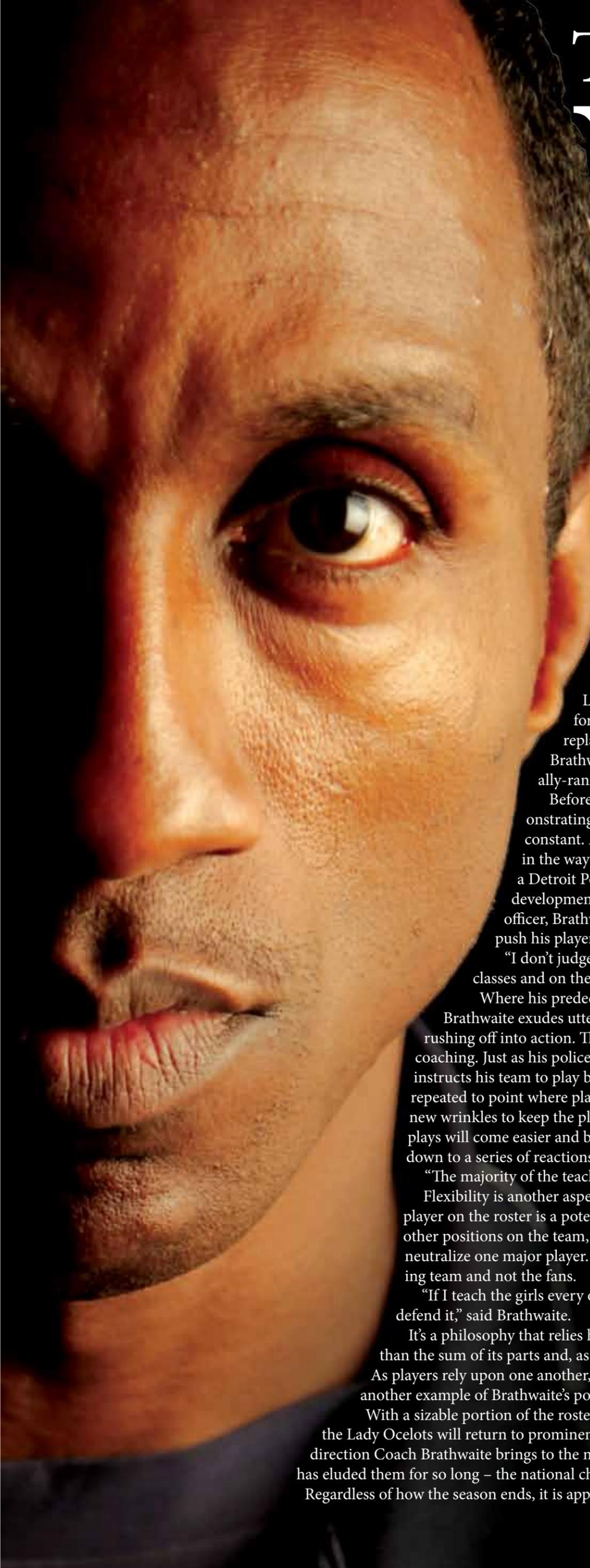
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The NEW FACE

of Lady Ocelot basketball

Kevin Brathwaite takes reins of successful program

BY EHIMARE ARHEBAMEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Schoolcraft College had one of the best coaches in junior college women's basketball leave to pursue other goals. Former coach Karen Lafata tallied more than 300 wins in her 12 years leading the Lady Ocelots before accepting a position as an assistant coach with Wayne State University.

So where did SC Athletic Director Sidney Fox look to find Lafata's successor? Rather than searching outside the program for a fresh start, Fox looked right down the bench for the logical replacement to continue the Lady Ocelot's winning tradition. Kevin Brathwaite was promoted from assistant coach to head of the perennially-ranked women's basketball program.

Before a single game has been played, Brathwaite is already demonstrating how many of the fundamentals of game play will remain a constant. At the same time, Brathwaite has introduced subtle differences in the way he builds his roster. One might even credit his former career as a Detroit Police officer for his insistence on character building and player development. Through working directly with a wide array of people as an officer, Brathwaite developed the ability to see the potential in others and push his players to reach beyond the limits they set for themselves.

"I don't judge players based on talent, I want to see the girls perform in their classes and on the court," he insists.

Where his predecessor could be described as "animated" in her coaching style, Brathwaite exudes utter calm. He is an individual that thinks through a plan before rushing off into action. This is a personal philosophy that he passes on through his coaching. Just as his police training honed his skills for emergency situations, Brathwaite instructs his team to play by memory and repetition. Drills stressing the fundamentals are repeated to point where players tire of the repetition. That is when Brathwaite introduces new wrinkles to keep the players on their toes. By having the team play off of memory, the plays will come easier and become second nature. The thinking is over and the game boils down to a series of reactions.

"The majority of the teaching should be done in practice," he preaches.

Flexibility is another aspect of the game stressed by the new coach. To Brathwaite, every player on the roster is a potential number one. The plan is for each woman to play all of the other positions on the team, so any team that they come up against cannot single out and neutralize one major player. The reason he wants to use this tactic is to confuse the opposing team and not the fans.

"If I teach the girls every offense play, if they use those skills against any team, they can defend it," said Brathwaite.

It's a philosophy that relies heavily on training and the belief that a cohesive group is more than the sum of its parts and, as such, can achieve more than any one player can individually.

As players rely upon one another, they begin to realize the team can accomplish more goals. It is another example of Brathwaite's police background coming out through his coaching techniques.

With a sizable portion of the roster returning from last year's successful team, there is little doubt the Lady Ocelots will return to prominence in Region 12 and national rankings. However, it is the subtle direction Coach Brathwaite brings to the mix that might be the roadmap to get the team to the place that has eluded them for so long – the national championship game.

Regardless of how the season ends, it is apparent that the women's basketball program is in capable hands.

SC volleyball's

PHOTO BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

Master juggler



Getting to know Lauren Macuga

BY DAVE SCOTLAND
STAFF WRITER

Stepping through college is a big part of anyone's life and participating in sports, in addition to being a full-time student, is an even bigger part of your life. One person that this applies to is Lauren Macuga. Most people would say sports on top of school is too much, but to Macuga, "Nothing is too overwhelming."

Macuga is a spunky and outgoing person who attends to Schoolcraft with a full-time class schedule and plays volleyball. Her blonde locks might fool the casual observer but don't confuse with someone getting simply getting by on looks. Macuga is a sophomore boasting a robust 3.8 GPA and a business/marketing major. Time to relax comes only when homework and practice are over. "I might want to own my own business possibly," she says.

Macuga relies on a relentlessly positive attitude to find the fun in any situation. It's one way to balance a busy class and practice schedule while keeping the college experience as enjoyable as possible.

On the court, Macuga shows as much determination as she does in the classroom, playing as the team's libero – a defensive specialist focused on getting digs and sparking rallies. In volleyball, being a libero is a big responsibility as the player is on the floor the entire match. Macuga embraces the role and is able to demonstrate her leadership abilities through it.

Throughout her playing career, Macuga has been fortunate to have grown close to many coaches and other supporters. One supporter in particular is her high school volleyball coach. "I owe a lot to him because he helped me get to where I am today," said Macuga.

Outside of volleyball, Macuga's parents have also been a great influence. While anyone can credit their parents, in one way or another, for helping them become the person they are, Lauren holds her parents in especially high regard. She thanks her parents a lot for how they made her into the lovely lady she is.

Being confident and comfortable with everything you do in life is essential to happiness. Macuga does just that, being comfortable with saying what she thinks about anything. On the court Lauren is close to all the volleyball players but has close friendships with the Kempinski twins (Kara and Nicole) and Kelly Macdonald. It is on this group that Macuga leans to stay centered in the midst of a hectic, constantly changing college schedule.

Whether on the court or off, Macuga seems to be one Schoolcraft student athlete that has mastered the ability to juggle the demands of leading a highly-competitive team and a college education all while fostering supportive relationships with friends and family. With her fun-loving attitude and dedication to whatever she sets her sights upon, it's hard to imagine Lauren Macuga ever dropping the ball.

Running away

SC cross country impresses in Lansing

BY KATIE FENECH
STAFF WRITER

Warning: Insane Competitors Ahead. The Schoolcraft Cross Country team should wear such signs on their uniforms forevermore after how well they did at the Spartan Invitational. The race was held in East Lansing, on Sept. 16, surprising everyone with fantastic running conditions. The men's team did exceptionally well in the 8K. Nate Wise (running barefoot) finished with a time of 29:22 – setting a new personal record. Scott Howse was close behind, finishing with 30:42 and improving by an astonishing 56 seconds from last year. Mark Walker came in third for the team with 35:42, with a 7:11-mile pace, followed by Mike Greer, Shawn Van Dyke and Luis Montenegro.

Alongside the men, the women's team improved by leaps and bounds in the 6K. Maddy LaFave (team captain) finished her race with 26:35, setting a school record by a full 16 seconds. In doing so, she finished ahead of runners from both Lansing Community College and Oakland Community College who are known for their fast race times. The next racer, Hailee Azizi, set a personal record by 49 seconds and Mariam Mroueh finished strongly as well. The team is coached by Ed Kozloff, who in the past has coached team after team of competitive runners. As usual, Kozloff approaches his practices as training for every contingency – encouraging the runners through sprint drills as well as long-distance runs. With pinpoint accuracy, he manages to make every athlete feel like a champion while leading them on to fulfill that ambition.

Aside from the fortunate weather at the Spartan Invite, the cross country team has been forced to endure all sorts of difficult weather this season. From rain to mud to fierce winds, it's a marvel that they're able to surpass their goals and struggle to the finish line. Hopefully the winter snow will hold off until the end of their season or the barefoot racing days may be over.

The solid times the racers set at the Spartan Invitational will surely affect their mentality for both practice and future races, hopefully to spur them on to perform even better than in their final meets of the season. This race will also send a message to all future competitors of Schoolcraft XC – if they want to race, they had better bring their "A-game." All of the runners who participated should be proud of their scores – they left all their energy out on the course – and we all look forward to their next race. Go Ocelots!

Women's Volleyball upcoming games	Oct. 11 @ U of M (club) 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 13 vs. Henry Ford 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 18 @ Oakland C.C. 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 20 vs. Macomb 7:00 p.m.

Looking ahead



Lady Ocelots gearing up for postseason

BY DANIEL PEAKE
STAFF WRITER

The Ocelots are preparing for one of its biggest games against one of their toughest rivals – the Cincinnati State Surge. The Lady Ocelots will be playing the Surge for their last game and it's sure to be one of their biggest of the regular season.

Coming into the season, both the Ocelots and Surge were ranked in national preseason polls. Though the Cincinnati State have stumbled to a 2-6 division record while the Lady Ocelots have cruised to 7-0 in Region 12 and 10-1-1 overall heading into the weekend. While the match might not have the same poll implications as intended back in August, it would be unwise of the Schoolcraft players to overlook this dangerous rival as they get ready for regional championships on the weekend of Oct. 29-30. By the same token, Coach Deepak Shivraman will be working to keep his players focused on the pair of games leading up to the Cincinnati game.

"For us every game is crucial and critical. We have to get better, we have to score more consistently, we have to improve our defending [and] we have to always be on top of fitness levels," said Head Coach Deepak Shivraman.

Coach Shivraman knows the team has the talent to put up goals in bunches – the Lady Ocelots have four of the top 10 scorers in Region 12 – but was shutout in consecutive games against Laramie County and Monroe colleges. That type of power outage, from a team averaging more than five goals per regional game, is a sure-fire way to get a quick exit from the postseason.

On the other hand, the defense has remained stellar even when the offense fails to score. The Lady Ocelots managed a tie in one of the two shutouts. Even when the team wasn't firing all cylinders, it didn't crash either.

"This is the time in the season where the players are tired and motivation tends to drop a bit, so in preparation we are working on staying connected and improving our all around skills," said Shivraman. "We have fallen behind in games and have been resilient and have come back to either tie the game or win them. And this speaks of the 'never-give-up' attitude that many of our players have."

When the advice of coaching staff begins to fall on deaf ears, that is when the teams leaders need to step forward.

"The captains and returning sophomores are incredible in every aspect and they are fantastic students and committed athletes," said Shivraman. "Players like Ashley Welch, Lindsay McMullen, Renee Boudreau, Megan Bauman and Sam Zerilla are the engine that propels the team. Their maturity and passion drives our practices and performances in the games."

After 29 years of coaching, five with the Lady Ocelots, Shivraman knows a thing or two about the game and what it takes to excel at it. When asked about playing highly-competitive matches, Coach Shivraman falls back on a familiar mantra stressing that, at the end of the day, it's still simply a game and the players should be enjoying themselves while striving for success.

"This is play," he says simply.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN GRILL

Top image: Defense player Lindsay McMullen streaks past the competition with some help from fellow defender Rachel Eklund.

Above: Forward Renee Boudreau fights for control of the ball from the Owens defender.

**Women's
Soccer**
Upcoming Games

Oct. 12
vs. Delta
5:00 p.m.

Oct. 14
vs. Elgin
5:00 p.m.

Oct. 22
vs. Cinci St.
3:00 p.m.

Whalers stagger out of the gate

Season begins with mixed results

BY BILLY BLUETURTLE
STAFF WRITER

Five games into the 2011-12 hockey season, the Plymouth Whalers are still looking to get on firm footing. A loss, then two wins ... then two more losses. While the season has barely started, the Whalers are still trying to find their game.

One of the biggest struggles facing the team is defensive consistency. With a goals against average nearing 4.00, it's obvious the team needs to find their way in the defensive zone if they intend to move above their third-place finish in the division last year.

Though the team is still trying to develop consistency, the Whalers managed to beat the Ottawa 67's 3-2 on Friday, Sept. 30. Whalers players Mitchell Heard, Garret Meurs and J.T. Miller all chipped in goals paving the way to victory.

Look for the Plymouth Whalers to continue their winning ways at Compuware Arena on Friday, Oct. 14 against Niagara IceDogs and Saturday, Oct. 15 against the Sarnia Sting.



PHOTO BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

Leftwing Forward #21 RJ Mahalak dodges in front of goalie Scott Wedgewood, #29, keeping the Ottawa attacker from the goal.

Storm hunters

Ocelots looking ahead to Cincinnatti State

BY KATIE FENECH
STAFF WRITER

Time to get fired up! The men's soccer team is alive and kicking this season running their record to an astounding 14-0 heading into a weekend game with Jackson College. During their undefeated run, the Ocelots have climbed national rankings up to #2 in the most recent NJCAA poll.

Despite playing a grueling five games in eight days, the team kept their perfect record intact and stayed focus on the fundamentals. How did the team keep winning? The six practices a week might have been part of it. The Ocelots make it clear that this sport is a serious commitment. To avoid injury, however, the team visits the athletic trainer, Kim Kotlewski, for advice and treatment. The 25-player roster has to live soccer to make all of their effort stick. Some new techniques that the team has been working on include timing and execution drills. In addition, the players train to play as a cohesive whole and it appears to be working.

"The team is still evolving, they know they are good, but they're still apprehensive about how well they can truly perform," said Coach Rick Larson.

The coach himself has been with the team since 2006 and has molded it into an elite contender. Due to budget constraints, scouting for the team has been difficult forcing the team to focus less on matching up with opponents and more with establishing their own style



PHOTO BY STEVEN GRILL

Marco Lobo takes to the air as the Ocelots continue their undefeated run.

of play. It is a widely-held opinion that this year's team is worth developing into something special.

On Oct. 22, the Cincinnatti State Surge arrives on campus. The Surge currently occupy second place, behind the Ocelots, in the Region 12 standings. The matchup will be the fourth in a five-game slate against each of the teams trailing the Ocelots in the

standings. The Cincinnatti State game will provide a glimpse into where both teams are headed come the postseason. The players are excited for a chance to play against the Surge despite the match being weeks away. Coach Larson explained that since the Ocelots are so highly ranked, opposing schools want to play against them. Considering where the two teams sit in the standings, the

Men's Soccer upcoming games

Oct. 12
Jackson
Away
4:00 p.m.

Oct. 15
Muskegon
Home
1:00 p.m.

Oct. 16
Ancilla
Home
1:00 p.m.

Oct. 22
Cinci. State
Home
1:00 p.m.

Oct. 23
Owens
Home
1:00 p.m.

upcoming Surge visit promises to be an intense match.

Coach Larson has even noted the split personality between the team's laid-back attitude in practice and how they are a different team on the pitch. "That, however, changes to focused determination on the field," he said.

The Ocelots will need to stay focused to complete this red-hot run into the postseason.

The bitter divide

A Michigan-MSU preview

BY DANIEL PEAKET
STAFF WRITER

If the average person were asked what colors came to mind when thinking of the fall season, bright orange, red and brown would most likely be the response. However, for football lovin' Michiganders, those four colors seem to be painted on the surface of our frontal lobes: green and white, maize and blue.

Rivalry season is upon us and the word anticipation fails to precisely define the intensifying passion that boils in the blood of Spartan and Wolverine fans and alumni. This year both squads are full of promise which, excitingly, only adds to the drama for the Oct. 15 showdown in East Lansing.

The Wolverines this year are playing surprisingly well for a team that has been disappointing each of the last three campaigns including a 2010 season that culminated in a 7-6 record. New head coach Brady Hokes has apparently turned the Wolverines into a team with bowl aspirations heading into their Oct. 8 game with Northwestern. If the favored Wolverines prevail in Evanston, they will be 6-0 as they drive up US-23.

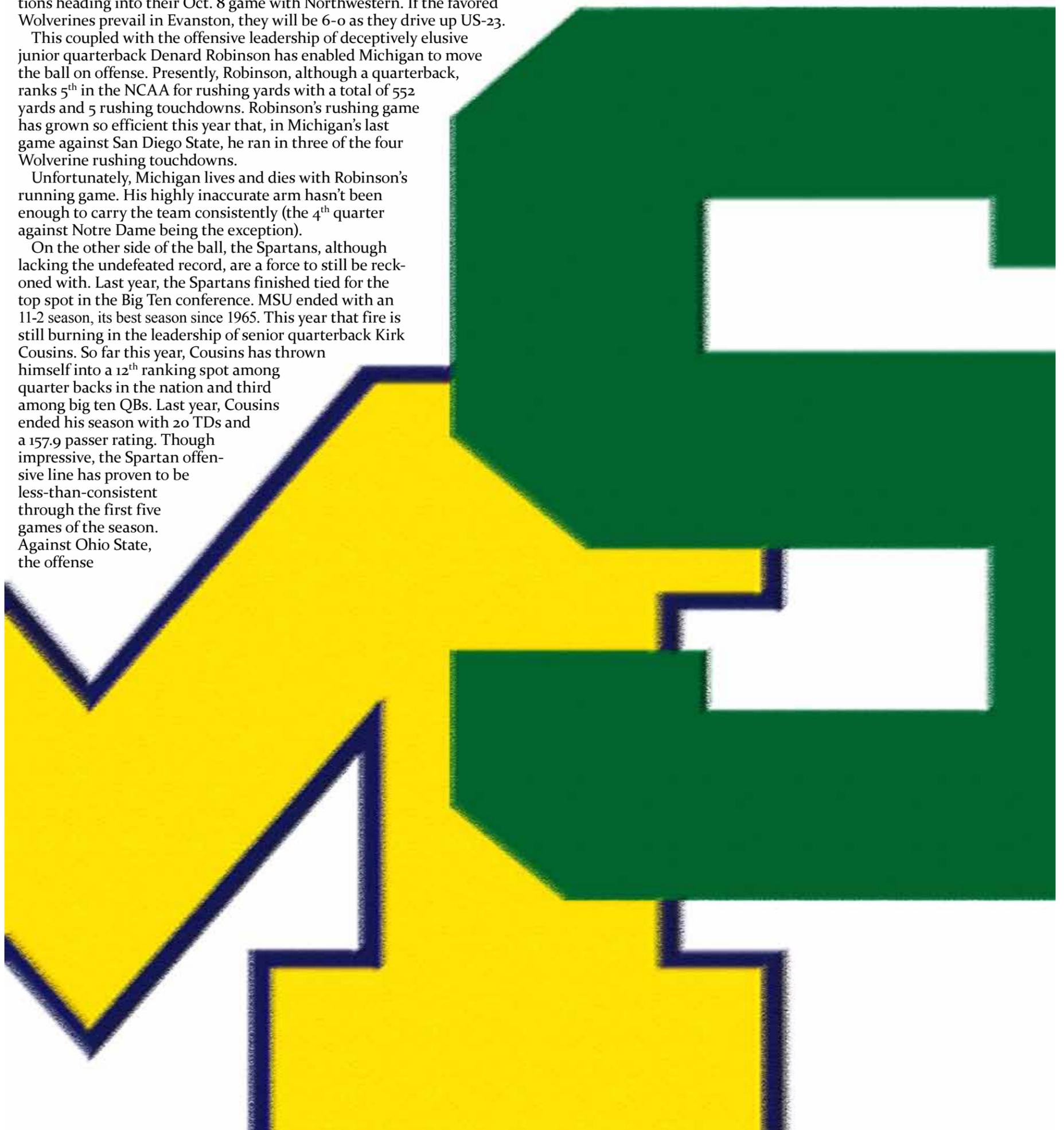
This coupled with the offensive leadership of deceptively elusive junior quarterback Denard Robinson has enabled Michigan to move the ball on offense. Presently, Robinson, although a quarterback, ranks 5th in the NCAA for rushing yards with a total of 552 yards and 5 rushing touchdowns. Robinson's rushing game has grown so efficient this year that, in Michigan's last game against San Diego State, he ran in three of the four Wolverine rushing touchdowns.

Unfortunately, Michigan lives and dies with Robinson's running game. His highly inaccurate arm hasn't been enough to carry the team consistently (the 4th quarter against Notre Dame being the exception).

On the other side of the ball, the Spartans, although lacking the undefeated record, are a force to still be reckoned with. Last year, the Spartans finished tied for the top spot in the Big Ten conference. MSU ended with an 11-2 season, its best season since 1965. This year that fire is still burning in the leadership of senior quarterback Kirk Cousins. So far this year, Cousins has thrown himself into a 12th ranking spot among quarter backs in the nation and third among big ten QBs. Last year, Cousins ended his season with 20 TDs and a 157.9 passer rating. Though impressive, the Spartan offensive line has proven to be less-than-consistent through the first five games of the season. Against Ohio State, the offense

only managed 10 points. Fortunately, MSU boasts a suffocating defense that bottled up the Buckeyes on the way to a 10-7 victory in Columbus. Big, young and talented defensive starters like Anthony Rashad White (6-2, 316lbs), Taylor Calero (6-3, 245lbs), and Jordan Sanders (6-1, 288lbs) have anchored the defense that is sure to give the Wolverines fits.

All in all, these teams are too equally matched – at least insofar as their strengths and weaknesses in relation to each other – to make a bold prediction. Some fans say Robinson will run the Wolverines to victory and it'll take more than a new Spartan uniform to stop the Wolverines undefeated run. Others say the run-and-gun tactic can't possibly penetrate the Green and White wall. One thing we can definitely agree on is that this game is going to be a battle that will leave half of the state euphoric with joy and the other bitter with jealousy ... pretty much the way it does every year.



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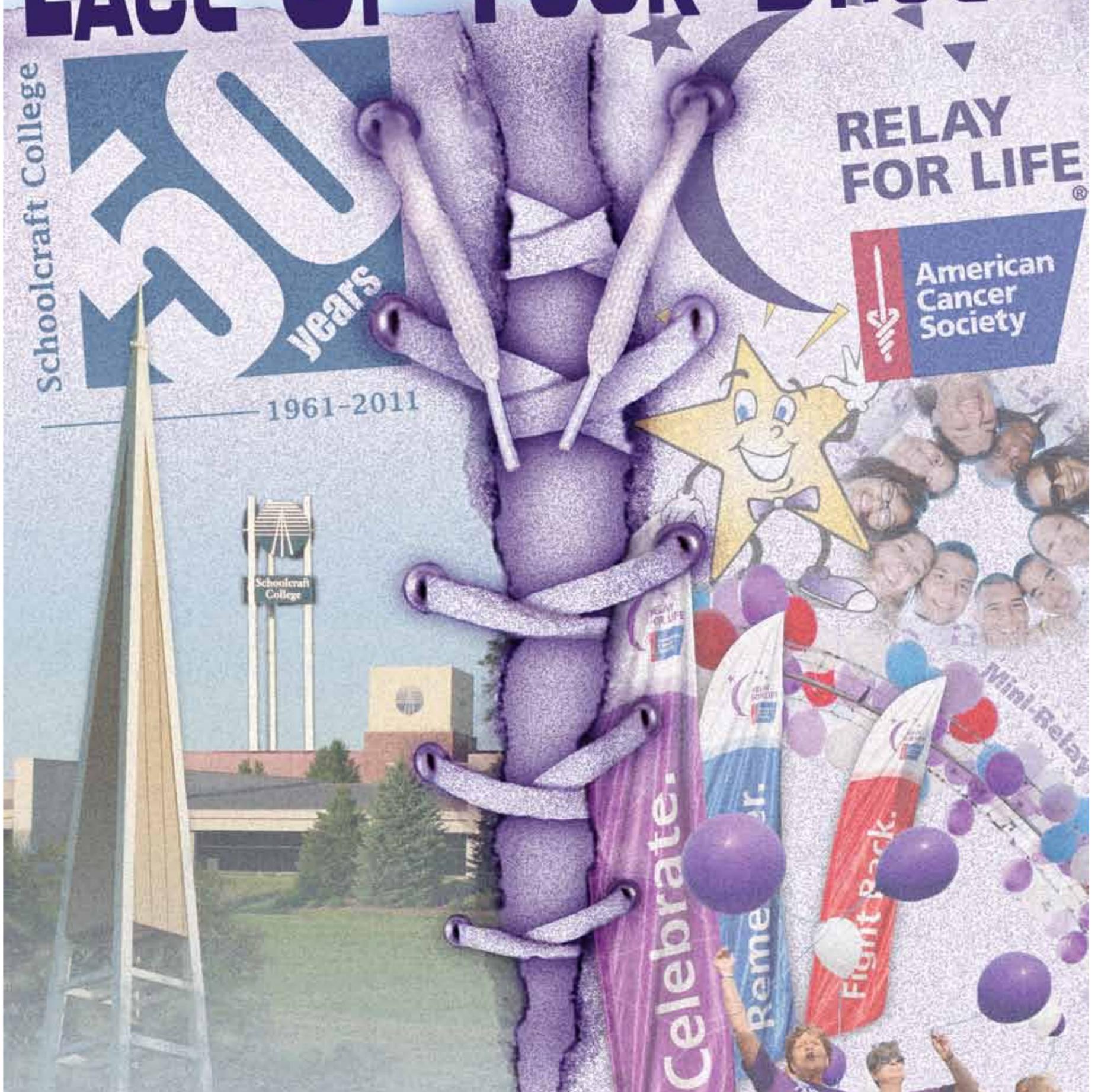


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HOROSCOPES

By IAN GALLAGHER
MANAGING EDITOR

Aries

March 21 through April 19

We sensed that you would read the Schoolcraft Connection, and you are. Man, we're good.

Taurus

April 20 through May 20

You will be getting hungry sometime this week. You may think that of course you are, that doesn't predict a thing. But we know you'll stop at Henry's, because it's delicious.

Gemini

May 21 through June 21

You need a good school, a large one offering many activities and you have always wanted to see scenic Ypsilanti. Then finding out more information about Eastern Michigan University is in your future. TRUEMU.

Cancer

June 22 through July 22

You may have had trouble listening recently. However, the good people at Sprint can help, with plans for almost any budget and featuring a wide variety of the latest phones.

Leo

July 23 through August 22

You may be wondering what the next step is in your life. We see you looking for more information about Wayne State University and the many programs offered. Wayne State, Aim Higher.

Virgo

August 23 through September 22

You may be feeling a desire to connect with your fellow students. We see you checking out the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman, to

find out more about all of the great student groups on campus.

Libra

September 23 through October 22

We sense that you have been craving a plate of spaghetti and want to rub elbows with the local Rotarians. Well check out Amantea restaurant in Garden City where you can do both.

Scorpio

October 23 through November 21

You may need a new way to manage your budget. Then the Michigan Educational Credit Union is there for you.

Sagittarius

November 22 through December 21

You're looking for a good college to transfer to, one that is not far from here and

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Capricorn

December 22 through January 19

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Aquarius

January 20 through February 18

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Pisces

February 19 through March 20

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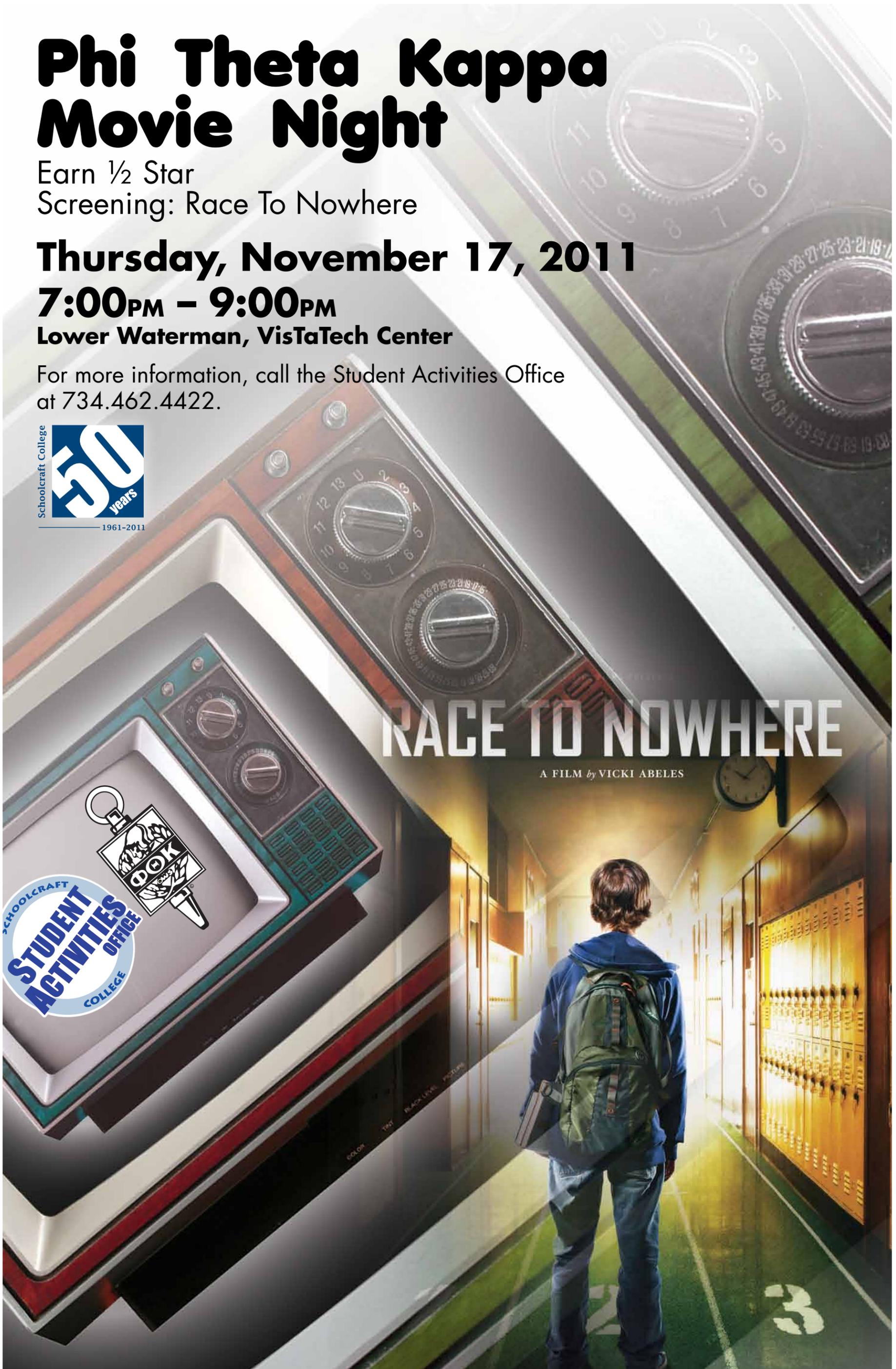
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RACE TO NOWHERE

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