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SAFE TWEETING

Campus Police Authority adapts to modern times with Twitter page

BY LAUREN LUKENS
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From Myspace to Facebook, Instagram to Twitter, the world is increasingly involved with social media. Anywhere one goes, they will see advertisements for people to visit business websites, and social media almost always accompanies it. With technological changes comes adaptation to cater to tech-savvy students, and Campus Police Authority (CPA) has created a Twitter page with that purpose in mind.

"Doing things like coming up with a Twitter page and getting with the times is the next little step in terms of putting out information that could potentially affect the safety of people here," said Lieutenant Mark Engstrom, who helped create the Twitter page. "Let's say there was a purse snatching in the Kroger parking lot. We would certainly want to make sure that our campus population is aware of the specific crime, suspect information and anything else we would have."



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Intelligence Operations Center technicians Kristen Robinson, left, and Raymond Brydak III maintain the Campus Police Authority Twitter page, as well as monitor other social media sites for potential dangers.

@sccampusPA

CPA and the Intelligence Operations Center (IOC) technicians tweet general safety tips, traffic reports, weather forecasts, local news and more on the Twitter page.

"Through federal law, there are mandates in terms of things that one needs to do to keep their campus aware of anything that affects the safety of campus, and those are covered under the CLERY Act. That is the reactive model," said Engstrom. "The federal government is saying that, in these situations, you must react and make sure to put out the information, and of course we do that. What Schoolcraft is really good at is being proactive and doing things that go far beyond what the federal law requires."

Joining the Twitter world is only a minute portion of the advancements CPA has to offer. With recent construction of the IOC in the Jeffress Center, CPA has access to all sorts of information on and off campus, and Schoolcraft will continue to revamp its technology

to keep up with modern times.

"This is just a little microcosm in terms of proactive stuff Schoolcraft is doing compared to the IOC," said Engstrom. "We have tied in our card access system for the Jeffress Center, the McDowell and any future building that is getting renovated. When someone swipes his or her card, photo verification shows up. We are also able to lock down any part of campus with the push of a button. That is amazing technology that the college is investing in."

Cameras are placed around campus, allowing video evidence of virtually any crime. Anything fire alarm related is also monitored in the IOC, as well as TV and media sources. In the near future, teachers will have the power to lock down their classroom, allowing students safety in the case of an emergency.

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Jump-start to earning college credit

High school dual enrollment numbers on the rise

BY JOE ZYLKA
NEWS EDITOR

In today's robust and modern world, individuals are always looking to stand out from the rest in their fields of study or work. Usually, the process of "getting your name out there" starts once one graduates high school, but now, Schoolcraft helps high school students start their college studies early and begin forming professional relationships before they even receive their high school diplomas.

Recent changes to the Post-secondary Enrollment Options Act in Michigan and overall student awareness have increased high school dual enrollment by 31 percent at Schoolcraft during the Winter 2015 semester. The dual enrollment program is offered to public school students, private and home-schooled students.

Limitations on available classes do exist, so students and parents must lean on the side of caution when looking to choose courses for dual enrollment.

"It is important to recognize that even though a parent is reading the course descriptions, it doesn't necessarily mean that their child in high school would qualify to be in that class," said Dr. Michael Oliver, Associate Dean of Counseling and Student Services at Schoolcraft. "They really need to check with a counselor to make sure they are in the right class for that particular student."

Another advantage in addition to a head start on college credit is that the students' tuition is usually paid for by their school district or by the State of Michigan. If a family is mired in tough financial times, dual enrollment in high school can help ease the pressures of paying for college courses once they are in college full-time.

"Dual enrollment, for me, was a way to get college credits before I'm in college," said

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Ready to research

Undergraduate Research Program seminar gives students opportunity to get involved

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
INTERNS

Ever wonder what it would be like to discover a cure to cancer, how to make gasoline out of algae or even isolate mutant cells in rats for various different fields of studies? Research in molecular biology and chemistry can offer chances to study these different topics among many others. On April 6 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the VisTa Tech center

room VT425, the Undergraduate Research seminar will inform students about undergraduate research programs offered by Wayne State University, the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Schoolcraft.

Schoolcraft is offering students opportunities to further their education in a way many students may not have the chance to do without a degree. This seminar will offer information about the upcoming undergrad research programs



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The April 6 seminar will discuss various opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in research programs.

and give students an opportunity to ask questions and talk with representatives from the attending schools.

This seminar will also offer information to students on what classes to take, job opportunities available in the future and other information

involving education and the future. This program can set-up students who are willing to commit to an Undergrad program. Four sessions of speakers will be on hand. The first three sessions will

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News briefs



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MAD CRAPPER

In Akron, OH, officers are searching for someone they refer to as the “bowel movement bandit” for the reason that he has left his feces on 19 parked cars in driveways since May 2012. He strikes between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m., and on Wednesday, March 11, someone caught him on film.

LOOK OUT

Aradhna Krishna, a marketing professor at the University of Michigan, Luca Cian, a postdoctoral scholar and co-author Ryan Elder from Brigham Young University performed several studies to determine the most effective road signs. They found that still images of frozen action worked best because humans are wired to notice movement. People’s brains actually finish the “movement” in the picture on their own, and when these signs were tested in driving simulations, made a difference in drivers’ reaction times. The researchers hope their study gets used.

APPLE WATCH

The new iPhone-compatible smartwatch will launch on April 24. Pre-orders begin on April 10 for prices from \$350 for the entry-level aluminum Sport model to \$17,000 for purchase of the top of the line 18-karat gold edition. Consumers can also try the watch on at stores on the tenth. The watch is available in different sizes and stainless steel is also an option for style. Regardless of style, each watch has 8GB of storage.

HEARING LOSS

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are over one billion teens and young adults at serious risk for losing their hearing. The WHO analyzed the listening habits of 12 to 35-year-olds in wealthy countries and found that about half listened to unsafe sound levels on personal devices and about 40 percent were exposed to damaging levels of noise and music at entertainment sites, which is safe for only 15 minutes. Next time one goes to a concert or club, they may consider wearing earplugs, and when people listen to their iPod, the WHO recommends to not go above 60 percent of possible volume, wear noise cancelling ear buds or headphones, get an app to monitor safe listening levels and give their ears listening breaks. In addition to these precautions, the WHO created Make Listening Safe, which is a campaign encouraging manufacturers to produce audio safety features and call on governments to make and enforce recreational noise legislation.

Drone zone

BY ELAINE GEROU
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Michigan State Police now have the authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fly drones, also known as unmanned aircrafts, to support public safety. This makes the Michigan State Police the first state police force in the nation to fly drones with high definition cameras.

The drones should help reduce the amount of time it takes to survey and reconstruct major crash scenes, inspect natural disasters, conduct surveillance and search

for missing people.

“In the future, you can fly it over that [crash scenes] and relay [the information] to the fire department,” said Chris Bush, Commander of Field Support and Aviation at the Michigan State Police, to The Detroit News.

Efficient, reliable safety can come at a hefty price. The state police’s Aeryon SkyRanger drone cost \$158,000 in September 2013 and was purchased from Aeryon Labs, a Canadian company, with a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Of course there are several rules to be followed when it

Michigan State Police updates equipment for public safety

comes to flying unmanned objects, so only a handful of police agencies across the country have been granted the licenses to fly drones by the FAA. The FAA must register pilots; and there must always be a two-person crew, one being a safety observer, one flying the drone. Drones must also stay under 400 feet high, while being within line of sight of the crew, and they cannot be flown within five miles of an airport unless permission is granted for specific emergency cases.

There are also some weather limitations to the drones. They can only handle light rain, and

the Aeryon SkyRanger also cannot fly in winds stronger than 55 mph, but should not be flown in gusts higher than 40 mph. One battery charge can fly the drone for 50 minutes and has a range of several miles. The testing of the drones has been taking place at the department’s Precision Driving Unit track in Lansing.

Schoolcraft student Kyle Wilson supports the use of drones by Michigan’s State Police.

“I think it’s a good idea because it takes the risk off the police being down there [in fiery crash scenes] taking pictures,” said Wilson.

Although there are benefits, some are concerned about privacy issues. Former State Representative Tom McMillin sponsored legislation to ensure regulation of police drone use when he was in office, because the current law covers problems such as trespassing and Peeping Toms, but does not address police abuse. That legislation did not pass, but now with increased drone use, McMillin said several legislators are interested in the topic.

“I really wanted to make sure there is reporting on how it’s being used,” said McMillin. “We don’t just want them flying around watching people.”

Hopefully the drones accomplish only what they are meant for: surveying, finding missing people, documenting crash scenes and inspecting natural disasters. Time will tell if the use of drones generates better law enforcement or more controversy.



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Lieutenant Chris Bush of the Michigan State Police shows off the state’s first authorized drone before a demonstration in Lansing on March 11. The FAA recently gave the state police the authorization to use drones for crime scene accidents and search and rescue investigations.

campus CRIME

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HIDING MARY JANE

On the night of March 10, a suspect was found by the Campus Police Authority (CPA) while sitting in the parking lot east of the Applied Sciences building. A black Chevy Cruze was parked in the lot, and the driver appeared to have something in his lap that CPA later determined to be marijuana. When approached by CPA, the suspect asked for them to give him a break. The CPA insisted on seeing the contents of the suspect’s car as the suspect fled the scene. Campus Police Authority radioed ahead, but the suspect was not caught immediately. The CPA officer did get the suspect’s license plate, which allowed them to find the name and car of the suspect. When the suspect was brought back to Schoolcraft,

he was then handcuffed and brought to the Livonia Police Department.

TAMPON DISASTER

On March 16 at 6:50 a.m., the CPA was contacted because of a possible larceny to the napkin/tampon coin box. The police authority’s investigation revealed that the coin box was broken into over the weekend of March 14-15. There were no tampons or money stolen from the machine. A quarter was found on top of the box and believes the person urgently needed the product inside, but could not access it because the machine only accepts dimes. There are no suspects in this investigation.

STOLEN BLOOD BLOCKERS

A feminine napkin dispenser installed in the Lower Wa-

terman women restroom on March 18 was broken into and robbed of about 20 to 30 tampons between noon and 1:30 p.m. the same day. There were pry marks on the dispenser machine. The surveillance camera in the Student Activities Center was then out of order and unable to provide video evidence of any suspects.

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ABOVE: *Blaze-Thru Comics owner Josh Bonno stands inside his store. He and his wife, who helped him start up the store, hope to give comic fans access to a fun environment with great reads for all ages.*



RIGHT: *One can find R2-D2 next to the Marvel comic book rack in the store, and a Green Lantern replica next to the DC Comics rack.*

Comic fans unite

New comic shop opens in Downtown Plymouth

BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

“Every comic book is somebody’s first,” said Stan Lee, father of the Marvel Universe. Being the second comic shop in the Plymouth-Canton area that sells exclusively comic-related items, Blaze-Thru Comics offers a place for comic enthusiasts, as well as those who have never read a comic, to search for an entertaining read. Located in Downtown Plymouth, the shop opened on Nov. 21, 2014, allowing a convenient place for locals and travelers to buy comics.

“Opening a comic store is something I’ve always wanted to do,” said storeowner Josh Bonno.

He teamed up with his wife, Molly Bonno, and together they opened the store on Nov. 21, 2014. Both Josh and Molly Bonno are big comic fans, and their new enterprise could mirror the success of Comic City in Canton. Due to the resurgence of interest comics from comic-based movies and TV shows like “The Avengers” and “The Walking Dead,” this could end up being a successful investment. Like Comic City, the store has both current issues and trades, including ones that may have been long

out of print, such as “The Golden Age Green Lantern Archives, Volume One,” “Roots of the Swamp Thing” (Swamp Thing started off as a comic), which is rarely carried in stores. Blaze-Thru Comics also has other comic based paraphernalia and back issues in boxes, which is a bonus for comic aficionados who wish to read older issues they missed out on when they were younger or add to their collections.

“Next time I go to Plymouth, I’ll definitely check it out,” said Schoolcraft student Stephen Tzau.

Blaze-Thru Comics is an exciting new place to go to check out old and new comics, as well as run into people who share the same passion.

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Weeding out the competition

Changes to Michigan energy laws are coming

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
INTERNS

On March 5, Republican House Representative Aric Nesbitt, the chairman of the House Energy Committee, introduced new legislation that will change Michigan’s energy laws for the first time in 15 years. The current energy law allows competition in the electricity market and allows the renewable energy power requirement to be at 10 percent.

Rewrites proposed by Nesbitt would not change the renewable energy power requirement, but the electricity market would be lowered to only allowing the two biggest utility suppliers in the state, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, to serve all Michiganders. The plan is meant to save customers money and ensure the power supply is reliable.

“I feel that this is a very confusing plan and want to see what the outcome for Michigan citizens will be,” said Schoolcraft Student Ruby Alezmec. “It could have a negative effect.”

Competitors of DTE and Consumers energy immediately attacked the plan. Com-

plaints from school districts that buy from competitors of these companies were heard as well in the media after the announcement of the plan.

“Eliminating electric choice means abandoning free market principles and sticking Michiganders with hundreds of millions of dollars in higher rates on their electricity,” said MFF President Greg McNeilly to MLive. “Two giant monopoly utilities rake in the profits.”

Environmental groups, such as the Michigan League of Conservative voters that want to see the percentage of green power requirements increase, are not happy either. This discontent is due to the percentage tax not being increased, as well as the prospect that it will not be raised anytime in the near future. However, Nesbitt is not backing down, and continues to argue for the passage of the proposal.

“[This plan would ensure Michigan has] a reliable energy supply creating new generation for the best value for the ratepayers in our state and for job creators,” Nesbitt said in a statement released after the plan was announced in the House.

In 2000, Michigan deregulated the electricity market with a law the illuminated all regulations on the electricity market. Ten percent of the market was allowed to competitors who sold to businesses and schools under a law that was created in 2008. The 2008 bill also required new forms of renewable energy to be used and a small monthly fee to be added on to customers’ bills, so utilities offered by energy companies such as thermostats could help customers use less energy.

Nesbitt’s bill would also eliminate energy-efficient fees for electric and gas customers.

This is in addition to the state’s current phasing out of many coal-fired plants in part due to federal pollution rules over the past year.

In contrast to Nesbitt’s plan, Governor Rick Snyder introduced a new energy plan in 2013 for the state, but decided to wait on making changes to the energy law at the time. Snyder is expected to release his own plan regarding this law later this year.

“I feel this plan could have some serious backlash to the supply and demand of the electricity market if all com-



PHOTO BY LESTER LEFKOWITZ | CORBIS CORPORATION

For the first time in 15 years, the Michigan Legislature is looking to change Michigan’s energy laws. House Energy Chairman Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton) introduced a plan that would not increase renewable energy programs, but instead allow DTE Energy and Consumer’s Energy, the two largest power companies in Michigan, to serve all power customers in the state.

petitors are phased out. I also feel that the state is trying to monopolize the energy market, which should not be accepted by the house,” said Westland resident Whitney Dean. “Hopefully the Governor will release a better plan to replace the energy law.”

The GOP-led legislature is in charge the plans for this law if it is to change in 2015, but it is unlikely to pass by fall. It is improbable Republicans and Democrats will come to an agreement over the plan at all. Some Republicans favor the competition between elec-

tricity companies currently in place in the electricity market and would like to eliminate the cap on the renewable resource energy percentage, instead of supporting Nesbitt’s plan. Democrats in the House announced they currently support the plan with caution. No talks of the plan have been announced to address this plan. For now, the law is left unchanged, and the future of Nesbitt’s plan being enacted is unknown.



Kick starting the Motor City

The sun is rising on a new chapter of tax collection for the City of Detroit. The State of Michigan has agreed to help modernize the city's tax collection services by speeding up the tax collection process and allowing Detroit's residents and suburban workers to file their taxes online.

State program aimed at boosting tax revenues for Detroit in 2016

IMAGE FROM WALLS360.COM

BY JOE ZYLKA
NEWS EDITOR

Almost four months have passed since the city of Detroit exited its historic bankruptcy case, and once again, the State of Michigan is stepping in to help the broken city recover.

This time; however, the state is not chipping in hundreds of millions of dollars to save the city like they did in the bankruptcy proceedings, but rather is helping the city modernize its tax collecting procedures.

Right now, Detroit is stuck in the 1930s when it comes to collecting its income taxes. The city makes its residents fill out paper forms during tax season, and this system fails

miserably, as refund checks can take months or even years to get back to the residents of Detroit. Many people do not even bother filling out the tax forms because of the outdated system.

That is where the state is stepping in with efforts to modernize the system and increase Detroit's income tax revenue.

The state is aiming to speed up the tax return process and, for the first time, is allowing Detroit residents and workers from the suburbs to file their income taxes online.

"It really should mirror what we do with state tax returns," said Treasury Spokesman Terry Stanton to the Detroit Free

Press in early March. "And we don't think at this point it will mean a significant change for taxpayers."

Despite the new wave of residents into popular areas of the city like Downtown and Midtown, Mayor Mike Duggan revealed in the 2016-17 budget that income tax revenues will drop by another \$10 million.

City residents and suburbanites who work in the city pay income tax. However, the people who have not been paying their income taxes may soon be looking over their shoulder because the state's new system will make it tougher for one not to pay their income taxes.

"We do believe collection

will improve, because there will be access to data that's right there [for state treasury officials to notice and address]," Detroit Chief Financial Officer John Hill said in a March interview with the Free Press. "Someone who lives in the city of Detroit and doesn't fill out the Detroit tax return piece, they'll know it right away."

Many Michiganders, including Schoolcraft student Kyle Burch, are happy to see the state chipping in to help Detroit, as the city seeks to return to its former might and glory.

"I think this is something Detroit can absolutely benefit from," said Burch. "The initial start up costs will definitely be

worth it in the long run if the program is successful."

The start-up costs for the state will be around \$2.9 million for this fiscal year and the next, so that the program can take effect as scheduled in 2016. The Michigan Legislature is also seeking to create new laws to make sure more people pay and address those who have been evading the city's income tax.

This is yet another small step on the long road to recovery for the embattled city. A spike in income tax revenue may very likely mean a spike in the overall functionality of the city, paving the way for better days in the not-so-distant future.

Undergrad research

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offer speakers from the three different schools, Schoolcraft College, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. The fourth session will feature Schoolcraft Honor student McKenzie Hayes, who is currently involved in Schoolcraft's Undergraduate Research Program. Hayes, who has worked with all three of Schoolcraft's projects, will discuss her experiences with the program to attendees.

"The Undergraduate Research Program is meant to give students a deeper understanding of what they are reading in their text books," said Professor David O'Hagan, part-time biology instructor and staff advisor of the Undergraduate Research Program at Schoolcraft. "This program is meant to give students the hands on experience they would be doing in real jobs before they graduate to give them a head start."

Schoolcraft offers the Undergraduate Biological Research Internship Program, which offers students the chance to conduct research in biology and chemistry with three different projects: the factor V project, a biofuels project and a cancer project. The Factor V project tries to shut off the mutant gene that causes the blood to clot through molecular biology. The Biofuels project attempts to create gasoline from algae, and the cancer project works to find a cure for the disease. Students enrolled in the program will conduct these projects at the state of the art Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center lab in Plymouth with full use of the equipment and labs available to the program.

"Undergraduate research is an opportunity to help narrow your career path and boost your resume. Many community college students don't get this opportunity, so I would like to spread awareness about what Schoolcraft and these neighboring universities have to offer students" said Hayes.

Dr. Robert Atkins from Wayne State does not represent a specific program from the school, but will explain the research he conducts with undergraduates in his professional research labs through the Undergraduate Research Program.

"Student research gives me a chance to explore unanswered questions and build on skills for my future career. Anyone interested in critical discussion on current medical and biological sciences could benefit from this program in the same ways," said Schoolcraft student and member of the Undergraduate Research Program, Heather Gill.

The University of Michigan offers the Community College Fellowship Program (CCSFP), which allows students from Michigan to participate in a paid ten-week summer internship, with fields offered ranging from biology to arts and communication to engineering. Students will also participate in weekly seminars during their internships. University of Michigan's Catalina Ormsby the Associate Director of the University Research Opportunity Program will explain their program.

Students interested in the undergraduate programs should attend this informational seminar for a first step in the direction of any scientific field major. Students will leave having a greater knowledge of what Schoolcraft has to offer before they graduate. They also will gain more information on what the future in science majors can hold and how they can prepare for this future.

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Safe Twitter

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While times are changing, CPA is doing a pristine job of adapting. Creating a Twitter page is a small example of Schoolcraft getting ahead, and these developments will continue.

“I think that they are doing a good job to do the best they can to make everyone aware of the happenings around campus. Though I think it is unfortunate because this is big brother, and big brother is not real popular, especially with my generation,” said Mickey Hart, Schoolcraft student. “I do think it is necessary and admirable that they are trying to get up to speed with technology and make alerts easily available.”

For those who do not have a Twitter account, creating one is simple; just go to www.twitter.com. Android and iPhone apps are available for easy access to Twitter feeds, and one’s account can also be accessed from any tablet, lap-

top or desktop. To view the official Schoolcraft college CPA Twitter page, one can go to www.twitter.com/SCCampusPA. Visitors should make sure to follow the account for all of CPA’s offerings to appear on their feed, and retweet information that is found to be useful or interesting to the community.

“With them [CPA] going to social media, it is a good adjustment,” said David Yarber II, Schoolcraft student. “It is still up to the people to actually know what is going on.”

The Twitter page should never be used for emergencies because it is not constantly monitored, and all dangers should be reported by calling 911. Keep in mind that students should still sign up for SCalerts to receive emergency messages straight to their phone, as well as school cancelations. One can contact CPA for non-emergencies by calling 734-462-4424.

College credit

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Katie Wheeler, who participated in the Schoolcraft dual enrollment last summer, in a video interview about the program produced by Schoolcraft. “It was an affordable and convenient way to get ahead, instead of spending more time and money on a [online] course that I could take at home.”

Although it is too late for most current Schoolcraft students to enroll in such courses, many students, like Andrea Stirrsman, see the value in du-

al-enrollment courses. “I wish someone had told me to take things more seriously in high school. It sounds like a great opportunity,” said Stirrsman. “I hope future high school students take advantage of this program. It could help them in their high school classes, as well as give them the jump start into college.”

Dual-enrollment programs are perfect for high school students who want to get a head start on their college education and make new connections and friendships. For more information on Schoolcraft College’s dual enrollment program, visit schoolcraft.edu/dualenrollment.



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-EDITORIAL-

Help save the world

Outdoor scenery and activities
cannot be replaced

We should cherish the earth we live on—it is truly a precious world to be a part of. Earth Day, occurring every year on April 22, is a time to not focus on the stress of the week or worry about global news, but remember the importance of life and connecting with nature. As the world’s natural resources are rapidly depleting due to issues like overpopulation, now is the time to value the natural wonders of the world and help prevent earth from becoming an inhabitable planet in the future.

Nothing feels better than taking in a deep breath of fresh air when one is deep in a forest surrounded by evergreens. With the brutal winter finally coming to a close, now is a perfect time to enjoy the outdoors. One of the best ways to do this is to go on bike rides, especially taking advantage of Michigan’s State Parks. Long walks through sunshine and green trees can bring out the best in anyone and are also an excellent way to bond with nature.

The proximity of Michigan’s biggest attractions, including Lake Michigan and the Sleeping Bear Dunes make them a fantastic spot to enjoy the coming springtime. Local recreational areas, such as Maybury State Park and Kensington Metropark, are also places to enjoy outside.

Unfortunately, it will be rare for future generations to experience and explore the plethora of what Mother Earth has to offer us if humans continue to strictly focus on money, power and unnecessary drama.

The earth is a precious gift to humans. Everyone should try harder to protect it because of the climate change and clear signs of habitat destruction that are occurring. Little things like recycling paper and pop cans help, and turning off water and heat when not in use can make a difference. One can also car-pool or drive less often to save gasoline, and people should invest in products that use alternative energy if they can afford it.

Earth Day only officially

happens once a year, but that does not mean people should stop being conscious of their surroundings all other days. Spending time in nature is important because it can take people away from the stresses that technology can cause and can bring people together with outdoor activities and

more. Life outside will only continue to be luxurious with the help of all individuals, so make sure to participate in Earth Day practices every day.



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Embrace change



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Life never goes in
reverse, so look
forward to the
future

As the winter semester school days spiral to an end and spring arises, everyone is preparing for changes. Those graduating are likely getting ready to transfer to a university or enter the work force full-time, while others may be planning to take summer classes, partake in an internship or relax until next fall comes around. Change is inevitable, natural and normal, but one’s attitude towards life

alternations determines their ultimate success.

People are often resistant to variations in their life for fear of the unknown. As time never stops, is it unavoidable for long-term changes, such as physical appearance, as well as short-term alterations, like one’s class schedule. While putting on a fresh pair of pants every day is not detrimental to one’s well being, career and education shifts bring knowledge and new experiences that shape one’s life.

Unfortunately, many people fear upcoming change, such as the end of one’s last sporting season or semester at a school. They often are dreadful of certain aspects of life never being the same, but these people should realize that staying at a standstill is not healthy or productive. After a big step forward, one uses past experiences to gain better understanding, resulting in wisdom. Even after a downfall, people can turn the worst times into a life lesson.

Optimism is key. If outcomes of actions are not going as

planned, it is okay to get frustrated, but make sure to keep an open mind. It is said that when one door closes, another opens; this applies to all of life’s obstacles. One never wants to miss an open door with opportunity on the other side because of sadness or other emotions resulting from a loss.

It is known that not all changes are positive though, as suffering the death of a loved one and other inevitable circumstances often cause depression or a lost state of mind. Losing a relative often brings other family members closer together though, which builds a support system, helping all see a better future.

As one ages, they look back at all the good happenings in their life that resulted from past adjustments. For both expected and unexpected changes, one gains personal growth, flexibility, life values, inner strength, opportunities and new beginnings.

In times of doubt, remember that change is natural. Unplanned outcomes of situations are not the end of the

world, and beneficial results occur out of every situation. Expect the unexpected, and be able to adapt to any life circumstance with a positive attitude rather than rejecting constant, unstoppable change. Second chances are rare and time only goes forward, so look on the bright side to allow easy transitions throughout life’s many phases.

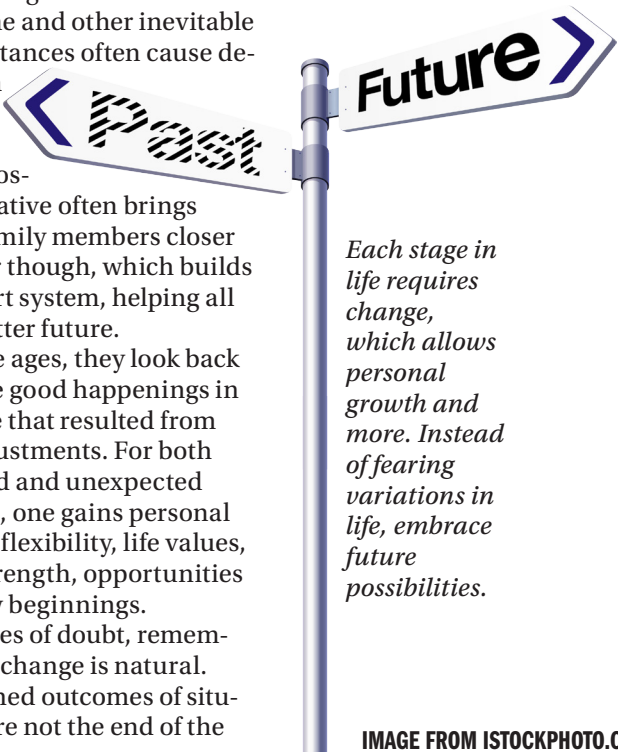


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Banning butt cheeks



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Yoga pants should be outlawed

Recently, Montana Republican state representative David Moore proposed House Bill 365, which prohibits public nudity and “any device, costume or covering that gives the appearance of or simulates the genitals, pubic hair, anus re-

gion or pubic hair region.” This means that yoga pants would be outlawed, which is a great proposal for many reasons. Yoga pants can be quite comfortable and may appear more formal than baggy sweatpants, but there are endless opportunities for possible malfunctions with these “pants.” One, many yoga pants are cheap, and are therefore made from cheap material. Guess what: that means the material is often see through. While this may be terrific for fellas standing behind a lady with a nice behind, imagine what it is like when the derriere is not so nice. Even if the fellow is lucky, the woman is being objectified into two butt cheeks when her pants are see-through, and that poorly reflects women wearing yoga pants. Fellas

may love see-through pants, but they objectify the woman. Two, with the cheap material, yoga pants often rip as well. Considering that these “pants” are comfortable and cheap, possibly meaning the owner is poor, it is probable that owner will not discard of her holey pants until they are but napkins on her legs. This again is a trashy presentation, because the holes are usually on the seams, either on the inside of the upper thigh, close to the crotch, or directly across the butt crack. Three, some girls buy sizes that are far too small for them, but somehow manage to squeeze into (most likely with petroleum jelly). It is as if some women attempt to fit about seven pounds into a five-pound bag; it can fit, but it should not. Ladies should imagine that if they bought jeans that are as small and tight as their yoga pants, they would have major muffin tops.

Nobody wants a muffin top, so why would someone flirt so closely with that danger with yoga pants? It is scary business. A plus to this proposal is, according to the Great Falls Tribune, Moore elaborated men should not wear Speedos or show their nipples in public. Nobody really wants to see the package or man boobs. Viewing this much of a man’s body can sometimes be funny for brief encounters, but usually is a little uncomfortable. Please, keep those hairy nips under shirts and the junk under roomy pants, gentlemen. Although most of Moore’s suggestions in the proposal are terrific for the safety of children’s eyes, he goes a bit far on not having a problem for people getting arrested for indecent exposure, wearing tight beige clothing and other provocative clothing. A little ticket would do the trick. Stay covered, and stay classy.

Passionate beauty



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No sport can compare to ice hockey

No other sport requires the combination of strength, finesse, grit, speed, hand-eye coordination, vision, stamina, awareness, composure, flexibility, creativity and passion in the way hockey does. The ice is a realm where

players become free. Skaters can travel in any direction while moving the puck hundreds of feet in just seconds. Everything on the ice is unpredictable, always keeping opponents on their toes as players wait to react to their counterpart’s moves. Players will do anything to support their team. Whether it’s diving face first in front of a slap shot or squeezing every last bit of energy they have out of their body to clear the puck out of their zone, hockey players put their bodies on the line for the love of the game. Their passion for their teammates and winning carries them through the pain. A prime example of this grit came earlier this NHL season, when New York Rangers forward Kevin Klein had half of his ear cut off by a high stick in the first period of a game, had the part of his ear reattached

during the intermission, and returned to score the game winning goal in overtime of the same game. In no other sport would a player even consider returning to the game after losing a part of their ear, but in hockey, even missing teeth and large gashes don’t stop players from doing what they love. Goalies leave their bodies vulnerable to projectiles flying at them from all angles, and they do anything in their power, from sprawling across an open net to snagging glove save. They are among the most flexible people in the world, and their reaction time to incoming pucks is quicker than the time a batter in baseball has to see an incoming pitch. Even a shot in hockey is beautiful. The flex of the stick and the pure power put into the shot, causing a frozen piece of vulcanized rubber to fly 100mph through the air towards a target that is normally no larger than ones fist, capture viewers’ attention.

Hockey is also one of the only sports where cowards are not accepted. Players must take responsibility for their actions on the ice in the form of physical punishment from the other team. If a player wants to get a loose puck in the corner, that player knows that an opponent will slam their body down to the ice just to get that puck. If players get in disagreements or a “dirty” play happens, they drop the gloves and engage in fisticuffs. No other sport allows players to legally square up and duke it out without a major penalty and fine. Football is tough and requires power, basketball requires conditioning and coordination, baseball requires speed, power and hand-eye coordination, but hockey requires it all. The athletes who play this sport with passion and grit make it the most entertaining sport to watch and the most fun to play.

Equal treatment for all



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University of Oklahoma was wrong in expelling students

In regards to free speech, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly states, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech.” It appears as though the administration at the University of Oklahoma failed their government classes back in college. On March 10, University of Oklahoma President David L.

Boren announced the expulsion of two fraternity students after a video on the Internet showed them leading racist chants against African-Americans on a bus ride. “I have a message for those who have misused their freedom of speech in this way,” said Boren at a rally in Norman, Oklahoma. “My message to them is: You’re disgraceful. You have violated every principle this university stands for.” My question to Boren is, why the double standard when dealing with disciplinary issues at his campus? Oklahoma admitted wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham to the team after he was kicked out of Missouri for pushing a woman down a flight of stairs and making verbal threats to another. Back in August, star running back Joe Mixon punched a female student in the face during an altercation, breaking her nose and a cheekbone in the process, as well as fracturing her jaw and

an orbital bone near one of her eyes. Mixon was suspended for the football season, but was able to regularly attend classes like any other student. What did President Boren say in response to Mixon’s assault? “We hope that our students will all learn from those standards, but at the same time, we believe in second chances so that our students can learn and grow from life’s experiences.” So Boren comes down with the hammer when there is inappropriate speech, but is open to second chances concerning violence? Interesting. Now, by no means were the fraternity students’ words good, and they should not go without discipline. However, Oklahoma violated the students’ first amendment rights to free speech, and the university should not have the authority to expel them. Hate speech is still free speech, and although what they said is highly condemnable, it is not against the law. What is against the law is violence against other students and human beings, and that is where President Boren

and Americans should focus their attention. Unfortunately, America seems to punish words more than actions these days, and it is not the right way for a healthy society to function. What kind of precedent are we setting for future generations with decisions like this? Future generations will think it is okay to break rules and physically abuse other human beings as long as the offender is involved in a source of entertainment, like football or acting. However, if they are a “normal” student, they can be expelled for speaking in a way that the university disagrees with, even if their words do not result in action. Boren, like many other authority figures across the country, have backwards views on punishment. Instead of punishing the people who actually commit crimes so they can learn from their mistakes, most universities have a zero-tolerance policy for speech that they don’t agree with. Ask yourselves America, what is more dangerous: words or actions?

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Tips for moving out for the first time

In almost every young adult’s life, there comes a time where one must move out of their parents’ home. This event, although exciting, is not easy. Many steps have to be followed in order to make sure an individual succeeds with their first place and does not end up moving back with their parents’.

First, find what apartments or houses can be rented in the area one plan to moves to. It is always smart to have back up options in case the first choice does not work out. Keep in mind that apartments often provide tenants with Wi-Fi and a few other basic appliances, while houses may not.

Make sure to add what the total monthly expenditures will be, as monetary costs are the most important factor in decision making. Once one is sure that they can afford rent, utilities, gas, food and still be able to put some money into savings each month, it is time to move forward with the decision.

While preparing to move in, students should make a list of everything they need, from household items to clothing. Then, they must thoroughly clean their bedroom. Crossing items off the shopping list based on what one finds as they clean can save a lot of money.

Students should take to local thrift stores, garage sales or dollar stores for dish-ware and utensils. Often, thrift stores will have gently used televisions and furniture to purchase at greatly reduced prices.

However, furniture should not be purchased until officially moved in, especially if it is from a thrift store. Students need to make sure to measure the doors that larger items, such as couches, will need to fit through and make sure they can easily lift it with the help of one or two friends.

Once all of the furnishings are in the apartment, students also need to plan out their eating habits. Being busy between classes, working and homework puts many students in the mindset that the McDonald’s right around the corner is a perfect dinner option. It is extremely easy to gain weight and spend too much money with this mindset. Planning out times to eat and setting a specific budget for grocery purchases helps students keep their health and bank accounts in check.

It is important for students to move out only when they are sure they are ready, otherwise they may end up back with their parents. Following these steps can help students build a steady foundation for a successful academic career and a responsible work ethic.

The store next door



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Give back to the community by shopping local

The principal beacons of American society have become golden arches, and practically any store ending in mart. But are these stores coming at the detriment of the classic American ideals of community and togetherness? Communities have the option to revitalize both closeness and uniqueness by maintaining local shops and restaurants. In turn, these companies serve to encourage economic and social welfare of communities.

Local businesses have a more immediate impact on the well-being of the economy when customers choose them over the well-known big-box stores. This is in part due to the fact that money they take in is more easily and instantly recirculated when it goes through local businesses.

Also, by putting the focus of commerce on companies locally, there is a ripple effect for other industries in the neighborhood economy. Local businesses receive resources from other nearby industries such as farms, en-

hancing the success of their endeavors as well.

Another plus is the heightened customer service at local businesses. Owners are more hands-on with their customer relationships, encouraging a more familial one with their employees and customers. These businesses offer more of an immediate connection, working with the customer and presenting them with a variety of merchandise. Small businesses frequently have more unique product options than the big-box stores, as they need to differentiate themselves.

Some of the most popular businesses in the Detroit Metro area are small businesses. Schoolcraft is located by plenty of locally owned shops and restaurants, including Bella Mia in Plymouth, Nico and Vali in Plymouth and the Great Harvest Bread Company in Northville. All of these stores and restaurants offer unique qualities that could not be found at chains, from one of kind clothing pieces to homemade bread. Around this time of year, farmers markets, such as Schmidt’s Roadside in Canton, are also opening, and they sell fresher and more locally grown fruits and veggies than their chain store counterparts.

To reignite a sense of community within towns, it is imperative to give support to local businesses. Owners of local businesses are more charitable within the local community in contrast to chain stores and restaurants. They often take on roles as strong community leaders and encourage the character and livelihood of a community. As a result, the businesses bring about a special character feel to the towns they are in.

Small businesses help interlink neighbors and seemingly bring back the nostalgia of America’s past into its future, so investing locally rather than at big-box chains benefits both oneself and the surrounding community.

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Ocelot Opinions

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Megan Richardson
Major: Nursing
“Making an effort to recycle, reusing anything when I can and preserving my resources”



Lucas Stchure
Major: Private Security
“I am a hunter. I believe that hunting is the best way to keep the environment in a balanced order.”



Rebecca Paul
Major: Animation
“I prioritize recycling at home, reducing the amount of paper, water and energy I use. I really believe in moving to digital.”



Kyle Donehue
Major: Programming
“Find a way to have everyone work together to solve issues and increase the power the United Nations has on countries policies”



April West
Major: Video Game Design
“Making and enforcing rules for people to clean up after themselves”



Luis Santiago
Major: Engineering
“Recycle and use less energy”



Sam Tracey
Major: Firefighting/Paramedic
“I plan on saving the people, so they can save the earth.”



Clarissa Berg
Major: Dietetics
“Instead of buying water bottles, I reuse one.”



Justin McBride
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“Eat local, reduce population, think green”

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Occupying Michigan

Earth Day Celebration focuses on invasive species

BY LAUREN LUKENS
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Aliens may not be proven to exist, but invasive species are a real and serious matter. Native animal and plant species are threatened in Michigan due to their harmful counterparts. This year's annual Earth Day Celebration, themed "Invasive Species in Michigan," will be held on Monday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the DiPonio Room, located in the VisTaTech Center.

"You may already be familiar with the Emerald Ash Borer, a small insect which has devastated ash trees across the country over the past ten years at a cost of billions of dollars to lo-

cal communities. As educators, we play an important role in helping our students to become aware of the history, control methods and prevention of invasive species in Michigan and across the globe," said Caroline McNutt, Associate Professor of Biology and Chair of the 2015 Earth Day Celebration Planning Committee. "This is also an opportunity for students to learn more about potential internships and careers from passionate professionals working in science and environmental fields."

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Honors Program students will present hands-on activities, such as the opportunity to create one's own Earth Day t-shirt. Various

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government agencies and local non-profit organizations will have interesting display tables, and this is a great opportunity for those interested in Biological Conservation and related fields to network.

Schoolcraft College students who previously registered will present posters related to the event's theme, competing for two \$250 Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarships. Those eligible must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at Schoolcraft and plan to enroll for a minimum of six additional credits in spring, summer or fall 2015. A panel of judges will determine a winner.

"It [invasive species] is a very, very important environmental

issue. It has a deep ecological and environmental impact on the state," said Michael Orick, Schoolcraft Professor of Biology. "For example, even though you don't think you are impacted by Asian Carp, you are because you spend more money on fish that are caught in the Great Lakes."



FILE PHOTO

Joe Rogers, founder of the Wildlife Recovery Association, has been influenced by nature his whole life. At Birds of Prey events, he showcases and teaches about Michigan raptors.

At 1 p.m., attention will focus on a Birds of Prey presentation by Joe Rogers from the Wildlife Recovery Association, located in Shepherd, MI. Several live raptors, all which were rescued from danger, will come with Rogers. Viewers will get a chance to see the birds up close and even touch a few.

"He [Rogers] is quite entertaining, and his passion for his important work is truly inspiring," said McNutt. Rogers, a Midland County resident, army veteran, bachelor of Biology from Central Michigan University (CMU) and retired park ranger, founded the Wildlife Recovery Association in 1979, but the

group started informally many years before. The association is primarily supported through membership fees and private donations.

"My parents were into it, so I started at a young age. Since founded, we have mainly worked with CMU students, but also students around Michigan, including at Schoolcraft," said Rogers. "In the long run, education is most important. If we don't value wildlife, we won't be able to save it."

Schoolcraft has partnered with the Wildlife Recovery Association for over 15 years by hosting Birds of Prey shows, building hundreds of birdhouses around Michigan and more.

If one is unable to make it to the showing at 1 p.m., another presentation will occur at 6 p.m. in the DiPonio Room. Schoolcraft students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend, and the public is welcome.

Although small, the Emerald Ash Borer is detrimental to Michigan's ecosystems. The insect is an exotic, invasive species that infests and kills North American ash trees.



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Second time around

One of Schoolcraft's first students has returned for more

BY CASEY SAMYN
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Tom Shipley is not the typical Schoolcraft student. Sure, he gets up, drives himself to school and works out in the fitness center like other students, but Shipley has one claim to fame that many students do not; he also attended Schoolcraft in the 1960s as well. Shipley was 17 then, and had just graduated from Bentley High School in Livonia. Shipley earned his associates degree in 1966 and since then, he has learned quite a bit.

Now, at 68 years old, Shipley has a degree in secondary education from Western Michigan University, a degree in political science from the University of Maryland, a Masters in education from the University of Southern California and a business degree from the University of Michigan.

Once he graduated from Western, Shipley got a draft notice and served the Navy for 30 years. During his time,

Shipley served as a Cryptologic Technician, working for a national security agency and was stationed in Spain, California, Japan, Korea and Hawaii. He also worked for the Department of Homeland Security as a Healthcare and Public Health Specialist for 10 years as well. With all that experience under the belt, Shipley is still hungry for more knowledge and has returned to Schoolcraft for more education.

"Education shows a potential employer that here is someone who can learn, is willing to postpone immediate rewards for greater long term rewards and is more open minded to new ideas and ways of doing things," said Shipley. "The markets can go bust, the economy can turn south and you can lose everything, but what you have learned stays with you forever."

Although a lot has changed on Schoolcraft's campus since 1966, Shipley says the teachers are just as helpful today

as they were then. Currently, Shipley is taking instructor Ellen Moucoulis's Watercolor 212 class.

"I think he sets an example for the other students in that he is always here, on task and on time," said Moucoulis. "Because of his life in the service, he's very disciplined in all of his endeavors. I think that his generation, which is also my generation, values diligence and his life has been an example of how well that works."

Shipley keeps his mind sharp in school, but often spends his mornings working out in the fitness center to keep his body healthy as well. In his free time, he travels, goes camping, hangs with his dog and enjoys anything involving computers.

Through Shipley's journey, he has gained wisdom and offers students his advice.

"One thing I'd recommend for students is the need for communication. Once you get out into the world, especially if you're working for the govern-



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR

Tom Shipley works on his current project in his Watercolor 212 class with instructor Ellen Moucoulis. Shipley holds degrees from various universities throughout the United States.

ment, it means team work, and it's talking to each other and communicating," said Shipley. "Education also makes you aware that the more you learn, the more you realize that there is a heck of a lot that you don't know, so you never stop learning."

Shipley is a great example of how the love for learning never dies for some people. He is a man with many accomplish-

ments and has seen much of the world. Since returning to the place that started his career and success, Shipley said, "There is an old Chinese proverb that I learned from Mr. Welsh, who taught Western Civilization when Schoolcraft first opened, that I still remember, 'Those who know do not speak. Those who speak do not know,' by Tao Te Ching."



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ABOVE: Newly in love, Catherine and Rodolpho look through magazines, giggle and get to know each other.

TOP RIGHT: Before two Sicilian immigrants move in, Eddie and Catherine have a close, friendly relationship.



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BOTTOM RIGHT: When the immigration bureau arrives at their apartment, Catherine tries to protect her future husband, Rodolpho. While Marco obeys the officer's orders, Rodolpho is more resistant to the arrest.



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Overprotective obstacles

Family and morals conflict with love in “A View from the Bridge”

BY LAUREN LUKENS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Living in an apartment in 1955 on the bay, seaward from the Brooklyn Bridge, longshoreman Eddie Carbone resides happily with his wife, Beatrice, and their niece, Catherine. Unknowing what to expect, the family welcomes Beatrice’s two Sicilian immigrant cousins, Marco and Rodolpho, to illegally stay with them while the cousins work on the nearby pier for a few months.

“Having illegal immigrants come into your house that you’ve never known, a whole bunch of different conflicts arise,” said Ronya Mallad, University of Michigan student and Schoolcraft alum who plays Catherine.

While Marco sends every dime he earns back to his wife and children in Italy, Rodolpho has no attached strings and intends to stay around.

Because Eddie has no kids of his own, he is protective of 17-year-old Catherine and has never allowed her to go out freely with friends, especially not boys. When she and Rodolpho strike up a romance, Eddie shows his attachment to his niece and tries to keep them apart. After confessing their love and commitment to each other, Catherine and Rodolpho plan to get married, making Eddie outraged.

“I like to think the best part of the play is the chemistry between everyone in the show. I look at it as there is no real star in the show, but a strong ensemble cast,” said Mark Phillips, a Livonia resident who plays the role of Eddie. “I love the chemistry between Catherine and I. Even a few scenes between me and Rodolpho work tension-wise.”

Eddie seeks the help of his lawyer, Mrs. Alfieri, several times, but she stresses that there is nothing legally or morally that she can do for him. Frustrated, he calls the immigration bureau and reports both Marco and Rodolpho. After the bureau shows up at the

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apartment and arrests both men, they are relieved to be bailed out by an unsuspected acquaintance; the wedding is on.

“Catherine has compassion for Eddie, and in the end, I tell Eddie how wrong he is. Hopefully the audience can relate to that and understand that there are good parts about him and he does have good intentions, but he’s also selfish,” said Bridget Coletta, a Schoolcraft sophomore who plays the role of Mrs. Alfieri.

Still furious about the marriage, Eddie demands an apology from Marco and Rodolpho. An attention-grabbing, action-packed ending leaves the audience in awe.

“I like the ending. Everybody is on stage at the same time at that point. I guess you’ll have to see it to find out why,” said Director Jason Kallas.

This is Kallas’ second show as director for Schoolcraft College Theatre, but he has been involved in over ten shows with Professor James Hartman, the previous director, spanning more than 18 years.

“There were new elements because I’ve been a part of this show from the very beginning. Auditions were completely different this time because I got to actually pick the cast, versus the last show where the cast was pre-chosen. That added a new dimension to the decision-making process,” said Kallas.

Kallas, a 10-person cast and a four-women stage crew put their theatrical hearts and minds together to create an unforgettable reenactment of Arthur Miller’s tragedy, “A View from the Bridge.”



Eddie seeks the help of his lawyer, Mrs. Alfieri, and shames her when she admits she cannot solve his problem. She explains he is being selfish.

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Turn of the millennium

The age of media and continued progression

BY CASEY SAMYN AND LAUREN LUKENS
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Wikipedia, Myspace, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube were some of the billions of websites that existed in the 2000s. The world was catching up to present day standards, and so was Schoolcraft College.

Dr. Richard McDowell retired in 2001, and Schoolcraft's current president, Dr. Conway Jeffress, replaced him. His goal as a new college president was to transform the college to better serve the students, and he has done just that.

Schoolcraft's major addition this decade was the Biomedical Technology Center (BTC).

"The BTC building, planned and constructed under Dr. Jeffress' administration, opened in the fall of 2008," said Bonita Taylor, Schoolcraft professor. "Classroom facilities include the SimLab for health care professionals, a cellular/molecular microbiology lab, a Scanning Electron Microscope lab and an anatomy and physiology lab with instructional resources."

The nursing program took off with top-notch medical equipment provided in the building. Student study areas, full-time faculty offices and

computer labs are also highlights of this establishment.

"The psychology classes I had there were the starting point of a real interest in psychology. I really liked the professors I had, as well as the subject. I went for my preliminary classes and realized how much I loved psychology at the same time," said Susanna Taylor, who first attended Schoolcraft in 2008 and currently lives in Pontiac, MI. "I will never forget dissecting a pig in my bio class."

Along with various academic improvements, sports teams and clubs gained further support. The first of Schoolcraft iconic Ocelot statue, located between the library and Forum, was donated in 2004, and the second, located in front of the Physical Education building, was donated in 2008. The second ocelot is named Owen, which means "young fighter" in Celtic, and the name was chosen by Tyler Lidemier, who won an ocelot naming competition.

"My favorite memories are of the time spent with the Schoolcraft Bowling team and Phi Theta Kappa members," said Tayler Seroke, a

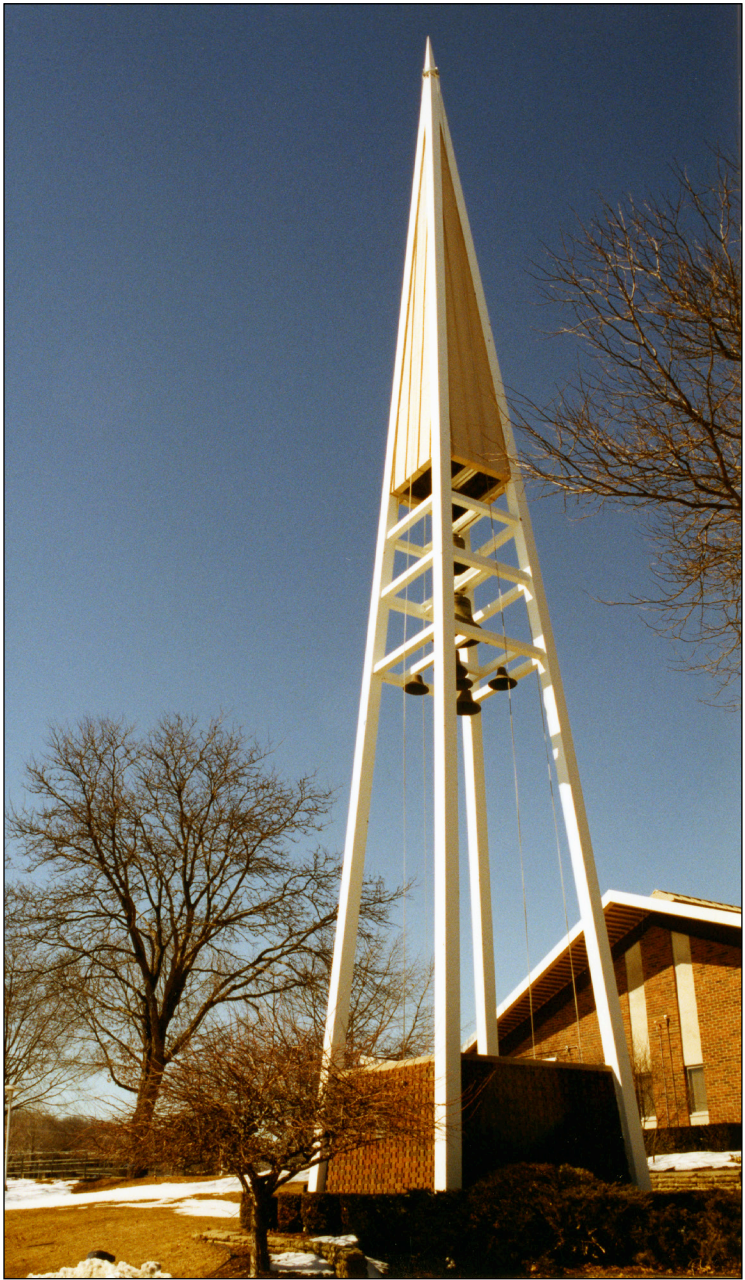
Schoolcraft alumnus who first attended Schoolcraft in 2008.

"I encourage Schoolcraft students to get involved in everything they possibly can while at Schoolcraft. It will help you prosper throughout the future and you will make some great lifelong friends in the process."

While sports and extracurricular activities continued to gain interest throughout the years, academic programs were rigorous. Schoolcraft was used as a stepping stone to a university, much like students did in the 1960s and still do today.

"Schoolcraft helped me realize what direction I wanted to go in, which led me to pursue a degree in business," said Seroke. "Professor Susan Ontko's classes really helped guide in drawing up a plan to start my own business someday."

The millennial age was only beginning, but this was a crucial decade for the transition into a technological era. While this is recent history, the advancements in the 2010s would not be possible without the foundation that continued to strengthen in the 2000s.



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The bell tower is a symbol of Schoolcraft that is as equally important as the Ocelot. It is one of the few original assets of the campus left today.



ABOVE: Schoolcraft's current president, Dr. Conway Jeffress, assumed the position in 2001. He has held the office for the second longest period of time out of all four presidents, with McDowell holding the record for 20 years.



Schoolcraft has two Ocelot statues placed on campus, but many iconic ocelot images are found all around campus. Ocelots are known for being independent and powerful cats.



RIGHT: In 2002, Phi Theta Kappa was made up of (left to right back) Anna Morgan, Stacey Whipple, unknown and advisor Sherry Springer. (left to right front) Josie Boore, Carolyn Verla and unknown.

Final preparations

College hosts Grad Fair for graduates

BY REBECCA BREAZEALE
STAFF WRITER

With just over three weeks left in the semester, many students are anticipating graduation. Planning can be a lot of work for senior students. Thankfully, the Grad Fairs will be taking place at the Livonia campus bookstore on April 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and then at the Radcliff campus in Garden City on April 9 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Graduating students have the opportunity to purchase their cap and gown for \$20, pick up to six tickets for friends and family and order announcements and other commemorative items while attending the fair.

"The Grad Fair is for students that have already completed a graduation application with an advisor or counselor. There is still time complete a graduation application in the counseling center if it hasn't been done already," said Sheba Oliver, Graduation Records Coordinator for Schoolcraft.

While it is not mandatory, students are urged to attend graduation.

"There are three things that are significant. One, it gives my family a reason to celebrate, they've been so good and my biggest fans. Second,

Grad Fair
Tuesday, April 7
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Livonia Campus Bookstore

Thursday, April 9
1 to 7 p.m.
Radcliff Center Bookstore

you're celebrating for the last time with people you've gone through two and a half years with, and third, it gives me a sense of pride and a sense of completion," said Marie Walker, a Schoolcraft student who will be graduating in May.

Additionally, Phi Theta Kappa members need to make sure their cap and gown are ordered separately through the Student Activities Office by April 3 in order to procure their honors regalia. Otherwise, they are not available after that time.

If a student misses both Grad Fairs, they should visit the main campus bookstore between April 10 and May 8 to order their cap, gown, tickets and commemorative items. Students who wish to get more information may call 734-462-4677 or visit schoolcraft.edu/graduation.



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Students who have worked hard to get their associates degree deserve a chance to celebrate. Attending one of the Grad Fairs is the first step towards graduating.



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YOUNG RISING METAL ACT

New Jersey's Toothgrinder impresses

BY AUSTIN VICARS
STAFF WRITER

New Jersey's progressive metal band with an aggressive edge, Toothgrinder, is becoming one of the genre's best young groups. The band is reminiscent to bands like Between The Buried and Me, The Dillinger Escape Plan and Converge; a chaotic and heavy weighted sound is displayed in their tracks. The use of odd time signatures, constantly changing song structure and harsh vocals gives Toothgrinder a unique sound.

The band caught the attention of metal-heads when they released their EP "Schizophrenic Jubilee" at the end of last year, and they are geared to release a full-length album soon.

After a show in Grand Rapids, vocalist Justin Matthews

said, "We're going in with about 18 to 19 songs," talking about the future record. "[We're] probably going to pick the best 12 out of those."

The band is hitting the studio with producer Taylor Larson (Periphery, Capture the Crown, Darkest Hour and I, The Breather) in April. There has been no announced release date for the upcoming album, but fans will most likely see the record hit stores and the Internet later this year.

Toothgrinder recently finished a tour with Fallujah, Revocation and The Contortionist and is geared up to go on tour again in May with 36 Crazyfists and Sleepwave.

Translating the energetic music to a live show is expressed well. The band demon-

strated their energetic live stage presence at The Intersection in Grand Rapids as a part of their latest tour on Feb. 27. Matthews was lively and involved, running around stage and jumping into the crowd several times. Despite being the opening band of the tour, Toothgrinder received a strong response from the crowd for their quality songs and live show.

The group had a successful 2014, and this year is looking to make it even better. Appealing to both progressive metal and hardcore fans, metal band enthusiasts are going to need to keep an eye open for New Jersey's Toothgrinder in 2015.

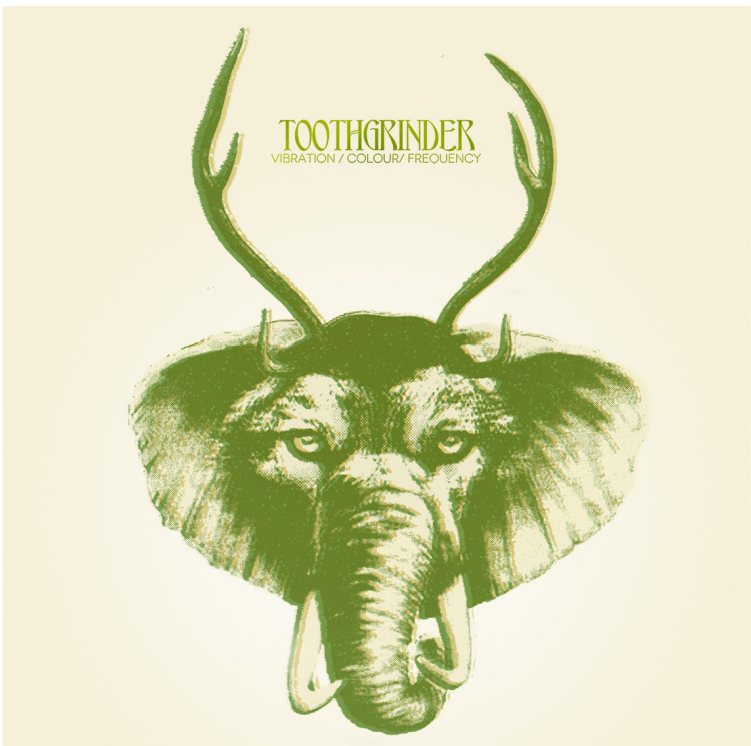


IMAGE FROM THEAGEOFMETAL.COM

Rising metal band, Toothgrinder, preformed in Grand Rapids at The Intersection while on tour with Fallujah, Revocation and The Contorist. The band is currently working on a full-length album.

No comparison to the classics

Madonna attempts a new sound in recent album

BY AMANDA KOCHANOWSKI
STAFF WRITER



Madonna's new album "Rebel Heart" was released on March 10 under Boy Toy Inc. The new release marks Madonna's 13th album, beginning with her self-titled album in 1983.

The new record contains 19 new songs, almost double what artists usually put on an album. Madonna also brought in some guest stars to help give her music a more popular sound. Featured artists include Nicki Minaj, Chance the Rapper, Mike Tyson and Nas.

"Living for Love" was released as the first promotional single late December of last year. The song exhibits true Madonna fashion, with a bit of an 80s sound. Die-hard fans will appreciate the artist staying true to herself and sticking to the well-known sound of Madonna, while new listeners may appreciate the 80s

influence that has started to become popular.

The singer performed her new song on both the 87th Grammy Awards and at the 2015 BRIT awards. While many praised her for the auto-tune free performance at the Grammy's, Madonna suffered a wardrobe malfunction that caused her to fall down a flight of stairs at the BRIT's. The star used her Instagram to tell fans that she was okay.

"Ghosttown" was released as the second single from the new album just three days after it was released. The song features a more modern beat, utilizing echoing and heavy bass that is sure to help Madonna gain new fans. The single is catchy and has sentimental, loving lyrics.

While Madonna used tracks "Devil Pray," "B*tch I'm Madonna feat. Nicki Minaj" and "Inside Out" to try to modernize her style, the songs did not quite get her there due to her distinctive 80s voice. These songs are comparable to the

style of Lady Gaga. The best songs, however, are the ones that showcase Madonna's own sound, such as "Hold Tight," "Joan of Ark" and "Wash All Over Me."

Anything Madonna releases is bound to be futile with such an amazing career already behind her. While 2008's "Hard Candy" collaboration with Justin Timberlake came close, nothing Madonna releases will be able to pass the anthems that 1984's "Like a Virgin" contained.

Madonna will set out on her tenth tour, the "Rebel Heart Tour," starting in late August. The show will come to Joe Louis Arena on Oct. 1, and tickets are available starting on March 23. Tickets range from \$53- \$358 not including fees.

The album "Rebel Heart," adorned with a parental advisory, is available now for purchase. For more information about the superstar, her discography or the "Rebel Heart Tour," visit madonna.com.



IMAGE FROM DISCOPOPHEAVEN.COM

Madonna's latest album, released March 10, features many artisrts such as Nicki Minaj, Chance the Rapper, Mike Tyson and Nas, who contribute to her new sound.

Collaboration of two

Badbadnotgood and Ghostface Killah release compilation album

BY AUSTIN VICARS
STAFF WRITER



"Sour Soul" is a collaboration album from Canadian hip-hop/jazz group Badbadnotgood and former Wu-Tang Clan member Ghostface Killah. The collaboration album, "Sour Soul" was released Feb. 24, despite a strong performance by Badbadnotgood, Ghostface Killah leaves something to desire.

Strictly instrumental, the Canadian trio Badbadnotgood consists of drums, keys and bass. The group takes a blend of jazz and hip-hop to lay down some of the most musical beats the genre has seen in a long time. The live instrumentals give "Sour Soul" a dynamic and cohesive feel from start to finish and create an excellent canvas for Ghostface Killah to rhyme over. While Ghostface does most the rapping over the instrumentals, there are guest features in the album including Danny Brown, Elzhi, Tree and DOOM. Standout tracks are "Six Degrees feat. Danny Brown" and "Ray Gun feat.

DOOM," both demonstrating strong performances by both Badbadnotgood and Ghostface Killah.

While Badbadnotgood is on point throughout, Ghostface Killah is not always at his best in the album. Ghostface's performance is not bad, but leaves something to be desired. The lyrics, word play and metaphors are average. It is a shame that Ghostface Killah does not hold up his end of the deal while Badbadnotgood is outstanding.

Clocking in at only thirty-three minutes in length, the album is rather short with only 12 tracks—three instrumental. The lack of musical content found on the album holds "Sour Soul" back from being successful.

Despite strong work from Badbadnotgood, "Sour Soul" stands as a decent hip-hop release, but not a great one. The record is not the best, but fails to reach its full potential and ends up being a mixed package. It is an album with sensational instrumentals accompanied by weak rhymes due to Ghostface Killah, "Sour Soul" is an alright record that could have been amazing.



IMAGE FROM SPEAKERTV.COM

A short collaboration album from Ghostface Killah and Badbadnotgood was released Feb. 24.



IMAGE FROM CDN4LEXPROJECTS.COM

Spring wardrobe additions

Clothing and accessories to enhance one’s collection

BY ELIZABETH CHAPA
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The transition of the season brings one to a start of change, not just into warmer weather, but as a time to revitalize the wardrobe. Spring calls for a new style, including bright colors and fresh items. Spruce up the closet in upcoming months with these clothing items and accessories.



IMAGE FROM GLAMRADAR.COM

LADIES

TWO PIECE FLORAL OUTFIT

Warmer weather calls for dresses and rompers. Rather than a one piece, replace the typical floral dress by having a matching floral two-piece. A short cap sleeve top should be matched with a skirt or shorts of the same pattern. It will look like a one piece when worn, so being two pieces adds a different element.

PRINTED MOTO JACKET

It is not summer yet; nightfall is still cold. The evening chill makes it necessary to wear a jacket. A leather jacket is stepping away from the winter get together, but still provides the protection needed. Rather than having a neutral color such as black, consider a printed version. Think of a white with floral print or a busy aztec print; it will add bright color and an edge to finish off an outfit.

SPRING HAT

An essential accessory for this upcoming change of season is a felt floppy hat or a wider brim straw hat. Felt hats are fashionable when wearing a maxi dress or shorts and a neutral top. When wearing straw material hats, floral or bright prints in an outfit balance out the color scheme.

LEFT: A bright floral two piece is an essential to have in the closet this season.

RIGHT: A versatile clothing piece for guys are tailored shorts, as they offer many ways to wear them.



IMAGE FROM THEFASHIONISTO.COM

GUYS

PRINTED BUTTON UP

Freshen up your wardrobe by replacing the common button-up shirt, usually a plaid print, denim or neutral color, with a big floral button up for spring. A Hawaiian style button-up is bold and busy, so it will look best if it is paired up with khakis. Being adventurous with one’s style can be nice since it is the ideal time for bold changes.

TAILORED SHORTS

Versatile and set to become a fundamental clothing piece for warm weather, tailored shorts are a must for the wardrobe. These however must be worn in a proper way, making sure it is well fitted and the length just a little above the knee. One should also pair it up with the right upper half. These shorts are best paired up with a casual top, such a v-neck or plaid button up. One could dress it up and wear a sports jacket or even the button up dress shirt.

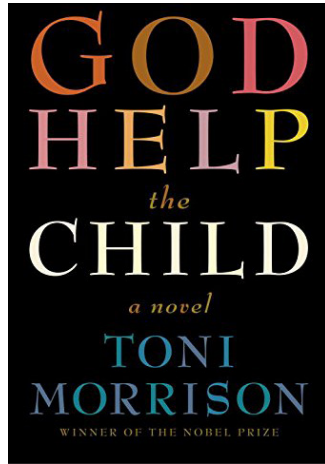
AVIATORS

If sunglasses are not part of your daily outfit during warm weather, consider getting them now. Their purpose it to protect one’s eyes, but sunglasses have become a huge fashion statement. People have different opinions on what best compliments their face, but one could never go wrong with a pair of aviators. They are a classic and can be easily paired up with any warm weather outfit.

If one does not have them already, a pair of aviator sunglasses are a must purchase this spring.



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“God Help the Child”

By Toni Morrison
Genre: Novel
Release date: April 30

Few authors have received as much literary recognition as Toni Morrison. A profound and prolific novelist, Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1988, the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. Many other various awards honor her artistic brilliance in

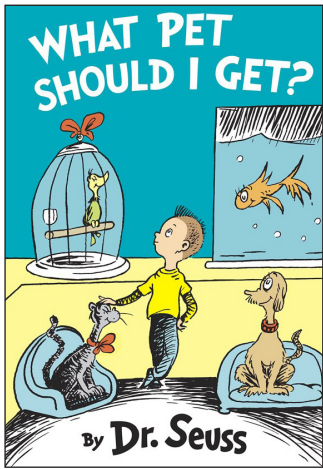
novels like “The Bluest Eye,” “Sula” and “Song of Solomon.” Morrison’s books poetically articulate on African American culture and racism with a distinctly neo-feminist bearing. The latest product of her four-decade writing career, “God Help the Child,” is a novel that will incorporate weighty and biting subject matter, including the effects of abusive parenting and the lingering devastation of deceitful accusation.

“Finders Keepers”

By Stephen King
Genre: Crime Fiction
Release date: June 2

Stephen King, America’s foremost horror author, has penned many frightful classics since the 1970s: “Carrie,” “Pet Sematary,” “Christine,” “The Shining,” “The Green Mile” and “The Dark Tower” series, to name a few. King continues to be a productive writer. His upcoming book, “Finders

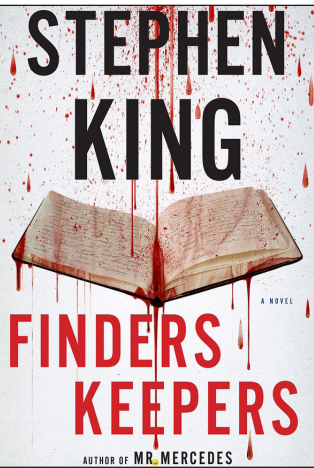
Keepers,” is the second in a detective mystery trilogy. The first installment, “Mister Mercedes,” introduces Detective Bill Hodges as a retired, depressed cop who is drawn back into the investigation of an unresolved murder. The premise of “Finders Keepers” will center on the murder of a popular author and the disappearance of his priceless stash of notebooks, which were hidden away by the killer for 35 years.



“What Pet Should I Get?”

By Doctor Seuss
Genre: Children’s Fiction
Release date: July 28

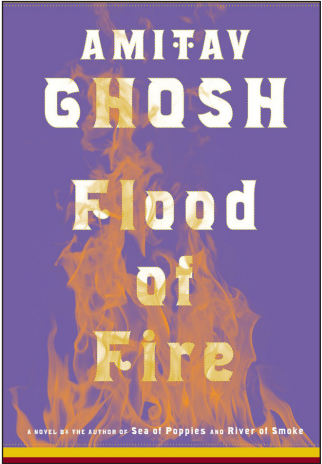
“From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere.” Even twenty years after his death, iconic children’s author Dr. Seuss is still surprising children and adults alike. His characteristic rhyming patterns and whimsical illustrations are universally recognized and adored. Children who grew up with



“Flood of Fire”

By Amitav Ghosh
Genre: Historical Novel
Release date: Aug. 4

The “Ibis Trilogy” by Amitav Ghosh will soon be complete with the release of his new novel, “Flood of Fire.” The Bengali Indian author has drawn from his rich and dramatic native culture to create a book series that showcases the history of the 19th century opium trade between India and



“The Cat in the Hat” or “Horton Hears a Who!” maintain a fond devotion to Seuss’s style, which has evolved from a children’s library staple to a continually adapted and parodied facet of pop culture. Soon, the world will enjoy an enormous treat with the release of a previously unpublished children’s book, “What Pet Should I Get?” Based on a manuscript that was discovered in 2013, the book will include Dr. Seuss’s original story and illustrations.

China. The first two installments, “Sea of Poppies” and “River of Smoke,” introduce the diverse cast of characters who are brought together on the slave ship, “Ibis.” Together or singly, they are recipients of a thrilling array of contemporary dangers and adventure: prison, storms, mutiny, harsh Indian social customs and the Opium War. Lovers of period drama will rejoice to discover the conclusion to an epic that spans the Asian continent.

“Get Hard” gets hysterical

Ferrell and Hart team up in new, raunchy comedy

BY ALEXANDRA CIZEK
STAFF WRITER

Rating: 8 out of 10
Duration: 100 Minutes
Rated: R



Meet James King, played by Will Ferrell, a multimillion-dollar manager of a multimillion hedge fund. James receives anything he wants at the snap of his fingers, from his sexy fiancé, to his multimillion-dollar home complete with an assembly of maids and

gardeners. His fiancé, who is also his boss’s daughter is played by Alison Brie. King’s life is seemingly perfect. He makes expensive deals every morning and basks in the glory of himself. That was all true until King was arrested for fraud and sentenced to ten years in prison at San Quentin. He has one month to prepare.

Now meet Darnell Lewis, a man who washes the cars of King and James colleagues. Darnell needs \$30,000 to buy a house for his family in a better neighborhood and send his

daughter to a school that does not greet students with metal detectors every morning.

Due to stereotyping, King believes that Lewis has had previous experience in prison, giving him the idea to ask Lewis to prepare him for life inside the slammer. In return, King will pay Lewis \$30,000. With no hesitation Darnell agrees to be his personal prison trainer.

Written by Ian Roberts and Jay Martel, directed by Ethan Cohen, the movie “Get Hard,” which was released on March

27 is sure to get any viewer laughing.

Hart and Ferrell are known for their comical abilities, so when teamed up they blow up the audience with hilarity and tears of laughter.

Hart has always done well to appease to the comical side of an audience, and with this film he has not let anyone down. Hart played his character well, using just about every stereotype of African-Americans as he could to allow the film comical authenticity.

Ferrell did an excellent job portraying his character as a stupid, white, rich boy throughout the whole film. He brought his “A” game when it came to presenting the audience with fresh, corny puns

and taking things to a literal extreme. It is safe to say that this is Ferrell’s funniest movie since the 2008 “Stepbrothers.”

The film elicited numerous laughs throughout the crowd during its 100 minute run time. For people who love comedies and raunchy humor, take your friends with you to share some laughs, but families with kids should wait until it comes out on DVD, because it is rated R. The combination of Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell is just enough to make the movie’s seemingly raunchy and immature appearance at prison life a bucket full of depraved fun.

“No Coke, Pepsi!”

The top “Saturday Night Live” sketches over the years

BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

40 years ago, NBC launched what is without a doubt its longest running series in the form of “Saturday Night Live” (SNL). From Dan Aykroyd to Kenan Thompson, SNL has hosted a large quantity of actors and launched countless careers as well. But more memorable than the actors are the recurring skits. Here are the top eight dogs of SNL.

8. “Weekend Update”
Before John Stewart and Stephen Colbert, SNL provided current events with laughs. From Norm McDonald telling us why DC traded in Superman’s iconic blue and red suit for his short-lived electric blue form to the antics of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. SNL can still give the viewers their own take on the week’s events

7. “It’s Pat”
“Meet Pat, a swell...say, what IS Pat, anyway?” Played by Julia Sweeny, the nasally voiced Pat usually tries to go about life, but the people Pat meets try to find out Pat’s gender to no success. As Adam Sandler said in the third to last Pat skit, the joy of skits is not knowing what Pat is, so the mystery of Pat continues.

6. “Toonces”
Do you think old people driving is bad? They got nothing on Toonces. Somehow entrusted with driving, Toonces the cat shows why animals are greater threats behind the wheel than the elderly. He somehow also has knowledge of piloting a spacecraft and driving a horse drawn carriage, neither ending well.

5. “The Church Lady”
Dana Carvey is one of the show’s finest cast members. The absolute worst of Christian stereotypes, Enid Strict (Carvey) hosts a religious talk show “Church Chat” where she brings on guests for an interview. By interview, she calls them out for their sins and bashes them for their lifestyles. Sanctimonious to ridiculous levels and extremely



IMAGE FROM I.YTIMG.COM

One of the greatest SNL sketches, “Wayne’s World,” which featured Mike Meyers and Dana Carvey, not only had success within the show, but ended up with a spin off movie and a sequel movie.

arrogant, the holier-than-thou Enid remains one of Dana Carvey’s most memorable roles and will always serve as a reminder how religious nuts can be hilarious at times.

4. “The Liar”
Before he charmed viewers as the voice of Jay Sherman on “The Critic,” John Lovitz was deceiving others as Tommy Flanagan. A pathological liar through and through, Tommy continually told fibs that would put Pinocchio to shame. Even after Lovitz left the show, viewers still remember the sleazy Tommy and his tall tales.

3. “The Olympia Cafe”
If you are looking for a place for lunch or dinner, stay the hell away from this place. Run by Greek Pete Dionasopolis (the late John Belushi), the cafe is host to a multitude of problems. Among his problems is the vastly limited menu, which only consists of cheeseburgers, chips, and Pepsi. Working is Pete’s incompetent cousin Nico, played by Bill Murray, whose knowledge of English is restricted to “cheeseburger.” Despite all its faults, the Olympia Cafe did give us the famous catchphrase “No Coke, Pepsi!” and was a highlight of the late Belushi’s career.

2. “Land Shark”
In 1975, a giant great white shark attacked a resort town. This shark is even worse.

Played by Chevy Chase, the Land Shark is a species of shark that is able to walk on land and has the ability to alter his voice, preferring to attack young, single women by going up to their houses and ringing the doorbell. Not helping the victims is their endless stupidity when the shark claims to be a dolphin or flat out tells them who he is. And even today, the Land Shark continues to terrorize SNL on occasion, but through different actors.

1. “Wayne’s World”
The only SNL skit whose movie spin-off actually got a sequel, “Wayne’s World” is a highlight of not just the careers of Mike Meyers and Dana Carvey, but to all children of the 90s. Hosted by metal heads Wayne (Meyers) and Garth (Carvey), “Wayne’s World” is a talk show filmed in Wayne’s parents’ house and features the two talking about such stimulating topics like their love of heavy metal and women.

Aside from these, the two also humiliate their guests by tricking them into saying lewd words and engaging in fantasy sequences, which may not have been fantasies. It stood the test of time and contributed to pop culture, all while making Meyers and Carvey household names.

Do not be surged

Sequel to “Divergent” fails to develop connection

BY JACK COWPER
STAFF WRITER

Rating: 3 out of 10
Duration: 119 Minutes
Rated: PG-13



Often, movies that have a hype buildup surrounding them fall short of their over-embellished expectations, and “Insurgent” follows that trend. Directed by Robert Shwentyke, whose prior work include “The Time Travelers Wife”(2009) and “Red”(2010), “Insurgent” provides the desired sequel to last years “Divergent.” Unfortunately, this year, the series fell flat..

The film follows Tris (Shailene Woodley), Four, (Theo James) and Caleb (Ansel Elgort), who are on the run from the determined Jeanine Matthews (Kate Winslet), leader of the Erudite Faction. The Erudite Faction is the antagonist group who blame humans’ ignorance for societies’ downfalls. Along the journey, Tris faces challenges in which she must over come, and towards the end, she unlocks secrets of her past and what the future may hold.

The film is set in a ruined Chicago, which provides a couple interesting shots of the city. However, the computer graphic imagery in many scenes are nothing special. Cinematographer, Florian Ballhaus stood neutral with the computer graphics throughout the filmwith few captivating shots in the city.

When one sits down to watch a movie, they want to see a so-called visual opera. This means smoothness and authenticity behind the cinematic end. To be clearer, “Insurgent” lacks this style. In the

moviand e some of the scenes and art felt like a second rate “Hunger Games” rip off.

“Insurgent” is pleasant and appealing because it had potential to be something much greater, but it was not executed properly. The lack of characterization among the actors can cause movie goers to feel as if they are missing information about the plot.

Woodley is not by any means a bad actress, but she did not bring life and reality to her character. In some scenes she held viewers’ absolute attention and focus, but in others, she delivered her lines flat and without emotion. James, on the other hand, does not even belong in the acting industry, as he had minimal character to his performance and poor delivery. Elgort’s performance was definitely a step up from his colleagues, but still was not the greatest. He did have some visible traits to his character, which is respected; however, it was nothing spectacular.

The best performance given was that of Miles Teller, who played Peter. He played a distinct character and clearly had motives behind everything he did, along with being entertaining. No other cast member really stood out in their performance in “Insurgent.”

With the exception of a few scenes with classic Hollywood garbage dialogue recycled, the script was decent from a script standpoint. As a whole, “Insurgent” is an overhyped sequel that sells itself short. With deeper characters and a little bit thicker of a story line, movie goers might develop a different opinion. With that being said, movie goers should save their money from being surged by the boring wrath of “Insurgent.”



IMAGE FROM CEYLONTEATRES.COM

The sequel to “Divergent” was released March 20 starring Shailene Woodley and Theo James.

the buzz

COMPILED BY SAVANNAH PLATUKAS
STAFF WRITER



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Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor
Academy of Country Music Award and Grammy winner Kacey Musgraves just released her first single “Biscuits” for her new album that does not have a set release date. Musgraves is sure to try out more songs for her current tour. Tickets for the show start at \$47 and can be purchased at stubhub.com/kacey-musgraves-tickets.



Attraction Great Lakes Art Fair
Friday, April 10 from 1 to 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Suburban Collection Showplace
If arts and crafts is an interest, this fair is a perfect outing. Purchase handmade jewelry, glass work, ceramics and more from outstanding regional artists. One can observe several of the artists’ demonstrations or enjoy a meal at the Marketplace Café. Admission for adults is \$7. Children can enjoy the fair free of charge, and free parking is available.



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Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m.
Andiamo Celebrity Showroom
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Attraction Detroit Zombie Apocalypse III
Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m.
Tangent Gallery & Hastings St. Ballroom in Detroit
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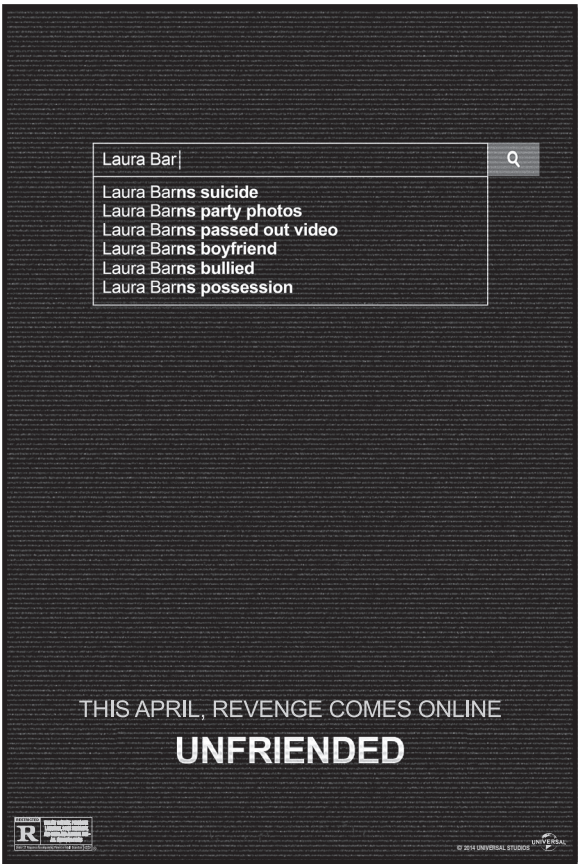
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A: Start by acknowledging the life you live. Notice all your habits; are they positive or negative? One way to start getting on the right track is by working out. Purchase a gym membership at a local gym or even take advantage of the Schoolcraft Fitness Center on campus. The Fitness Center is free to all credit students. Just bring a copy of your current semester schedule, fill out a membership enrollment form, get your picture taken, receive a check-in card key and start working out.
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The most challenging part is getting started. Once you get going, it will get

easier as you go. So, congratulate yourself since you have overcome the hardest part. When anyone starts to work out, they have to be dedicated themselves to actually going to the gym and achieving the goals that were set.
Know that getting that figure you long for is not just about working out; but also about developing a well-balanced diet. Cut down on all of the unnecessary sugary drinks, alcohol and fast food.
Swap mid-day snacks with something more nutritious. Foods that are high in protein are great ways to keep your energy going in between meals. Some healthier snack alternatives to consider are almonds, apples with peanut butter, chips and salsa or frozen grapes.
While trying to maintain a healthier body, remember to drink plenty of water. It is extremely important to drink water from the time you wake up until you go to bed, so you stay hydrated and cleanse your body of toxins that accumulate in your throughout the day.
Along with maintaining a well-balanced diet, do not forget about getting the proper amount of sleep and scheduling yourself to eat throughout the day. Your body will be happier if you are on a strict routine everyday because it will become adjusted to a new lifestyle.
Have three meals a day. If one tends to skip breakfast, that's a huge factor that needs to change. Breakfast helps kick start your metabolism for the day and will prevent you from becoming too hungry later on and causing you to overeat. Also keep in mind that one should try to stay away from eating too late in the evening. Your body will not absorb the nutrients properly and will store the foods as fats if consumed too late.
Little modifications in your lifestyle can make all the difference in the future. Ultimately, you need to find what is your motivation to keep you going. Set goals to accomplish before the swimsuit season hits and maintain your progress. Just keep in mind to be kind to your body; you only have one, so cherish and make light of the one you have.

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Conquering China

Latest game of the “Dynasty Warriors” series released

BY STEPHAN BROWN
STAFF WRITER



System: PC, Xbox One, PS4 and PS3
ESRB Rated: Teen
Genre: Hack and Slash/Strategy
Publisher: Koei Tecmo

“Dynasty Warriors 8: Empires” is a part of Tecmo Koei’s Warriors franchise, which includes “Dynasty Warriors,” “Samurai Warriors” and “Warriors Orochi.” The newest video game had an initial release date of Feb. 28. The franchise boasts over 40 titles, which deliver pretty consistent experiences—so consistent that the franchise is often criticized for being monotonous and repetitive.

In many of the main entry “Warriors” players could mow through missions by repeatedly pressing the same button. There was no skill or challenge involved.

The goal of “Dynasty Warriors 8: Empires” is to conquer and unify China. With the release of “Empire” the games garnered more playability due to integration of somewhat shallow tactics and strategy.

In more recent entries, however, Koei made great strides to catering to these criticisms.

In “Dynasty Warriors 7,” Koei introduced a weapon switch system that allows characters to switch between two weapons mid-combat. This created a weapon triangle of strengths and weaknesses based on the Chinese concepts of man, heaven and earth. It also allowed the use of switch counters and switch attacks. The gameplay became faster and more fluid, while weapon switches gave it slightly more depth and variety.

Integrating strategy with this combat system, “Dynasty Warriors 8: Empires” creates much more dynamic gameplay than “Dynasty Warriors 8” or “Xtreme Legends” (the main franchise entries).

The stratagem system from “Dynasty Warriors 7: Empires” makes a return, slightly revamped. Stratagems allow players to change the tide of battle with wiley tactics. They can affect the player, enemies or allies in the vicinity and/or the entire battlefield.

Nothing is more satisfying than watching a windstorm rip through enemy soldiers once the conditions are met in the game. The success of these large-scale stratagems can make all the difference between victory and defeat. Stratagems are not the only kind of tactics used within “Dynasty



IMAGE FROM GAMEREVOLUTION.COM

Latest of the “Dynasty Warriors” games was released late February as part of the Tecmo Koei’s Warriors franchise. The game takes players on an adventure around China to conquer and unify the country.

Warriors 8: Empires.”

Beyond battles there is the strategy phase in which players will probably spend much of their time. The strategy phase decides what actions the player’s officer, ruler or vagrant will perform each month. This can range from organizing an invasion of a new territory, levying funds from player’s or recruiting and managing military personnel.

As a ruler finding a balance for the country is important. Players who spend their time doing nothing but amassing a single resource may find themselves unprepared to deal with a foe. Being conquered by an enemy is not the end though. The game does not end until 50 years in the game have passed

or China has been unified under a single ruler.

The game also boasts the most in-depth editing and creation system of any “Warriors” title yet. If one wants to conquer China with a beautiful alien fox princess, the only obstacle standing in that gamer’s way is the fearsome warrior Lu Bu. “Dynasty Warriors” is based off Luo Guanzhong’s novel “Romance of the Three Kingdoms.” The characters and their story lines are roughly based on Chinese history, the civil war following the yellow turban rebellion and fall of the Han dynasty from around 184 c.e - 280 c.e.

One appeal of the franchise is that players have the possibility of actual learning history.

The criticisms of the franchise are still present throughout “Dynasty Warriors 8: Empires,” despite the many improvements and features added to the game.

However, how players decide to play the game will affect their personal experiences. While players could still repeatedly press the same button to win a battle on easier difficulties, they could also decide to play on harder difficulties and force themselves to actually use the myriad of attacks and abilities given to them. All in all, the game definitely appeals to fans and is at least worth trying for gamers unfamiliar with the franchise.

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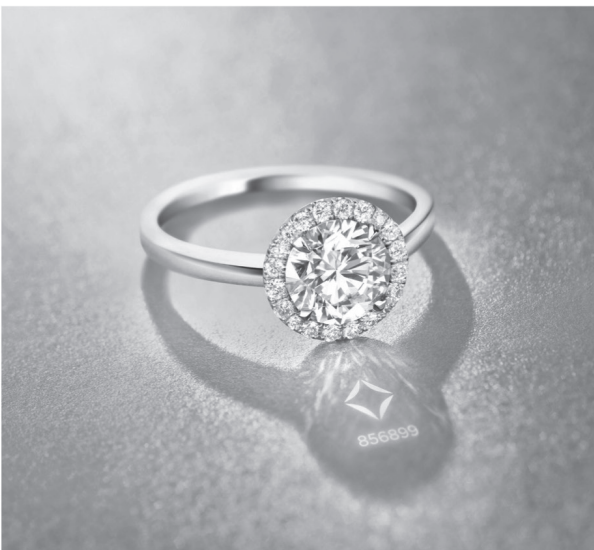
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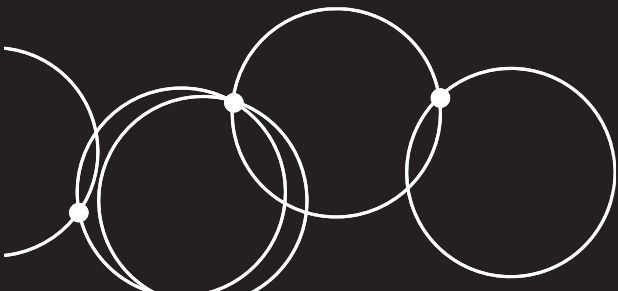
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DIAMOND GEMS

FAY AND LINARES GO TO BAT FOR NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

BY ELAINE GEROU AND NICK MISIAK
MANAGING EDITOR AND SPORTS EDITOR

Since the announcement of the creation of a baseball and softball program at Schoolcraft, a search has been on for the right coaches to step in and begin piecing together teams. That search is now over. On Friday, March 20, it was announced that Robert Fay and Rey Linares were hired in as the head coaches of the Schoolcraft baseball and softball programs that will begin league play in the spring of 2016. “As soon as we were approved by the NJCAA to create these teams, it became imperative to identify coaches who could take up the challenges associated with jump starting brand new programs,” said Sid Fox, Athletic Director at Schoolcraft College. “I am extremely proud and confident that appointing Fay and Linares represent qualitative choices needed to build and maintain the integrity of competitive sports as are accustomed to at Schoolcraft College. Both coaches have demonstrated the passion, intellect and seasoned leadership to allow them to transition smoothly into our college culture.” With new programs starting from scratch, there is much to be done for the Schoolcraft baseball and softball programs, but with Coach Linares and Coach Fey, the Ocelots are poised to have success on and off the diamond.

Rob Fay

After 14 years of coaching Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), high school, travel and American Legion levels of baseball players, Fay has covered nearly all the bases at the amateur level and is ready to coach a collegiate program. Fay played in high school and was slated to play junior college ball, but unfortunately had an arm injury that needed surgery, which ended his playing career.

“Coaching at the next level has always been a goal of mine. Schoolcraft has made it possible,” said Fay. “I have spent my career helping players get to the next level. This will still continue as we help our players get into four year colleges/universities.”

Currently, Fay is the head coach at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, the Director of Baseball Operations for Skillbuilder Batters Box and the head coach of the 18U Michigan Strategy travel baseball team. With Fay’s connections, he has had no problem recruiting players to the program.

“Recruiting is going well. We already have some verbal commitments and are seeing a lot of interest from area coaches and players,” Fay said. “I am also aware that there are some talented ball players already enrolled in Schoolcraft. We will be meeting with these players on April 8 and [are] arranging a workout for them so we can see their talent level.”

For the April 8 meetings, recruits will meet at 10 a.m. to tour campus, and interested, already enrolled students will meet with Coach Fay at 1 p.m. to discuss the upcoming season. Both meetings will begin in PE 105, and there will be a tryout in the fall to finalize the team from about 24 to 30 players.



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“We want good character people in our program that are strong academically. We want them to work toward the dream of playing at the highest level possible, but understand they are a student first,” Fay said. “They must be hard working and coachable, with the ability of being a good teammate.”

Although college baseball programs typically struggle in their first few years of existence, Fay believes that he can find the talent and coaching staff necessary to be competitive right off the bat.

“Our expectations will always be that way. We feel we can recruit and put together a very competitive team in our first year. Winning league championships and advancing to the National Tournament will always be our goal,” Fay said.

Athletes interested in playing or those looking for more information should email Coach Fay at rfay@schoolcraft.edu.

Rey Linares

Linares has been actively coaching and training competitive fastpitch softball throughout southeastern Michigan for over 20 years, primarily with mid-teen to college prep age groups. This includes Class A travel softball, high school varsity softball and Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) softball. He played competitive travel and school baseball in his youth and teenage years, but injuries brought his career to an abrupt end, which subsequently moved him into coaching.

Linares is currently the Head Fastpitch Softball Trainer at Skill Builder Batter’s Box in Dearborn Heights, the Michigan Strategy 16U Class A travel softball head coach and the Melvindale High School varsity softball head coach. He will relieve his duties at Melvindale after the completion of the 2015 season.

“The opportunity to coach at such an outstanding academic institution such as Schoolcraft College excited me,” said Linares. “In addition, the challenge of building a competitive softball program is something I have considerable experience of doing in my past with good success and results.”

Linares is already hot on the recruiting trail as well, using his connections through years of coaching fastpitch softball to contact potential recruits about the new program. He plans to field an adequate roster number to allow his team to be competitive. Other community college programs in the area on average roster 16 to 20 athletes.

As the new head coach, Linares hopes to recruit athletes who have a love and passion for the game, a good skill set with mental focus, strong orga-



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nizational skills that will allow one to correctly balance and maintain a high level of academic and athletic performance and respect for team mates, coaching staff and opponents.

“With the outstanding talent level of the recruiting commitments already made and with the area being truly rich in skilled players that remain available, our expectations are to be competitive from the start,” said Linares.

An informational meet and greet meeting will be held on campus on Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m. in PE 105 for those interested in playing softball. Linares highly encourages all interested parties to attend. Information about open tryouts, summer training and more will be provided.

Current Schoolcraft students interested in playing can contact Coach Linares via email at rlinares@schoolcraft.edu.



Teeing off
Ocelot golfers prepare for spring tournaments

BY NICK MISIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

As the snow melts away and the grass turns green, the Schoolcraft Mens Golf Team is preparing to hit the links for their spring season.

Last season was highlighted by a first place finish in the Delta College Invitational at Bay Valley Golf Club in Bay City, MI, but fourth place finishes in both the MCCA Eastern Conference Tournament and the MCCA Tournament.

Schoolcraft finished second out of three teams at the NJCAA Region XII Division III Regional Tournament last year and unfortunately did not advance to the National Championship Tournament.

This season, the Ocelots will be led by returning sophomores Austin Harris, Eric Perry and Sean Hackman. All three were consistently near the top of the individual standings in last year’s tournaments, and they plan on improving their freshman scores to front Schoolcraft’s efforts to compete in nationals.

“If we can shoot consistently, we have a very talented team,” said Harris. “The key will be consistency. If we can focus and have a minimal amount of mistakes, we will be fine.”

Freshman newcomers Chad Berger, Jalen Teifer and Ray Pokerwinski, both

who had success playing for their high school golf programs, will join the returning sophomores this season to round out the roster.

Head coach Paul Brown is returning for his third season in that position. In addition to coaching the golf team, Brown also works on campus for Facilities Management.

“This years team carries a large amount of potential,” said Brown. “Austin [Harris], Eric [Perry], and Sean [Hackman] can all drive the ball fairly well and can perform well under pressure. The new guys can hit the ball well too, and I hope that they will mold themselves into strong golfers. We have put in a lot of work over the off-season, and I am excited to see how we will compete with our competition.”

The golf team will begin their spring play on Friday, April 10 in the Oakland Community College Invitational, held at the Pontiac Country Club in Waterford. Schoolcraft will also compete in the St. Clair County Community College Invita-



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Head coach Paul Brown, center, returns for his third season at the helm of Schoolcraft golf. The team looks to build off of last years successes with a combination of sophmore leadership and freshman recruits

tional on Friday, April 24 at the Port Huron Golf Club in Fort Gratiot and in the Mott Community College Invitational at the Flint Golf Club in Flint on Monday, April 27.

Ocelot pride

Basketball teams finish sixth and seventh at national tournament

BY NICK MISIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Schoolcraft Mens Basketball Team went 2-2 and finished sixth out of 16 teams in the Division II National Tournament held in Danville, IL, and the Schoolcraft Womens Basketball Team finished 3-1, placing them seventh out of 16 teams in the Division II Womens National Tournament held in Overland Park, KS.

The men’s team, coached by Abe Mashhour, entered the tournament riding an 18-game winning streak and was the top overall seed out of 16 qualifiers. After a 79-69 first round win over Genesee (NY) Community College, the Ocelots faltered against John Wood (IL) Community College and lost 89-66, which officially eliminated them from national championship contention.

Schoolcraft defeated Kishwaukee (IL) College 81-74 to advance to the fifth place game, but the Ocelots could not overcome familiar foe Lakeland Community College in their final game, losing 85-79 to the Lakers.

“This has been a very special year and our young men have overcome a great deal in order to put themselves in this wonderful position,” said Mashhour. “Despite not winning the tournament, we still had one of the best overall records in the country and our hard work and dedication throughout the season was rewarded with a state and regional championship.”

The women’s team surprised many by winning the District H Champion-

ship, advancing to the national tournament as the eleventh seeded team. Unfortunately, the Ocelots were eliminated from national championship contention in their first game, losing 75-64 to sixth seeded Gulliford Tech (NC) Community College.

Despite the setback, head coach Kara Kizner rallied her team to end their tournament on a three game win streak, which gave them a seventh place finish overall in the tournament. Schoolcraft defeated Southeast (NE) Community College 73-67 and Union County (NJ) 61-57 to earn a spot in the seventh place game, in which they defeated Phoenix (AZ) Community College 69-56 to end their tournament with a record of 3-1.

“Even though we did not reach our main goal of winning the tournament, we were able to string together a good winning streak to finish our season, which felt great,” said freshman guard Elise Tolbert. “This was a fun experience and I hope we make it back here next season.”

The end of the tournament marked the end of sophomores Javan Thomas and Nathan Kamal’s playing careers at Schoolcraft for the men’s team, while sophomores Sara Gammons, Jessica Parry and Chelsey Wesley wrapped up their playing careers for the women.

Both teams head into the off-season with a majority of their rosters eligible to return next season, and hope to continue their search for a national title next season with some experience under their belts.

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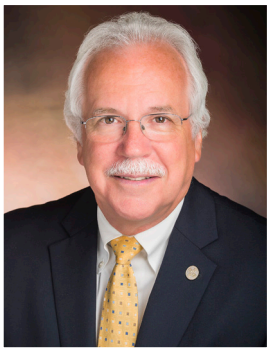
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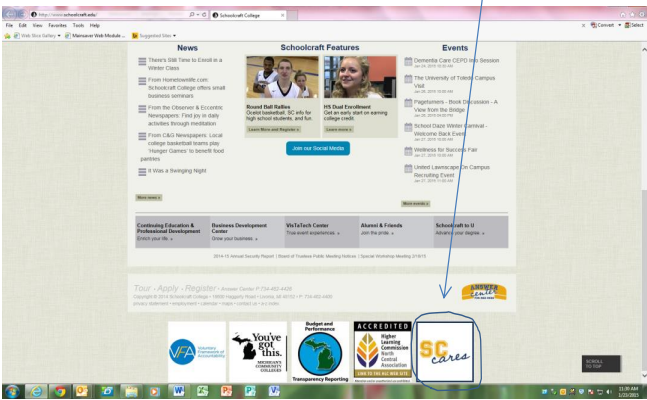
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Boredom busters

Metro Detroit area offers abundance of outdoor activities this summer

BY ELAINE GEROU
MANAGING EDITOR

With the sun coming out for the summer months, it is time to come out of hibernation and get a move on. In the Mitten, the warm weather only lasts so long, so it is imperative to take advantage of it while it lasts. Here are six recommended recreation sport activities to try this year.

2 Running is probably the fastest way for individuals to get in shape. It works out all muscles simultaneously while providing time to think, listen to jams or chat with a running buddy.

RECOMMENDED SITES:
Hines Park, Maybury State Park, Morton Taylor Mountain Bike Trails



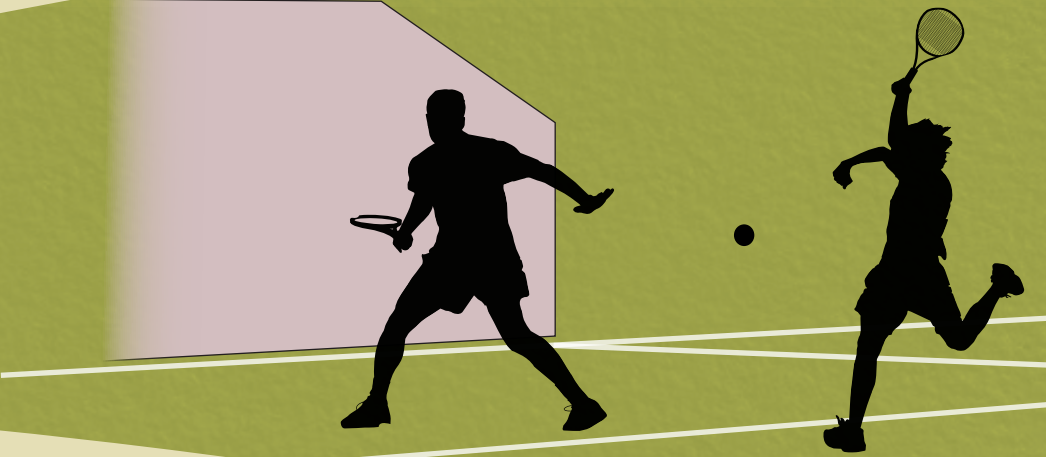
4 Michigan is the perfect state for water sports with all of the freshwater lakes its land is fortunate to be surrounded by. Kayaking, canoeing, paddle boating and rafting are a few of the seemingly endless exercise opportunities in Michigan.

RECOMMENDED SITES:
Gallup Park Canoe Livery and Argo Canoe Livery



3 Racquetball is a fun, high-speed sport similar to tennis, but uses walls. Players must wear goggles to protect their eyes, as racquetballs can easily strike one in the eye, causing injury.

RECOMMENDED SITE:
Belle Isle



5 Volleyball is an upbeat sport where players constantly move, and sand only adds to the workout. Participants should always bring a pair of tennis shoes they do not mind getting sandy and a pair of sporty sunglasses that cling firmly to one's head to prevent sun damage to one's eyes.


RECOMMENDED SITES:
Freedom Park and Founders Sports Park



6 Disc golf is an easy way to get active on a lazy summer day and pass time with friends. In this sport, players try to make as few throws of the flying disc as possible to land in the chain basket. Courses include amateur and professional tees.

RECOMMENDED SITES:
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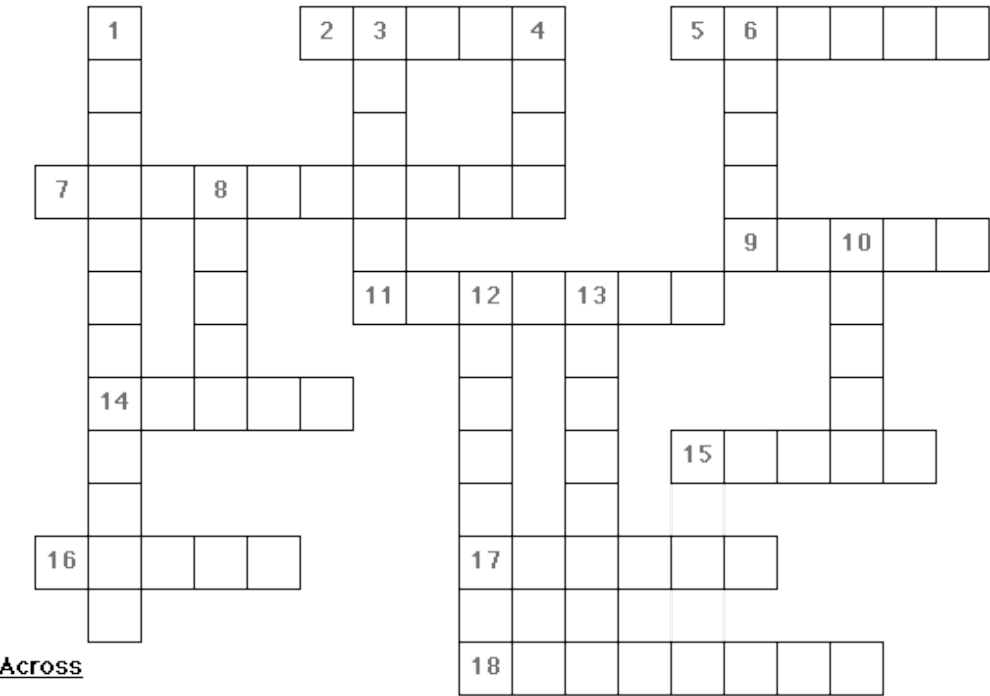
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Squigly's Earth Day
Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. This material made from sand can be recycled.
5. Large grouping of trees
7. Taking care of
9. Our planet
11. One of the 3 Rs
14. Garbage
15. Rivers, lakes and oceans are full of this
16. Opposite of dirty
17. One of the 3Rs
18. April 22



Down

1. Coal, oil and natural gas are this type of resource
3. Don't _____
4. Brown haze that hangs over cities
6. There is a hole in the _____ layer
8. These grow in forests
10. One of the 3Rs
12. Use only a little
13. Think about
15. Look carefully

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Stop by Student Activities for a
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In Theatres April 17th

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Open Auditions!
Calling actors, musicians, dancers,
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12pm - 4pm

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4/15

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April 20th 2015 @ 2pm
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Must have a QR code reader app on your smart phone to participate.
Detailed directions to be provided at the "kick off" on April 21 at 2:00 pm
in the lower level of the VisTaTech.







Tuesday, April 21 2015
02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Sources of Financing: For Business Start-up as well as Growing a Business.

Topics of discussion will include: Financial records and how to use them.
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April 17, 2015
9:00am - 9:00pm
**Lower Waterman
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Middle School Science Day

April 11, 2015
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**Bio.Tech. Center
Room - 225**

**Demonstartions involving
math, physics and
chemistry. Lunch is
included.**

for more info (734) 462-4422



ALIENS



EARTH DAY

invasion schedule

Monday, April 13
DiPonio Room, VisTaTech Center.

11 AM – 1 PM

- LIVE invasive species including sea lamprey, alewife, spiny water flea, phragmites, and mussels.
- Representatives from federal, state, and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- Games and hands-on activities.
- Earth Day Student Poster SCF Scholarship Competition.
- Raffle prize drawings.
- Design your own FREE Earth Day T-shirt.
- Free Michigan native flowers seed packets.
- Free food and drink.

1 – 2 PM

- Birds of Prey Presentation with live raptors (repeated at 6 PM).



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Answer key







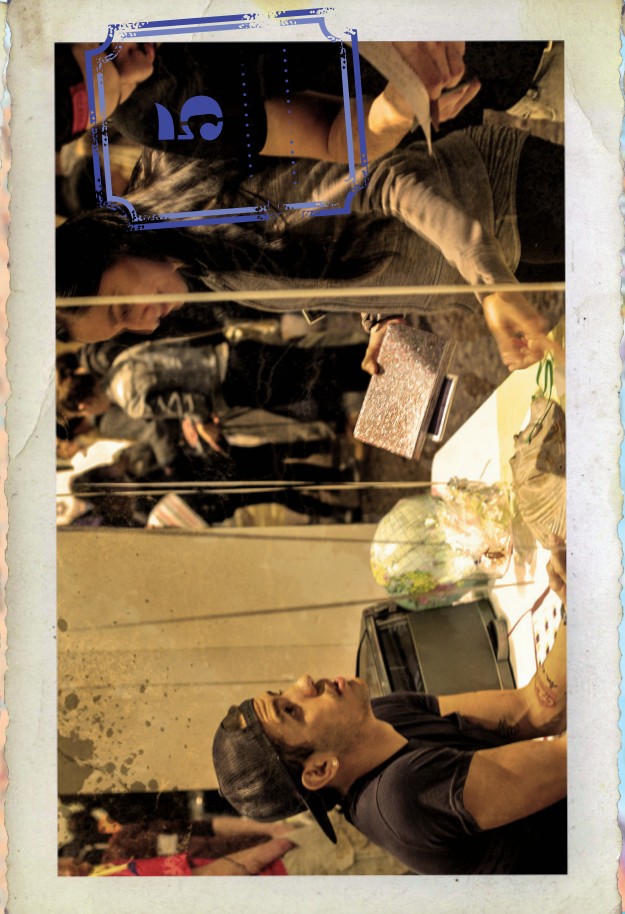


14th Annual Multicultural Fair

Every year Schoolcraft College gives the community a chance to travel all over the world simply by stepping into the Vista Tech Center. Teachers and students from all different backgrounds work hard to give everyone a glimpse into a variety of cultures and what it is like in foreign countries. Having a consecutive run of 14 years, the Multicultural Fair has become an important aspect of campus life to many students over the years. The fair creates a symbiotic relationship between students and teachers, giving instructors an opportunity to help students learn about the world and participating students a chance to show others a little about their backgrounds. The Multicultural Fair is an incredibly diverse opportunity one does not want to miss with its free food, entertainment and valuable learning experiences provided.



- 1.** A Brazilian Martial Arts Dance called Capoeira was performed by the Michigan center for Capoeira, showing the audience that it is more of a "game" that is played, rather than fought. (Photo by Miranda Malec)
- 2.** Students from Hinoki International School, a Japanese-American institution located a mile east from Schoolcraft performed various songs and poems in Japanese. (Photo by Durwin Johnson)
- 3.** Volunteers received salsa dance instruction from the Energetic Souls Salsa dance school that specializes in Cuban rhythms. (Photo by Durwin Johnson)
- 4.** Armenian dolls were used as an example to show some of the clothes traditionally worn in the past. (Photo by Miranda Malec)



- 5.** Victor Contreras, Adriana Gomer and John Quintana represented the Venezuela, showing attendees the currency used and even letting them try traditional foods. (Photo by Alexander Woodliff)
- 6.** Sunnie Patterson at the Native American booth shows Joshua Byers a map of U.S. North American territories of different tribes. (Photo by Durwin Johnson)



- 7.** Adam Leshole and Nik Short proudly present Spain's station at the fair. (Photo by Andrew Rellinger)
- 8.** South Korea was well represented by Sarah Kovie, who was clothed in a traditional dress called a Hanbok. (Photo by Alexander Woodliff)
- 9.** Mexico had several individuals to show its vibrant culture, including pictured Juan Quezada. (Photo by Miranda Malec)



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