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The Schoolcraft Mens Soccer team celebrates a 1-0 overtime victory against the Ancilla Community College Chargers, earning them the NJCAA Region XII Championship title. The team will continue on to the NJCAA Division 1 National Championship Tournament.



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman Costa Wells scored the game-winning double overtime time in a game against Ancilla Community College on Nov. 2.

BY NICK MISIAK SPORTS EDITOR

Before Mens Soccer Head Coach Rick Larson finalized his roster earlier this fall, he had one goal in mind—a National Championship. On Nov. 2 at Lake Michigan Community College, Schoolcraft freshman Costa Wells received a pass from sophomore Nate Bergeson, then took a shot from six yards out that snuck past Ancilla Community College Chargers' freshman goalkeeper Samuel Lopez at 103:02 in double overtime for a 1-0 victory. This took the Ocelots one step closer to their national championship goal by capturing the NJCAA Region XII $\,$ Championship title.

The victory also gave Larson and his team a berth into the NJCAA Division 1 National Championship Tournament, to be played in Prescott, Arizona from Nov. 18 to the 23.

"Nate [Bergeson] just put a simple chip on the ball and it came right to my chest," said Wells. "I let it sit down with a quick touch, and with the outside of my foot, I put it right around the goalie."

Wells' shot hit the bottom of the left post, bounced into the air and crossed the goal line in the upper 90.

"Costa got it on the top of the six, took about a three second delay and just tucked it bottom left," said sophomore Alex Podolski. "I don't know how he snuck it in past the goalie. It was crazy."

In a deadlocked game featuring six yellow cards, Schoolcraft battled to defeat Ancilla, an opponent who handed the Ocelots one of their two losses earlier this season

"It feels great" said Larson. "The players here have made a tremendous commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and on the field. This team is fantastic at wearing other teams out and by the 60th minute our opponents are exhausted."

The Ocelots used their conditioning to their advantage, outshooting Ancilla 7-4 in the second half and 4-1 in overtime.

"We just totally destroyed them in overtime," said Podolski. "They were just dead. After 90 minutes, they were done. As soon as it went into overtime, we knew it was game over."

In his nine-year tenure as

To serve protect

Intelligence Operations Center now being utilized by Campus Police Authority

BY LAUREN LUKENS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In recent national news, there has been an increase in crime on college campuses, such as shootings, rape and destruction of property. After the purchase, renovation and grand opening of the Jeffress Center, Schoolcraft College has substantially improved across the board, and Campus Police Authority is now able to more effectively locate, solve and prevent crime on campus.

Last December, departments gradually began moving their offices to the Jeffress Center, with Campus Police Authority being the last to relocate. In the lower level of the building, an Intelligence Operations Center was added, which is part of enterprise-wide security equipment upgrades.

"This is the first tow in the water with this new technology, and it seems to be working very well," said Steven Kaufman, Chief of Campus Police Authority.

The Intelligence Operations Center is equipped with 11 monitors mounted on the wall, computers, cameras a more—something that has never been done at a college or university in Michigan. Several weeks ago, Lieutenant Mark Engstrom, along with three **Intelligence Operations Center** technicians, moved to the new space.

"This was a major investment for the college—not only hiring three employees with the possibility of hiring more in the future, but all of the technology and infrastructure in the building," said Eng-

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M-1 RAIL DOWNTOWN DETROIT

The 3.3-mile light rail line that will ultimately stretch from downtown Detroit to Grand Boulevard in New Center is currently under construction. The \$140 million rail will have 20 stations connecting riders to hotspot locations within the downtown stretch.

This urban rail line is being built by a non-profit public-private partnership of the State of Michigan, the U.S. Department of Transportation, private businesses and philanthropic organizations. Naming rights will be sold to help pay for the project, and people could be boarding and riding the transit as soon as autumn 2016.

NORTHERN WHITE RHINOCEROSES ON BRINK OF **EXTINCTION**

Suni, a 34-year-old male northern white rhinoceros, died on Oct. 17, leaving only six others of his sub species alive in captivity. There are only one male and two females able to breed, and they rarely mate, but conservationists hope for a birth of a calf.

HONG KONG PROTESTS

The Umbrella Movement protests are ongoing since Sept. 22, despite the Chinese government placing a "deadline" on Oct. 6 for the protests to end. Protesters from the Hong Kong Federation of Students and Scholarism began protesting a proposed electoral reform outside of government headquarters and have since occupied several intersections with 200,000 participants at the peak of the action. The protesters' actions are sometimes blockading transportation and commerce and have led to some violence with police officers.

BP OIL SPILL FOUND

Researchers reported remains of the April 2010 oil spill on the ocean floor in the Gulf of Mexico on Oct. 27, according to the 3,000 tested samples of sediments.

When the BP-operated Macondo well exploded in April 2010, about 4.2 million barrels of oil gushed in to the ocean in three months. The findings showed that 1,250 square miles southwest of the Macondo had a half-inch sheen of oil stillresting in patches on the ocean floor about fourfifths to a mile deep. This oil is between two to 16 percent of the total spill, and more oil remains unfound in the depths of the gulf affecting wildlife and coral reefs.

In other news Detroit's renaissance

City continues to revitalize

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA

In the midst of emerging from bankruptcy and electing a new mayor, plans have been announced to revitalize the city of Detroit in numerous ways. Several of these plans involve restoring run-down areas, integrating urban farming and building a new entertainment district.

"It's cool that work is being done to restore the city, but I don't want the history of the city and the feel that Detroit has that makes it unique disappear," said Schoolcraft student Tommie Walker.

Dan Gilbert, the founder and chairmen of Quicken Loans and member of Projects for Public Spaces (PPS), is one of many investing his money into restoring Detroit. PPS has a plan called "The Power of 10," which calls for a city that has at least 10 great districts with 10 interesting sites in each district. Gilbert is one of the leaders of seeing this plan through and has already bought \$1 billion worth of land and buildings near Greektown Casino and Hotel.

'We need to drive that retail by having more people downtown. The projects such as the Power of 10 plan are great progress for Detroit, and I am looking forward to overseeing them," said Detroit Mayor

Mike Duggan to the Detroit Free Press.

The first plan of action is urban farming. This is an idea that has been introduced countless times in the past 10 years to attempt to bring down costs of food. This plan locates farms in central areas of each neighborhood and puts a committee in charge of running the farms. One main problem is educating to the local communities for maintaining the gardens. This plan has gotten positive feed back from many citizens and is currently used in several Detroit communi-

"Urban farming will benefit the city by bringing cleaner and easily accessible nutrition to Detroit. It will bring better food to citizens as well, which is great because there are not many grocery stores or markets in the city," said Livonia resident Ahmed Hussein.

A plan that is taking course by private investors after construction of the new Red Wings arena began is building up the surrounding area with bars, clubs, family friendly restaurants and other businesses, which is prospected to be finished within three to five years. It will cost about \$450 million for the arena with another \$200 million spent on



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR

The Packard Plant, largely abandoned since 1958, is to be torn down in favor of commercial development.

the 45 surrounding blocks of shops, apartments, restaurants and more.

The historical river walk also has plans for upgrades to bring a new look. The area surrounding the river walk introduced many new restaurants and shops for families to enjoy in the surrounding area of Hart Plaza. The city-funded renovation of Hart Plaza has implemented more grass areas and built central seating areas to look over the water. The project will make the area more welcoming and attract more outside events to the area.

The Packard Plant has been slowly collapsing as victim to years of abandonment. Recently, new plant owner Fernando Palazuelo introduced plans to tear the site down and build up a new living area consisting of commercial, industrial and cultural use. The demolition of the plant began on Oct. 14. Charter school(s), apartment complexes and a park are possible plans for the

Palazuelo plans to spend

The witness was walking out

\$500 million to develop the 40 plus acre site over the period of ten to fifteen years due to the lack of funding that will need to be raised over time.

Palazuelo will hire Detroit workers and told the Detroit Free Press on Oct. 18, "We are ready to pay a good salary."

Although many people feel positive towards the changes in Detroit, some are still not pleased.

"I believe that investors should be building up the city as a whole instead of just the downtown area. There should be a movie theatre and more stores like Meijer, Walmart and Target around the outside of downtown. That is where the focus of rebuilding the city should be," said Schoolcraft student Vincent Banks.

Although many citizens feel that the outskirts of the Detroit need to be built up, the development to downtown and additions of a new entertainment area and urban farming are all moves in the right direction towards rebuilding the city and restoring it to its former glory.

BY DARREN BROWN

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPUTE

During the evening of Oct. 16 at 6:26 p.m., a domestic violence disturbance was reported by the Liberal Arts building. The suspect who was involved in this dispute was an African American male with short hair wearing a coat and blue jeans. The unidentified female he was with was wearing jeans and a jean jacket.

WALLYBALL COURT DEFACED

The witness was working in the Physical Education Building when two Indian males asked for a wallyball. All protocol was followed and they gave their identification cards to the worker. One of the Indian males was described as very tall and skinny with acne on his face, and there was no good description of suspect number two available other than he was Indian and dressed in gym attire. After the two males checked out, there was a cupcake smeared and a small burn mark on the wall. The witness did not happen to notice the names on their I.D cards, but said that they were not regular customers.

SMOKERS CHOICE

of the lower Waterman building and noticed a brown glass marijuana pipe in one of the students' hands. The witness approached the student holding the pipe and asked what the pipe was used for. The suspect has said the pipe was only used for smoking tobacco. The witness asked the suspect to accompany him to the Student Activities Office where he then called the Schoolcraft College Police Authority (SCPA). When the SCPA arrived, they asked the suspect if the glass pipe was his, and he said that the pipe was his for smoking tobacco. The pipe had the smell of burnt marijuana to it, so the SCPA followed up by searching the suspect. No other paraphernalia was found, and the pipe was turned over to Livonia Police Department for charges. The suspect was informed that he would no longer be allowed to come back on campus due to his illegal activities. The suspect told the SCPA that he was a former

student and was just up on campus visiting friends.

PAPER TOWEL BURNOUT

In the men's bathroom in the 600 hallway, a witness reported a smoldering piece of toilet paper in the bathroom stall right after the suspect had left. The witness then proceeded to put the smoldering piece of toilet paper out with water and called the Schoolcraft College Police Authority (SCPA). Upon arrival, the SCPA officer entered the bathroom and noticed a distinct smell of something had been burnt. The entire bathroom was checked out and nothing else had been harmed. The witness did not see what the suspect looked like and wasn't able to give a description. That's when the SPCA checked all surveillance cameras and was able to take a video screenshot of the person leaving the bathroom at the reported time of the incident. The suspect was a Caucasian male wearing a blue University of Michigan t-shirt and a baseball hat.

Soccer nationals

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the head coach at Schoolcraft, Larson has led his team to four National Tournaments, but has fallen short to reach the finals in his previous three. He hopes that this year's team, led by the offensive duo of freshmen Jon Quintana and Victor Contreras, sophomore Alex Podloski and goalkeeper Andres Hernandez, will to be able to push their way through the field of 12 and claim Schoolcraft's first ever Mens Soccer National Championship.

"I think we still haven't realized how much it means. Everybody is excited,," said Hernandez. "If all of us are focused, I think we can win that title. It's just four games away."

This year's team has created an identity for itself through the tremendous bond of trust shared between all of the players on the field. Larson has used a complete team approach to win several games this season, with all of his players participating in five or more games this season.

"I think we're at the point of the season where everybody trusts each other. If I trust my defense, they trust me. The whole team trusts me, so I don't think we are going to have a problem," said Hernandez.

Even the leading goal scorer, Contreras, believes that the team is more important than individual play.

"Being the goal leader means a lot because I have to put in more work and there is more pressure on me to help the team," said Contreras. "I think that the best player on the team is all of us the 11 on the field." "If all of us are focused, I think we can win the title. It's just four games away."

– Andres Hernandez

Schoolcraft has been placed in Group A, along with top seeded Iowa Western Community College and Coffeyville (KS) Community College. They first play Coffeyville on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., and then face Iowa Western on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. Both matches will be held in Prescott Valley, Arizona.

The entire Schoolcraft team is excited to be going to Arizona, and the drawing of the top ranked team in the tournament has given the Ocelots a tough group to advance out of.

"We go in to everything confident now after knowing what we can do, so I don't think that anyone's worried," said Wells. "We are ready to go. Everybody is pretty amped for this tournament."

If the Ocelots are able to play a controlled and disciplined game, they believe they can defeat any team in the country.

"I honestly don't care if Iowa Western is ranked number one. I don't think they can score on us if we play well," said Hernandez.

Larson and his team leave for Arizona with confidence, determination and a passionate desire to win a National Championship. His entire team, from the leading goal scorer to the third string goaltender, has put in countless hours training and practicing for this tournament. The entire Schoolcraft community will be following their journey in Prescott hoping for their Ocelots to bring home the first National Championship in the history of the men's program.

Elephant takeover in America

Republicans gain control of Congress; keep control in Michigan

BY JOE ZYLKA

It was a scene of celebration inside the Renaissance Center Marriot Hotel for Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. Michiganders reelected him and also kept the Republican majority in the state House and Senate intact.

That is only a small sample of celebrations from Republicans across the country on Election Night 2014. For the first time since 2006, Republicans have taken control of Congress, winning the control of the Senate and tightened their grip on the House of Representatives. According to CNN, it may be the most lopsided House of Representatives favoring Republicans since the end of World War II.

"For too long, the Obama administration has tried to tell the American people what is good for them and then blame somebody else when their policies didn't work out," said Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican who is expected to become the next Senate majority leader in a victory speech.

Ohio Republican and House Speaker John Boehner said, "I am humbled by the responsibility the American people have placed with us. But this is not the time for celebration. It's time for government to start getting results and implementing solutions to the challenges facing our country, starting with our still-struggling economy."

Residents from the Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Novi areas will also find a new face representing them in Congress. Republican Dave Trott beat out Democratic challenger Bobby McKenzie and incumbent write-in candidate Kerry

Bentivolio to win Michigan's 11th Congressional district.

"I'm anxious to go to Washington and be the change you all want to see," Trott said. "I'm proud and I'm honored; I hope I make all of you proud as well. I'm sure going to work hard at it."

Canton Republican Patrick Colbeck was able to hold off Canton Democrat Dian Slavens for the 7th Senatorial District for the Michigan State Senate. This will be Colbeck's second term in office after becoming a State Senator in 2010.

Although Republicans do not have a supermajority in Congress (control of two-thirds of the House and Senate), the pressure is on to pass legislation and build a positive mantra in preparation of the election.

One way of doing that is by attracting more female voters, and they did just that in the Midterms. Republican Elise Stefanil will become the youngest Congresswoman ever to take office after winning New York's 21st Congressional District, and Mia Love became the first Republican African-American woman to be elected to Congress after winning Utah's 4th Congressional District.

Time will tell if this GOP-controlled Congress will be able to get legislation passed despite Barack Obama at the helm of the nation and the power of the Senate filibuster, which the Democrats can use to stop bills from passing. However, one thing is certain: the American people spoke loudly on Election Night 2014, and it was not what President Obama wanted to hear.



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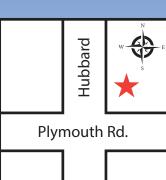
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Microsoft launches diversity effort

Public relations disaster causes CEO to backtrack after his comments on women's pay

BY JOE ZYLKA

Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer, the two former CEO's of Microsoft, watched as their successor Satva Nadella embroiled himself and the company in hot water when he said women should "not ask for a raise" and trust that "karma and the system will reward them."

Nadella's comments came during a speech at the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing in Phoenix on Oct. 9 and anger is still raging. Hundreds of women's rights groups lashed out against Nadella on social media and the entire technology industry got hit as well.

"This is a real lack of sensitivity around the issue and a lack of awareness of what women are struggling with to have equality in the workplace," said Laura Kray, a professor at the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley in an interview with USA Today. "It's lighting a fire in the bellies of women everywhere. If somebody in this leadership position could be so ill-informed and flat-footed about this, it suggests that the problem is deeply rooted and widespread."

Nadella has been on the defensive ever since, apologizing numerous times on social media and to employ-

"It was a humbling and learning experience for me," Nadella wrote in a company memo. "For context, I had received this advice from my mentors and followed it in my own career. I do believe at Microsoft in general good work is rewarded, and I have seen it

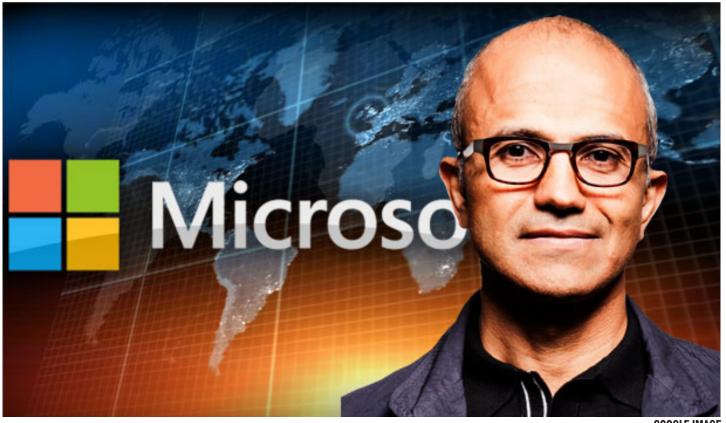
many times here. But my advice underestimated exclusion and bias-conscious and unconscious—that can hold people back."

On Oct. 19, Nadella launched a diversity effort to try and extinguish the flames from his comments. The new program will try to incorporate more women and minorities into Microsoft and will also include mandatory training on diversity and inclusion.

However, according to a Microsoft report earlier in October, only 29 percent of its employees are women, and just 17 percent of managers and engineers are women. Those percentages are very similar at other technology firms, like Google and Apple.

"I think Satva (Nadella) is dumb for speaking like that, especially since he said it at women's computing conference," said Schoolcraft student Stephanie Heller. "He should really get his head into this century, because if he keeps thinking and speaking like that, he's going to have far bigger problems than just the press and women's rights groups."

Only time will tell if Nadella can actually help add more women into the workplace at Microsoft, but for now he won't be getting much sympathy from the ladies.



Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella is launching a diversity effort within Microsoft to stop the harsh criticism stemming from his comments about women's pay at a conference last month.



Hands-free devices distract

Studies show drivers are more distracted by infotainment systems

BY JOE ZYLKA

Flash back to the early 2000s, where the idea of talking cars was a complete and utter fantasy. These days voice commands allow our cars to talk to us, but they may be the source behind greater

distractions behind the wheel, according to studies by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and the University of

One study tested six major automaker's infotainment systems, including Toyota, Hyundai, Chrysler, Ford, Chevrolet and Mercedes-Benz. The second study tested Apple's Siri voice to see how it fared sending texts, make posts to social media and use the calendar without the user holding or looking at the phone.

The results? Not good for

On a ratings scale from one to five, Apple's Siri ranked last with a 4.14 rating, behind all of the automaker's voice-activated systems. Chevrolet's MyLink received the lowest rating among the automaker's infotainment systems with a 3.7. Mercedes-Benz, Ford and Chrysler were all rated more distracting for drivers than simply talking on the phone. Only Toyota's Entune and Hyundai's Blue Link infotainment systems received a good enough score where they were an improvement over talking on the phone.

"In the situations where you have a system that's very difficult to use, is extremely frustrating to use, then, yes, you'll be paying attention to that and not paying attention to traffic lights and pedestrians and other cars," said David Strayer, a psychologist at the University of Utah, in an interview with CBS News.

One hundred and sixty two University of Utah students and other volunteers tested the systems. The testers had to navigate through three settings: a laboratory, a driving simulator and in cars while driving in Salt Lake City neighborhoods.

The studies found most drivers became angry and frustrated at the hands-free devices, because they were overly complex and did not understand what the drivers was trying to say to them. Some drivers, according to Strayer, were cursing the systems out.

"If you want to buy one of these cars, make sure you can actually use the voice-based technology before you leave the lot," Strayer said.

Whether one's car has the hands-free system or not, experts agree that it is very distracting to use hands-free systems if one does not know how to use them or if they are overly complicated.

"I drive a Ford and my car has Sync, and in order for me to use it, I have to use Bluetooth and press a few buttons for it to work," said Schoolcraft student Anthony Sylvester. "And it can misinterpret what I say and that is very distracting to my driving."

The best advice one can get is to put away all kinds of technology and focus on driving, so that they-and other drivers-can arrive at their destinations safely.



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR

Ron Szumanski from Page Honda of Bloomfield Hills shows customer Matt Middleton how to properly use Honda's infotainment system HondaLink.

Campus police

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strom. "It's really Schoolcraft going above and beyond for the satisfaction of our customer, the students, faculty and staff."

By the end of fall semester, it is expected that the Center will be fully functioning and the prime location of Schoolcraft's Campus Police Authority. Currently, Campus Police Authority operates in the facilities building next to the north parking lot.

"Whenever something happens, we go back and look at a recorded video to find out how things happened, who perpetrated it and things like that," said Kaufman. "With old technology, the quality of the video has not been very good compared to the new technology with very clear, high definition cameras that allow us to see things a lot better."

Due to the new equipment, Kaufman said, "Maybe it's in the Lower Waterman and somebody throws a pool ball, there's a fight in the gaming center down there or a cell phone is stolen off a table. We are able to pick these things up now as they are happening. Instead of just getting a phone call and being reactive, we can be a little more proac-

The Intelligence Operations Center technicians assist 10 full-time and 10 part-time Campus Police Authority, 18

of whom are former police officers with thousands of hours of experience, by monitoring the surveillance cameras located around campus. The technicians also address problems occurring on social media related to Schoolcraft.

Schoolcraft's crime rates are allegedly very low, usually having zeroes across the board in the annually published security report.

"The Clery Act crime categories does not encompass every crime that occurs—only the more serious crimes. For example, larcenies are not covered and colleges and universities across the county do not need to publish all crimes, just those Clery crimes," said Kaufman. "We have a good amount of larcenies like any college or university has, like when someone puts down a cell phone and someone else takes it, but when you compare us to a college or university with residential housing, we do not have near the crime as the bigger college."

The technology updates in the Intelligence Operations Center will enforce the continued safety of Schoolcraft students, faculty and staff, and Campus Police Authority hope to decrease larcenies and other reoccurring crimes on campus.

"I have worked on campus for 20 years and have always felt safe. It is good to know that safety of students and staff is a high priority for



PHOTO BY LAUREN LUKENS | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Kristen Robinson and Raymond Brdak III, both Intelligence Design Center technicians, closely examine monitors to keep Schoolcraft safe.

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come.

Improvements offered by

the Jeffress Center will ensure

Schoolcraft," said Elizabeth Machniak, Administrative Assistant in the Student Activities Office. "Security updates, such as video cameras and a greater, more visible presence of officers on campus, give me a feeling of security. I can feel confident that, if a problem should arise, it will be taken care of quickly."

Those who are uneasy about recent events in the news have nothing to worry about—Campus Police Authority protects Schoolcraft 24 hours every day year-round.

"It makes me feel really safe that police are always there when we need them," said Reneh Araj, Schoolcraft sophomore.

For emergency procedures and to view the latest security report, go to http://www. schoolcraft.edu/a-z-index/campus-police-authority/. If an accident

ulty and staff for years to occurs at Schoolcraft at any time, one can call 734-462-4424 or 4424 from any campus phone.

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End the madness

RY THE CONNECTION EDITORS

Black Friday, traditionally the largest shopping day of the year and blast-off to holiday shopping and saving, is the definition of American greed. Shoppers across the United States look forward to standing in long lines and making their way through large crowds to get the hottest deals of the year. The occasion is increasingly interrupting the significance of Thanksgiving and taking away from the meaning of the holidays in American households.

"Black Friday" was a term coined in Philadelphia in the early 1960s as the day that retailers turn a profit. For most of the year, retailers operate at a loss, or "in the red," but during the holiday season, they turn a profit, or operate "in the black."

Black Friday is now starting on Thanksgiving Thursday due to a combination of corporate selfishness and shoppers not wanting to stay out so late. However, these recent trends are causing relatives and friends to end their dinners early, or cancel them altogether, to go on shopping sprees.

This is unfair for several reasons. Not only is it unjust to the host because they spend

time cleaning up, arranging food and planning the gathering, it is unfortunate for those who are uninterested in shopping, but have to compromise their plans or traditions all because of certain deals happening on Thanksgiving.

Not only are some shoppers hurting others by hitting up the early-bird Thanksgiving sales, but people are sacrificing irreplaceable memories with family and friends for their current material desires.

While shoppers have the option to cancel Thanksgiving plans or leave early, Black Friday is unfortunate for those who work in retail. Employees must work long, absurd hours and are not entitled to holiday pay, ruining their Thanksgiving with family members they may only see once a year, if that. The stress it puts on employees by sleep depriving them, making them to work through long, insanely busy periods and miss out on Thanksgiving plans is inhumane, especially if no extra benefits are received.

Most of the deals require being one of the first people in line and arriving at the store at an unusual time of the day, causing some to stand all day

Black Friday deals disrupt holidays and cause unnecessary chaos

or even camp out in a store's parking lot. Because many of the sales on Black Friday only last for a few hours, the shopping atmosphere is hectic and hostile as customers franticly try and find the items they want to purchase before the shelves are empty.

Sometimes, mobs are created and people get out of control. There are several cases of shoppers getting injured and employees being disrespected due to the greed established from a combination of lack of sleep, time restrictions and limited supply of items.

In the worst case scenario, a Wal-Mart employee in Long Island, New York died in 2008 after being bum-rushed by 200 people. Not only that, four shoppers, including a woman eight months pregnant, were injured, according to NY Daily News in November 2008.

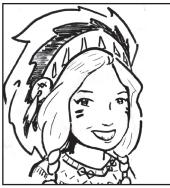
While it is understandable why one may make a tradition of or have the desire to participate in this annual experience, many of the deals Black Friday offers are overrated and not worth the sacrifices required to obtain the deals. Most of the sales go on until Christmas, and not all stores participate in Black Friday deals.

While it may be impossible to end the madness altogether, people can make a difference by avoiding the temptation of Black Friday deals that begin on Thursday. If less people spent so much time and effort getting unnecessary items that are on sale during time that should be spent with family and friends, stores would be less likely to launch these types of incentives.

It is important to allow time for people to cherish the importance of Thanksgiving. Do not allow the excitement of early discounts confuse the difference of Thanksgiving and Christmas. While Americans are often busy, there is always a way to get all Christmas shopping done without interfering with Thanksgiving, and still saving plenty of cash.

The latest XBOX or a new television will not buy happiness, and the true significance of Thanksgiving and Christmas are not material possessions. If one insists on participating in Black Friday, they should make sure not to let wants get in the way of the true importance of the holidays—family and friends gathering to give thanks, celebrate and create memories.

Thinking ahead



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Transferring to a university is closer than it seems

High-quality and affordably priced classes are persuading more students to begin their quest for a bachelor's degree at a community college.

While one may have a plan to earn a bachelor's degree, one needs to execute their idea in a professional and timely manner while using community college as a foundation to reach goals. Plenty of students at Schoolcraft intend-

ing on transferring next fall are thinking the same thing: When and how do I apply?

As a prospective transfer student, it is important to plan ahead and ask questions. Since each college has its own requirements, the most important action one can do for a smooth transition is strategize and research multiple university deadlines until finding the one that fits the applying student. One can gain help from school counselors and academic advisors, university websites and transfer advisors of the four-year colleges considered.

Schoolcraft has special articulation agreements, transfer guides, the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Agreement and Michigan Transfer Agreement to help one easily transfer. Remember to work closely with an academic advisor or counselor if transferring credits to save time and money is one's goal.

While researching to reach a planned goal, choosing and registering for classes by oneself might seem like a smart idea, getting help with the transfer process is a must. When transferring from a community college to a four-year university, it is easy for one to waste time by taking credits that will not transfer to a school of choice or do not relate to an aspired career field.

Chances are, if one does not already have an associate degree, know where they want to transfer or have a designated bachelor's degree, they are not ready to transfer to a university yet. National research shows that community college students who finish their degree program complete the baccalaureate at a much higher rate than those who transfer simply with a grab bag of credits, according to US News in 2009. Sometimes it is best to spend an extra semester at community college to complete an associate degree than to rush the decision and application process.

If in the procedure of applying to universities or already applied, make sure to stay focused on current classes. Nothing would be more devastating than getting accepted to the university of choice, then getting denied due to current semester grades. Keep an ultimate goal in mind when taking classes that are not particularly interesting, and remember that motivation and

work ethic will pay off.

The most important part of applying to universities is having backup plans. Even if one is positive that a university is the perfect fit, it does not hurt to apply elsewhere. Oftentimes, students are turned away from their dream school and left to figure out a different path to a degree. To make this chance less nerve-wracking or devastating, applying to multiple universities allows one to have a few options for success.

Whether only attending Schoolcraft for a semester, two years or several years, keep in mind that planning ahead is necessary to reach educational and career goals. If one wants to transfer for fall 2015, but does not already have clear idea of where they want to go or what they want to do, it may be best to consider an extra semester at Schoolcraft to decide what university to attend, degree to receive and career to pursue.

Those who have applied or are in the process of applying to universities should remember to have backup plans. Also, make sure to put as much effort possible into the long, tedious applications and essays—these seemingly pointless tasks determine one's fate.

Smoking and choking Monkey see, monkey do



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Cigarettes are the devil in disguise

It seems that nearly every building on Schoolcraft's campus has a cloud of smoke about 10 feet in front of it that nonsmokers must unpleasantly trudge through in order to get to

Smoking cigarettes gives one a great essence in their hair, on their skin and scent embedded in all of their clothing. The best part is that the smokers are immune to the smell. They cannot smell it him or herself because smoking reduc-

es the ability to smell effectively. Cigarettes also give one a nice pair of black, tar-filled lungs if the smoker feeds their habit for long and often enough.

It also gives the smoker a sexy aged look, giving pre-mature wrinkles to show the smoker has wisdom. A smoker's gums turn a nice dark pink color and are a little puffy allowing them to bleed when flossing or brushing teeth, and if the smoker is persistent and lucky, they can grow hair on their tongue to keep it warm. Puffing on cigarettes can also reduce the chance of pregnancy because it reduces sperm count and fertility. Smokers should be careful if they contribute to or get pregnant by a smoker though because smoking can cause sperm to be deformed and genetically damaged.

Smokers also need money to fund their habit. The average price of a cigarette pack is over \$5.50 in the United States. That doesn't seem like much, but

when someone smokes even just one pack a week it equates to over \$285 a year, which could be spent on a relaxing weekend, a new phone, etc. It's funny that many smokers complain about their financial situation when they could easily save a couple extra bucks by ending their habit.

Telling someone you smoke cigarettes tells them you have no idea what you are doing with your life. Telling someone that says, "I do not value my health, and I like throwing away money." If someone is addicted, it says, "I have no self-control."

Smoking has been proven to be bad for one's health, having children and can give a wallet a nice beating making the desire to smoke (or not quit) have absolutely no sense. If one chooses to smoke, they should first know all of the possible effects and risks and know that their decision to inhale over 7,000 chemicals regularly is incredibly stupid.



Casey Samyn CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

GOOGLE IMAGE

Babysitters have a huge impact on a child.

Everyone educates children

Everyone likes to talk about corruption from the days of Richard Nixon to Kwame Kilpatrick, but why are stories of authority figures with less power pushed away and left on the back burners to forget about? One might have recently seen news articles pop up about teachers having sex with their underage students, police shooting the mentally ill and charities keeping donated money. Children need better authorities to be role models, not criminals.

A role model is a person whose behavior, example or success can be emulated by others, especially younger people. Role models can come from where it is least expected. A role model can be a boss, an older sibling, a parent, an older student, etc. Role models are not just teachers, pastors or police. Anyone can be a role model.

When I learned that my old youth pastor had an affair with a 17-year-old

Colorado youth student, I was horrified. He was married with two kids, and not only does it affect the attitudes of the students that cherished him so much, but also the husbands and fathers in that congregation. How did he lead by example down the path of good, rather than the path of evil?

I remember I had a babysitter named Brianna. My sister and I thought she was the coolest babysitter ever-she watched the same shows as us, liked the same games as us and would always talk to us. She was not just a babysitter, she was a friend, and she taught us right from wrong and did not judge us for our innocent actions. That is a role model. Now that I am a babysitter, I want to set an example and be remembered how my sister and I remember our childhood babysitter.

If every babysitter put the passion and effort into being a role model for the children they babysit, the world would be a much better place. Babysitters often have a

huge impact on a child's development and future because the child will often aim to be like their "cool" babysitter, because the babysitter is viewed as an idol, but not a "grown-up."

Everyone has something that they want to change about themselves, and most also wish they could change something about the world. People have a habit of answering the questions of inquisitive children when it has to do with other people, such as when a child sees a homosexual for the first time, but people have trouble talking about their mistakes, stopping themselves from swearing in front of a child or even smoking where a child can see.

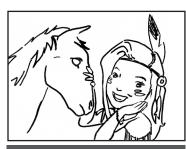
If humans were not so quick to judge others and focused on improving their own well being, there would be more true role models. Adults should take responsibility for their mistakes and wrong actions. In return, today's youth and the future's leaders will be brighter, happier and better role models for generations to come.



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Smoking cigarettes has proven to be detrimental to one's health.

The crime must stop



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North Korea under siege from the UN

North Korea has gone far enough with mistreating their citizens. The United Nations (UN) has recently been allowed inside of North Korea to investigate allegations of crimes against humanity. Continued investigations are needed, but evidence has been released that is of high

concern to the UN Security Council.

The UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in North Korea found that citizens and non-citizens are being sent to prison camps where they are tortured in countless ways and are sometimes executed, without a trial more often than not.

Two options that the UN Commission outlined to ensure responsibility for the crimes are held accountable are that the UN Security Council refers North Korea to the International Criminal Court or the establishment of an ad hoc tribunal. This is an international tribunal that investigates and prosecutes serious breaches of human rights and international humanitarian law in specific conflicts or situations.

The UN needs to take immediate action against North Korea because these crimes have

been going on for too many years. This is unacceptable, and those responsible for these actions need to be punished to set a precedent for other nations that crimes against humanity will not be tolerated

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un and his head military officers are potentially the targets of any UN actions such as a trial. A draft resolution discussing the crimes committed in North Korea and how they should be dealt with is currently being discussed by the Security Council, but will likely take months or a year to come to a conclusion.

This means that punishment will not be seen for several years if the UN punishes them at all. Several world powers such as the United States who send aid to North Korea are talking of ending aid to the nation unless demands are met to end the horrible treatment of people.

Nothing seems to convince the nation to budge on their standards in prison though. It was a huge step that UN inspectors were allowed into the nation to investigate, and few thought it would ever happen.

The announcement of a meeting between the UN and Kim Jong-Un to discuss a possible partnership with the UN to resolving these crimes was a shock due to the constant resistance from North Korea to talk about these allegations. Discussions are taking place

with the UN throughout November showing the nation is moving in the right direction.

Crimes against humanity are just one of the many issues in the secluded nation of North Korea. The people of that nation need to be saved from the wrongs of their government that have been going on, and the UN needs to take more action against them to show that the world will not stand for the treatment of people in this



GOOGLE IMAGE

North Koreans of all ages are in danger due to prison camps in their country.

Time to fix Michigan's roads



Michiganders can likely agree on one thing: potholes suck. During his four years in office, Governor Rick Snyder has said time and again he will fix Michigan's roads, but nothing has been done.

Now, other political forces are trying to get roadway legislation passed. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which leans conservative, is furious that the Republican-controlled legislature raised the minimum wage, but did nothing to fix the roads.

"We're tired of lame excuses form lawmakers who won't do their jobs," said Rich Studley, executive director of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in an interview with The Detroit News. "If they don't do their jobs, we will."

The Chamber of Commerce is preparing a citizen's petition drive that would put pressure Michigan lawmakers to fix the roads. If lawmakers reject the petition drive, it would end up on the November 2016 ballot where voters would decide if they wanted a road-funding

According to a January 2014 report by national transportation research group TRIP, the average Michigander pays \$357 annually in unnecessary vehicle repair costs due to Michigan's crumbling roads. TRIP also indicated that roadway features play a major role in fatal car accidents. It is estimated that roadway features contribute to approximately one-third of fatal traffic crash-

The main dilemma is how to raise money to fix the roads. Governor Snyder says he needs \$1 billion annually in additional road revenues to help fix them, but lawmakers are unsure how to raise that money.

The three main ways to fix the roads are raising the gas tax, raising the six percent sales tax or raising fees on commercial truckers that pass through the state.

In June, Republican law-



Michigan roads have increasingly gotten worse over the years. Due to weather conditions, especially in the winter, roads are often full of potholes, giving drivers flat tires and unenjoyable commutes to work, school and elsewhere.

makers in Michigan's state Senate wanted to raise the gas tax by more than 25 cents per gallon over the next four years, but that proposal sparked outrage across the state. According to the American Petroleum Institute, Michiganders pay an additional 41.4 cents per gallon in state taxes, but Michigan has one of the lowest rates of investment on roads in the nation. Michigan lawmakers then backed away from raising the gas tax, and nothing on road funding has been discussed since.

What about the sales tax? Currently, Michiganders pay an additional six cents per

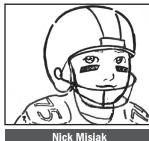
every dollar each time they make a purchase. According to an EPIC-MRA poll, if Michiganders had to raise taxes or fees to fix the roads, about 30 percent of them said they favor a one percent increase in the state sales tax, from 6 to 7 percent. That would increase state sales tax revenue from \$7.1 billion to over \$8 billion per year, more than enough funding Governor Snyder says he needs to fix the roads.

Lastly, the trucking industry is also to blame for Michigan's roads and can do something about fixing them. Currently, Michigan charges a flat \$50 fee for all trucks carrying weight

below the 164,000 pound limit. That weight limit is the highest in the nation, according to the Detroit Free Press. Neighboring states, such as Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio, use sliding scales where truckers pay more based on their weight and/or how far they travel. This process generates much higher revenue, and Michigan must follow suit.

Being the home of the Motor City, it is shocking that Michigan's roadways are so bad. If the Legislature refuses to act, they could find themselves out of a job and hitchhiking alongside a bumpy highway very soon.

Hard work pays off



Nick Misiak

Stop being lazy; put in the effort

The downfall of my generation will be the inability to independently complete tasks that require effort. Time after time, I witness simple tasks that only take a few minutes to complete go unfinished because "it was too hard" or "the person did not know how to do it." People need to be more independent and self-motivated in their lives instead of relying on others and being lazy.

It seems as if a majority of people cannot stand doing any work or task that prevents them from doing whatever they would rather do. Many find that a task cannot be completed easily or quickly and, in turn, find

excuses to not do the work or try to push the work on other people.

There is no motivation to do work because a majority of the tasks are seen as unimportant. Because of the lack of a motive or the thought of importance, the effort level that my generation puts into tasks is extremely low. If an individual takes on a task, the focus is usually on the minimal amount of effort that can be put into the project in order to skate by. This is not a good formula for future success. People, especially college students, should put the most into everything they do, so they get the most benefit out of it rather than the minimum.

For example, if one goes to the gym to workout and get in shape, but wanders aimlessly for a half hour and then leaves, they cannot expect to see results. If they put in hard work for that amount of time, they could expect to see improvement.

All of the work that one does is a direct reflection of themselves. Pride should be a motive taken into every job, chore or assignment, no matter how big or small, and a

one should be proud of the work they do instead of being embarrassed because they did the absolute minimum.

The blame for this lack of self-motivation and laziness lies on dependence on others. When children grow up, they rely on their parents for everything in life. As they grow older, some become independent, self-motivated and successful, but others learn to depend on their peers, thinking they can get by doing nothing and relying on others to do tasks for them. Unfortunately, it seems this population is slowly becoming the majority.

This is a call to arms—a call to weed out laziness and dependence. If one puts 100 percent effort into everything they do, they will be successful in life. Although not everyone falls under this category, this generation of people are becoming stereotyped to be lazy. Yes, lazy people make it through life too, but they will be nowhere near as productive as a person who strives for greatness and puts in effort to improve their future.

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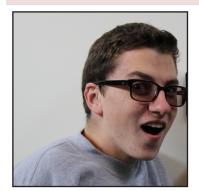
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Andrew Rellinger Major: Culinary

"Waking up and watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade and hanging out with family and friends every year."



Ashley George

Major: Nursing

"We visit my family in Ohio and have a big potluck din-



Alissa Maedel Major: Biology

"My family plays the game 'celebrities from a hat' togeth-



Anvitha Paruchuri Major: Computer Science

"We go to my aunt's with friends and family and eat dinner, watch movies and play games."



Teresa Koda

Major: Engineering

"Watching the Lions play football."



Darren Sacks

Major: Undecided "Hanging out with friends and family every year."



Josh Murray Major: Criminal Justice

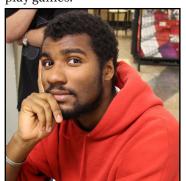
"My family and I visit family up north. We gather around and watch the football games"



Kaion Seales

Major: Physical Education

"I go to my grandma's house and eat dinner with friends and family and watch the Lion's games."



Johnathon Shipman Major: Criminal Justice

"Food, Just food and Family."



What are your favorite Thanksgiving traditions?

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Dr. Do-it-all

Professor Jackson is a realistic wonderwoman

BY ELAINE GEROU MANAGING EDITOR

To the average student, Dr. Lisa Jackson seems like an enthusiastic and passionate professor of psychology who always can be seen sporting a professional appearance of dresses and heels. Outside of the classroom, she is much more than that, working as a full-time researcher, a certified group exercise instructor, the Chair of the Board of Directors for Ozone House, a nonprofit homeless shelter for children in Ann Arbor and a mother to two college stu-

"The thing I love about my life is that I am never bored," said Jackson.

Ozone House

As the Chair of the Board of Directors for this shelter celebrating its 45th anniversary, Jackson oversees the executive director and has the fiduciary responsibility of making sure grants are administered properly. The board runs an audit every year and passes an approval budget.

Although it is not in Jackson's job description, she enjoys hosting a movie night once a month with a discussion at the end. She also helps with resume writing workshops and teaches kids how to interview for jobs.

Exercise

Jackson teaches a cardio step class for both advanced and intermediate levels, but teaches beginners twice a year. She also manages to squeeze in instructing a total body weight lifting class open to all ages

and genders once a week.

Research

With her research, Jackson is required to perform several different surgical procedures on rats and also injects estrogen into female rats simulating a menstrual cycle to observe the differences in cocaine use associated with different levels of estrogen.

"A lot of our ideas about how the brain works are primarily based on research only done on males, so a lot of the studies out there need to be redone to see how those things differ for women. Part of what I do looks at a tiny piece of that," said Jackson. "When I work with rats, I get to tweak systems by administering estrogen or progesterone and manipulating testosterone and turning on the dopamine system using cocaine to illustrate how male and female brains work differently. We have found that reproductive hormones change the way dopamine works for women, but not for men. We should care about that because many medications that were designed to change dopamine or impact depression were only tested on men."

This research can influence people's understanding of how to prescribe medicine and can also influence drug develop-

"Now, the FDA requires that you must test women in studies, but it doesn't require that you test across the menstrual cycle," said Jackson.

Jackson also studies how women's sensitivity to pain changes during different pe-



PHOTO BY MARGARET SHAW | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Professor Jackson happily explains a PowerPoint slide to her 8 a.m.Introduction to Psychology class in the Liberal Arts building.

riods in their menstrual cycle. This study allows Jackson to look at how opioid receptors and endorphin release are different in men and women and how it changes across women's menstrual cycles.

"In depression, pain is a factor. Depression changes across cycle. How does endorphin release change across cycle? Drug developers can look at from our basic science what other systems are coming on board," said Jackson. "Drugs developers could develop drugs that are as effective as narcotics, but not as sedating, so you could drive on them and don't have abuse liability."

Jackson has been researching these topics since 1999, and the studies she works on will be researched for years to come because different studies continuously tweak the process by adding variables or changing doses.

"It's refreshing to see someone who truly loves their job and is passionate about what they're doing; we don't see that much anymore. It's possible

food dish to share with all at-

own way.

elle Mayer.

were encouraged to pray in their

"We plan their favorite meals

and invite others to celebrate the

memories with us. It is basically

a pot luck to get together and

remember the joy of life," Pike

"I thought the supper was

pretty awesome and a great way

to bring people together to em-

along with gaining knowledge of

them," said business major No-

brace other cultures' customs

that major discoveries will come from her research," said Schoolcraft sophomore Jenna Guck.

Although she started as a biology major in undergraduate school at Buoy State University in Maryland, Jackson sparked a love for psychology and her relationship with rats began with her undergrad wet labs. Jackson left Maryland, earned a masters and Ph.D. in Biological Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan and taught other undergraduate students towards the end of her career as a student.

Jackson has been a part of the Schoolcraft community for five years teaching introduction to psychology, human sexuality, interpersonal relations, child psychology and abnormal psychology.

In addition, Jackson also continues to teach a lab at the University of Michigan and has been an educator there for about six years.

"I really like being someone's first psych. professor. I think it's fascinating. Everybody should be able to get something out of it no matter what your major is. It applies to everything we do," said Jackson.

Jackson stays involved on campus being the faculty sponsor for the Civil Rights club who carry out goals to educate people on human rights, racial equality, gender issues and more.

"Professor Jackson brings her natural leadership and passionate attitude to every meeting. She fosters our ideas and helps them become reality. She is supportive of each member and the group as a whole," said Eric Watson, President of the Civil Rights Action Club.

Professor Jackson leads a busy lifestyle, mastering of the acts of balancing tasks and time management. Her passion for psychology pays off in inspiring students and researching for the future. There is no end to the help she gives to others.

Remember the tribes

Native American Culture Club hosts events to honor Natives

> **BY ELAINE GEROU** MANAGING FDITOR

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush declared November Native American Heritage Month.

"November is a celebration month of the Harvest to Natives, but it was made 'special' because of Thanksgiving; every month to Natives is sacred and special, and each month is known to bring something new," said Catherine Pike, a member and coordinator of the Native American Culture Club.

The club has been open to Natives and non-Natives for

several years, and is run primarily by Professor Karen Schaumann-Beltran from the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine.

'We benefit our club members and Native American culture by reminding people that Natives are still here and a part of the society called 'America,"" Pike said. "They enjoy the same things that other Americans enjoys and are probably neighbors of yours."

On Oct. 29, the club hosted a Ghost Supper/ Dia de los Muertos potluck and film showing of "Food for the Ancestors." At this event, deceased loved ones were celebrated. Guests brought a



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Supper, sponsored by the Native American Culture Club, religious tokens were put on display. Traditionally, these items help celebrate life and death.

At the Ghost

picture of deceased loved ones to The club hosts other various display, as well as their favorite events and also meets once a month tendees. Before eating, attendees

"We do not host a pow wow, but we do host song and dance exhibitions at various times throughout the year, especially during the Multicultural Fair," said Shaumann-Beltran.

On Dec. 10 there will be a bead workshop instructed by Catherine Pike in LA140 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. where simple stitches will be instructed using glass beads.

The club is also inviting all member and nonmembers to come to the Winter Solstice Celebration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at Kochoff Hall on Dec. 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. It is free, but donations are appreciated. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, homemade or gently used item to contribute, as well as plates, bowls, cups and/or utensils to eat with. Nickole Fox can be contacted for more information at (313) 846-3718x1400.

Ideas for meetings or questions can be communicated with Professor Schaumann-Beltran by calling her at 734-462-4400x5804 or emailing her at kschauma@schoolcraft.edu.



Secrets of the Quill

Dear Writing Fellows, I catch myself using small vocabulary words when speaking and even writing sometimes. What can I do to avoid being perceived as lazy and cliché?

#BrainFarts

Hello #BrainFarts,

"Very is the most useless word in the English language and can always come out. More than useless, it is treacherous because it invariably weakens what is intended to strengthen."

-Florence King

The word very is intended to

create an emphasis on a particular adjective. Very, however, is actually perceived as a weak and parenthetical word. For example, I am tired. I am very tired. Very is not a degree of measurement, but rather a sign of pure laziness in diction. People use the adverb very to put emphasis on other adverbs or adjectives. Moreover, it does not have that sensational effect of one's intentions.

No matter the age group: children, teenagers, adults, and seniors, the word *very* is used in everyday vocabulary. Personally, I want to expunge very from the English language. But, I conclude that this will not happen. The solution should be to understand correct grammar and vocabulary, but it is more acceptable to use in speech than in writing. When writing, one has time to proofread and look over his or

her paper, but when speaking on the spot, one may not have the privilege of time.

Another term to avoid in writing is a lot. First, people love to make the mistake of combining a lot into one word (alot). This is not correct! The term is used as two separate words intended to describe a perceptible quantity. For example, I like lions a lot. This sentence has no creativity or zest to it at all. Instead, one could say, I admire lions because of their predatory skills, and the way the species is viewed as the alpha in the animal kingdom. Be creative! Write with unique and descriptive adjectives. Writing is telling a story without pictures, so it requires exceptionally vivid words for the audience to imagine.

An entire book could be written on all the numerous

words and phrases with minuscule effect such as: very, a lot, like, literally, you know, no problem, etc. In addition, I will be honest in saying that I have and still do occasionally use these indolent terms when speaking and writing. The difference, however, is in ink. It is more acceptable to use these terms when speaking than when writing. One cannot take back what he/she says. What one says out loud is said and that is it. Where as in writing, one can scribble out, backspace, or even white out the word. Unfortunately, these ineffectual words are indelibly ingrained within our minds for several generations. Avoid lethargic vocabulary. Be the person to think critically out of the box to entice a particular audience. Writing is a magnificent art that can be diminishing if the word structure is not up to par. The best hint of advice I can give is to use words so there is never any question as to what you mean, how you feel, or what you are trying to describe.

-John Solimanto



EVENTS

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Staff Writer

WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

Monday, Nov. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. VisTaTech Center

Aspiring female business owners have the opportunity to learn about being a certified Women's Business Enterprise. Attendees will learn how to complete the application package, the benefits of being certified, and more. The enrollment fee is \$25. Call to register at 734-677-1400.

ASK AN ATTORNEY

Monday, Nov. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. McDowell Center, Room 105

Community members will be able to gain information from an attorney about divorce and family law. This service is offered on a first come, first serve basis. The attorney will be from the Creighton, McLean & Shea law firm.

KNOW YOUR SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR

MONDAY, NOV. 17 FROM 4 TO 5:15 P.M. LA 200

All basic scientific calculator functions (such as square roots, exponents, fractions and standard keys) will be reviewed at this event. Participants are recommended to bring TI-30XS Multi-View calculators.

KNOW YOUR GRAPHING CALCULATOR

MONDAY, NOV. 17 FROM 6 TO 7:15 P.M.

All basic graphing calculator functions (such as square roots, exponents, fractions, graphing and standard keys) will be reviewed. Participants are recommended to bring TI-83 or 84 graphing calculators.

MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS

TUESDAY, NOV. 18 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Jeffress Center, Room 110

Members who attend this event will be able to learn how to use marketing tools that grow small businesses. The topics that will be reviewed include market analysis and research and competitor assessment. Each student who wishes to participate in this event will be charged \$45.

PERCENT PERFECTION

TUESDAY, NOV. 18 FROM 3 TO 4:15 P.M. **LA 200**

Schoolcraft students can participate in this event and learn to take their current understandings of percentages and proportions up to a whole new level with a variety of ways including magic triangles. All Schoolcraft students are welcome to attend.

EXPONENT RULE

Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. **LA 200**

Students in Math 047 or above who are confused by the many rules of exponents will find this workshop extremely helpful by reviewing and reinforcing mathematic abilities for math tests and daily use.

DIGITAL LITERACY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. **LA 320**

This event will help establish a sense of comfort for students and faculty who are struggling with trying to figure out the meanings of certain kinds of digital literacy. The Writing Fellows sponsor the event.

NOON CONCERT, LYNN KLOCK, **SAXOPHONE**

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from noon to 1 p.m.

Presentation Room, VisTaTech

Enjoy an exciting concert performed by Lynn Klock, a saxophonist and professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Klock has traveled around the world as a renowned guest soloist for many different orchestras. Although the event is free, donations are encouraged; all at-door donations will help fund student scholarships.

DIGITAL LITERACY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from noon to **LA 320**

Understanding digital literacy, developing graphic skills and enhancing presentations are the main goals of this event. Writing Fellows orchestrate this event to make sure everyone is prepared for the 21st century.

MATH: LINEAR EQUATIONS

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 1 to 2:15

Bradner Library Room 105

This workshop will review the five steps of linear equations. Students who are struggling with remembering those steps will be able to recall them in a flash after participating in this session. Any Schoolcraft student is welcome to attend.

FRACTIONS IN 10 WORDS OR **LESS**

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 3 to 4:15

McDowell Center, Room 35

Students who need help with understanding fractions will learn ten different words that will help them become more comfortable when dealing with fractions. To attend, students must be in or have completed Math 47 or better.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Thursday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to

Jeffress Center, Room 110

Attendees of this event will be able to learn what it takes to become a government contractor. Learn what resources and services are available for small businesses that wish to pursue the government market.

COSTCO – ON CAMPUS RECRUITING EVENT

Thursday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to

Henry's Food Court

Representatives from Costco will talk to aspiring applicants about the company, job openings and application processes. Participants are asked to dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes.

THE HOW-TO IN WRITING RESEARCH PAPERS

Thursday, Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bradner Library, Room 110

The Writing Fellows will be hosting this workshop. They will assist any students who are struggling with figuring out what areas to cover for the research paper and where to get the research from.

GRIEVING STUDENTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Thursday, Nov. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. **LA 200**

Roughly 36% of college students deal with loss. Counselors Anna Trojan and Stuart Baker will provide information on grief and loss to students who attend this event.

LAB REPORTS AND APA IN **SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Monday, Nov. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. **Bradner Library Room 110**

Pupils in the fields of science who struggle with the task of writing lab reports will greatly benefit from participating in this presentation. The components of lab reports will be analyzed and students will become familiar with methods for strengthening data records.

BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES

Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 110

This activity will allow attendees to gain an excellent understanding of the legal entities that are appropriate for structuring and starting a new business. Some of the topics covered will be tax and liability issues and registrations. The enrollment fee is \$45 per participant.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. McDowell Center, Room 105

Social worker Cynthia J. Barnwell will speak about the emotions that can be initiated by divorce during the holidays and other special occasions and how to cope with them.

TURKEY BOWL

Wednesday, Nov. 26 from noon to 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft soccer field

Students are invited to play a friendly game of flag tootball and enjoy a delicious pre-Thanksgiving BBQ afterwards, sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Students must sign up prior to the event at the Student Activities Office.

MONEY MATTERS IN DIVORCE

Monday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. McDowell Center, Room 105

Divorce financial analyst Vicki D. McLellan will speak to community members and Schoolcraft students/alumni about financial problems that pop up due to divorce. Clients will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

PTSD SIGNS, SYMPTOMS **AND RESOURCES**

Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Waterman Rooms 205 and 210 Counselors Karen Krystyniak and Chris Richards will OF CHARGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE AT 734-462-4422. be hosting an informational

ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE FREE

session about the signs and symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). They will also cover the resources that can be used to fight the disease.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 110

Members of this workshop will learn the basics of financial management, such as accounting language and preparing of balance sheets. The enrollment fee is \$45 per student.

GORGEOUS GRAPHING

Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Students who are in Math 053 or above and are struggling with graphing linear equations will find this workshop to be helpful as it covers easier ways to graph lines.

ANGER AND AGGRESSION **AWARENESS**

Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon

Students deal with stress on a daily basis and sometimes their stress comes out in bursts of anger. Schoolcraft counselors Stuart Baker and Brad Minton will give a presentation on anger and aggression awareness.

SCHOOLCRAFT'S CHILI **FUNDRAISER**

Wednesday, Dec 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lower Waterman

All funds raised from this event will enable the food pantry at the Radcliff center to remain stocked. The charge for each bowl of chili is \$2.50 and there will be several varieties to choose from.

NOON CONCERT, PAUL KELLER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, Dec. 3 from noon to

Presentation Room, VisTaTech

Enjoy a very merry concert performed by Paul Keller, jazz bassist, composer and bandleader. Keller is widely regarded throughout Michigan for his groups. Even though the event is free, donations are encouraged; all at-door donations will help fund student scholarships.

PHI THETA KAPPA INFORMAL **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7 to 8:30

Lower Waterman

New Phi Theta Kappa members are encouraged to attend this event to celebrate their achievements, meet other Phi Theta Kappa members and learn more about the club. Snack and refreshments will be served.

MASSAGE THERAPY TOUR

Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 6 p.m. **Radcliff Center, Room 135**

Students aspiring to become massage therapists

will be able to learn more about the art and science of healing by way of massage therapy during this tour. Learn how to manipulate the soft tissues of the body for increased well-being.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Friday, Dec. 5 from 9 to 11 p.m. **Merri-Bowl Lanes**

Phi Theta Kappa presents this event for club members and the public. Participants in this fundraiser will be able to enjoy three games of bowling plus pop and pizza. The enrollment fee is \$18 per

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL BACH FESTIVAL AUDITIONS

Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5

Forum Building

The annual Bach Festival recognizes fine piano performance and encourages excellence in piano teaching. Judges will listen to all performers and decide which ones give the best performances. Those judged to be the best, will be able to participate at the Honors Recital on Dec. 12.

COLLEGE VISITS

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Monday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Applied Sciences Building**

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Henry's Food Court**

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Henry's Food Court

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon

Biomedical Technology Center

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. **Biomedical Technology Center**

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Forum Building

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – DEARBORN

Tuesday Dec. 2 from noon to 3 p.m. **Henry's Food Court**

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Applied Sciences Building

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Thursday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Henry's Food Court





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ARTISAN NOW ART CLUB

Every other Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. (next meeting Nov. 28)

Aspiring artists at School-craft can display their art and share ideas with each other. This group helps students express themselves artistically and boost their confidence by receiving constructive criticism on their artwork from peers.

BUSINESS CLUB

Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.

Come for guidance and to develop one's knowledge of the business world. Discuss anything and everything business related meetings and attend additional seminars and network possibilities related to future employment.

CHESS CLUB

First and third Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. (next meeting Nov. 21)

This club aims to create a network of chess players and teach people how to strategically play the game. Learn what moves to make and when to make them.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE

Tuesdays at noon

This club challenges participants to explore the Lord's Word and improve the overall college experience through God. Help others grow spiritually by promoting friendship and participating in Bible discussions.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Every other Monday at 3 p.m. (next meeting Nov. 24)

They wish to gain more members of the party at the collegiate level by developing a greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution through sponsoring speakers, hosting question and answer sessions with public officials and debating and discussing current events.

DOCTOR WHO

 $We dnesdays \ from \ no on \ to \ 2 \ p.m.$

This group brings students with an interest in science fiction together and introduces newcomers to the show "Dr. Who." The club hosts social events like costume parties and game nights themed around the show.

LGBTQI ALLIANCE

Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

The alliance creates awareness of gender and sexual identities and creates a safe place for LGBTQI people worldwide. Come help inspire change and educate others through events like sponsor symposiums and social gatherings.

PING PONG CLUB

Thursdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Ping Pong can be taken to several levels, including serious world competitions. Come to this club for practices and casual mini tournaments where contestants play up to 11 points and the winner continues on to the next round.

POKÉMON CLUB

Wednesdays at 4 to 6 p.m.

This club is the place for those who are long-time Pokémon fans or people who are just starting out. Play Pokémon and discuss the various facets of Pokémon like the television show. Anyone interested in Pokémon is encouraged to come.

PROJECT PLAYHEM GAMING

Mondays at 3 p.m.

This group unites members by creating a sense of community among student gamers academically, socially and competitively. Like-minded individuals can connect for tournaments and get-togethers.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONNECTION

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Become part of the bi-monthly, award winning student newspaper and help express student opinion and report college and world news related to Schoolcraft. Photograph, write, design, produce videos and multimedia and edit to find a niche in the media.

STUDENTS OF ACTIVELY MOVING FORWARD (AMF)

Every other Thursday at 6 p.m. (next meeting Nov. 20)

This is a nonprofit organization run by students, dedicated to emotionally supporting college students grieving the illness or death of a loved one. The group connects students together for support and aims to raise awareness about the needs of various grieving college students.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Along with involving students in community, the SAB hosts service projects on campus and with local charities. Join the SAB on Wednesday Nov. 26 from noon to 3 p.m. on the Schoolcraft soccer field to participate in the Turkey Bowl football game.

TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m.

This club is responsible for facilitating a fun and comfortable environment in which students can enjoy various non-electronic games. Students who enjoy classic games can join for fun and to make friends.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB

Thursdays at 1 p.m.

This club helps those interested in the multimedia field learn more about the dynamics of media through writing, producing and more. Anyone interested in acting, writing or editing is welcome to come to the club

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Staff Writer

BREAK DANCE CLUB FRIDAYS FROM 2:45 TO 5:15 P.M.

PF140

This club provides students with a chance to express themselves through dance. Attendees have fun while learning about various dance styles, practicing them and meeting new people. Students can compete amongst themselves and showcase their skills.

CIVIL RIGHTS – CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 3 P.M. (NEXT MEETING NOV. 18)

IA 130

This organization promotes, educates, and works towards the expression of identity and rights of those on campus and beyond. Members strive to involve students, faculty, staff and the community to promote this purpose.

FIT CLUB

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

Fitness Center, PE Building
This group introduces various fitness principles and proper techniques through different exercises that will improve fitness levels and team building skills. Students who come to this club will improve their overall health and mindset.

MATH AND PHYSICS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS FROM 5 TO 6 P.M.

BTC 300

This group brings students currently seeking degrees in math or science related fields together. The club strives to foster higher levels of interest and understanding in math and physics related topics. Members receive the opportunity to participate in lectures and contests.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB (NACC)

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12:50 P.M.

LA 14

This club fosters an understanding of Native American culture, history and traditions through showing films, sponsoring guest speakers and hosting other cultural events.

MOVIE VIEWING "TWO SPIRIT"

On Nov. 17, the club will present the film "Two Spirit," a documentary about the Native worldview on sexual orientation.

MOVIE VIEWING "IN WHOSE HONOR"

On Dec. 3, NACC will show the film "In Whose Honor," which is about Native American mascots in sports.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

TUESDAYS FROM 2 TO 4 P.M. IN VT440

Those who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and have completed 12 credit hours above the 100 level are invited to join this prestigious society with access to apply for certain scholarships. At meetings, leaders welcome new members and direct existing members on upcoming events to attend.

ST. LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join PTK on Saturday Nov. 22 at 8 a.m. in the Lower Waterman to volunteer at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. The event lasts until about 1 p.m.

RUGBY CLUB

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 5 TO 6:30 P.M.

FIELD BEHIND APPLIED SCIENCE BUILDING

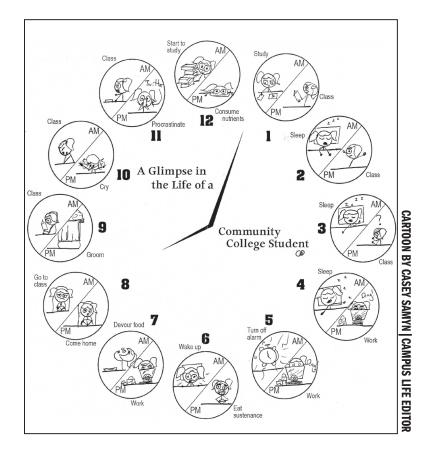
This is the first rugby team at Schoolcraft College. Rugby combines speed, strength and strategy. The club is preparing to compete in the Michigan Rugby League against other rugby teams from the state in the spring.

WALLYBALL CLUB

MONDAY, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

WALLYBALL COURTS, PE BUILDING

Wallyball is played on a racquetball court and is similar to volleyball, but players utilize the walls. Many teams play on a competitive level, students can join regardless of their intents for a friendly, high-paced atmosphere.



Schoolcraft College - Phi Theta Kappa

Holiday Poinsettia Sale

Order now through December 1, 2014 Pick-up date December 4, 2014

Proceeds to aid the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program.

Six colors to choose from!
Colors may vary slightly from picture.







Please Note: Plant condition will not be guaranteed after pick-up date.

Order forms may be picked up in the Student Activities Office, Lower Waterman, VisTaTech

Center. For more information, please contact Student Activities at 734-462-4422.



ARTSANDENTERTAINMENT



WEATHER Jacket, boots and hat essentials

> BY ELIZABETH CHAPA ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

s we slowly approach colder weather and dreadful winter, one must be ready to endure all that it holds. A durable jacket is a must, but it is not just the jacket — one needs the right shoes and hats. Here are some quick tips when shopping for cold temperature apparel.

PINTEREST IMAGES

ABOVE LEFT: An easy put together outfit by wearing rain boots with a drawsting parka. RIGHT: SOREL brand boots are reliable and worthwhile for the cold temperatures to stay warm.

LADIES

There are three types of jackets every lady should consider getting.

Changing up from the classic short black coat, go with a long wool pea coat in a light pink or red color. Staying away from neutral colors with this jacket will help alter one's look.

Another classic is the biker jacket. This can be paired up with just about anything, whether one is going out or just running to the store. Be daring and get a colored biker jacket, either brown or burgundy instead of the usual black.

Something a little cozier and oversized fitting would be a drawstring-padded parka. This jacket can be found in many different colors, ranging from neutral to colorful.

Depending on taste, see what would be best worn with most day-to-day outfits.

To go with one's jacket, there are a few type of boots that are worthwhile for cold tempera-

A pair of over-the-knee boots is an essential for winter. These boots look good with jeans and leggings. They are more appropriate to wear if one is going out with friends, instead of walking around campus.

Also every girl should have a pair of rain boots and a pair of winter boots for the colder weather as well. Rain boots come in handy when weather is starting to get colder, but not cold enough for heavier boots, but when the temperature does drops, one could wear these with knee high socks for more warmth.

With winter boots, it is necessary to have a nice, reliable pair with the possibility of snow approaching at any moment. A favorable pair to have

would be SOREL brand winter boots because of the waterproof rubber bottom and upper layer constructed of leather to ensure a warm coverage. They make for a comfortable pair of boots while still being weather proof and stylish.



GUYS

For guys, there are three types of jackets: the bomber jacket, the Harrington jacket and the pea coat.

One can find a bomber jacket that is insulated with warm material on the inside or find one lightweight. A Harrington jacket, is a lightweight jacket, making it perfect to put over a hoodie for layering as the weather gets chillier.

A pea coat is a dressier look than the other two, which makes it an ideal jacket for a night out.

It is easy for one to just put on any pair of shoes in the morning, but guys really should consider the time and invest in a nice pair of boots for colder weather. Pursue getting desert boots or combat boots for a casual look. One could also never go wrong with a pair of Timberland boots, but instead of the basic wheat colored suede, try going for black or a dark brown leather.

Guys should consider wearing a hat when the temperatures drop, not only for fashion sense, but for strong health.



PINTEREST IMAGE

ABOVE: The latest shoe trend for guys are desert boots and are a must have.

One is safe with a classic beanie or a cuff beanie, but if one is feeling risky, lead by wearing a tweeted flat cap, also know as ivy cap. This type of hat looks great with the bomber or Harrington jacket.

Use these tips as a guide to find the perfect jacket to endure the chilled weather. This is the perfect timing to take a step to changing up one's style and revive the typical winter clothing and accessories. One could possibly even take a risk and buy something that would feel out of the satisfying comfort zone.



PINTEREST IMAGE

ABOVE: Stay fashionable this season by updating to a Harrington jacket, which will go great with jeans or a more formal look.

A swift transition to pop

"1989" starts a new journey for mega star

BY AMANDA KOCHANOWSKI









Over the past eight years, Taylor Swift has made a household name out of herself. Born and raised on a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania, the female star started writing and singing when she was only 15, landing a contract with newly independent record label, Big Machine Records. She started with her self-titled album in 2006 and gained fans with her hit single "Teardrops On My Guitar." Big Machine Records has continued to represent her for all five of her albums.

Swift's first and second album showed off her young age. With 13 tracks about young love, fairytales and having her head up in the clouds, Swift's teen girl audience ate it up. Critics also approved of her quality lyrics and genuine sound, winning "Fearless" both Album of the Year and Best Country Album at the 2010 Grammys. Singles "Love Story" and "You Belong With Me" also scored the artist many nominations and awards throughout the media, while "White Horse" earned two Grammys for both Best Female Country Vocal Performance and Best Country Song.

In 2012, "Speak Now" was released

as Swift's third studio album. By this time, the 19-year-old had learned of love, loss and fame. The album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart, with over one million copies sold in the opening week alone. Due to the digital success of the album, all 14 tracks made their way onto the Billboard Hot 100 single chart. This huge accomplishment earned the "Most Simultaneous U.S. Hot 100 Hits by a Female Artist" Guinness World Record.

Swift's ever-changing high profile life by 2012 affected her personality, looks and musical style. With straight hair, red lips and an updated sound, Swift continued her world domination. "Red" was well received by her loyal fans, with singles "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" and "I Knew You Were Trouble" becoming instant hits.

Swift released her fifth studio album "1989" on Oct. 27. There is absolutely no country here—no banjos, no sweet, southern accent. It is definitely 100 percent Taylor Swift and 100 percent genius though. While some fans may have feared Swift's change of sound, she proves once again that she knows exactly what she's doing. This is her best album yet.

Swift has found the perfect balance between fun and substance. The upbeat, guitar dominated pop sound still manages to pair perfectly with Swift's



GOOGLE IMAGE

Music sensation, Taylor Swift, drops her fifth album titled "1989" on Oct. 27.

signature emotional lyrics.

Lead single "Shake It Off" released Aug. 18, addresses the criticism and hate Swift often receives. The music video for the track was released the same day, and included many fans dancing with Swift.

Swift continues her interactions with fans across many social media platforms. The day of the album release, the singer posted fans' photos and videos with the album to her Facebook page in an album called "#taylurking." Swift even tweeted, "Yes, it's a busy

promo day... But if you think I'm too busy to cyber-stalk you, you're WRONG #TS1989."

Overall, Swift manages to make listeners cry, laugh, sing along and feel like her best friend. "1989" is a mustbuy and is available in stores now. Each physical CD comes with a set of 13 Polaroid pictures of the star. A deluxe edition of the album is available at Target, with three additional songs and three voice memos of Swift talking about the writing and recording process.

Acting under pressure

Logic impresses with debut album

BY AUSTIN VICARS









Debut albums in hip-hop are tricky. It isn't often an artist's first album brings the complete package, but a great debut album can cement a rapper's legacy in hip-hop forever. Albums like "Ready To Die" by The Notorious B.I.G and "Illmatic" by Nas will forever be considered classics amongst fans of the genre. Even modern day debuts such as "Section.80" by Kendrick Lamar and "College Dropout" by Kanye West will go down as classics one day. So what kind of impact will Logic's "Under Pressure" have on hip-hop?

On Oct. 21, Logic released his debut album "Under Pressure" through Def Jam Recordings. After four successful mix tapes, Logic has built an impressive underground following that has led to great expectations for his debut album "Under Pressure."

"Under Pressure" is no modern day classic, but it is in no way a failure. The album itself is a great album, but several key flaws hold it back from hip-hop

The album tells the story of Logic. It details Logic's life struggles, from growing up in section eight housing, to having two parents who were drug addicts, to gang activity to dealing with his nicotine addiction. Logic's offering is refreshingly honest and heartfelt compared to many of his counter parts. Logic's lyrics and vocal flow are strong points on the album.

Standout songs off the album "Soul Food," "Gang Related" and "Under Pressure" feature Logic's skill as a rapper and great production. It is noteworthy that the standard edition of the record has no features on it. Logic spits every verse in order to accurately depict his story. Both Childish Gambino and Detroit's Big Sean have strong features on the album's deluxe version on "Driving Ms. Daisy" and "Alright."

Despite many strong points, the album suffers from several flaws that are hard to overlook. "Under Pressure" borrows rather than innovates and features a robotic sounding female voice named "Thalia" that states facts about the record in between songs. "Thalia" is reminiscent to the robotic voiced, female "tour guide" found on A Tribe Called Quest's classic record "Midnight Marauders." While "Thalia" provides good insight of the record, it's nearly impossible for hip-hop heads not to cry, "Foul!"

Logic also mimics from Kendrick Lamar's "good kid, m.A.A.d city" several times throughout the album. Logic's song "Metropolis" and a brief part of "Under Pressure" feature the exact same beat as Kendrick's "Sing About Me, I'm Dying Of Thirst." The similarities do not stop there. Logic's "Never Enough" features an intro that is also very similar to that of Kendrick's "Bitch, Don't Kill My Vibe." There's even a point on "Under Pressure" that features Logic in the same dreamlike state that we find Kendrick Lamar in his song "Swimming Pools." Even some of the layered vocals on "Under Pressure" are similar to vocals found throughout Kendrick Lamar's entire discography. While it would be a bit extreme to say that Logic "stole" from Kendrick, it is nearly impossible to ignore the similarities.

Logic is a rapper who wears his influence on his sleeve and does so to a fault. Even with the album's major flaws, "Under Pressure" remains grand. With great flow, strong lyrics and good production "Under Pressure" is one of the best hip-hop releases of 2014. It's just a shame that Logic would rather borrow than create, and this holds Logic back from a truly legendary debut album.



COMPILED BY SAVANNAH PLATUKAS



Hunter Hayes Concert Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. The Palace of Auburn Hills

Country sensation Hunter Hayes is currently promoting his newest album "Storyline" on his Tattoo (Your Name) Tour. Joining him is country duo Dan & Shay and country band The Railers. Tickets start at \$46.30 and can be purchased at http://www.ticketmaster.com/Hunter-Hayes-tickets/ artist/1577176.



The Night 89X Stole Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. The Fillmore Detroit

Popular rock/alternative radio station 89X is hosting its annual Christmas bash. It features headliner bands Bush, Our Lady Peace and also features bands You Me At Six and Smashing Satellites. Tickets start at \$32.25 and can be purchased at http://concerts.livenation.com/ event/08004D50E2735711.



Noel Night Saturday, Dec 6 from 5 to 10 p.m. Midtown Detroit

Join the community for a night of music, shopping, crafts, culture and Christmas. Institutions from all over Detroit will open their doors for free, including the Detroit Institute of Arts. Parking for the event can range from \$9 to \$10. For a schedule of all the events visit http://midtowndetroitinc. org/events/noel-night/schedule.



Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Fox Theatre Detroit

Listen to Christmas classics performed live by Mannheim Steamroller. The American musical group is celebrating 30 years of Christmas with their anniversary tour. Tickets start at approximately \$47 and can be purchased at http://www.ticketmaster. com/Mannheim-Steamroller-Christmas-tickets/artist/944139.



Do not be intimidated by the long cooking time. As the chicken roasts in the oven, multitask productively by washing dishes or unproductively taking a nap. Prior preparation is key. The butter needs to soften for at least an hour before making compound butter. Stuffing compound butter in the space between the skin and the meat gives the chicken a heavenly, tender texture. Highly recommended equipment for this recipe includes: a meat thermometer, a slotted spoon and an oven-safe skillet.



PHOTOS BY JANIS TSAI

Main ingredients for the dish include vegetable stock, chicken, butter, turnips, parsnips, carrots, mushrooms, chili powder, cayenne pepper, paprika, marjoram.



Achieve flavor and tenderness by seasoning the chicken, even its cavity, with salt, pepper, herbs and butter.

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325° F
- Make the compound butter by using a spatula to mix the spices into the butter. Set it aside.
- 3. Evenly distribute about 80 percent of the compound butter over the chicken and under chicken skin. Use a paring knife to create openings if necessary. Season the entire chicken, even inside the cavity, with salt and pepper. Sprinkle half of the marjoram over the chicken. Set the chicken aside.
- Heat the oven-safe skillet on medium-high, and melt the remaining butter on the skillet while adding the vegetables and mushrooms.
- Once the mixture is visibly softened (approx. 5 minutes), stir in the wine and then stir in the stock.
- Season the vegetables with the remaining marjoram. Add salt and pepper for taste.
- Place the skillet on the bottom rack of the oven. Place the chicken on the top rack, directly over the skillet.

- 8. Set a timer for one hour. Adjust the time depending on how quickly the chicken thigh gets to 180°F or the breast reads 170°F on the meat thermometer, and take it out of the oven.
- Set the chicken aside, where it carryover cooks while it rests. Carryover cooking is a phenomenon where meat continues to cook after it is removed from the heat. Chicken is perfectly cooked when the thigh reaches 190°F and the breast reaches 180°F. Resting the chicken also allows the juices to distribute evenly.
- 10. Remove the skillet from the oven. Using a slotted spoon, remove the vegetables from the skillet and place them into a serving dish.
- 11. Discard the liquid from the skillet or reduce it into a sauce using cornstarch, arrowroot or butter as possible thickeners.
- 12. Reduce the liquid by cooking over high heat until about half of it remains.
- 13. Serve the chicken with the vegetables. Pour sauce over both. Enjoy!

Bacon wrapped apricots stuffed with mozzarella and walnuts

Who doesn't love bacon, anything that has bacon in it is sure to attract people to the plate. This quick appetizer gives one the option to get creative and allows to substitute to preference. And along with that it gives the choice of how much one will want to budget for the dish.

For this recipe, feel free to substitute bacon with ham or prosciutto, walnuts with any other nut or apricots with other dried fruits. Be careful when substituting cheese. Mozzarella should be substituted for sturdy cheeses like Manchego and Gouda that can withstand 15 to 20 minutes in the oven and compliment the taste of apricots.



PHOTO BY JANIS TSAI

This tasty appetizer will leave guest asking for more.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cooking Time: 30 minutes Yield: 8 servings **Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup sherry vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1" piece fresh ginger root, cut into thin slices (no need to peel, but scr
- 3 two-inch pieces of orange peel
- 24 dried apricots (about 1 cup)
- 12 slices of bacon, cut in half long
- 1 cup chopped walnut, or any nut small enough to fit inside the apricot
- 4 oz. Brie, skin removed



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ABOVE: Laying out the ingredients before beginning the cooking process can be helpful. BELOW LEFT: The brie cheese will come in a circular shape and will need to be spooned out. BELOW RIGHT: Stuff the apricot with brie and walnuts.





Method

- In a small saucepan, bring the vinegar, water, brown sugar, cloves, allspice berries, peppercorns, ginger root and orange peel to a boil.
- Add apricots and lower the heat to maintain a gentle simmer.
- Simmer for about 12 minutes or until the apricots are soft and plumped up but not falling apart. They should have a definite pickled flavor at this point, which will develop more fully as they cool.
- Remove from the heat and let them cool to room temperature in the pan.
- With a sharp paring knife, cut a small lengthwise slit on one side of each apricot and gently pry them open. Stuff each apricot with a piece of cheese and a pistachio. Wrap a piece of bacon around each apricot — the bacon should overlap slightly (about 1/2 inch), so they hold together once cooked. Trim the bacon if necessary.
- Transfer, overlap-side down, to a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- Preheat oven to 375° F
- Bake the apricots until the bacon is browned and crispy, approx. 15 to 20 minutes.
- Transfer to a serving plate and put a toothpick in each one. Serve immediately.

Cranberry brie cups

This intriguing and elaborate dish uses a soft French cheese, Brie, giving the desert an appealing touch. This recipe also gives the option to test and show off cooking skills with the preference of choosing to make homemade cranberry sauce. Make this simple desert to amaze and impress at a Thanksgiving gathering.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 5 minutes Yield: 15 Brie cups **Ingredients:**

- ½ cup cranberry sauce
- 4 tbsp. walnuts, chopped
- 3 oz. Brie cheese, skin removed
- 15 phyllo shells (1 package)

If the phyllo shells a re hard to find, Kroger has great shortbread tartlet shells that can be found in their baking section. Store-bought cranberry sauce is fine, but making it homemade is very easy and deeply satisfying. Visit our Arts and Entertainment section online for a simple cranberry sauce recipe under the What's Happening tab.

Handling brie can be very messy. Instead of removing all of the brie's skin, simply remove the brie's bottom layer of skin with a knife, flip the brie over, scoop the insides with a small spoon and scrape it into the shortbread shell.

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325° F
- In a small bowl, combine the cranberry sauce with the walnuts and set it aside.
- Cut the brie into cubes, making sure they are small enough to fit in the bottom of the
- Place the brie cubes into the shells, then top with a spoonful of the cranberry and walnut mixture.
- Place the filled shells on a baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 6 to 8 minutes, until the brie has melted.
- Serve immediately.



ABOVE: Finished product of the desert for Thansgving dinner. BELOW: Simple ingredients for Cranberry Brie Cups.



Latest movie entertainment

Five movies being released on DVD this November

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA

New movies that are out of theatres are finally on the shelf ready to be taken home for enjoyment. These movies are family friendly and great to watch with a few friends. These movies range from romance to comedies that everyone will laugh at.



RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 18

This romantic, yet heart-gripping movie is based off the novel by Gayle Foreman. "If I Stay" is the sad story of a decision the young Mia Hall, played by Chloe Grace Moretz, must make after a tragic and devastating car crash. The accident leaves her without parent as well as in a coma. Mia exists in a realm where she experiences out of body moments. Her boyfriend Adam, played by Jamie Blackley, stays by her side in the hospital begging her to stay. Mia is left with the choice and must decide to leave the land of the living or stay to adapt to a new and extremely different life.



22 JUMP STREET **RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 18**

As the sequel to "21 Jump Street," this movie is a comedy that will keep viewers laughing. Officers, Schmidt played by Jonah Hill and Jenko played by Channing Tatum, are on a deep undercover mission in college after making their way through high school twice. In this sequel they continue their work of rooting out drug dealers. While on the case, the officers drift apart to different social groups and start to question their partnership. They not only have to solve the case, but they must mend the dwindling partnership to work maturely in order to finish their assignment.



STEP UP ALL IN **RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 25**

In the newest installment of the "Step Up" franchise, former stars from all four previous movies are brought to battle off in Las Vegas. Sean, played by Ryan Guzman, takes his crew to Los Angeles to try to make it into the competition. His crew, the Mob, eventually decides to head back home without him due to the lack of luck they were having. Sean then calls on an old friend, Moose played by Adam Sevani, to help him create a new crew to travel to Las Vegas for the competition to win a three-year contract. This crew includes Andi played by Briana Evigan and other familiar faces.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 11

Jenny played by Anna Kendrick and Kelly played by Melanie Lynskey both start to rely on each other as their lives begin to run out of options. Jenny finds a place to stay with her brother and his wife after a hard break-up. She begins to question her life when her penchant for alcohol and pot impedes on her attempts to straighten out her life. Kelly, on the other hand, begins to feel she is out of options when she flounders into a downward spiral that seems to be never ending. With Christmas quickly approaching, the two women turn towards each other for strength to face the future.



TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS **RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 25**

Tyler Perry plays Mable Simmons also known as Madea the wise, family oriented and sometimes unlawful elderly African American women. In this Christmas comedy, "Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas," Madea is called upon by an old friend to make a visit to the country as a Christmas surprise for her daughter. In this rural town, things go south when old relationships with Madea are tested and the town prepares for it annual Christmas carnival. Along the way, Madea spreads her own unique Christmas spirit to all. The biggest surprise is found when the two arrive and old secrets are revealed.

New and noteworthy views

The latest additions to Netflix will have one fascinated by the screen

BY SAVANNAH PLATUKAS

"Gilmore Girls": The Complete Series

This award-winning, comedic, drama Gilmore girls series stars Alexis Bledel, Melissa Mc-Carthy and Lauren Graham. Single mother Lorelai Gilmore, who leaves her family behind as a teenage



"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

experience the good and bad parts of

The sequel to the infamous Hunger Games Trilogy stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth. The 2013 fantasy, thriller follows Katniss and Peeta as they are forced to

life, love and friendship.

compete in the 75th anniversary of the annual games. Competing against them are all former winners. After their controversial victory the previous year with the lives of everyone they love at stake, they find themselves waging war against the Capitol.

"Annie"

Released just in time for the remake that will be released in theaters on Dec. 19, this 1982 family classic stars Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney and Carol Burnett. The movie follows 11-year-old orphan An-



CATCHING FIRE

nie and her adventure as she searches of a new family for a loving home away from her foster mother, Miss Hannigan. The movie filled with bright, boisterous music and a story that pulls at heartstrings, it is a movie loved by many and can't be missed.

"The Vampire Diaries" Season 5

This popular television series, aired on the CW network, stars Nina Dobrev, Paul Wesley and Ian Somerhalder. The show follows Elena Gilbert and her ever-complicated love triangle with



the Salvatore brothers, Stefan and Damon, along with the supernatural presence in their day-to-day life. With her ex-boyfriend, Stefan, missing and her best friend, Bonnie, not returning emails or calls for weeks, Elena battles her struggles alongside of her current boyfriend, Damon.

"Carrie"

This remake of the 1976 horror film based on Stephen King's horror novel of the same title, stars Chloe Grace Moretz, Julianne Moore and Gabrielle Wilde. The movie is centered on socially outcasted Carrie White who is the daughter of a



psychopathic mother. Repeatedly bullied by her classmates, Carrie uses her telekinetic powers to terrorize the town when they take a prank too far on prom

"Supernatural" Season 9

Also aired on the CW network, this multi-genre show stars Jared Padelecki, Jensen Ackles and Jim Beaver. The series is about brothers Dean and Sam Winchester whose mission is to hunt the evil and supernat-



ural in honor of their deceased father, who showed them the way after their mother was killed by a supernatural being. This series has captured the attention of millions of viewers throughout the years and continues to do so.





Elizabeth Chapa

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Q: I am going on a date with this girl, and I have not been on a first date in a while. What do I talk about? Should I bring flowers? How do I prepare for it?

A: When planning a first date, do not be too indecisive. Give her your input and hopefully she will too. It will save you both time, instead of going back and forth because you don't want to choose something that she might not like. If she suggests doing something and you're not that into it, it is okay to say no and suggest something else.

You really should keep in mind that you want to dress to impress, which will show her that you put thought into the date and you care what she thinks. You don't need to dress up. Just make sure to look impressionable. If you want to bring flowers, it is a very sweet gesture, and I am sure she would love them, but don't feel that you need to. It might even be best to save it for a second or even third date.

When on the date, ask questions to get to know her because she will then ask you similar questions in return. How-

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ever, try to stay away from only asking questions, it's not an interview.

Do your best to turn a question asked into a conversation because that is when you will discover who she really is. Be attentive when conversing. Make observations of things going on around and try sparking a conversation about that. Some other good conversation topics would be family, vacation dream spot, favorite book or movie, career plans or recent spontaneous adventures.

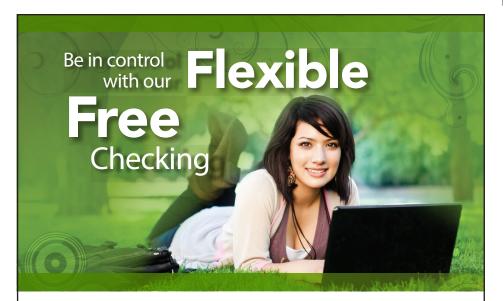
Some topics that should be avoided on a first date would be involve past relationships or other girls that are interested in you. Keep the past in the past until a later date. That conversation should be discussed when two people are exclusive. Politics, religion and how much money one makes can also make things awkward.

There are a few things to keep in mind while you are out on the date. If you are at a restaurant and you two are drinking, know your limit and do not drink too much. It will not leave a good impression. Another thing is stay off your phone! Texting on a date will make her feel as if you have better things going on, which is rude.

When the bill comes, she will probably jump to say that she will split it because she wants to be polite, but just let her know that it's okay and it is on you this time.

If you enjoyed your date's presence and had a good time, you should get in touch with her later that night or the day after. Let her know that you enjoyed the time spent together and bring up potentially going on another date soon. If you do not feel as though you would like to ask her out on a second date, that is okay too. She will more than likely get the message that it did not work out, if she does not receive a call or text from you.





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Game on

Womens basketball opens season 3-0

BY NICK MISIAK SPORTS EDITOR

After posting a below par record of 7-11 last season, Head Coach Kara Kinzer brought in a wave of fresh talent and announced a roster that featured only one returning sophomore, Sara Gammons, and nine freshmen. Despite the plethora of new faces that lack collegiate experience, the Ocelots opened the season with back-to-back wins against conference opponents, Jackson CC and Lakeland CC, and trampled Kellogg CC to start 3-0.

SPIRIT NIGHT DOMINATION

On Wed. Nov. 12, the Ocelots defeated Kellogg CC in their annual Spirit Night game held at Schoolcraft 67-46.

Freshman guard Ashley Bland put up 27 points and freshman guard T'era Nesbitt scored 18 points to lead the Ocelots offensively in a game dominated by the Ocelots on both sides of the ball. Schoolcraft took advantage of sloppy play by the Bruins, hopping on loose balls and converting on many of their scoring opportunities.

"I think we played very good. We had a few negatives though," said Bland. "We had a little bit of mistakes and sloppiness that we got to critique, but as a whole we played very good together."

Schoolcraft opened the game with a 11-4 run and followed that with a 26-7 run capped off by Nezbitt intercepting a Kellogg pass, crossing over a defender and laying the ball in for the score. The Ocelots led by 31 at one point in the first half and were up at the half 45-17.

NOTHING BUT NET

On Nov. 8, Schoolcraft rode a 13-point halftime lead to victory at home, defeating Lakeland CC 51-45.

Bland played the full 40 minutes, recording 14 points for the Ocelots shooting 36 percent from the floor, compared to just 30 percent for Lake Michigan. Nesbitt also scored 14 points and added seven rebounds. Freshman forward Rikki Sherdt had 17 rebounds for Schoolcraft, along with four steals and three assists.

"We came out and played pretty well for the beginning of the season," said



Sherdt. "We definitely can improve on how we played, and we can shoot better."

Lakeland freshman Candace Niemerg led all scorers in the game with 15 points, but her teammates were unable to support her, scoring only 30 points combined.

Schoolcraft had a 13-5 run in the last five minutes of the first half to secure their lead and never looked back from there, dominating in the paint and snatching rebounds with success.

A STRONG START

The Ocelots opened their 2014-15 season with a 66-39 shelling of Jackson CC at home on Nov. 5.

Bland went 7-16 from the floor, scoring a game high 18 points to go along with her five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Freshman Elise Tolbert recorded a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman guard Iavana Tucker scored nine points off the bench to lead the Ocelot reserves.

"I think our first half was very strong. We got a little sloppy in the second half,but we got the W so it went well," said guard Jessica Parry.

Jackson guard Chelsey Hall scored 17 points and was the only Jet to score in double figures. Turnovers haunted Jackson throughout the game, and they finished the game with 28, more than twice that of Schoolcraft's total of 13.

"So far, I am happy with how our team has been playing. Ashley [Bland] has been fairly consistent putting up points for us, and I can only hope for the best this season with the drive these girls have to win," said Kinzer.

The Ocelots travel to Lake Michigan College to take on the Red Hawks on Nov. 19 before returning home to face Glen Oaks CC on Sat. Nov. 22 at 1 p.m.



ABOVE: Freshman guard Ashley Bland rises for a shot over Kellogg freshman Erin Shafer in the Ocelots 64-47 win over the Bruins on Nov. 12.

LEFT: T'era Nesbitt focuses on her upcoming free throw attempt against Kellogg on Nov. 12.



PHOTO BY MIRANDA MALEC | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore Sara Gammons drives down low against Kellogg defender Alexis
Brautigam at Spirit Night on Nov. 12.

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Robust start

Ocelots blow out Kellogg on Spirit Night, starting season 3-1

BY AUSTIN VICARS AND NICK MISIAK STAFF WRITER AND SPORTS EDITOR

The 2013-14 season was rocky for Schoolcraft's Mens Basketball team, finishing with a 14-15 record and struggling with players' academic ineligibility throughout the season. However, with a new season comes a fresh start for the Ocelots. With a revamped roster, fresh attitude and a new head coach, Abe Mashhour, Schoolcraft looks to turn things around this season.

SCHOOLCRAFT SPIRIT NIGHT

At Schoolcraft's annual Spirit Night on Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Ocelots used their speed and aggressive pressure defense to defeat Kellogg CC 86-57.

Freshman guards DeShawndre Black and Ronald Booth both scored 16 points in the rout, and freshman Ja'Christian Biles recorded his second double-double on the season, recording 10 rebounds and 15 points.

"We didn't have a lot of energy, unfortunately, to start the game, but we really picked it up in the second half and started playing with more intensity, especially on the defensive end," said Mashhour. "Defense obviously was the key for us in the second half."

Kellogg committed 27 turnovers, with a majority of them coming from poor decisions due to defensive pressure from the Ocelots.

Biles electrified the crowd in the first half with multiple highlight reel dunks, including one from a pass off the glass from Booth on a fast break.

POOR SHOOTING NIPS OCELOTS

On Nov. 8, Schoolcraft played Owens CC, ranked eighth in the national, in the final game of the Owens Tipoff Tournament. Despite a valiant effort, the Ocelots lost to the national powerhouse 99-92.

Freshman guard Aveon Simmons continued shooting well, making 14 of 21 shots and leading all scorers in the game with 29 points. Freshman guard Ronald Booth added 22 points and freshman big man Anthony Wartley-Fritz added eight points and eight rebounds for the Ocelots.

Poor performance at the free throw line cost Schoolcraft, as they went 3-10 from the line. The seven missed free throws is equivalent to how much the team lost by.

"We didn't do the little things well, and it came back to bite us," said Wartley-Fritz. "Rebounds got away from us, and we missed too many free throws."

Shaakir Lindsey scored 22 points to lead the Express, and all five of Owens' starters scored in double figures, along with two players coming off the bench.

The previous night, Nov. 7, Schoolcraft dominated Jamestown CC, defeating the Jayhawks in a 94-66 blowout. The victory advanced the Ocelots in the Owens Tipoff Tournament to the finals against Owens CC.

The play of the game came from freshman Ja'Christian Biles, who used a breakaway to complete a windmill dunk that had the entire Schoolcraft bench jumping up and down in excitement.

"That dunk was just so energizing and sweet. Everybody was jumping around and screaming. It was just awesome," said freshman guard DeShawndre Black.



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR Freshman Ronald Booth rushes down the court on a fast break against Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft's Spirit Night on Nov. 12.

Biles had 18 points to lead the Ocelots, who had six players with 10 or more points. Aveon Simmons shot 5-6 from the floor and made all five of his free throw attempts to compile 15 points. Freshman guard Tyler Johnson went 4-8 from beyond the arc for 12 points.

OPENING NIGHT WIN

On Nov. 5, the Ocelots held their season opener at home against Jackson CC. After last year's disappointing season, many fans were left wondering how the team would fair this year. Coach Mashhour and his team came out and silenced the doubters by winning the season opener in a low scoring, 67-58 affair.

Booth led the Ocelots offensively, scoring 27 points by going 10-18 from the floor (1-3 3PT, 6-6 FT) and adding six steals. Freshman Aveon Simmons came one rebound short of a double-double, scoring 10 points and nine rebounds.

Coming off the bench, freshman forward Marcus Williams provided an offensive 3-6 from downtown, scoring 12 points and added five rebounds and three blocks in only 15 minutes.

With only two sophomores, Schoolcraft has a young, talented team that is loaded with potential. The Ocelots travel to Lake Michigan College on Nov. 19 before returning home to face Glen Oaks CC on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m.



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Freshman Ja'Christian Biles goes up for a dunk after getting the rebound off of the backboard from teammate Ronald Booth against Kellogg CC on Nov. 12.



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BY NICK MISIAK

The weekend of Nov. 8, the Schoolcraft Cross-Country Team ran in the Division III National Cross-Country Championship at Finger Lakes Community College in Canadaigua, New York.

On race day, the air was clear with the temperature at freezing. At the start of the woman's 5K race, the temperature was a crisp 38 degrees. Freshman Audrey Baetz was among the top 25 runners during the first half of the race eventually falling back and finishing 34th overall in 22:58 (7:24 mile pace). Teammate Grace Doolittle was always within ten runners of Audrey and finished 42nd in 23:14 (7:29). Both women will be returning to the team next

The top finisher in the race was Victoria Campanian from Herkimer College, who completed the course in 20:06 (6:29). No runner finished with a time under 20:00 giving an indication of the course difficulty.

The temperature rose to 40 degrees for the 11:00 start of the men's 8K race. Ethan Levack ran well the entire race, finishing 24th overall. He finished just 26 seconds behind 15th place, the last

All-American spot. This was the best national finish of a Schoolcraft runner since the men's program was reinstated in 2008. His time of 29:56 (6:02 mile pace) was his second fastest of the season.

Ten places and 40 seconds behind him was Freshman Liam Cardenas in 30:36 (6:10). At the Region Championship he ran the team's fastest race of the year, giving great promise for next year's season. Caton Hacker was the team's third runner, finishing in 32:41 (6:35)

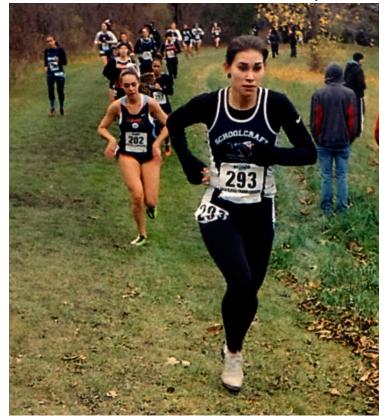
"The race course mainly looked good except for some hilly and flat areas that were wet and muddy" said Head Coach Ed Kozloff "As the team did an easy run through the course Caton Hacker tripped, went down and came up covered with mud, which was a little hysterical."

This was a busy and successful year for Schoolcraft Cross-Country. Since training began in August, the team ran in 14 races with nearly all the runners having great success in many of them. Coach Kozloff hopes that his returning runners will train hard in the offseason to continue to improve upon their already impressive numbers.

Sprint to the finish Cross-Country runners participate in Division Three National Championships



PHOTOS BY ED KOZLOFF | HEAD COACH



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ABOVE LEFT: Grace Doolittle, left, Caitin Hacker, Ethan Levack, Audrey Baetz and Liam Cardenas celebrate after the Division III National Championship at Finger Lakes Community College.

ABOVE RIGHT: Freshman Liam Cardenas sprints around the final turn in the National Championship race on Nov. 8.

LEFT: Freshman Audrey Baetz begins her trek down the hill on the ladder half of the course during the NAtional Championship race in Canadaigua, NY on Nov. 8.

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PLAYERS OF THE EDITION

BY NICK MISIAK SPORTS EDITOR

There is a common bond between all of the players on Head Coach Rick Larson's Mens Soccer team this year every player plays with passion. The two leading scorers on the team this year, Victor Contreras and Jon Quintana, both play with intensity and heart, and the reflection of their work shows in their contribution on the scoreboard. Both Contreras and Ouintana share a similar background, as they both came to Schoolcraft from Venezuela to play soccer. Their combined goal total of 20 accounts for almost half of the team's 45 goals this season, and they have combined for seven assists as well.

Contreras' 14 goals

and two assists lead the team in scoring, and Quintana's six goals and five assists give him second.

Contreras is currently in his first year on the team and is studying to become a graphic designer. He began playing soccer at the age of three and has grown over his 16-year career into a deadly scorer. He not only leads the team in goals, but he accounts for over 30 percent of Schoolcraft's total offense.

Quintana, also in his first year, has contributed to a large part of Schoolcraft's offensive success this year as well. He began playing soccer at a very young age, and it became his favorite activity. Leading the Ocelots in assists this year, his playmaking abilities and chemistry with all of his teammates makes him a vital part of Schoolcraft's offensive success.

The duo are regarded as the offensive power and one of the main reasons behind Schoolcraft's success.

Both Contreras and Quintana have a devout love for the game. This season has given the two an opportunity to show their heart on the pitch, and they have exploded offensively, making Schoolcraft one of the most feared teams in the country.



Contreras and Quintana celebrate their last home win against Lake Michigan before the team piled up in celebration of their first place finish in the MCCAA.



Quintana navigates through a pack of Owens CC defenders in a game on Sept. 24.

Jon Quintana

Q: How did you begin playing soccer at a young age?

A: I grew up with soccer. My mom put me in base-ball, put me in basketball, put me in every type of sport. I went "no way," my sport is soccer. I watched soccer. I talked about soccer. I played soccer—my life was all soccer.

Q: How did Schoolcraft recruit you to come play soccer?

A: Someone contacted Rick Larson, the Head Coach of the mens team at Schoolcraft and told him that I was a really good player. Then, Rick called me saying that he wanted to see me play. I came in the winter and I played one game. He told me that I was great and that he wanted me on the team.

Q: Rick Larson has been coaching the program for nine years. Can you describe what he brings to the program from a coaching standpoint?

A: He knows a lot of soccer and he knows what he's doing. I think he's a really good coach, and he's supporting us. He gives us the opportunity to use a lot of tools that we need, on the field and off the field.

Q: Do you do anything on your own time to better improve your game?

A: Before games and during the season I train a lot. I like to train, practice a lot and focus on my goals that I want to reach.

Q: Do you have any advice for people trying to play college soccer?

A: Yeah. The first thing you focus on is reaching your own goals. You have to get a personal goal, and you have to go for it. I always say if you want to get into somewhere, you have to go and fight for it. It's not going to come easily to you. You'll have obstacles to fight against and overcome.

Victor Contreras

Q: Where did you play soccer when you were growing up in Venezuela?

A: I played for my high school. At first, I played indoor soccer. I went to Argentina, then Italy and then Panama and I played there. Now, I'm playing for Schoolcraft.

Q: What was life like growing up in Venezuela?

A: It's the same as any country, but the culture is different. Honestly, I was bad in high school because I was so focused on soccer. I skipped classes just to play soccer with my friends, and I got in trouble with my mom. Now, my mom is seeing that my thing is soccer, not studies, but I still had to go to school to have a backup plan if things didn't go good with soccer.

Q: Can you describe what it's like being the leading goal scorer and being a leader on the team?

A: We have a great team and we're looking forward to the National Championships. Being the lead goal scorer means a lot because I have to put in more work and there's more pressure on me to help the team, but I think the best player on our team is all of us—the 11 on the field.

Q: What were your goals for this season? Have you not reached them yet?

A: We haven't reached my first goal; winning a National Championship. My personal goal is to go to a big university or play pro all over the world.

Q: What is your favorite part about soccer?

A: It's the best sport. I love every single aspect about soccer—that it's not only one, it's all of us.

Q: Did you have a player that you admired while you were growing up?

A: Yes. It's Ronaldo Lima, the Brazilian player. I want to reach everything he reached. He's the best player in the world.



Contreras looks to make a pass across the pitch against Owens CC on Sept. 24.



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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

2. THANKS

4. HOLIDAY

3. THANKSGIVING

5. GRATEFUL 6. GRATITUDE

8. CARING

7. KINDNESS

10. FRIENDS

11. HEALTH

12. APPRECIATE

13. RESPECT 14. THANKFUL

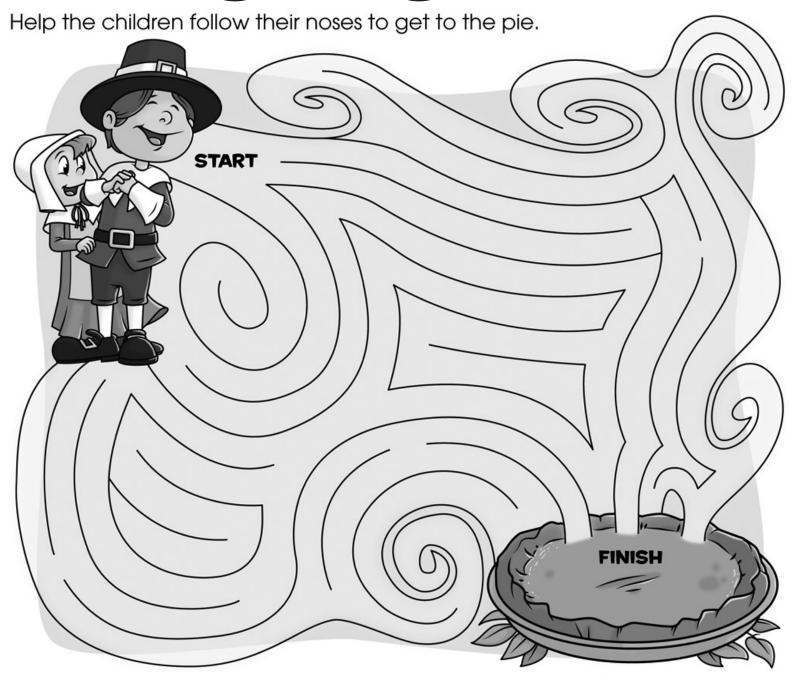
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15. POLITE 16. MANNERS

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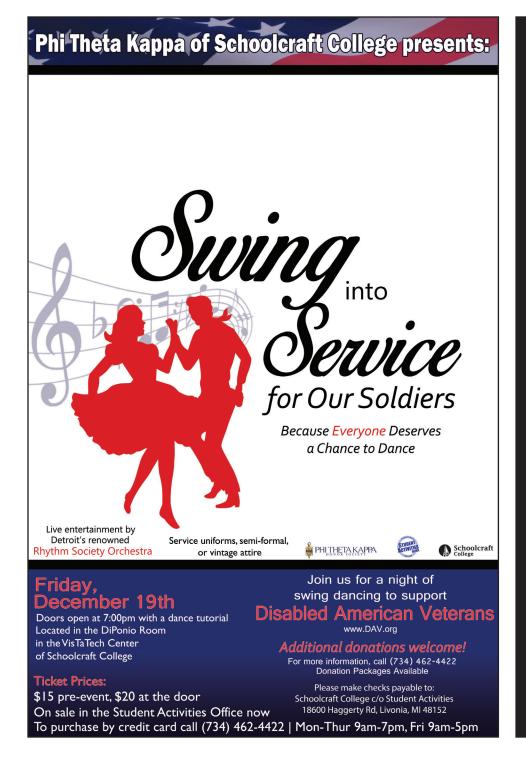
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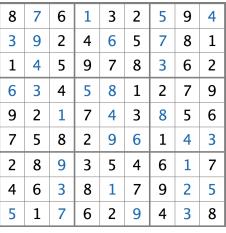
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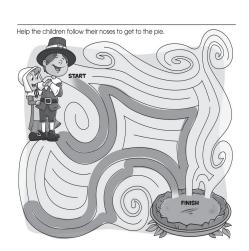
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Grief or Loss around the Holidays

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

-Anne Bradstreet

- What kind of life events can cause grief?
 - * How long does grief take?
 - * Why is it important to talk about grief?
 - Will grief go away if you don't talk about it?

Presentation ♦ Discussion ♦ Resources

One in three college students suffer from grief; don't let them or yourself suffer in silence.

The Counselor's Corner

Raising Awareness About Grief and Loss

Everyday students come to class, sit amongst their classmates, smile, take notes (maybe take a little nap?!?) and move on with their day. Some students are worrying about their upcoming assignments and exams, others about work and finances, friends or even romantic relationships. While there are many things that the typical college student must juggle or attend to in their daily life, dealing with the loss of something or someone significant oftentimes tops the charts.

Research suggests that "between 35% and 48% of college students have lost a family member or close friend within the last two years. Between 22% and 30% of college students have lost a family member or close friend within the last year," (Balk, 1997; Wrenn, 1999; Balk, Walker & Baker, 2010). This does not even take into account those dealing with other significant losses such as jobs, relationships, houses, finances, health, pets, etc. This means that the majority of students in any given class are grieving. Since grief is not something most people talk about, many are left to feel isolated and unsupported.

WHAT EXACTLY IS GRIEF?

Grief is a reaction to the loss of someone or something significant in ones life. It can trigger a vast array of emotions including shock, sadness, anger, guilt, fears, regret, shame, helplessness, relief and yearning. Other symptoms include difficulty eating, sleeping, concentrating, social withdrawal, loss of interest in things once enjoyed, feeling anxious, nausea, breathlessness, hypervigilance, hyperfunctioning (staying really, really busy), embracing religion and/or spiritual questioning, anger towards a deity, preoccupation and decreased academic performance. Grief is something that can be very complex and layered which can complicate ones "grief work". Because of this, there is no pattern that grief follows. There are no stages to grief and it can oftentimes feel like a rollercoaster with its ups and downs. Grief is something that is very unique to each person based upon the significance or relationship that was lost. Grief is not something that anyone "gets over" but instead learns to "cope with". Because of

the nature of grief, it can make college success very difficult.

SO WHAT DOES ONE DO?

How does one cope with grief? There are many healthy ways to cope with loss. Grief is something that needs to be expressed in one way or another. Some ways to express grief are through talking, writing, drawing, physical activity, and/or even music expression. There is no right way to grieve but it is important for each person to do so at their own comfort level and pace. It is also important to find a supportive network. That can be close friend or family member, a counselor or therapist, a support group or even online networking sites. When people try to manage their grief alone, it can lead to damaging coping mechanisms such as social isolation, anxiety, drugs and/or alcohol. Grief is not something that will go away if it is ignored or masked. Like school, one must do "the work". It can be difficult at first but it will ultimately help one to get to a "new normal" where they can become happy and successful again.

If you or someone you know is a grieving student, please know that you are not alone. Schoolcraft College has licensed counselors on staff who can help.

The Counseling Office offers brief counseling and can assist with finding appropriate resources in the community. Students are able to make appointments or just walk-in. The office is open 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

Schoolcraft College Students of AMF (Stands for Actively Moving Forward) is a peer to peer support group for any students grieving the illness or death of someone. It meets every other Thursday at 6pm in Student Activities.

The remaining dates are 11/20 and 12/3.

Contact: <u>atrojan@schoolcraft.edu</u> for more details.

