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Academic excellence, leadership and service

Elis Sholla wins All-USA Community College Academic Team

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Elis Sholla was honored with the ALL-USA Community College Academic Team award.

Each year, the All USA Community College Academic Team awards 20 community college students who show academic excellence, leadership and service that benefits both their college and community. Not only do the team winners receive an award of \$5,000, but they are also presented at the annual President's Breakfast, which is held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana from April 22-25. This year, Elis Sholla is one of 20 team members in the country to win this prestigious award.

"When you consider only 20 students from 1800 nominations receive that honor, that's quite significant. This is a person who's had quite a dedication to what he wanted in life, and pursued it with a vigor that allowed him to succeed. To have him get these awards is marvelous- it's rather excel-

lent. A lot of people work hard and don't always get something for it. This is somebody who's worked hard and he's getting the accolades and I think that's marvelous," said Dr. Conway Jeffress, President of Schoolcraft College.

The scholarship application opens in September of each academic year and closes in early December. Independent teams of judges review the applications to determine the award winners. In March, corporate Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) notifies each of the winners by personal email. The Follett Higher Education Group sponsors the event, along with the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa.

"I believe that many of our students deserve consideration for this type of an award that takes into account both our student's academic, work in the community and among their fellow scholars. By vir-

tue of his body of work in all three phases, Elis earned this accolade. As far as Schoolcraft College as an institution is concerned, I do know that we are all thrilled to celebrate this accomplishment with Elis, but more importantly appreciate the contributions that he has provided to the college. In the end, his commitment to excellence and hard work provides a model for others to reach for," said Todd Stowell, Director of Student Activities.

Participants in the USA Academic Team portray leadership skills, as well as academic excellence. Any student who participates in these activities and portrays these amazing qualities could be considered for the award in the future.

"Scholarships are the end point- rather, be involved in the community. It's cliché, but be the change you want to see in the world. You can't do something only to hunt for scholar-

ships," said Elis Sholla, 2016 All USA Community College Academic Team award winner and Schoolcraft College engineering student.

In the past, Elis has been very involved with PTK and is currently a student leader of Schoolcraft Omicron Iota chapter serving as President. In addition, Elis is the chair of recruitment for the Math and Physics Club, co-founder of the Robotics Club and is also a member of other clubs on campus.

As for community service, Elis has participated in many events that have benefited both Schoolcraft and the community around it. Elis has participated in the St. Leo's Soup Kitchen trip, Presenting speaker at Phi Theta Kappa Orientations, Coordinator for monthly breakout sessions, Community Holiday parties for children at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, Middle School Science Day Coordinator and

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Commitment to service

Schoolcraft students receive the Michigan Campus Compact Commitment to Service award

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
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Helping those in need is always a good way to help the

community one lives in as well as making a difference. For some, though, helping others is not about the benefits that they receive, it is

about those that they can touch and help to change their lives for the better.

Two students at Schoolcraft College have taken helping the community to a new level. It is no longer a chance to volunteer it has become a regular part of their lifestyle. Scholars Honors students Nathan Brown and Alicia Cooper have been awarded the 2017 Michigan Campus Compact Commitment to Service Award.

This award "recognizes two outstanding students from each Michigan Campus Compact member campus for their commitment to service. Students are chosen specifically for the breadth or depth of their community involvement and the demonstration of meaningful reflection of those experiences," according to micampuscompact.org.

"These students went from zero to 100 and it gives you a sense of this person's belief in service and dedication to other people and that is the mark of an honors type student. That you want to do something beyond yourself and that's a good thing," said President of Schoolcraft College Dr. Conway Jeffress.

Alicia Cooper

Cooper's goal in life has always been to help others as much as possible. She now wishes to open a nonprofit organization that is curriculum based for urban city youth one day. Cooper is a Scholars Honors student in addition to being the Vice President of Scholarship of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Omicron Iota Chapter.

As a Scholars Honors student, students are required to complete 100 hours of service over the course of two years. After joining PTK, Cooper soon exceeded not only the 100 hours of service that was required for an honor student, but continued to volunteer

and excel to reach over 200 hours of service learning volunteer work within two years.

Cooper sees volunteer work as becoming a religious part of her life. She manages to fit it into her schedule just as she does work, school and being a mother and wife. There are many causes that have been ingrained into her heart through helping the disadvantaged in communities she sees as needing it the most.

"I appreciate being considered as a leader in the community. Honestly, everyday I try to be aware of my surroundings and if I notice anything or anyone that needs help or attention; I try to spread awareness of the issues. Everything I have done has never been independently; with that being said I hope more people in their communities reach out to others to create solutions to any issues they may be subjected to. I believe in order to be a leader, one must first materialize a team and then be an active member within it," said

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Alicia Cooper and Nathaniel Brown won the Michigan Campus Compact Commitment to Service award for their outstanding work within the community.

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LOCAL

Expanding competition

On Wednesday, March 15, grocery chain Busch's opened their 16th store in Canton Township. The new store occupies the 54,000-square-foot building that served as a Farmer Jack shopping center until the company closed down 10 years ago. Busch's initially planned to open their Canton Center-Cherry Hill location in late 2013, but delayed it because their other locations needed to be renovated.

The new store features the company's first restaurant, named J.B.'s Smokehouse after founder Joe Busch. A full week after Busch's established its new shopping center, competitor Fresh Thyme opened its eighth Michigan location near the Ford Road-Morton Taylor intersection. This new store fulfills a niche for organic foods long sought by Canton residents.

Local shoppers will have a wide variety of freshly baked and organic, non-genetically modified (non-GMO) foods to choose from. Busch's and Fresh Thyme will compete with nearby chains such as Meijer, Holiday Market and Kroger.

STATE

Severe weather preparation

Michigan will host a Severe Weather Awareness Week the week of April 16 through 22. The key event during this week will be a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. Participation by families, individuals and businesses in this drill is not required, but is encouraged by state and local emergency management personnel; however, nearly all state government facilities will be taking part. Because tornadoes have an average development lead time of 10 to 15 minutes, citizens need to be able to quickly take cover, as these storms can damage or destroy property in mere seconds. By participating in this drill, residents and business owners will be better prepared to react if a warning is issued.

NATIONAL

Doubtful survival

National retail icons Sears and Kmart may fade away in the near future. The holding company for the brands, Sears Holdings, recently released its annual report, and it paints a bleak picture for the company.

According to the report, the firm currently owes \$4.2 billion in debt and has not been able to raise a profit since 2010. Instead, it has lost a staggering \$10.4 billion during that time. Since 2006, the organization has closed 3,400 stores in the U.S. and 370 in Canada. It now only operates 1,400 stores solely in the U.S. Sears used to be America's largest retailer while Kmart was one of the first major discount retail chains.

Following its 2002 filing for bankruptcy, Kmart merged into Sears in 2005 to create Sears Holdings. While Sears has suffered from rivals like Wal-Mart, competition from online retailers like Amazon has caused the most harm for the company.

Academic excellence

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Cooper.

Cooper volunteers with the St. Leo's soup kitchen helping the homeless and less fortunate. She also has played an important part in expanding Phi Theta Kappa's community service opportunities with local partners like The Ronald McDonald House, Safe House Ann Arbor, and Marycrest Manor (a local home for senior citizens). She has led by example in the Honors in Action program that the chapter has undertaken involving solar windows. Cooper and her team produced a video and lesson plan to be shared with local middle school teachers to educate the next generation of students interested in alternative energy solutions. These are just a few things that Cooper has done among the many hours of community service she has dedicated her time to that benefited the school as well as the surrounding community.

Alicia is currently working towards an associate's degree in science and she plans to transfer to the University of Detroit Mercy and study biochemistry with a minor in business law.

Nathan Brown

Nathan Brown is also a Scholars Honors student. Brown has completed over the 100 hours with countless meaningful volunteer opportunities as well on and off cam-

Complete the Degree initiative coordinator for Schoolcraft campus. In participating in so many events, Elis has shown great character and determination, and truly deserves an award such as this.

Elis Sholla is Schoolcraft's third winner, following in the

pus. He has worked countless school events, such as School-daze, the Multicultural Fair, Global Roundtables and even been the student panelist at Pageturners events.

Brown also works through the University Bound peer mentorship program, offering his college experience and wisdom to incoming freshman or transfer students. He volunteered off campus at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, Troy His-

Speaking to winning this award and giving back to the community, as well as representing the college, Dr. Jeffress said, "It is a good thing because not only for the academics do you want to see a people achieve, but you also like to see them achieve as human beings, as individuals."

toric Village and Habitat for Humanity Oakland.

Previous to winning this award Brown has also won the heart and soul award his first year as an honor student. This award recognizes a student's time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service.

"I feel really honored and grateful to receive the award as recognition for my volunteer efforts. Initially, I didn't think I would receive the award because I felt certain students at other schools would have far more volunteer hours accumulated than I did. When I received an email I was an award recipient, it was elating feeling for sure," said Brown.

Brown is currently majoring in business administration and plans on transferring to Wayne State University and

footsteps of Leah Esslinger in 2011 and Shauna Salin in 2001. Elis has plans to move on from Schoolcraft and attend University of Michigan Ann Arbor to pursue his education as an engineer. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the competition,

graduating in the next few years with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He plans to continue volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and Troy Historic Village, as those are two organizations he enjoys volunteering with and he likes to help out with in any way that he can.

Speaking to winning this award and giving back to the community, as well as representing the college, Dr. Jef-

or participating themselves, can go to ptk.org and research the competition. On the website there is a list of nominations, requirements a nominator guide and eligibility. Phi Theta Kappa can be contacted at (800) 946-9995.

award that went to 29 deserving students this year including Brown and Cooper. Students must be nominated by faculty and then selected by the colleges' president to be considered by the Committee that picks winners.

"Nathan and Alicia are both personable, approachable and they don't take themselves too seriously even though they are very serious students, just well rounded people," said Honors Program Coordinator and Adjunct Professor Deborah Taracuk.

These are two students among Schoolcraft's campus that went above and beyond to serve their community. It is no longer a commitment to help others, but is a way of life for them. They both aim to achieve greater things through making connections with others and helping the disadvantaged in any way they see that they possibly can and hope others will too. Working together and with others to change this little part of the world day by day is an inspiration for all.

Michigan Campus Compact Commitment to Service Award

The Michigan Campus Compact is a partnership between 35 Michigan colleges and universities dedicated to preparing college students to advance the public good in their communities. They hand out nine awards every year, including the commitment to service



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Lost keys

In the Forum building, in the 100-hall seating, a girl was doing her homework before she decided to go to her car and leave. When she got to her car, she realized she must have left her keys on the table and walked back inside to the seating to retrieve them. Unfortunately, the keys were not on the table where she was studying.

The keys were described as a Nissan ignition keys and several other keys, all on a key ring. Also on the key ring was a brown Louis Vuitton pouch and a black fur ball. The keys were not found around the seating area, in the trashcan nearby or in the girl's car. The Forum footage was checked but no one was seen leaving the area with the keys. There are no suspects at this time.

Trailer break in

There was a report of a suspicious person around the util-

ity trailer at the soccer dome, so an officer contacted a representative of the Michigan Wolves and Hawks, who owns the trailer. It was noted that a lock was missing off the rear trailer door, but when checked inside all the boxes were neatly stacked. One woman was at the trailer March 4, and said she threw the boxes in and placed a padlock on the door so that no one would be in the trailer and no one should have had access to it. She is the only one with the keys and access to the trailer. She could not tell if anything is missing.

The boxes contained Michigan Wolves and Hawks apparel. There was no padlock found on the ground initially because there was snow on the ground, but after the snow melted a black Master lock was found on the ground at the end of the

trailer.

The metal bolt was cut from the base of the lock and both pieces were lying against the curb, covered by grass. There was a report written by the officer about a suspicious male near the trailer. The lock was placed into evidence.

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Awareness sparks change

Educational event aims to teach about Human Trafficking

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Sadly, human trafficking is more common than many people think. Human trafficking is modern day slavery, and a crime that is escalating every day. This violent crime exploits women, children and men and can ruin the lives of those involved, families, friends and loved ones.

On Friday, May 12, at St. Thomas a’Becket Catholic Church in Canton, there will be a daylong educational event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to teach attendees about the dangers and realities of human trafficking. Special guest speakers include a human trafficking survivor, an FBI agent, the Attorney General’s Office, Homeland Security, anti-porn specialists and other experts on human trafficking. This event aims to teach tools and information that anyone may need to recognize, report and prevent trafficking.

Throughout the day, there will be 15 speakers in total. Of the 15, the keynote speakers include Pastor Carrie Wood of Pearls of Great Price Coalition, Chief Kevin Mulcahy of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Jennifer DiFalco and Rodney Riggs of Homeland Security Investigations, Pastor Angelique Labadie-Cihanowyz of Mission Possible: Help End Trafficking, Nathan Cole of Embassy Covenant Church International, Rev. John Grenfell III of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, Det. Sergeant Wade Higgason and Det. Jeremy Quinn of the FBI, Bryon Rossi of ReWebb and finally, a survivor of trafficking. This presentation and these speakers aim to teach as well as help one discover how their gifts can help to fight this heinous crime.

Breakout sessions during the days events to see specific speakers and be involved in learning activities will be available and can be found ahead of time on the symposium schedule which can be found on the website.

This event is sponsored by Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a Christian alliance that is working to prevent human trafficking. Tickets are \$25 and available online on stopht.eventbrite.com. Ages 18 and up are welcome, but limited seating is available so any people interested should be sure to purchase tickets as soon as possible. For any questions contact Pastor Carrie Wood at stoph-tnow@yahoo.com.

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Famous Food Figure

Throughout the years there have been people all over the world who have claimed they see figures in their food. These mysterious appearances include Darth Vader, Homer Simpson and even Jesus Christ. However, one picture has flooded the Internet of a sandwich that extremely resembles the Fast and Furious star Vin Diesel. While the figures have been known to

appear in a potato chip or on burnt toast, this sculpture of the actor was no accident. This strange cold cut sandwich is the work of an engineering student in Ventura, California named William Osman. Osman has developed quite a reputation on his YouTube channel, which he does not seem to thrilled of as he describes it as “dubious quality, questionable integrity and unethical delivery.” His channel consists of Osman working with a laser to cut through various materials such as meat, skateboards and ice. While this may seem strange, he has developed a large fol-

lowing with his unconventional science with some of the videos receiving up to over 100,000 views. Yet none of his videos have received as much attention as the carving of Vin Diesel. Osman was messaged by one of the viewers asking him to carve Vin Diesel into a sandwich, and that is exactly what he did. Using an intricate laser cutting machine, a large chunk of ham and some cheese, Osman was able to pull off an eerily accurate sculpture of the actor. Although the In-

ternet seems to have obsessed over the strange creation, Osman does not share the excitement as he claimed, “If Vin Diesel ever sees this I’m sorry. This is one of the worst things I’ve ever done in my life.”



On March 22, 2017, President Dr. Conway Jeffress, members of the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees and dignitaries from St. Joe’s Mercy Health System cut the ribbon officially opening the St. Joe’s Sports Dome. This also launches Schoolcraft College’s SC Elite Program, a collaboration with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, MercyElite Sports Performance, the Legacy Center, the Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club and the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department. For more information visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Retraction

The Schoolcraft Editorial staff apologizes for a mistake printed in the March 20, 2017 issue. The article entitled “Real

World Learning” stated contact information for the Service Learning Program that was incorrect. The correct

contact information for the program is servicelearning@schoolcraft.edu. Also, there is no official office for the pro-

gram. For more information, see the following youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJd27XnhPfw>



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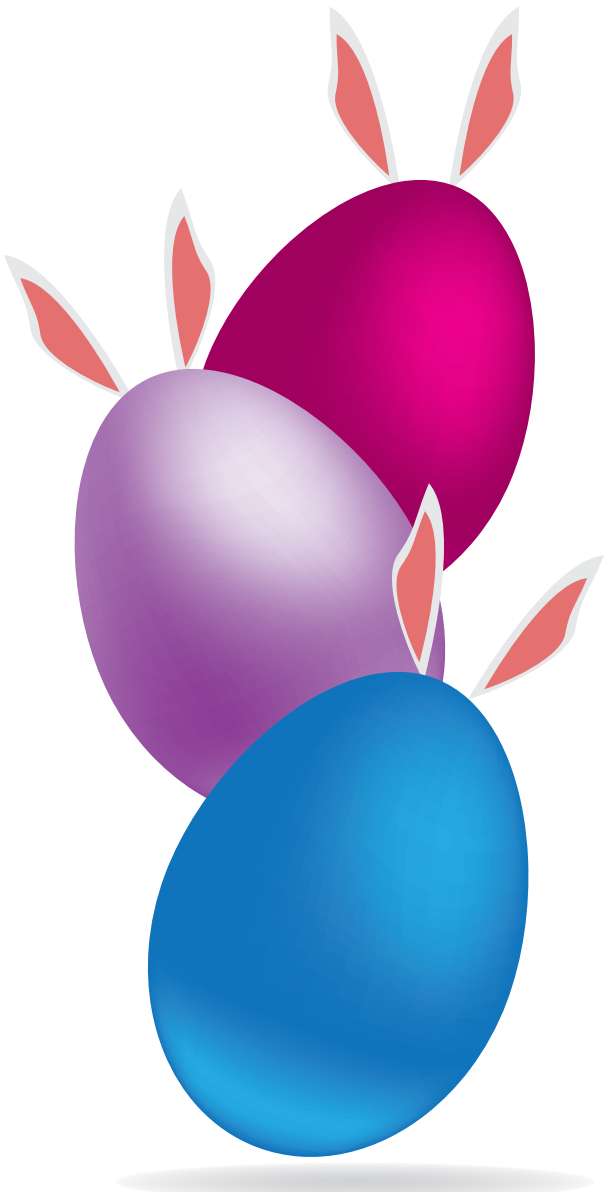
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Grillin’ and chillin’
The best springtime outdoor food

By The Schoolcraft
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What’s better than going to the park with friends on a warm, breezy spring day and having an outdoor picnic, or lounging on a deck and grilling up some food?

Practically nothing.

As spring rolls around, everyone can’t wait to get outside and have some fun leisure time in the sun. From ribs to hot dogs and burgers or an outside the box meal, as long as it’s hot off the grill, it is time to eat.

Ribs

If you’re planning on having an outdoor eatery, ribs are the food to serve. Ribs are perfect because they’re finger foods that are just the right amounts of messy for outdoor eating. Also, since they’re best served off the grill, they’re an easy meal to cook up, while not having to discontinue the activities going on outside.

Yakitori

For a more cultural grilling experience, Japanese inspired yakitori is the greatest summer food from Japan by far. The literal translation is cooked bird in English, and that’s all it is. Pieces of chicken are put on skewers and cooked on a charcoal grill. Although a simple idea the flavors for yakitori are endless. Some are salty and others use tare sauce, more commonly known as teriyaki sauce. The variety ensures everyone can enjoy some type of yakitori. It’s a treat that is clean and easy to eat walking around because of the skewer stick. Yakitori is a Japanese summer festival favorite that needs to make its way into the mouths of Americans this summer.

“Hobo Dinner”

A fun twist to the outdoors eating experience can be mixing up the traditional food for more spontaneity. The one

meal a person should try is what people call a “hobo dinner.” What a person does is gets a type of meat, baked potato, their favorite vegetables and the best spices they could put with the meal. Then to cook, put everything in tin foil and let it sit on the grill until all food is cooked. Then open the tin foil and enjoy. Another version of this meal may be good for on the road. Making food such as leftovers or sandwiches with some water all thrown into a Bandana and tied to a stick to carry around is the “hobo” way of life.

Burgers

A classic must have for having BBQs outside is burgers. Burgers are the best food to eat as the weather gets warmer for so many different reasons; they can be cooked anyway the consumer wants, one can put virtually any topping on it and it goes with any sort of drink.

Burgers are just as American as baseball, which of course go hand in hand. Not to mention there are so many styles of burgers for all life

styles like veggie, angus beef, New York strip burgers and so on. It is a must have for the warmer weather and a crowd pleaser at that.

Steak

The classic southern style option may be a nicely cooked steak.

This can be whatever style of steak one chooses and cooked however those eating want it to. Each individual steak can be cooked to perfection and served up to the mouth-watering crowd within a few minutes. Adding a great marinade, some corn on the cob and baked beans and the grilling party can officially be enjoyed. This is a favorite of the masses anywhere and is a great option for all ages.

Warmer weather allows outdoor activities and outdoor eating options. Patios begin to open at restaurants as well as the personal backyard ones. Backyard bashes can bring family and friends alike together to start a new season of fun festivities in the great outdoors.

Stick to tradition



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Traditional classes
are better for learning
than the online
alternative

College provides students with hundreds of opportunities they were never able to take advantage of during their high school experience such as reign of picking their classes, what instructor they want and what time they want to take their classes. One option that most colleges offer their students in today’s world is the option to choose whether they

want to earn the credit with the traditional in class setting or taking the class online. While an online education sounds compelling with its flexibility and ability to move ahead, there are many trade-offs to online classes that many may not see.

One of the major issues that online classes offer is that if a student has a question regarding the content the instructor is oftentimes difficult to get a hold of. Instructors provide their email and even phone numbers for students to utilize while participating in their course however, there have been many occurrences with students not being able to get ahold of their instructors when there has been an issue with content during the course. The anonymous student told a story of having an issue with an activity being submitted automatically before the student was finished it. When the student emailed the teacher, she received no response even after the deadline of the assignment. Worrying that they

would fail the course because of the error, the student withdrew from the course; it was then that the teacher emailed the student back regarding the assignment. Whether this was a lack of responsibility of the teacher or an error in technology, it could have been avoided if the student would have simply taken the class in person. Online classes provide stability for the student because the student does not know when the instructor will log onto their computer to check any emails, questions or assignments.

Another aspect that is extremely inconvenient in taking classes online is the software that is required for the class to be taken. Students cannot find out what software that may be required of their class until after the syllabus has been released on Blackboard. Students who can afford higher end laptops have nothing to worry about because those versions can download Adobe and JavaScript programs without any issue. However, students who can only afford lower grade laptops such as Google Chromebooks will have difficulty completing certain activities that require the programs previously listed. This is extremely insensitive to students who are not as economically privileged as others. In a traditional classroom setting, if a student cannot obtain certain learning materials because of financial issues they can talk to their instructor about an alternative route for the assignments. If a student is in a traditional classroom setting, they can have access to the campus’ computer labs. However, if a student is taking an online class, they can be extremely limited to access of up to date

technology.

One of the most important aspects of traditional classes that online classes do not have is that they are reliable. Online classes are great for those who excel with time management, but for students who live a busy schedule working multiple jobs and going to school full time. In traditional classrooms most teachers give students the ability to work on assignments or at the very least give them an advanced notice on when an assignment is due. With online classes, everyone is taking the class at their own pace which means it would be extremely difficult to coordinate with others in the class if one has a question. In traditional classes, one can see if they want to work with someone else based on personality, work ethic and attendance, which in online classes is all unknown. In online classes, all the students really get to see of each other is their names, not who they are as a student or as a person. Not to mention, one can typically be assured that they will meet for class, but with online classes if someone does not have internet access then they are out of luck on working on an assignment until they do have access.

It is clear that if someone is looking for reliability then they should not use the alternative route to take classes. With traditional settings, one can learn more in greater hands setting, rather than looking a computer screen for information. If one has a problem with something in a traditional learning environment, they will be able to face it head on, rather than hoping for a piece of equipment to work properly.



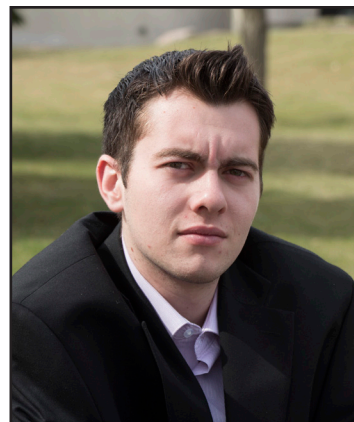
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Traditional classes provide a more reliable environment for students compared to the online alternative.

Changing the stakes



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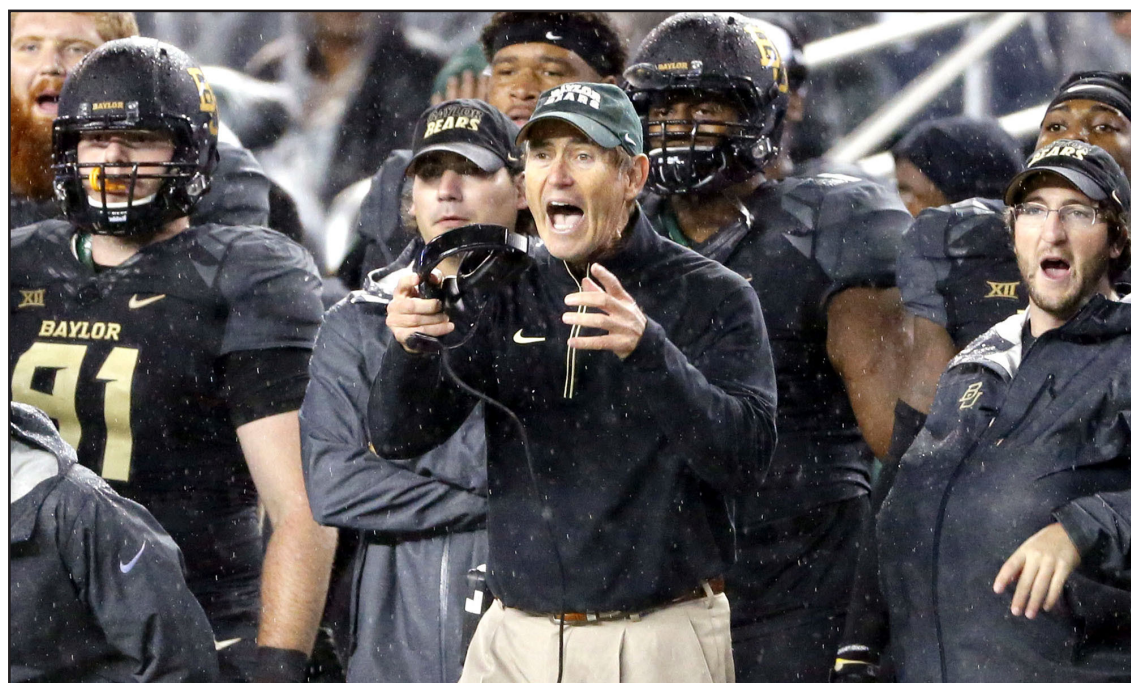


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Former Baylor head football coach, Art Briles, was fired from the school shortly after the allegations for countless sexual assault acts were discovered.

Baylor University shouldn't be allowed to play football

In 2015, allegations against certain football players claiming sexual assault of female Baylor University students were revealed. Baylor University is located in Waco, Texas and it is no secret that football coaches are perceived as gods in Texas and the No. 1 religion is football.

It was found that between 2011 and 2014, 31 Baylor football players committed 52 acts of sexual assault. Many accounts have unraveled since the first trials of players began in early 2015 that have led to a whirlwind story about Baylor University's sexual assault scandal. This, in return, raised many questions about how college football is run and dealt with on a national level.

Many things are affected by the extreme popularity and dictatorship that football holds in the state of Texas, but lately it

is not a minor infatuation: it's a major travesty.

The allegations

Unfortunately, it is very complicated to find out when the assaults started due to lack of evidence and the unbelievable cover-up performed by Baylor officials, athletics and judicial affairs; but, the one key moment where everything started to unravel was in 2015.

According to Texas Monthly and Deadspin: Baylor defensive end Sam Ukwuachu had been indicted June 25, 2014, on two counts of sexual assault against a female Baylor student athlete. The charges had not been mentioned publicly by Baylor officials and the alleged rapist, Ukwuachu, was allowed to participate in some team activities and was not punished by athletics, team officials or head wildfire starter and coach, Art Briles.

According to si.com, Ukwuachu was found guilty of sexual assault by a Texas court. Ukwuachu was sentenced to 180 days in county jail, 10 years

of felony probation and 400 hours of community service. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender. The following October he was denied a new trial. The student athlete was given six months for sexual assault, even though, according to statelaws.findlaw.com/texas-law, a sexual assault is typically a second-degree felony; this carries a sentence of two to 20 years in a state prison.

As football overrules humanity and justice, the football player was given half a year. This was just the beginning.

More football players, from bench holders to all-American players, came out with some of the most graphic offenses and portrayed no care for how it would affect women involved. For example, former Baylor All-American defensive end Shawn Oakman was arrested on charges of sexual assault. According to a Rivals.com report, a Baylor graduate student told police that Oakman forcibly removed her clothes and then forced her into his bed before sexually assaulting her earlier that month; the alleged victim declined to press charges and Oakman was not disciplined.

ESPN's Outside the Lines reports Baylor University took two years to investigate a sexual assault report made against two football players. According to police reports, the Waco Police Department informed Baylor officials about an incident involving football players Tre'Von Armstead and Shamycheal Chatman in 2013. Shocking documents and in-

terviews revealed the University did not begin looking into the allegations until September 2015. Neither Armstead nor Chatman were charged with a crime.

The leading lawsuit

This all leads to a lawsuit filed Friday, Jan. 27, 2016, by a Baylor University graduate alleging that 31 football players committed 52 acts of rape between a four year period of 2011-2014, according to USA Today. USA Today also reported that the lawsuit includes five gang rapes, and at least 10 or more players committed two of those gang rapes at once. The outrageous estimate, said on a 60 minutes report, by former title IX coordinator Patty Crawford (person who oversaw sexual assault cases from 2014 to 2016) claimed there were hundreds of women come forward with stories of rape, stalking, harassment and assault.

School officials

The people involved should never have a job again for allowing the mistreatment of female students and the undeniable loosely handled authority roles over student athletes. The Athletic Director Ian McCraw resigned from his job, Head Football Coach Art Briles was fired and School President Ken Starr was demoted and eventually left the school. This is all proof that school officials knew what was happening and nobody cared. Football was more important than rape, assault, life, freedom or the fair treatment of any student who went to college at Baylor University.

Text message evidence

The lawyers obtained text messages for evidence from Pepper Hamilton, who was hired to investigate what happened at Baylor. However, until responding to this lawsuit, no Baylor leaders ever mentioned any text messages. Some of the messages are: the response by Head Football Coach Art Briles, in text messages recovered from lawyers in the case, "These guys are some bad dudes, why was she hanging around those guys?" Another text from Briles in 2015 after he found out a football player was selling drugs stated, "I am hoping it will take care of itself." Recovered from text messages back in 2011, a player was re-

ported from a female student that he brandished a gun at her and the incident was never given to authorities after football coaches found out.

The punishments

On March 7, 2017, U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman issued a ruling allowing 10 Title IX lawsuits connected to the ongoing sexual assault scandal to get to trial as well as the trials that are already proceeding. The first trial has already concluded, which involved a former player receiving a very minimal punishment; not only that but since the college has asked for players involved to receive immunity from punishment and to only take these acts out on the college itself. This in itself is appalling; especially since most rape cases would be handled much differently, as stated earlier with much harsher punishments. The women involved will forever have to deal with the horrible experiences that they ensued from players, as well as from the college where they were disregarded. To know that the minimum punishment is even being lowered more because the attackers were athletes is almost worse than the horrible experience.

Suggested changes

This is plain, simple logic that does not need any more thought. Baylor University's Athletic Department should be suspended, not examined. There should be no more lee-way, no more bowl or playoff games, there should be no more five star recruits and there should be no more football for years. The school let rape happen for four years; so, they should be without football for four years and not just playoffs or game sanctions. This is a not one or two player situation. This is a University who took no ambition or passion to fix the undeniable, abusive involvement by "godlike" football players.

Baylor University is known as one of the largest Baptist universities in the world, and the motto, according the Baylor University's home page is: "For Church, for Texas." A taste of their own medicine would not hurt. Colossians 3:6: For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience.



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Sam Ukwuachu was sentenced to 10 years of probation for second degree sexual assault.

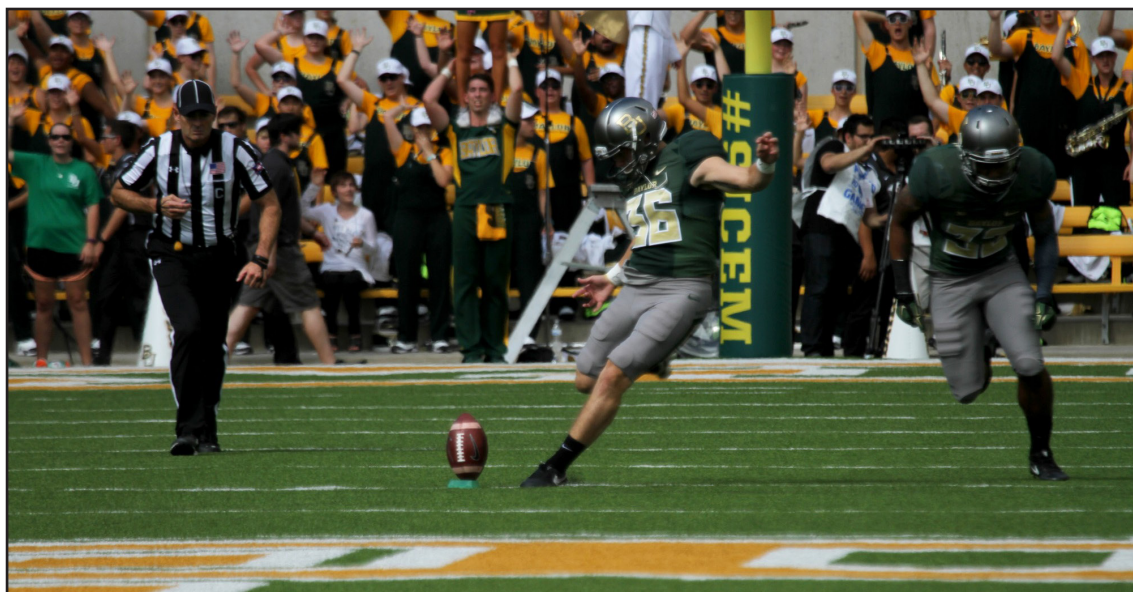


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31 football players have been accused of 52 counts of sexual assault towards women from 2011 to 2014.

Erase extinction



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Endangered species should be preserved

In 2012, the International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that 3,079 animals and 2,655 plant species are endangered. Although many nations have laws against intentionally hunting animals or destroying environments, poachers and rebels somehow find ways to get what they want. Many times, as in the case of the Eastern Lowland Gorilla in the Democratic Republic of Congo, animals are subject to poaching even in national parks that are seemingly protective of the creatures that live there.

Even though parks and sanctuaries may be closed off, people still invade the private land and set up illegal mines. Organizations, such as the World Wildlife Organizations, work with nations everywhere to set up safe spaces to preserve nature so that we do not lose any more species. Every plant and animal is imperative to the ecosystem that they are in. If an ecosystem contains grass, rabbits and eagles then the food chain provides each with what they need. The sun feeds the grass, which feed the rabbit, which feeds the eagle. But, if rabbits were to go extinct then the grass would overgrow, because nothing is eating it, and the eagles would starve to death. One decrease in population can impact whole other populations for a very long time, until all else in the ecosystem either adapts or dies off, too. There is a large list of animal species that are endangered. But, this list contains animals that are not only critically endangered, but also ones who are vulnerable to and threatened by endangerment. An example of an animal on the endangered list is the Siberian tiger. The Siberian tiger



IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM
People across the world should work together to ensure that endangered species can be preserved; losing an animal or plant species affects whole ecosystems, not just that one animal.

is a tiger subspecies. Unfortunately, three other tiger subspecies are already extinct. If the world doesn't protect animals, both on and off the list of endangerment, species everywhere are going to die out and we will never be able to get those animals back. Some examples of animals that are already extinct include: the California grizzly bear, Caspian tiger and dodo. Animals that are extinct in the wild (this means, the do not survive outside of captivity) include: the Hawaiian crow, the Barbary lion and the Wyoming toad. Some animals on

the endangered list include the Asian elephant, Tasmanian devil, giant otter and common chimpanzee. There are obviously many other animals on these lists, as well as lists of animals that are vulnerable and near endangered. There is also a list of animals that are least threatened. But, the world should work to preserve those animals that are least threatened just as they would preserve threatened animals so that the list of endangered species do not continue to grow any more. Each person can do something small to help preserve

species. For example, not poaching is a very clear example, as it is both morally wrong and illegal. Also, only hunting specific animals during the specific hunting seasons helps to control animal population. Giving money to charities isn't the only way to help- though it is a great thing to do to preserve today's world ecosystems. Right now, people should work hard to ensure that the world is preserved for future generations; we don't want to pass a lesser world onto our children, we want to improve what we have for them.

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Make America diverse again



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Diversity is what makes this country great

There are few that have lived long enough to remember the events of WWII as it unfolded. So, it is not a surprise that only a few remember the hatred toward Japanese-Americans during that time. With Japan being a current ally of the United States it seems ludicrous to think that less than 80 years ago, Japanese-Americans were sent to internment camps. Sadly, during the war thousands of Japanese-Americans, many of them being second and third generation citizens, were forced out of their homes into internment camps. The federal order called by Franklin D. Roosevelt affected peo-

ple with no ties to Japan other than it being the origin of their ancestors. Hate for Japanese-Americans was at an all-time high. The Redford Theater located on Grand River Ave. in Detroit, at that time being roughly 20 years old, was defaced. Hate for the Japanese had gone to the lengths of ruining a beautiful theater with no ties to Japan other than the influence of design. The chandeliers were taken down, the art on the walls was painted over and a truly amazing piece of art was almost lost. Today it appears Japan might be one of the few countries that ties with the U.S. may have improved under the presidency of Donald Trump. Nowadays, Japanese influences in entertainment are everywhere: it can be seen in music, food and movies. However, this positive relationship with the U.S. took time to regain after the horrible treatment of Japanese-Americans. Men, Women and children, some of whom did not speak a word of Japanese, were profiled because of their ancestry; judged for actions of a government across the Pacific Ocean they had no contact with. Many similarities can be found in the treatment of

Arab Americans today. Those who live in the U.S. are being viewed responsible for actions of people across the world. Less understood cultures are often viewed as bad or evil. Some feel as though it's necessary to implement a travel ban from Muslim majority, but these people are not seeing the action as the discriminatory executive command it is. As foreign ideas get pushed farther away so does appreciation for what makes humans interesting: the ability to view the same subject from different angles, or being able to interpret the same experience differently and then take those diverse ideas and come up with new and interesting thoughts from them. This is where all beautiful and marvelous art comes from. Xenophobic actions, such as the travel ban, put American ideals at risk. The U.S. was founded on diversity. The sharing of ideas is what allowed the country to have an abundance of new and interesting creations. Innovation is not possible without exploring the unfamiliar. Most people during childhood develop a dislike for a certain thing. The root of the fear is normally behind the lack of understanding. There-



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Volunteers at the Redford Theater uncovered the original design that was hidden under two layers of paint.

fore, once that child matures and gains more life experience that fear diminishes. So why do we see a president today react the same way. Imagine what the U.S. would be like if Japanese influences were still being pushed out. Arguably one of the most popular foods today, Sushi, may not have been discovered in the U.S. yet. Imagine a country where Italians were kept out and pizza never became a staple in the American diet. What if there was a travel ban on Belgium and French fries were never discovered. A lot of the most

Americans things came from immigrants. Budweiser, one of the most iconic American symbols, was founded by Adolphus Busch, an immigrant from Germany. Instead of being feared, differences should be embraced. People with contrasting ideas should be celebrated, not dismissed as strange and misguided. And a ban of any country, no matter the background, is un-American. By placing a ban from several Muslim majority countries risks what has made America great in the past and what will continue to make America great in the future.

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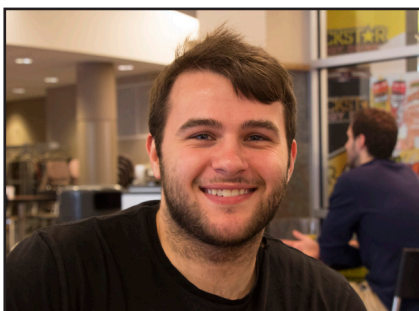
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Brittany Brannam
Major: Business
"I enjoy sitting in the rain, even if it's thunder storming out I will just sit out in the rain for hours."



Robert McNamara
Major: Undecided
"Eating cinnamon rolls because they're really good, and it's like a hard week, once you get to the center it's like partying on a Friday night."



Alec Wixson
Major: Physical Therapy
"Daily vlogs because it shows you who the different people are in the world."



Jake Baval
Major: Nursing
"I could watch political videos for hours on end, just watching both sides of the debate, I lose hours at a time."



Jarrett Sarp
Major: Business
"Taylor Swift because she's an angel."



Nicholas Infante
Major: Computer Science
"Energy drinks because I know I shouldn't be drinking it but I buy it anyways."



Lauren Melanson
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Stress less before the tests

Student Activities Office to hold distressing events April 20th

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As the winter semester quickly comes to a close, many students are beginning to pre-

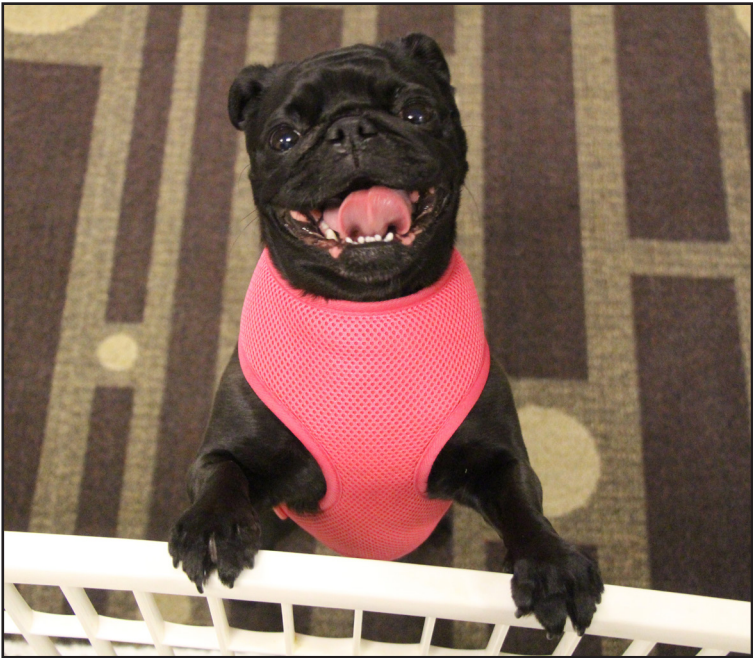


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Phi Theta Kappa will team up with the Michigan Pug Rescue to help their friends find a home on April 20.

pare for their final exams. Often times this becomes the most stressful time for college students as the final exam can determine whether or not they receive credit for their classes. In order to combat the nail biting, hair pulling and sleep avoiding behaviors of a college student, the Student Activities Office in conjunction with the Student Activities Board (SAB) is hosting a “Stress Less Luau” in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center on April 20 from 11am to 2pm.

The goal of the luau is to take student’s focus away from worrying about their final exams in a variety of ways. During the luau students will be able to engage in a variety of activities such as limbo, DIY stress balls, paper airplane races and even free chair massages courtesy of the students in the massage therapy program here

at Schoolcraft. Music, food and strawberry daiquiris will be available for those who attend as they enjoy the festivities surrounding them.

“It’s a great end of the school year party. A way for students to distress from their finals so they don’t have all of their workloads piling on top of them,” said Student Activities Board (SAB) Vice President Maddy Piontek.

“Pug Luv”

Another event taking place simultaneously with the “Stress Less Luau” on April 20 is the 2nd Annual Pug Therapy anti-stress event. Students will be able to cuddle up to some furry friends who are in need of a home. In association with Phi Theta Kappa, the Michigan Pug Rescue will bring in their collection of Pugs who have either been abandoned or abused in hopes to find them a

better home. In order to receive access to the room, a donation of \$3 dollars must be made in order to sit in and interact with the dogs. All proceeds from the event will go towards the care of the Pugs.

“The Michigan Pug Rescue is a human society for pugs. If you have a pug or know of any pugs in need you can speak to the Director of the program who will be there,” said Alicia Cooper, the Vice President of Scholarship of Schoolcraft’s Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Omicron Iota Chapter.

Both of these events are a great way to for any student to unwind before finals week approaches. For more information regarding either events, stop by the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center or call 734-462-4422.



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Not your average study group

Exam-A-Rama set to help students with finals

BY TESSA VALENTINI
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Final exams are the hardest part of any semester. Students are under constant stress to perform well on the exams to get the desired grade. Well, stress no more, Exam-A-Rama is coming to help.

On April 20 from 8 p.m. to midnight and April 21-22 from 12-4 p.m. Exam-A-Rama will be hitting Schoolcraft’s campus. The Learning Assistance Center (LAC) encourages students to come and receive free help with their final exam review packets.

Exam-A-Rama debuted in 1994-1995 when then student

Terri Lamb was working in the LAC as a tutor and realized that there was no help the week before finals. Lamb brought the idea to her supervisor and Exam-A-Rama was born. Over the years, Exam-A-Rama grew and grew, what started out at just one table with a few students is now multiple rooms with hundreds.

There are several different ways Exam-A-Rama will be able to assist students with whatever studying needs they may have.

“Exam-A-Rama helped me understand any unanswered questions I had. I went for Math last year and the tutor working through the packet helped me to understand how to work the problems in a way my teacher couldn’t,” said student Monica Hubahib.

The LAC offers, “structured final exam reviews” which is for students from classes that have a departmental review packet. The session will be held in a class like setting with one tutor teaching a small or large group of students. Question and answer sessions will also be available for students from classes without a departmental final review. These will run as a drop-in tutoring session with one tutor per one student to help answer any questions. Live session webinars will be held for students who cannot

make the trip to Exam-A-Rama. The decision for which sessions will be webinars has not yet been made but students can visit www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC <<http://www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC>> to receive more information about the live webinars.

“The exam review sessions will give students the chance to clear up any unanswered questions or confusion before the exam. It is an extra study session that many students need to help prepare them for their final exam. Math problems are explained in an easy and straightforward manner. What is better than that?” said LAC Program Assistant Noor Charara.

The LAC will have sessions available for students in math, biology, chemistry, physics, and accounting classes available at Exam-A-Rama. Generally, around 250-300 students attend Exam-A-Rama each semester with Math 053 and 113 being the most attended. Exam-A-Rama is completely run by the LAC and the student tutors; no professors are involved.

“Exam-A-Rama is great for students who are studying for their final exams. It helps to answer those last minute questions. They should already been working on their

Exam-A-Rama Winter 2017

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Math 47	Thursday, 4/20/2017	8pm – 12am
Math 53 A's	Thursday, 4/20/2017	8pm – 12am
Math 53 B's	Friday, 4/21/2017	12 – 4pm
Math 101	Friday, 4/21/2017	12 – 4pm
Math 111	Saturday, 4/22/2017	12 – 4pm
Math 113 A's	Thursday, 4/20/2017	8pm – 12am
Math 113 B's <small>Presented in class and as a live webinar at the same time!</small>	Saturday, 4/22/2017	12 – 4pm
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Math 129 A's	Friday, 4/21/2017	12 – 4pm
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Physics-All	Thursday, 4/20/2017	8pm – 12am
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For LIVE webinar log-in directions, go to:
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final exam review packet, but anything that they are having trouble with or can’t answer they can come in and the tutors will work through the problems with them. We’ve been doing this for many years and overwhelmingly the students love Exam-A-Rama, it is one of the most popular things we

do in the LAC,” said Academic Success Coach and Mathematics Learning Specialist Terri Lamb.

Exam-A-Rama is a great way to get last minute help with final reviews and questions. There is no cost to attend and popcorn and beverages will be available for students.

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Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

In the Soccer Dome

Grab a few friends for a dodgeball competition in the brand new soccer dome. Sign in begins at 11 a.m. For more information, call (734) 462-4422.

RESUME BOOSTERS

THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Conference Room E

Calling all writers, photographers, designers and cartoonists, the Connection newspaper is a great way to cultivate a talent and earn money at the same time. Offering an inviting and instructive environment, everyone is welcomed to join and help in the publication process.

MATH & PHYSICS CLUB

Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Biomedical Technology Center 255

Join other students currently seeking a degree in math or science related fields to foster a higher level of interest and understanding of various math and physics related topics.

PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Join Phi Theta Kappa and find out about the many benefits of membership such as graduating with honors, transfer scholarships, leadership opportunities and much more.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY- FORMAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, April 20, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Diponio Room, VisTaTech Center

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will formally introduce members in. Inductees can invite family to the ceremony and should dress professionally. For more information, call (734) 462-4422.

PUG THERAPY

Thursday, April 20, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

Take a break from studying, stop stressing and play with Pugs. In support of Pug Luv, the Michigan Pug Society will bring in Pugs for a \$3 donation. For more information, call (734) 462-4422.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB

Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Conference room C

Come join to help promote, educate and work towards the expression of identity and rights of all beings on campus and beyond through events, activism, and discussion. All are welcome.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD (SAB)

Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room C

Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room D

Join the others on at these meetings to help plan fun activities for all of Schoolcraft's students. Your input and ideas are both welcomed and valued.

LUAU PARTY

Thursday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

Take some time to wind down and stress less at the Luau Party. There will be free food, drinks, music and games to help create a happy environment before finals. For more information, call (734) 462-4422.

BOLLYWOOD DANCE COMPETITION & FASHION SHOW

Saturday, May 20, 5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

VisTaTech Center

Join the Asian Students Association and Taj Cottage for a Bollywood dance competition and fashion show. Tickets start at \$10 and 100% of the proceeds will go to Schoolcraft College Food Pantry.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB

Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room C

For any student interested in the multimedia field of video, the Video Production Club has all the necessities. Take part in filming news and sporting events for the award-winning Schoolcraft Connection newspaper. The club also does short films and broadcast TV. Training is available.

CARDS, T.V. & GAMES

CARD FIGHT CLUB

Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m.

Conference Room E

The Card Fight Club plays MAGIC, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Vanguard among others of similar games. It

gets intense, so be ready to battle.

COMIC CON CLUB

Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room C

Offering games, discussions and more, this club is all about entertainment. Discuss comic topics with like-minded people.

POKE PALS

Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room E

For those interested in video games, card games and more, Project Playhem is perfect. With a fun group atmosphere, this club celebrates and plays various video games and hosts competitive tournaments throughout the year.

PROJECT PLAYHEM

Ever dream about becoming a Pokémon trainer and earning all the badges? Join Project Playhem and Poke Pals in catching Pokémon as well as battling at gyms. Snacks will be provided for Pokémon Trainers as they partake in awesome adventures throughout campus.

TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB

Mondays from 4 to 10 p.m.

Tuesdays from 3 to 10 p.m.

Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m.

Every other Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Every other Friday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Conference room D

This club joins to play War Hammer, The World of Darkness, D &D, Fantasy Age, and Pathfinder Adventures. If any students have questions, contact sctabletopgaming@apps.schoolcraft.edu.

ACCEPTANCE & SUPPORT

SEXUALITY AND GENDER ACCEPTANCE (SAGA)

Game Night Mondays from 6

to 10 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room C

Meetings Wednesdays at 1:15 and 5 p.m.

Lower Waterman, Conference Room D

SAGA is a club that raises awareness of gender and sexual identities and aims to create a safe place for everyone. SAGA is open to all and invites those who have a passion to inform and support others to attend.

DRAG SHOW

Thursday, April 13, Doors open at 6 p.m., Show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

Attend the Drag Show for an exciting evening in support of Sexuality and Gender Acceptance. For more information, call (734) 462-4422.

ACTIVE MINDS

Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Conference room C

This is a non-profit organization that raises mental health awareness on college campuses and works to reduce the stigma surrounding it. All students are welcome, and leadership opportunities are available.

RELIGION

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE

Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m.

Conference Room D

This clubs seeks to help others strengthen their faith by having a support group. Come to discuss the teachings of the Christian faith, and spread the word around campus.



COLLEGE VISTS

Schoolcraft students interested in transferring can meet and talk to representatives from the following schools. If advising is listed next to the school name, an academic advisor from the school will be present to discuss transfer options with Schoolcraft students on a walk-in basis. All visits are at Henry's in the VisTaTech Center unless stated otherwise.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY- CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Henry's

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

April 10 from 1 to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY VISIT

April 12 from 12 to 3 p.m.
Henry's

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN- DEARBORN

April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

SOUTH UNIVERSITY

April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Biomedical Technology Center

WALSH COLLEGE

April 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Henry's

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

April 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN- COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ARTS

April 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

McDowell Center, MC175

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Applied Science

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN- FLINT

April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Biomedical Technology Center

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

April 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

May 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McDowell Center, MC175

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

May 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY- LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

May 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McDowell Center, MC175



The Quill

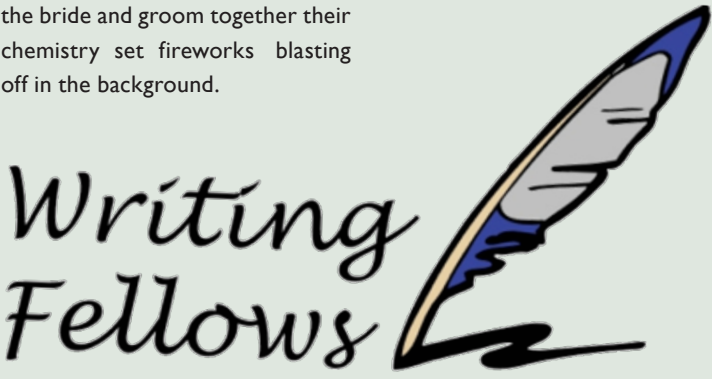
Dear Writing Fellows,
My best friend has picked me to be his best man for his wedding. I am honored to be the best man for such a special person in my life. The problem, however, is I have no idea how to give a speech as the best man. This is my best friend, and I need help to make this speech meaningful for him to remember. Please help me in this time of need.
Sincerely,
Mr. Best

Dear Mr. Best,
First of all, congratulations on receiving such an honor. Writing a best man speech should not take too much of your time and thought, but you do want it to be remembered by your best friend. You are going to want to start by taking a deep breath and think about all the memories you share with your best buddy. Remember, share the memories that are appropriate for everyone of all ages. Your friend's parents will be there, and they might not be too fond of the story about how you and your best friend got drunk in their basement and broke the television. Try and share a memory that is lighthearted and can make everyone laugh because you have plenty of stories about your friend that people would love

to hear.
In addition, you can share your feelings in this speech. This is the biggest day of your friend's life and he chose you to be by his side during this joyous time. If this is truly your best friend, then you should be able to find plenty of wonderful things to say about him. You can include the first time you both met each other. After explaining that memory, you can insert the witty phrase, "and it all went downhill from there", in which this will make everyone roar with laughter. You can also talk about when he helped you out in your darkest time, or when you did the same for him.
Then, you can start talking about the bride. It does not matter whether you care for the bride or not you should have a few things

to say about the woman who is going to spend the rest of her life with your best friend. If you do happen to like her, then you most likely have wonderful stories to share with everyone that can make them chuckle. Again, you are going to want to keep it appropriate; there will be children in attendance. Talk about the first time you met her, and how you knew as soon as you seen both the bride and groom together their chemistry set fireworks blasting off in the background.

This speech does not have to be short, but try not to make it too long. You do not want to bore the whole room, so you would like to keep it more lively and entertaining. End the speech with a toast to a happy marriage and a "Have a fantastic night!", and you will be set.
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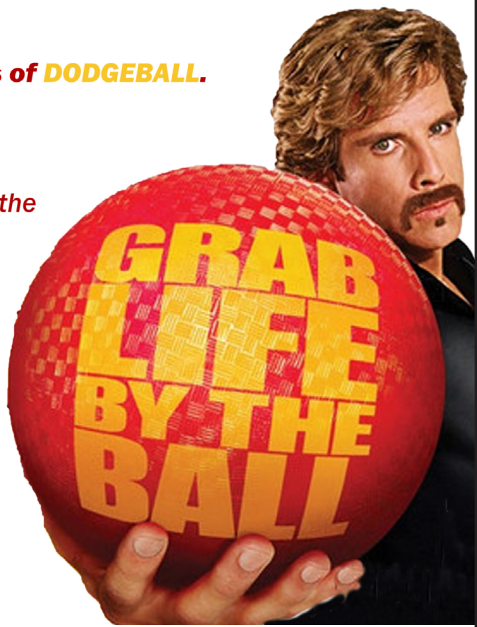
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Scratch that Vinyl welcomes its comeback with the new Detroit pressing plant

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA AND KEN NARITA
MANAGING EDITOR AND ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Items that were once seen as going out of style, due to newer technology, are becoming available and gaining the popular title of “retro” for those who still use them and are now being seen as mainstream once again.

Polaroid’s, turntables and the original vinyl records are all starting to see record sales again since the mid-90s when their descent in popularity began. Vinyl specifically is taking over the market within the music industry and is starting to see higher sales again than even digital media, which has been the leader in the music industry for over five years now.

“Hipsters,” who are, by definition, people who follows the latest trends and fashion, especially those regarded as being outside the mainstream culture, were the first to start to integrate this retro culture again, such as wearing beanies, skateboarding, long hair and casual looks for all occasions. They began listening to vinyl, using the Polaroid cameras instead of classic digital and making one feel like they are seeing a blast from the past. This trend has been around for longer than most know however.

The 1950s was the beginning of the mass explosion of record sales in mainstream culture.

Vinyl was the new way to listen to music from artists at home whenever one so chose to instead of having to listen to the radio stations to see what would be on next.

With different sizes of records that all mean a different sound quality and amount of songs as well there are many different types of records. It became a mass-market that culture latched onto and setup society for new technological eras for years to come. Now we have digital music, streaming services, CDS or iPods and phones that can make music accessible at anytime, anywhere.

The “death” of vinyl one could say was the late 80s to mid-90s when the new Compact Discs (CDs) that promised “perfect sound forever” hit the global market. These CDs were cheaper and lighter and offered a new sound quality that, sale wise, almost eliminated the record market. CDs offered bigger song selections, smaller versions, a more electronic and synthesized sound quality that many fell in love with and overall was a move toward the future that left the rough edges of records reeling, until the mid-2000s when the true comeback started.

Record sales in 2016 topped over \$1 billion and surpassed even digital streaming rev-



PHOTOS BY ATTICUS LAIRD | PHOTO EDITOR

Customers can purchase locally made and produced albums from Jack White’s Third Man Records.

enues for the first time ever. Digital purchases were four times less than this in 2016 overall, and that is just last year alone.

Steadily since 2013, record sales have begun to spike to be in competition with digital downloads for the first time since this option was even available. Many believe this comeback is because many 80s classics are starting to re-surface. Others argue that the pure sound that vinyl originally offers and takes music backs to its roots are what fans are now looking for.

Instead of the electronic sounding new wave that still clenches much of the music market because its easy accessible, but loses the core sounds.

Third Man Records

Proof of vinyl’s comeback can be seen in Detroit. On Feb. 25, Detroit welcomed the

grand opening of Third Man Records pressing plant. The pressing plant is located on Canfield Street in the Cass Corridor. Records can be seen being pressed through a window from the TMR record shop. Third Man Records is a label founded by Detroit native and rock legend Jack White.

“Jack originally wanted to have a location in Detroit. He has a lot of ties to Detroit. he has friends here, he has made his career here and so it makes sense that Detroit would be the most beneficial place to have the pressing plant” said a sales associate at Third Man Records.

The pressing plant is like no other in existence today. According to TMR, the plant will be “Operating eight of the first newly built presses built in 35 years.” The new presses can produce an estimated 5,000 records in eight hours. That translates one record produced about every 45 seconds.

The plant was built with environmental efficiency. “Third Man Pressing minimizes wa-

ter waste by using recycled water from the record curing process in the air conditioning system, thus creating the only fully climate-controlled pressing plant work environment in the world.” The plant itself was designed with infrastructure meant to minimize noise pollution to the surrounding areas.

Upward of 50 new living wage jobs have been brought to Detroit thanks to the pressing plant.

The Third Man Record pressing plant not only symbolizes the comeback of vinyl but also the comeback of Detroit. There isn’t a more perfect city for this comeback to take place than one of America’s greatest musical and industrial cities -- Motown.

No matter the reason for its comeback, it is proven that the age of digital downloads and streaming may be nearing a fall off. The roots of music are taking over again with the rise of another vinyl record generation.



White Stripes member, Jack White, opened Third Man Records in Nashville and now welcomes his shop and factory to Detroit, his hometown.



The small factory in the back of the shop produces their own records and are then sold in the store.

what's the BUZZ

BY RACHEL FETTER
STAFF WRITER



IMAGE FROM TOLEDOBLADE.COM

The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation Educator Open House

Saturday, April 22, at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation
(20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, MI 48124)

On April 22, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation is offering educators, plus one guest, free admission to the Museum. Opportunities for free admission to the Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and Giant Screen Theater are available when attending one of their must see viewing sessions. This is a great opportunity for teachers to network with other educators. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and last approximately 20 minutes. Registration is required for all attendees. Educators must provide identification and credentials. For more information call 313-982-6001. Registration is available at eventbrite.com.



IMAGE FROM DAILYDETROIT.COM

Detroit Zoo GreenFest

Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Detroit Zoo (8450 West 10 mile road,
Royal Oak, MI 48067)

On April 22, the Detroit Zoo will host their annual "GreenFest" to celebrate the life on Earth (Earth Day) and spread knowledge about environmental conservation. The festival will include an endangered species scavenger hunt and crafts. Zookeepers as well as local conservation groups will talk to educate attendees about how to help the Earth and contribute to keeping the planet healthy. All of these activities are included with general admission. Tickets cost \$14 for adults 15 and older, \$10 for children 2 to 14 and those 62 and older or active military with ID. Children 2 and under get in free. To receive a reduced admission rate, bring an old cellphone for recycling. Parking cost \$7 per car and can be purchased at detroitzoo.org.



IMAGE FROM DOWNTOWNPLYMOUTH.ORG

Plymouth Township Plymouth Rocks: Friday Night Kellogg Park Music in the Air Concerts

Times to be announced
Kellogg Park (Kellogg Park, Plymouth, MI 48170)

Bring together friends and family for Friday night's full of music and dancing in Kellogg Park. The park is located in the center of Downtown Plymouth at the intersection of Main and Ann Arbor Trail and is the heart of the cities festivities. Every Friday during the summer a popular local band comes out to play exciting music and bring people together from Plymouth Township and surrounding areas. There are plenty of places to grab a bite to eat or sip fresh coffee while enjoying the vibrant environment and meeting new friends. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Go to plymouthmich.org for a complete schedule.



IMAGE FROM BLOG.CARANDDRIVER.COM

Belle Isle Chevrolet Grand Prix

Friday, June 2, through Sunday, June 4,
(schedule to be announced)
Belle Isle

Each year car enthusiasts gather together to celebrate the Art of Racing. On June 2, Belle Isle will kick off the Grand Prix, presented by Lear. Featured races will be from the Verizon IndyCar Series, WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, Speed Energy Stadium Super Trucks presented by Pirelli. Proceeds will benefit the Belle Isle Conservancy, tickets are on sale beginning April 1. This event is more than likely to sell out, so make sure to purchase your tickets early. Ticket pricing varies by seat, general admission starts at \$40. For more information call (313) 748-1800 or visit detroitgp.com for updates and a full event schedule still to be announced.



IMAGE FROM KITSCHY-VINTAGE.BLOGSPOT.COM

Greenmead Historical Park Summer Flea Market

Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Greenmead Historical Park (20501 Newburgh
rd. Livonia, MI 48152)

Calling all antique enthusiasts to Greenmead Historical Park June 4 when they will host their annual Summer Flea Market. The market consists of hundreds of people selling their old treasures to collectors, families, DIY extremists and more.

People are more than welcome to bring their own wagons and carts to transport the goods they purchase. The Summer Flea Market is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., admission is \$2 or free for children under 12 with free parking in the special event parking lot located on Newburgh. No dogs will be permitted at this event. The Alexander Blue House will also be open, providing refreshments to guests.



IMAGE FROM STATIC.WIXSTATIC.COM

Detroit River Days

Friday, June 23, through Sunday, June 25
Detroit River Front

Smiles, warmth, and fun festivities greet visitors every year at the Detroit River Days on June 24 thru 26. The festival was created to celebrate Detroit's beautiful river walk and link the barriers between fun on land and in water. People can come together for riverboat tours, jet-ski demonstrations, sculptures made out of sand, tall ships and live music. Admission to River Days is \$3 before 3 p.m. and \$5 after 3 p.m. in support of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. The festival has free admittance Friday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Visitor's under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or someone over the age of 30. For more information please call (313) 566-8235 or visit riverdays.com.



IMAGE FROM MEDIA.MLIVE.COM

Ann Arbor Street Art Fair

Thursday, July 20, through Sunday, July 23
Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
and Sunday 12 to 6 p.m.
Downtown Ann Arbor

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will be taking place July 20 through 23. People come from all over the world to walk the streets of Ann Arbor to experience home-made art, make purchases for their homes and loved ones and support small business. The fair features hundreds of artists, each being unique in sculpting, portraits, pottery, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and so much more. Visitors can also see demonstrations, street performers and create their own masterpieces in the activity zone. On July 17, people can support the Youth Art Fair where children K-12 gather to show and sell their original masterpieces. For more information visit the-guild.org or call 734-662-3382.



IMAGE FROM OUTLOUD.COM

Vans Warped Tour

Friday, July 21, at 11 a.m.
The Palace of Auburn Hills (6 Championship
Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326)

Vans Warped Tour takes place July 21 and has something for everyone. Whether it's rap, alternative, electronic etc., the Vans Warped Tour has it all. This year the tour will feature 90 artists of all different genres. The hard to miss music festival provides people with safe drinking water, tips for a safe trip and a downloadable app for easy access to information. Warped Tour is open to all ages and is necessary for a music filled summer of fun. Tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.com and start at \$40 per person for general admission. Tickets can also be purchased the day of at the palace box office. For more information and a full band line up visit vanswarpedtour.com.

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EGG-CEPTIONAL EASTER RECIPES

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

Easter Marshmallow Bark

(butterwithasideofbread.com)
Time: 10 minutes
Servings: 12

- Ingredients:**
- 12 oz white chocolate chips
 - 3 cups mini rainbow marshmallows
 - 1 tbsp shortening
 - Easter sprinkles, candy and decorations for topping

- Directions:**
- Melt white chocolate and shortening until smooth
 - Stir in marshmallows until fully coated with chocolate
 - Transfer mixture to a coated baking pan to cool
 - Sprinkle on any decorations
 - Freeze for 30 minutes- make sure to work quick so that the marshmallows don't melt



Crescent Roll Carrots

(pillsbury.com)
Time: 40 minutes
Servings: 8

- Ingredients:**
- 1/4 cup chives
 - 1 tsp lemon peel
 - 1/4 cup parsley
 - 16 sprigs parsley
 - 1/4 tsp salt
 - 1 can Pillsbury crescent rolls
 - 8 oz cream cheese

- Directions:**
- Heat oven to 400 degrees

- Unroll dough onto flat surface and cut into 8 1 inch strips
- Wrap strips around tinfoil molds to create carrot shapes
- Cook for 7-9 minutes and let cool completely before removing the mold
- Beat cream cheese, parsley, chives, lemon peel and salt together
- Spoon mixture into the dough and top with parsley sprigs to look like carrot tops



Peanut Butter Easter Eggs

(butterwithasideofbread.com)
Time: 45 minutes
Servings: 18 eggs

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup softened butter
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
 - 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1/4 tsp salt
 - 1/4 cup Reese's Pieces or mini chocolate chips
 - 2 cups white and dark melting chocolate for topping
 - Sprinkles for topping

- Directions:**
- Cream butter, sugar and peanut butter until well combined, and then add in the vanilla
 - Sprinkle flour and salt into the mixture, as well as combining the candy pieces in
 - Turn dough onto a piece of parchment paper and fold paper over so that it covers the top of the dough
 - Roll dough 1/2 inch thick
 - Shape dough into eggs and put them on a parchment covered baking sheet
 - Freeze peanut butter eggs for 30 minutes
 - Top eggs with melted chocolate and sprinkles for decorations



Italian Easter Bread

(bakewithchristina.com)
Time: 25 minutes

- Ingredients:**
- For the bread:
- 1 cup milk
 - 1 package yeast
 - 1/2 cup softened butter
 - 6 cups flour
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/2 tsp anise extract
 - 1/2 tsp vanilla
 - 2 tsp lemon juice
 - 1/4 cup melted butter
 - 7 eggs dyed easter colors
- For the glaze:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 3 tbsp whole milk
 - Rainbow sprinkles

- Directions:**
- Combine yeast and warmed whole milk

- and set aside
- Beat together the softened butter and 2 cups of the flour
- Beat in eggs one at a time
- Slowly add in the milk/yeast mixture and sugar until combined
- Add in the anise extract, vanilla extract and lemon juice
- Add in remaining flour until dough is no longer sticky- you may not have to use all 6 cups
- Place the dough in a bowl and let it rise for 2 hours in a warm area
- Divide the dough into 14 even portions, roll into 12 inch strips and take 2 strips and braid them into a twist together
- Shape the twists into nest shapes, and do this with the remaining dough so that there is 7 nests
- Brush the nests with melted butter and place in warm area to rise for 1 hour
- When done rising, place the easter egg in

- the middle of the nests and bake the whole thing on 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes
- For the glaze, whisk together the powdered sugar and the milk until it is a thick mixture. Top the fresh nests with the glaze and sprinkles for decoration



GAZE FOR DAYS



BEAUTIFUL BLUES

Some shy away from bright colors, especially a bright blue or aquamarine tone. This summer is the year to embrace these bright, light blues to give a lighter tone to a look. This looks especially stunning on a darker brown eye or hazel.

Starting with a light white or cream toward

the crease of the eye and then do a slightly light brown on the top layer closer to the brown before adding the bright blue to the main part of the eyelid. Blend it all together and finish it off with a thin black winged eye and dark black mascara for eyes that will shine.



MOODY MAGENTA

A purple, dark pink and magenta blend can make a very vibrant, but mysterious look. This works especially well for girls with green or hazel eyes. The magenta tones and like green area right by the crease of the eye really brings out the beautiful green tones to ones eyes. This eye

is a bit of a statement so a subtle eyeliner line in a black tone or a very dark brown works well paired with a matte lip. This also works best with non-high glitter or matte eye shadow options that way it looks classy.



BIG BROWN EYES

A dark colored eye shadow can never go wrong. For girls with brown eyes this will help their eyes to make a statement. Taking an eye catching purple and applying it to the outside while a little bronze eye shadow is placed in the middle of

the eyelid, this will create a unique look. Adding some black eyeliner with a little wing at the end and some mascara will put the finishing touches on this amazing look. A purple or dark red lip can finish this off elegantly as well.

Easy makeup looks for summer

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA AND TESSA VALENTINI
MANAGING EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Glossy, shimmery and even some matte colors are all in store for the summer beauty line. Whether one likes the minimal look or wants a bit of a feistier and edgy style there is a new and improved makeup style calling

out. Don't ignore it this year, because trends come and go, but being oneself never goes out of style. So have some fun, change it up and embrace another new season of sun.



PRETTY
IN PINK

Light pink pastels are the epitome of summer make up and fashion. This is a look that adjusts great from day to night or from spring to summer weather. No one knows what the state of Michigan will bring weather wise, so this can be a versatile option for whatever Michigan throws our way.

Again starting with a lighter tone of white or very baby pink on the inner eye, with a darker pink shade on the top under the brow line and on the outer lid it blends to a nice light pink in the middle. This style can be accented with hard black or brown winged eyeliner and brightens up any eye color.



ADD A
LITTLE
COLOR

Darker colors are great for a night out. Mixing a dark brown eye shadow with a medium pink and a touch of gold will give the perfect sparkly eye look. Using even a dark plum or charcoal mixed with a lighter gray and white can be a wonderful option to. This can offer a more metallic look.

For a forest look, using the gold and brown with a dark forest green or hazel tone can blend well too. Using eyeliner and creating a wing just off the eyelid will finish off this fierce look. Add a little mascara and a medium pink lip-gloss and it's time to paint the town.



EYE
POPPING

Lightly colored eyes are easy to make look gorgeous with some lighter colored eye shadows mixed with a medium dark one. Layering three colors together that gradually get darker from the outside of the eye in and set on the right place on

the eye lid will help to create a subtler twist on a smokey eye. Use a little eyeliner and mascara to add the finishing touches. A vibrant lip that matches one of the tones from the eyes can complete this look for a full on face.

Learning to say goodbye

CW Network’s *Vampire Diaries* series takes one last bite

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
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★★★★★

On March 10, “I was feeling epic,” the last episode of the beloved *Vampire Diaries* series on the network CW came to an end. With the ending of this episode came the close of an eight-year adventure and left fans feeling every emotion possible at one point or another. This series is an American supernatural drama based on the popular books written by L. J. Smith. Kevin Williamson and Julie Plec developed the TV series.

On Sept. 10, 2009, audiences were introduced to the story of Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev) and her life as a human. The first scene is of Elena writing in her diary about how it is the first day back to school and she will put on a smile. Today she will say that she is fine and everyone will actually believe it, even if she is not. Three months prior she was involved in a car accident that killed her parents. This is how the story that leads to epic romances, adventures, dealing with loss and pain and the normal difficulties of life with a supernatural twist, begins.

Other main characters throughout the series are the Salvatore brothers Damon (Ian Somerhalder) and Stephan (Paul Wesley) who are vampires from the beginning and move back to Mystic Falls, a small town in Virginia where the story primarily takes place, to meet Elena

who resembles their former vampire lover Catherine in the 1800s.

Both brothers deal with being in love with Elena throughout the series and both end up dating her with epic love stories to match. Elena’s best friends Caroline (Candice King) and Bonnie (Kat Graham) are also ever present throughout the journey of Elena’s life; Bonnie is a witch and Caroline becomes a part of the vampire team in season one. Elena eventually becomes a vampire herself.

Some other characters that are present throughout the series are Alaric (Mathew Davis) a vampire hunter/history teacher/vampire (among other things), Jeremy Gilbert (Steven McQueen) is Elena’s brother, Matt (Zach Roerig) is Elena’s childhood best friend, Enzo (Michael Malarkey) is an evil vampire/Damon’s best friend/Bonnie’s lover and Tyler (Michael Trevino) is another one of the friends in the group/werewolf.

As the seasons progressed the dynamic of the group changes drastically, even with two seasons missing the main character Elena due to a plot twist at the end of season six. Whether this was intentional or not the creators of the show will not disclose, but many of the characters grow into entirely new people than when they started in high school; many even turn into vampires or die along the way as well.

It truly is an epic love tale with twists and turns among the vampire world that are not seen in other tails like this, as

well as epic adventures and battles that viewers never saw coming.

The writers did a magnificent job keeping the storyline fresh and new each season, while leaving no loose ends either. Every character’s story came to a close at its proper time and this series left fans wanting more. Viewers were also always left satisfied with the ending because it felt as if nothing was left unsaid.

With the series airing on CW in 2009, its pilot episode had the largest viewership of any series premiere since the network began in 2006. It was also the most watched series before being supplemented with the show “Arrow,” which is still the only show to date to be able to carry the same viewership as *Vampire Diaries* with “Super Girl” coming in a close second.

The show has received countless awards including Teen Choice awards and People’s Choice awards as well. Even though it started with mixed reviews from critics from the very beginning viewers latched on to the wonderful storyline of the town of Mystic Falls and Elena Gilbert and only continued to beg for more.

Now, just over eight years later, the show has come to an end and it is certainly a bittersweet goodbye for fans. It will be hard to find a story that compares, but with the shows finale offering proper ending and solace, it certainly was a fairy tale ending to be remembered for years to come.



IMAGE FROM HDQWALLBLOG.COM

After eight seasons on air the *Vampire Diaries* came to an end on March 10.



IMAGE FROM WORDPRESS.COM

Alaric Saltzman (Mathew Davis) defends his friend from the heretic vampire Kai (Chris Wood) while he tries to kill them.



Dancing for donations

Schoolcraft welcomes Bollywood dances and fashion

BY KEN NARITA
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, the Schoolcraft College Asian Student Association will host the first Bollywood Dance Competition and Fashion Show. The event will take place in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets can be bought either at the door for \$12 or in advance for \$10. Advance tickets can be found at the Students Activities Office in the lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. All the proceeds from this event will go toward the Schoolcraft Student Food Pantry.

Performances for the Dance Competition will be divided into four sections: middle school, high school, college and community. There will be prizes awarded to winners of each section. Entry to compete in the competition is open to the public. The deadline to enter the competition is April 30.

The SCASA's mission is: "To create awareness of the South Asian culture and its growing influence." The group further

explains the purpose of the Bollywood Dance Competition and Fashion Show by saying, "we wish to showcase the rich Indian traditions and festivals for the students and surrounding communities."

"Bollywood is the nickname given to the Indian film industry. It is a play on the word Hollywood. The B comes from Bombay - also known as Mumbai, a big city in India." Said Anna Maheshwari, English professor at Schoolcraft College. "It has influenced daily life and culture in India for decades now. In fact, movies are the main source of entertainment and almost a religion in India."

Hindi cinema is known for its bright colors and magnificent dances. Luci Townsend said in the BBC News Magazine, "Bollywood dance is easy on the eye. Dramatic facial expressions and cinematic pizzazz means any viewer, dance aficionado or not, can follow the story." Hand gestures act as a form of sign language for Bollywood dances. These hand movements are known as hastas, or mudras, and help per-

formers convey stories with their dance.

"Bollywood has for long exerted a deep influence on popular Indian fashion. Any outfit adorned by an actor or actress in a hit movie immediately becomes a prime sartorial trend for tailors to reproduce," said Maheshwari. "The ready-made industry manufactures these clothes in bulk and the designs are named after the character or movie. The fashion industry capitalizes on this trend by launching their clothes and jewelry in movies. Top stars are made brand ambassadors to endorse fashion products."

The Bollywood Dance Competition and Fashion Show will educate on the brilliance of Indian dance culture. Indian traditions and festivals will be showcased in this lively event. Students and people from the community will exhibit their talent in Bollywood dancing.

"We have multiple goals - to bring students from other schools, colleges and universities to Schoolcraft - both to compete and participate, to showcase various Indian dance forms, to have fun, and

at the same time raise funds for the Schoolcraft Food Pantry," said Maheshwari.

The Schoolcraft Student Food Pantry was created to assist students and families struggling financially. The mission of the Food Pantry is: "to provide non-perishable food items and hygiene prod-

ucts to students and families in need." The food pantry is available to Schoolcraft students and their families.

All questions on the event or interest in competing should be directed toward Anna Maheshwari by email at amaheshw@schoolcraft.edu or phone at 734-462-7188.

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More life from "More Life"

Drakes search for more finds a less is better approach

BY ALEX WOODLIFF
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Following up his 2016 album "Views," hip-hop artist Drake quietly dropped his new mixtape, "More Life." The usually radio friendly club bangers that have been staples on his

previous albums are mostly gone. With a stripped-down sound and a new approach to his beats and lyrics, Drake crafts a good introspective album. The narrowed down sound actual gives more life to "More Life."

Released and marketed as a playlist instead of an album or mixtape, "More Life" comes in with a full 22 tracks and over 80 minutes of material. "More Life" is an album that can be enjoyed in two ways: either with headphones, taking in the lyrics on their own or at a small house party, with the dancehall beats surrounding you.

The album borrows and combines hip-hop, R&B, dancehall and Afrobeat rhythms allowing Drake and his team to craft a good album. Not all 22 of the tracks are winners though, but there are more than enough standouts.

The album opens with the track "Free Smoke," a more traditional hip-hop track. Drake raps, "Is it the strength of your feelings overthrowing your pain? You'll see new heights you'll be reaching,"

His opening verse sets a tone of the journey and self-doubts he's had over the years of his rise to the top. From there, "More Life" goes back and forth from Drake's traditional hip-hop beats to a more dancehall elements.

"Passion Fruit" is a mellow track set to sounds of a party that finds Drake examining the struggles that come from a long-distance relationship. "Passionate from miles away/Passive with the things you say/Passin' up on my old ways. I can't blame you, no, no." The mellow beat dropping in the middle, almost has if he was taking the time to examine whether to continue the relationship or not.

"Get It Together" is a ballad featuring singer Jorja Smith that works as an immediate follow up to the previous track. Drake and Smith trade verses back and forth as a couple calling out their faults. "You need me to get that s*** together so we can get together."

In "Madiba Riddim," Drake's verses are about the difficulties that have come maintaining and establishing new and old friendships with fame. "I cannot tell who is my friend," Drake croons in the chorus, "I need distance between me and them."

"Blem" a melodic Caribbean

influenced track finds the rapper seeking a place to retreat. "Don't switch on me, I got big plans/We need to forward to the islands/And get you gold, no spray tans."

"Portland" is a solid hip-hop track with the most guests on it, including Travis Scott and Quavo. The trio split rhymes reflecting on their success and not letting others take or imitate their sound. "Never let these — ride your wave/Nope, no way, nah."

"Teenage Fever" which samples and slows down the Jennifer Lopez song "If You Had My Love," sounds like an examination of the end of his relationship with Rihanna and the beginnings of his current with Lopez. "That's just how I feel when I'm around you, shawty" Drake reminds his flame. "Last night we didn't say it but girl, we both though it."

Working with producer Noah 40 Shebib, Drake crafted something that may hint toward his future album release. The afrobeat and dancehall tracks are the ones that stand out more than the traditional hip-hop tracks in this album. "More Life" shows that by taking risk with a more narrowed sound and cohesive production, Drake is able to craft a good album.

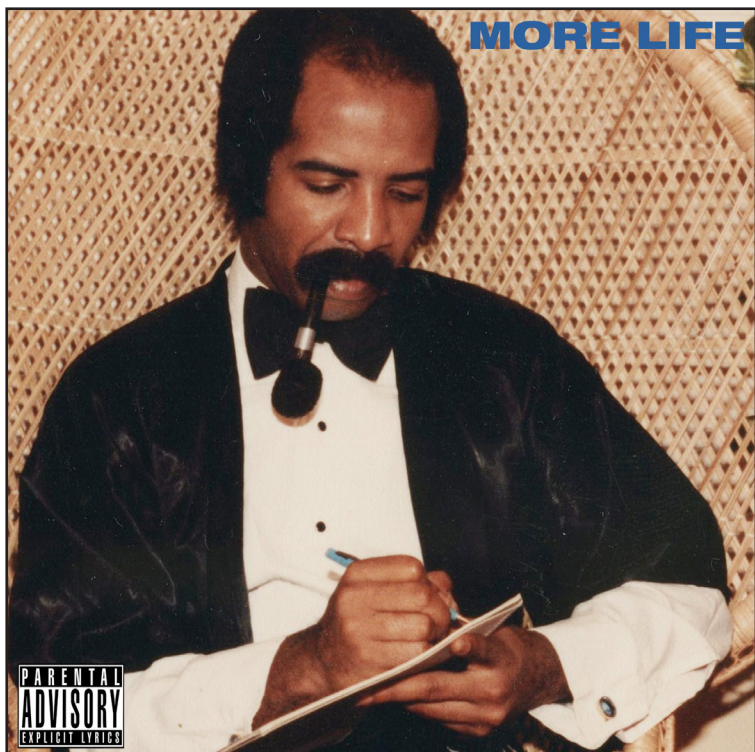


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Drake's new album "More Life" was released March 18 and has been met with mediocre reviews.

The way movies were meant to be seen

Detroit’s historical Redford Theatre continues to entertain after nearly 90 years

BY KEN NARITA
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Detroit is a city with a deep history. Much of the theaters from its heydays can still be found within the city limits. Very few of those are still in the similar condition they were in when they were first built in the early 1900s.

The Redford Theater however is one of those few relics that have survived. Although it has gone through many chapters in its history, today it stands very similar to how it would have been seen when it was first built.

The Redford Theatre is located at 17360 Lahser Road in Detroit, Michigan (just north of Grand River Avenue) and stands five stories tall. The yellow sign with Redford in red letters can be seen from the street. The lobby of the theater is built on an incline because it was less expensive to add more dirt than to remove it to have the theater at a slope.

The theater first opened its doors to the public on Jan. 27, 1928 and is considered an atmospheric theater. The inside is meant to make the patron feel as though they were in an outdoor Japanese garden. This design caused problems for the theater during World War II. It was torn apart and painted over because of its Japanese design.

In 1985 the Motor City Theatre Organ Society (MCTOS) bought the Redford Theatre from Community Theatres. The MCTOS is a chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society. The nonprofit group owns and maintains the Redford Theatre for its original Barton pipe organ.

“It’s unique because its original to the building and hasn’t been modified.” Said Nathan Avakian, who has been playing the theater organ since the age of 4. When asked on how often he comes across a theater organ in its original location he replied, “Really not that often and in many cases, they don’t work that well because they haven’t been maintained. But in this case, they have done a really good job at maintaining it and keeping it working and exercising too.”

Strides to fully restore the theatre to its 1928 design began once purchased by MCTOS. “Everything here was done by volunteers,” said Carl Kiehle, a volunteer concessions manager. “It’s a jewel. There are no other theatres in the United States with this kind of history. It’s truly unique and just a treasure.”

The Redford Theatre possesses the original 1928 Barton theater pipe organ. “This is in the original theater. When they built this theatre, the organ was designed acoustically to fit the size of the theatre,” said Jacob Malblu who has volunteered for the organization for the past seven years.

The MCTOS use movie screenings to help fund the restoration of the Redford Theatre. “We try to show film because that is what we are known for,” said Malblu. “There are very few theaters that still show film.”

Dedicated volunteers are the driving force behind the operation of the theatre. Malblu said, “our projectionist that work (in the projectionist’s booth) have been here for about 40 years each.” Redford Theatre welcomes any vol-



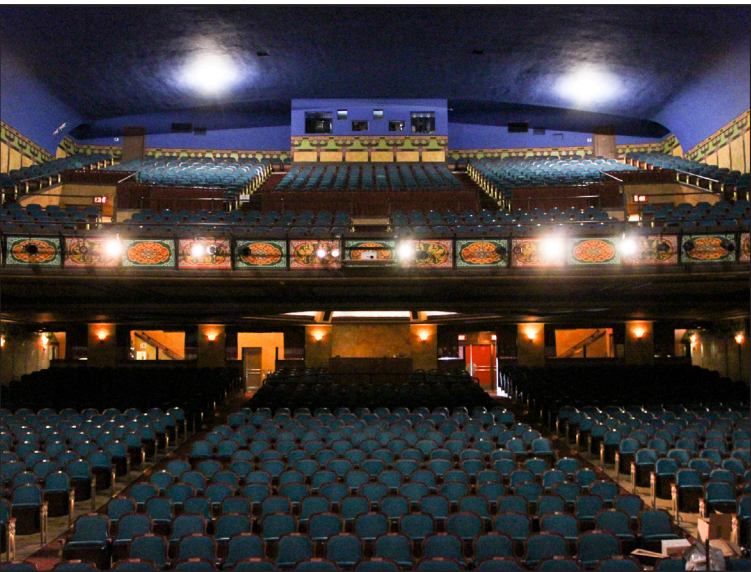
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The Redford Theatre’s entrance, which is located on Lahser and Grand River in Detroit. It is beginning of the wonderful journey into the past visitors will take when you step inside this hidden jewel of Old Redford.

unteers that are interested in helping.

The Redford Theatre is a true monument of Detroit. The near 90-year-old theatre has a history unique to itself. Visiting the theatre still recreates the experience of what it was like from its grand opening in 1928.

“I’ve been born and raised in Detroit. I used to come here when they just showed movies. This is where I used to go as a kid,” said Carol Lane who has lived in the community for over 70 years. “What I see here is a revival and a renewal and it show what we can do with nonprofit and all volunteers.”

Events such as movie screenings and musical performances are listed on redfordtheatre.com/events. Donations toward renovations can be made on their website also. The theatre is currently in need of roughly \$1,000,000



The Redford Theatre approximately 30,000 square feet and has a full-size stage including a three story grand foyer while holding 1,610 guests.

for structural renovations. Along with events hosted by MCTOS the theatre is available for private events such as weddings.

If interested in joining Redford Theatre’s all-volunteer

staff, applications are found on their website. If seeking any other information Redford Theatre can be contacted by calling (313) 537-2560, or by email at Tickets@redfordtheatre.com.

Experience immersion

The best of Virtual Reality gaming

BY KEN NARITA
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Virtual reality (VR) has many possible uses -- movies, news and education, to name a few. The most obvious use for VR is gaming and the purpose of both game and VR is to totally immerse the subject.

Consumer use of VR headsets are still fairly new. The Oculus Rift, first consumer oriented VR headset, only became available March of last year. Since then, Sony released the first headset for a gaming console. More recently, HTC, with the help of Valve, produced the Vive. The Xbox Project Scorpio, when released, will allow Xbox players to also partake in the VR experience.

With all the new headsets, available games to accompany

them have also been produced. Here’s a short list of some of the best games in virtual reality.

Resident Evil 7: Bio-hazard

The Residents Evil series is infamous for being one of the scariest games on the market since its debut in 1996, and Residents Evil 7 is no exception. Playing as Ethan Baker, the purpose is to survive in the Baker family house. Players must explore to find items and solve puzzles. Unlike previous RE games that had action, this installment focuses on surviving the horror, not fighting it. The survival horror game immerses the player like never before with its compatibility with the Playstation VR

Job Simulator

This might seem like an odd

choice for a game, but truthfully there might not be a better subject to make a game for. Players choose between working as a chef, office worker, store clerk or a mechanic. Tasks of these jobs are made very simple: the true point of the game is to do all the things that would be unacceptable in real life. Silly actions like throwing a stapler across the office and hitting a co-worker can be experienced. Want to squirt ketchup all over the kitchen? Well now it can be a reality without facing any repercussions in Job Simulator. This award-winning video game will be a staple in VR game inventory for years to come.

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes

Most VR headsets alone carry a price tag of \$500. It is very unlikely most households will ever buy more than one for the

family. This means most games will not be able to be played in local multiplayer. Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes is a perfect example of how VR gaming can still be a group activity. In this game a group is split up between the one with the headset on and the others. The person with the headset and only that person will be able to see a bomb. Each bomb will have multiple puzzles. The others job in this game is to tell the headset wearer how to solve each puzzle they run into. Communication is key in Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes. This game is revolutionary in the way consumers play video games.

This is just a short list of games available to VR. As more time goes

on and headsets become more common household product, titles produced will increase as well. VR gaming is innovating how games are played. The immersion of the VR systems allows a more complete experience to take place then ever possible before.



IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM
People can now be fully immersed in their favorite video game or fantasy lands with virtual reality headsets.

Rolling with the best

Men and women’s bowling take fifth and sixth at Nationals

BY CAMERON GWINN
STAFF WRITER

After the successful regular season that the men and women’s bowling teams had, it was only fitting that both teams were destined for National Ju-

nior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament held March 3-4 in Cheektowaga, NY. Both Ocelot teams qualified and took home some additional hardware home as well.

“We’re at a point with our

program where qualifying and participating in the National Tournament is great,” said Head Coach Patrick Yelsik. “We want to compete with anyone and be in a position to win it all.”

The men’s team was able



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Schoolcraft’s bowling team with one of the six tournaments wins. Freshman Matt Gury and Kayla Jackson lead the team to victory.

to come home after finishing sixth overall in the National Tournament, in addition to having a nice season before the big tournament. The Ocelots were able to win six of the seven tournaments they participated in (with the only loss being against Ancilla), and beat 4-year college programs such as Grand Valley State University and Spring Arbor University.

“Nationals was a very enjoyable experience,” said freshman Matt Gury. “The oil patterns on the lanes were difficult, but it didn’t stop me from having fun.”

Gury took home the singles championship at Nationals, rolling a solid 650 and giving the men’s bowling team a bright future moving into next season.

The women pose a big threat going forward finishing fifth at the National Tournament and oddly enough, won six of their seven tournaments this season, as well.

“Nationals were very long bowling days, but I liked the challenge,” said freshman Kayla Jackson. “The team was cheering everyone on and we were all there for each other.”

Jackson also finished third overall in all events at the National Tournament, knocking down 2,025 in the tournament, as well as being a bright spot

for the Ocelots.

“I’m very proud of everyone and the season we had,” said Yelsik. “It’s always great to see hard work pay off.”

Looking forward, both teams are a force to be reckoned with next season. Having two freshmen, Kayla Jackson and Matt Gury, compete at the top level that they did will help next year’s freshmen see what the expectations are for them and what this program is striving to become.

Notable mentions, freshmen Cody Farr and Matt Westemeier along with Matt Gury and sophomore Lonnie Lawrence earned a spot on the All-Region team. Those four plus freshman Ryan Gasparovich and sophomore Andrew Gury were selected on the All-Conference team. Farr, Gasparovich and Westemeier were put on the MCCA All-Freshman team.

Kayla Jackson and freshman teammate Sharon Kovacs and sophomore Ashley Mattia were selected for All-Conference team. Jackson was also selected to be on the All-Region and All-Freshman teams and was named Freshmen of the Year and MCCA Player of the Year.

For more information on team schedules, stats and rosters go to www.mccaa.org.



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Rocky start

Softball starts season 2-4

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Schoolcraft women’s softball team started the 2017 season with some ups and downs so far. The Ocelots are 2-4 in their first six games of the season, including getting

shutout three of the first six games. The early season looks unsteady, but Coach Linares is not worried a bit.

“We have a lot of games to play this season, I am not worried and think the girls will be able to get the job done and become great players by the

end of the season,” said Head Coach Rey Linares.

With March proving to be troublesome with the weather conditions only allowing the Ocelots to play a pair of games against Oakland Community College on March 28, the team finally was able to take to the field for a doubleheader April 1, against Macomb Community College in Warren, Michigan.

In game one, Schoolcraft got shutout on the scoreboard scoring no runs in seven innings. The Ocelots were held to only two hits throughout

the game and they were by freshman infielder/outfielder/pitcher Cori Wilson and freshman catcher/ outfielder Emma West. West has a batting average of .300, one homerun and two RBIs, which is good for second best batting average for freshman and third best hitter on the team.

Macomb Community College were scoreless through the first four innings until the bottom of the fifth when the Monarchs scored two. The Monarch’s Alexis Nowowiecki on a RBI double batted the first run in. Megan Motte batted the second and final run in on a RBI single. The game ended with Schoolcraft losing 2-0.

Game two started with lots of offense by both Schoolcraft and Macomb. In the first inning, Schoolcraft scored by an RBI sacrifice hit by sophomore outfielder Kelsie Powell. Autumn Dobrick scored the run to take the early 1-0 lead for the Ocelots. Unfortunately the Ocelots did not have the lead for long as the Monarchs tied the game at one with a sacrifice fly from Hailey Beard.

The game remained tied at one a piece until the top of the fifth inning when Powell got her second RBI and put Schoolcraft up by one. The score

would remain 2-1 until the end. With win the Ocelots got their first conference win are currently 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCA) Eastern Conference play as of April 1.

“Our biggest weakness as a team right now is communication. We have not been able to communicate well and it is a big part of the game that is affecting how good we play right now;” said sophomore first baseman Rosie Garvin.

Schoolcraft will have a doubleheader matchup coming up Tuesday, April 11 against conference rival Delta College and games will be played at Delta College. The team will return home and play St. Clair County Friday, April 14 at home in Livonia, Michigan at Ford Field.

“We all plan on getting better by continuing to work hard at practice. Going further I hope we improve and do things that we know we can do,” said sophomore infielder Kassidy Lipinski.

To find a team roster, schedule and recent game results go to the MCCA (Michigan Community College Athletic Association) website at www.mccaa.org.



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Ford Field in Livonia where the Ocelots will play the majority of their home games outdoors this season.



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