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Hitting the airwaves

Audio broadcasts add depth to campus life

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

Podcasts, Internet talk shows and live feeds are becoming the preferred way of receiving information, especially for the younger generation. As of the beginning of

the winter semester, the newly formed Audio Broadcasting Club has taken off on campus. The club was kick-started by students James Paxson, Jimmy Moldeski, Christopher Skarnulis, Josh Hunter, Cameron Gwinn and Jason Green late last fall in hopes to con-

nect a bridge of media between radio, video production club and newspaper. With the help of Sam Gooden, Director of Media Services, the Video Production Club and the support of both the Athletics Department and the Student Activities Office, the Audio

Broadcasting Club debuted live in December highlighting the Schoolcraft basketball games and are looking to expand into other programming.

"This is how people are communicating now. There's an opportunity for our students to get on social media along with the broadcasting. We are working with our media department as well as our athletic department so there's some crossover there that we're working on, and it's an overall good experience for the students as well as our staff members who are involved, too," said Todd Stowell, Director of Student Activities.

On Jan. 14, the club broadcasted the men's and women's basketball games and have scheduled coverage for three more games this season. Live audio broadcasts will be held on Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and Mar. 1.

"On their first go around they asked me to be their guest at halftime so they (Cameron and James) interviewed me at halftime. I think it went great. It was fun and I like it because you can become a little opinionated and you never know what they're going to ask, so I enjoy that. I'm going to give them my honest view of what happened. I think it adds a flavor of the students actually providing the commentary and color of the event," said Sid Fox, Schoolcraft Athletic Director.

Club members not only broadcast, but also produce. They plan the shows, prepare and execute all on their own.

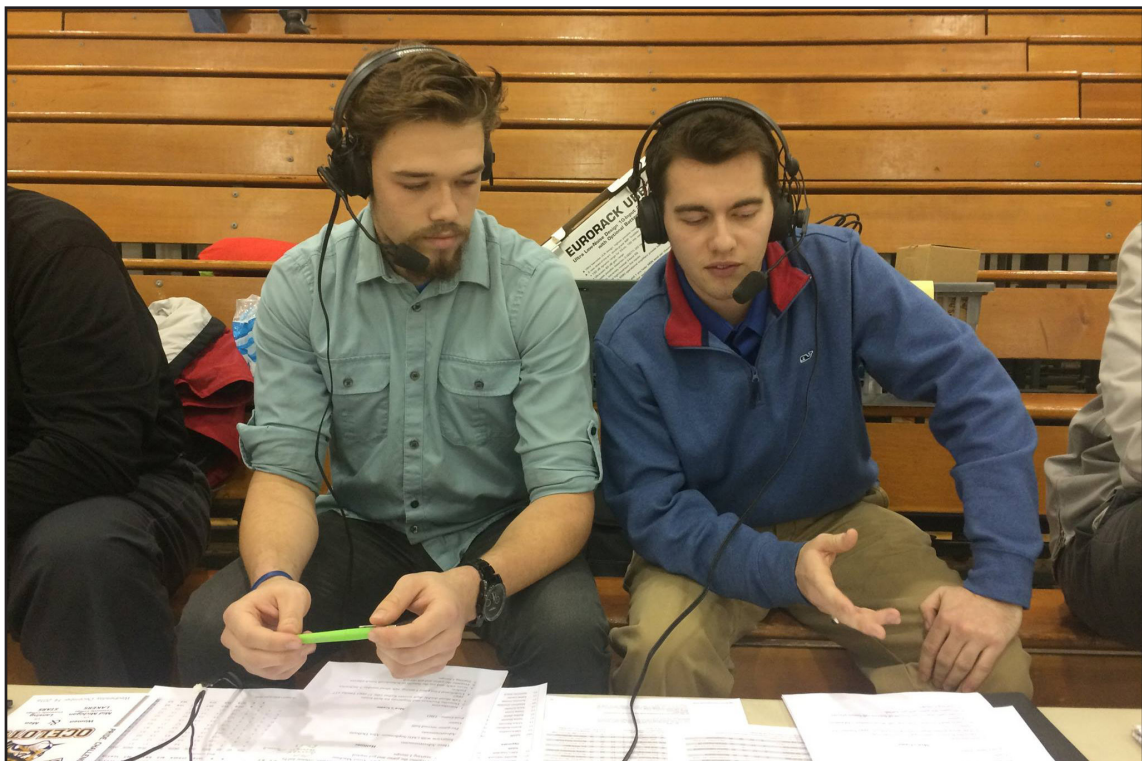
With equipment provided by Media Services club members get to work as a team which includes a producer, talent, production staff, marketing and advertising and a statistician. Future plans for the club include doing a weekly talk show broadcast and including video broadcasts of the games and campus events as well along with the audio podcast.

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"I'm basically an advisor or support for the students. I give them the guidance of what equipment they need to use and help establish the connectivity idea and we already do some of the sporting games. They got crew participants and volunteers who are committed and eager to make sure they have the personnel to do the things they have to do. I am very impressed with the preparation they've done. I think it's going very well right now," said Sam Gooden, Director of Media Services.

Any students interested in joining the Audio Broadcasting Club are welcome to stop by the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman to receive more information or call (734) 462-4422. Listeners that want to follow along with the broadcasts can check out the Schoolcraft Connection's Facebook page or follow the Connection on Twitter to get tweets to the link when a broadcast is going air.



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Schoolcraft Broadcasting Club members (left to right) Cameron Gwinn and James Paxson provides live audio play by play at a recent Schoolcraft basketball game.



The club is completely run by students. They produce, broadcast and report their own shows. The club hopes to expand soon with weekly broadcast shows of all varieties and is looking for new members for talent, production team or any student wanting to get involved in advertising.

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LOCAL

Digging themselves into a million dollar hole

Although sinkholes do not seem to be a major issue in today's society as cartoons lead children to believe, citizens of Macomb County have been facing the very same issue. As of Dec. 24 Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has declared a state of emergency in Fraser involving the 15-mile wide sinkhole that seems to be growing in size without an end in site. The sinkhole is supposedly due to the collapse of a sewage line at the end of 2016. Residents all over the community have been forced to evacuate their home in order escape from the potential damage. As of Jan. 13, the estimated cost of repair of the sinkhole was quoted from anywhere between 78 to \$100 million.

STATE

Get your head out of your app

As pedestrians start becoming more reliable on the technology in their pockets, police officers are looking for ways to combat texting and driving. According to mlive.com, Michigan State Troopers have launched a campaign against distracted titled "Get your head out your app." This strategy will make it so when an undercover officer witnesses a traffic violation, a signal will be alerted to a nearby State Trooper in order to make the traffic stop. This effort is in high hopes in order to combat the rising numbers of fatalities from accidents involving cell phones, which doubled from 2014 to 2015.

NATIONAL

Caution: roads may be icy

When people think of icy roads they typically think states such as Michigan, New York or any other northern states. However, states across the middle and southern United States have been plagued by the harsh winter conditions such as icy roads and snow filled streets. According to ABCnews.com, there has been accumulation of ice from southeastern Kansas through central Missouri, causing traffic accidents along major roadways such as I-40 in Oklahoma. Since the south is not as prepared as northern states, salt trucks are limited to nonexistent, making traffic impossible on the icy roads. Although there has been efforts to help combat the dangerous conditions, there is only so much officials can do to fight the effects of climate change.

Winter festival fun

School Daze Winter Festival set for Jan. 24-25

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

School Daze Winter Festival is coming on Jan. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Center of the VisTaTech Center. There will be a DJ, sponsors from restaurants, various departments around campus represented, games for prizes on the main stage and 50 cent hot dogs.

Twenty-seven student organizations, 11 campus departments, 16 sponsors and 12 various attractions such as a caricature artist, psychic mini readings and free 10-minute chair massages will be represented during the two-day event. Campus departments attending include Financial

Aid, the Bookstore and the Fitness Center among others. This event gives students an opportunity to gather information and ask questions to the various services offered around campus and meet one-on-one with representatives.

"The purpose is to get the students jump started on their clubs and recruiting. We will be looking to make the students aware of meeting times and events coming up and how students can get involved and have as much participation as we can. It's a one-stop where everyone can come and have a good time and learn about all the clubs and services that are available on campus," said Todd Stowell, Director of Student Activities.

Many student organizations look to events such as School Daze to reach out to the campus population to recruit students to get involved. As many clubs only reach a certain demographic of people, it is nice to have the face-to-face time with other people who may be interested. Also, some students may not be familiar with the clubs and organizations that are currently offered so this is an opportunity to learn more about the college and how to get more involved.

"School Daze is good because it gets students more interactive on campus. It shows students new groups and clubs and creates new relationships. An example is the business club- we will be promoting

our Detroit Economic Club Event and Shinola tour," said Josh Hunter, President of the Schoolcraft Business Club.

School Daze is not only a good place to get to know clubs on campus and local businesses, but it also has a great, friendly atmosphere where you can meet new friends. There is a great DJ and fun games that are played throughout the day.

"We're going to have recruitment table and it's going to have informative event list for winter semester with a list of fundraisers and events. We want more members to join and we also want people to try out to be a PTK officer," said Alicia Cooper, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of the Chapter.

Anyone interested in learning more about the event should visit the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center or call 734.462.4422.

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Tessa Hechlik
Major: Computer Science
"To stop drinking so much pop because I want to lose more weight."



Katelynn Haygood
Major: Psychology
"Mine was to help out the community more because as a kid I used to do it a lot. I stopped doing it recently, so I want to continue doing that."



Jasper Ballinger
Major: Sound Recording Technology
"My New Year's Resolution overall is to make myself better because lately I haven't given myself a lot of time."



Ashley Mattia
Major: Graphic Design
"My New Year's Resolution is to become a club leader on campus."



Sammy Saad
Major: Mechanical Engineering
"My New Year's Resolution for 2017 is to cut back on working a lot. I've been working 60 hours a week at a pizzeria, so I shouldn't let it get in the way of my grades."



Erin Kendrick
Major: Psychology
"To stop procrastinating, because I want to be more independent."



Marie Sheko
Major: Biomedical Engineering Technologies
"My New Year's Resolution this year is to just get passing grades. Eight years ago, I had a brain tumor removed while I was still in school, and it messed with my self-confidence. This semester, making sure I get passing grades will really prove to myself that I can do things."

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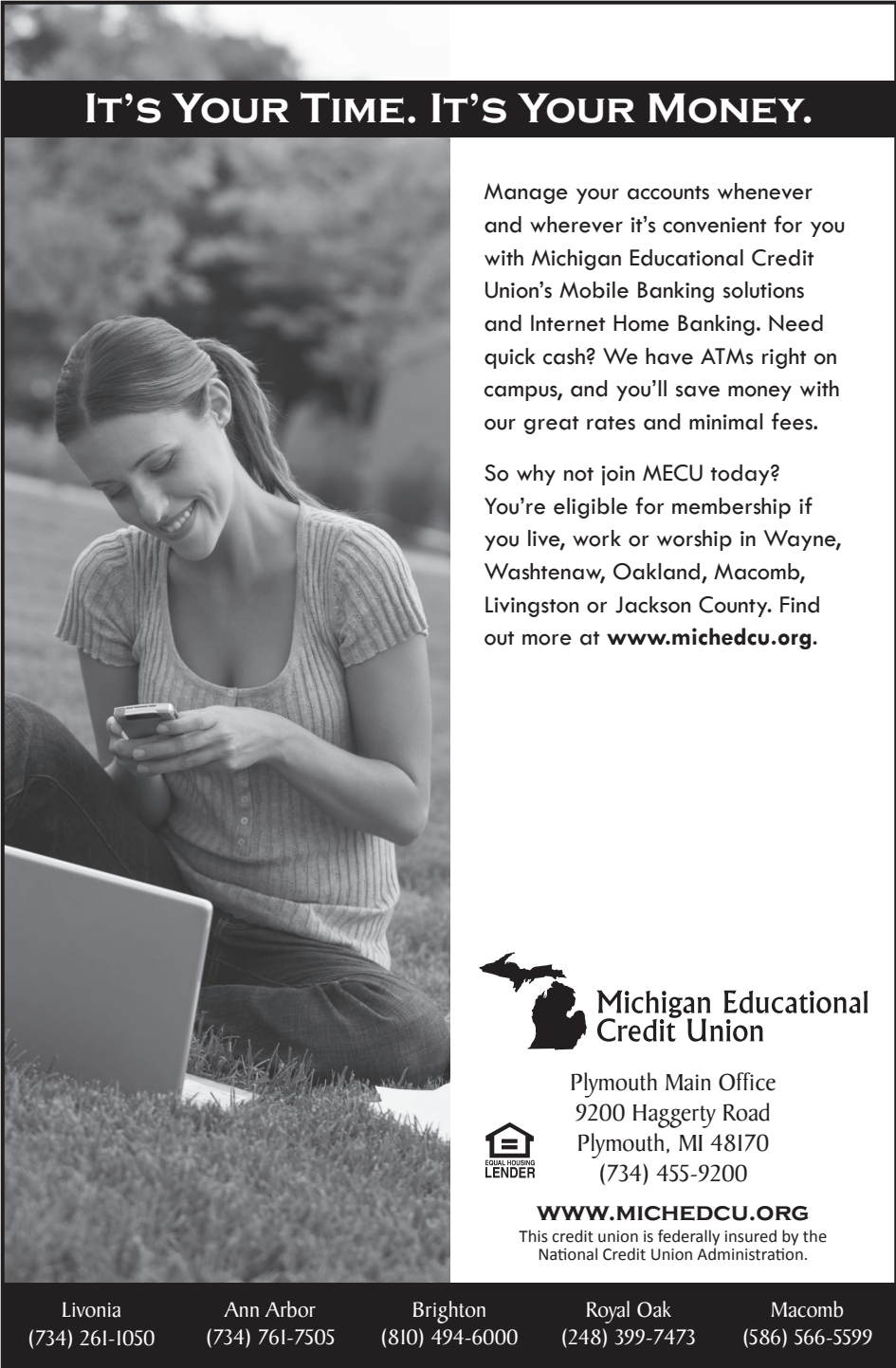
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-EDITORIAL-

Starting out on top

Setting achievable goals for the New Year

By The Schoolcraft Connection Editorial Staff

No time is better than the present to start yourself on a good path. Luckily, the present is the New Year and that means it's twice as good of a time. The New Year gives everyone an opportunity to wipe his or her plate clean and start off on a good foot. The tradition usually is to make resolutions to accomplish; these typically get forgotten or don't end up working out in the long run. Instead of setting big goals that aren't necessarily attainable it is better to set smaller, practical goals. Some of the best are to find ways to have better karma, try something new, be healthier through more sleep and be happier in one's social circle.

One of the best things one can do for themselves is set a goal to cleanse their karma. If

one decides to only put positive energy into the world they'll be improving their lives and the lives of others at the same time. Since getting a fresh start is important, don't get caught up on past events that may exhibit negativity. Everyone has the ability to be a kind person, and there's no better time than now to make that resolution.

Another exciting thing to try is looking for new hobbies and habits to form. Whether it is going to the gym, stopping smoking or even finally learning an instrument that has always wanted to be learned. However, many people quit their pursuit of their resolutions within the first three months of the New Year, but there is a way to combat this. If someone is trying to learn something new such as guitar, or even a new language, if they practice for one hour a day for ten days straight, they

have officially retained the information they have practiced so far. People say that it takes roughly 21 days to form a new habit, so this year, do not get discouraged if it isn't perfect the first time. Practice makes perfect.

Another goal that only has positive effects is getting more sleep at night. Lots of people especially college students complain about always being tired or having a lack of sleep in their life. Studies show from CDC.org that one in three adults do not get enough sleep at night. One New Year's resolution that will for sure be a successful choice will be getting more sleep at night. This will help you have more energy, do better in work and school and be happier overall. Cutting out afternoon naps and going to sleep earlier at night is a simple way to start this habit. Another is to wake up earlier in the morning, your body will start to adjust and will set a new sleeping

schedule that keeps one going through the day when its needed and getting longer REM sleep at night, this helps the body recover faster.

One of the biggest downfalls in life can be having friends or people in one's social circle that are always negative or bring people down. Some friendships and people don't always mesh and forcing things can become toxic to one's health socially and emotionally. Separating yourself from these types of individuals will make one happier and open to succeed in the things you love. It also will allow your self-confidence to flourish.

Setting practical goals like working out once a week, forming new habits, drinking more water or getting more sleep is the best way to start the New Year. This year can be the year of a better you if you work towards it. Practice makes perfect and that takes effort. Start off small instead of making big resolutions that seem unattainable, because that may lead to being discouraged and quitting all together. Small goals all lead up to the big picture in the end.

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Swiping right isn't right



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Evolving social media dating is objectifying users

Dating as the world knows it today has completely changed from what it used to be. Back before technology ruled the world, individuals would have to put effort into trying to date one another whether it was going out to bars or nightclubs, having a friend help out or just running into someone beautiful on the street. However, ever since the cellphone has taken control of people's lives dating has taken a turn for the worst. Social media apps such as Tinder, Hot or Not and Zoosk have turned the population into judgmental schmucks who base their opinions of people strictly on looks without giving anyone a

chance to find happiness with someone else.

According to expandedramblings.com since Tinder's launch in September 2012, over 50 million users have signed up to be a part of the experience. For those who are unaware of how applications such as Tinder and Hot or Not work, users have the ability to upload pictures of themselves and add a brief description about their lives and interests. From there, they will be routed to a part of the app where they can either swipe left if they do not like the person, or swipe right on their phone if they think the person is attractive. In a world where people are extremely sensitive about being "objectified" by the opposite sex, people would think that these apps would not exist because of the outrage. However, these apps only seem to grow in popularity because people have started to use them for other means.

Ever since the creation of these dating apps individuals have started to use them more as a hookup tool more than a dating tool. CNN.com stated that in 2015 over 1.5 million cases of Chlamydia were reported as well as syphilis rising by 19 percent. Although it is not necessarily a cause and effect relationship with dating

apps, there seems to be a correlation due to the popularity of these apps rising while STD rates also on the rise. Anyone who uses these apps would be naive to think that they won't be asked for nude photographs of themselves or meaningless sex from another user. If that is what users are looking for, then fine by all means they can object themselves to it, but

there are other, more meaningful ways to find a date.

The fact that people use these apps is quite pathetic in my opinion. I am not saying that looks do not matter in relationships. In fact, according to Biology the only reason we are attracted to someone is because of the way that they look. However, should that be what people solely base their decisions on? Instead of swiping left or right, try having a conversation with someone and get to know him or her before making a final judgment.

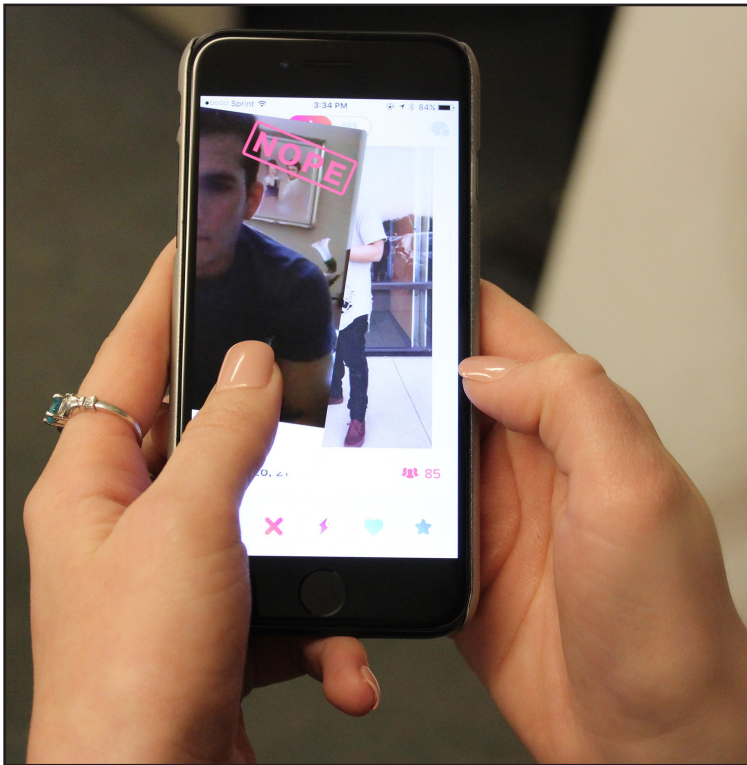


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As the age of dating technology evolves, human decency diminishes.

Human connections



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The importance of spending time with family

Family can be defined in several ways. It can mean the textbook definition of those that are related by blood to oneself, those who all live under the same house and members of the same group such as parents and their children. Less generic definitions refer to those that are closest to one, friends or neighbors that are always there, or any kind of support system. No matter what one's definition of family consists of it is important to spend time with these people and recog-

nize their value in one's life. In simple terms, spending time as a family and with those members is a wise investment and is beneficial to one's life.

Quality time together in person creates quality experiences that last a lifetime. Building that bond also creates an important support system that is needed throughout every stage of life. These members also create a sense of protection and identity.

Locked behind a phone can give one access to a world full of apps, news feeds and a multitude of games to pass time. However as a result, it can deprive from the real human connection that is needed to satisfy the soul and build skills, such as communication and how to interact in the real world, that are vital in life. In addition, it lacks any real emotional connection. Being in the same room as relatives and friends is not the same as actually interacting with them.

Playing a game together on an electronic device or watching TV and movies together, then concluding with a meaningful conversations about it is a great way to engage. Having a sit down meal, going out to museums or parks or anything

else out in the world with family provide amazing opportunities. Something as simple as sitting down and having a conversation with those from different generations or backgrounds within your family will teach information that one may have never known and may give a better clue into one's identity and history. It also can offer a different perspective of the world while becoming wiser from walking in another's shoes.

In middle school my mother's parents both faced health issues, taking the life of my grandmother and leaving my grandfather handicapped. He had three strokes which left his left arm without any motor function and his left leg severely deteriorated. Being on his own for the first time in his life and now facing these health issues life was completely different and he was a different man as well. Everyone in the family had to step in to take greater care of him and in high school I took this opportunity to get to know a man that many knew little about because he used to be very reserved.

I am now his primary caretaker, while he still lives on his own and has an independent

life, I am the go to for anything and everything he needs or wants. It has changed my life in the most amazing way to learn everything I can about his life and what he has lived through. He is the most important person in my life and I feel more connected to him than I have anyone else before.

Simply spending two days a week with him and taking the time to put down the phone and spend time with him like he used to back in his younger years, has brought incred-

ible value to my life and those in my family that have done the same. We all are closer as a whole because of the human connection and bonding we build in person.

Taking advantage of these moments and building those bonds is important in life and there are endless ways to do this. Whatever definition of family that one has adopted, through the highs and lows, for support or advice and just enjoying life and experiencing new things they are there.



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Quality time with family members and those most important in one's life can offer incredible bonding experiences that add immense value to life.

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Unnecessary expenses



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High textbook prices are not a necessity

Last semester I took a class that was a necessity to meet my graduation requirements. On the first day of class while we were going over the syllabus, the instructor made sure to point out to buy the "required" textbook. Of course, wanting to do my very best in the class, I went right online and purchased the book from the campus bookstore (or rented it, rather, as it is quite a bit cheaper that way).

By the end of the semester, I had completely forgotten about the textbook which had been sitting in the back seat of my car until I received

the email reminding me that it was due to be returned. It was then that I realized that not once throughout the fifteen-week class did the instructor even mention that we had a textbook. I'm sure I could've flipped through and found topics that related to what we were discussing in the class, but what really frustrated me was the fact I had spent quite a bit of money on a "required" textbook that was never mentioned, referenced to or even suggested to better my learning.

It would be one thing if the instructor had reminded the class which chapter correlated with what we were discussing or even outlined in the syllabus which chapters went with which weeks, but that never happened. Basically, I could've saved myself a lot of money if I hadn't bought it, but instead was misled by the instructor claiming that I needed it.

Maybe this isn't such a problem for students who have extra money or have other resources to pay for their schooling, but for those students who rely on financial aid or are paying their way through college themselves this misguided buying of expensive books can really slow their academic career down.

Not every class's books are expensive, but plenty of them are. What happens to the students who are paying on their own and going into a science or math related field? Those books are ridiculously priced; even online websites such as Amazon where you can rent textbooks for lower

prices, a lot of books can still be a hundred dollars. Not to mention the classes that use newer editions of books that aren't available for renting, only for buying.

All in all, I recognize that for certain classes the book is definitely necessary. One probably couldn't pass a math or a chemistry class without the book, however many other classes should re-evaluate whether these books are ac-

tually necessary, as well as re-configuring pricing.

The point of Schoolcraft college is to be a more affordable option than a four-year university, but when I talk to my friends who attend other colleges about their textbook prices we're all in the same boat. Textbooks should be readily available to all students because success in learning is hard to do without them.



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Trump and the environment



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Government decisions and their impact on our lives

It is no secret that our President-Elect, Donald J. Trump, has opposed claims of global warming and rejected the importance of environmental protectionist agencies. But, recently our soon-to-be U.S. President has been making many controversial decisions when it comes to nominating leaders with great influence over these agencies. These new individuals to head our national environmental protectionist agencies are going to be making decisions over long disputed subjects. Although not all hope is lost, Trump's re-

cent meeting with former Vice President and leader in the fight against global warming, Al Gore, has provided a sense of faith in environmentalists that our President-elect might not be as hard headed as some may think. Either way, such vital actions are important in influencing how one might observe their own environment here on campus and around local communities.

One of Trump's first substantial nominees was of Scott Pruitt for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Scott Pruitt is renowned for his immense legal experience, particularly those experiences that pertained to the dismantling of the EPA itself and even including a lawsuit against the Clean Power Plan, a government policy setout to combat climate change, which had been proposed and developed under the Obama administration. 350.org's executive director May Boeve even referred to Pruitt as "[a] fossil fuel industry puppet." Another argued selection on President-elect Trump's part was that of Secretary of State nominee, Rex Tillerson, CEO of ExxonMobil.

Following some time after nominating questionable

officials, Donald Trump received more than 600 letters from businesses and investors around the United States urging him to fight climate change once he takes office. Whether this incident alone influenced the President-elect or not, the American public may never know; but we do know that shortly after receiving these letters, Trump met with former Vice President, Al Gore, who has also been leading the fight against global warming. The two claimed to have covered areas of former disagreements and openly discussed human-caused climate change.

All of these mixed signals are difficult to decipher at times and it can become unclear of how these federal government issues can relate to everyday students. One huge way in which the possible increase in leniency of environmental protection laws may affect those residing in Michigan is of course the Great Lakes, but we may also see smaller and more local water resources changing and possibly weakening. Such vital sources of fresh water must be preserved and protected from greedy big businesses. Scenarios such as the Flint water crisis might occur more



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Man kind's negative impact on our Earth could take a serious toll if we do not evaluate the severity of our carbon footprint.

often in coming days if President-elect Trump doesn't take a stand on the preservation of our precious planet Earth and the resources it provides for us.

It is not at all true that all of these changes going on in Washington are not going to affect local areas including Schoolcraft and its surround-

ing communities. Although those big names being thrown around in the media might seem a little un-relatable to the average American, it is crucial to keep in mind that even decisions being talked over by well known officials can have an impact on each and everyone of us.



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Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford should get contract extension

On Jan. 7, the Detroit Lions lost a wild card playoff game to the Seattle Seahawks with a final score of 26-6. The Lions once again ended the season without a playoff win; and continued their postseason drought of having no postseason victories since 1993. In such a sports driven city like Detroit, fans look for something easy to blame whether it is the ownership, general manager, head coach or any of the football players.

The bottom line is this team needs a leader that will get them a division title, a playoff victory and maybe one day a Super

Bowl. This will all start with the player Detroit decides to put under center for the next couple of years. Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, has one year left on his current contract and there are a couple options that the Lions have with him.

Option one: leave Stafford behind. Let Stafford start looking for other teams to play on and let him get the major deal that many quarterbacks are getting around the league right now.

Option two: Make Stafford the franchise quarterback with a long-term contract for the next five to six years.

Option two is the most beneficial to this team's future. Stafford is improving, he is clutch under pressure especially when the clock is running down, and he can make players around him better. Detroit should choose to sign him to another contract deal locking Stafford in for another five or six years and making him this team's franchise quarterback. Either way this decision will have to be made within the next year because in the National Football League (NFL) the quarterback is essential component on getting wins, playoff victories and a Super Bowl Title.

According to espn700sports.com ESPN football analyst Ron Jaworski commented, "The



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Matthew Stafford has proved to be one of the most elite quarterbacks in the National Football League.

heartbeat of a football team is the quarterback position and I think everyone who has any intelligence about the game understands you must have consistency at that position to be a championship team."

Many Detroit fans have been hesitant on putting all of their faith into a man who has not won one single playoff win in the eight seasons he has been the leader of the team. Whether people like or hate Stafford, Detroit must find a way to keep him here because he has made strides in the development of this franchise during his tenure.

Before Stafford came to De-

troit in 2009, the Detroit Lions were the only NFL team to not win a single game in a season (2007), they have not reached the playoffs since 1999 and there was no clear great starting quarterback option before Stafford came here; he was our savior back then and he is our savior now.

This past season Stafford threw only 10 interceptions, which is the lowest amount of interceptions thrown in his career when he starts the whole season. (ESPN.com) Stafford also became the most clutch quarterback in the NFL. According to CBS.sports Stafford had the

most game-winning drives in a single season with 8 and has a total of 26 game winning drives in his career. Lastly, he makes average players better players. For example, Marvin Jones and Zack Zenner had the best seasons of their career with Stafford throwing them the ball more and putting them in situations to be better football players.

Stafford is clearly the prime quarterback for the Detroit Lions to take the next step. Love him or hate him, the team needs him if they are really looking to advance to the next level and starting winning the quality games.

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Turn the page into the winter season

Pageturners preview a new season of books

BY EMILY ESPINOZA
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

There's absolutely nothing like curling up under some warm blankets on a relaxing, brisk winter day and reading a good book. For some, this picture-perfect scene sounds blissful, while others might relate reading a book to that second grade teacher who borderline tortured young students with heavy, complex material. Whether one sees himself or herself as an avid reader or a recovering ex-reader, it is never considered a bad thing to strengthen that mental-muscle.

One way Schoolcraft students can get involved in a good read and others to share it with would be by joining the Schoolcraft Pageturners in one or many of their discussions and movie showings this semester.

This semester, the Schoolcraft Pageturners Book Club have put together a series of events and discussions for the public to attend in hopes of bringing together a group of prospective readers. All Pageturners events are free and open for the public to stop by and become enriched in lively

discussions or enchanted by wonderfully crafted movie screenings. Three different books are being discussed throughout the course of this semester, including "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, "Paper Towns" by John Green and finally "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi.

"Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates is a personal-narrative written in the form of a letter from an African-American father to his young, teenage child. This piece touches on the history of our nation's racial injustices while still relating what that history means for young and prosperous men and women of color during our current crisis. This book highlights the month of January and is a great choice to start off the season with for the deeply rooted issues it brings up, which will definitely allow for a truly cultivating discussion.

"Between the World and Me" will be discussed on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Bradner Library, Room 105. The motion picture version of the book, "13TH" will be shown in the Forum,

room 530 on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 1 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

The month of February features the book "Paper Towns" by John Green, which is an intimate come-of-age journey depicting what friendship is all about. This book will be discussed on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Bardner Library, room 105 and a motion picture version of the piece, "Paper Towns," will be shown Thursday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in W 210 A-B.

March will feature the third and final book of the semester, "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. This book is very unique, following the life of a once prospective medical student as he embarks on a hard-fought fight against diagnosed stage IV lung cancer. It will be interesting to examine the parallels this piece gives one with the Pageturners on Tuesday, Mar. 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Bradner Library, room 105.

A panel discussion will be held Wednesday, Mar. 29 from 11:45 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in MC 100.

Pageturners is open to all students, faculty, staff, ad-

Pageturners Book Club Invites You to Read:

Between the World and Me

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Proclaimed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," Coates's personal narrative takes the form of a letter to his teenage son—a letter that wrestles with what it means to inhabit a black body in a nation haunted by the racial injustices of its past and present.

JANUARY 2017 BOOK DISCUSSION AND MOVIE SCREENING

Thursday	Tuesday
26	31
1:00 – 2:40 pm Forum F 530 Movie: 13TH	1:30 – 2:30 pm Bradner Library L 105 Book Discussion

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For more information, please contact Ela Rybicka | erybicka@schoolcraft.edu | 734.462.7191 | Office: LA 551

Pageturners is the book club of Schoolcraft College. It is open to all students, faculty, staff, administrators and community friends. Discussion sessions are facilitated by Schoolcraft students. Pageturners is supported by a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The Merriest of Holidays: Thanks to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor and Livingston!

BY MICHELE DIMOND
WRITING FELLOW & GUEST WRITER

The Leadership Development Institute of St. Joe's accomplished an unprecedented feat! The philanthropic group met at Schoolcraft on December 15 and 16 for their annual membership consortium. These amazing health-care providers certainly did not fall short of their goal to practice their "random acts of kindness." Annually, St. Joe's engages in projects to give back to organizations such as

the United Way and Harvest Gathering, as well as adopting a child/family for the holidays. This year, they added another selfless act of giving. On December 16, 2016, Schoolcraft College was presented with 495 pounds of non-perishable food items for its food pantry. According to Susan Kheder, Executive Director of Patient and Community Engagement at St. Joe's, "All attendees were encouraged to donate one food item to the Schoolcraft Food Pantry." Ms. Kheder's suggestion to the Institute's board

originated when her family connection at Schoolcraft encouraged her family to participate in the Education Programs and Learning Support Department's food collection competition on the campus.

Although it was requested that each member attending the conference brings one item of food to donate, many brought bags filled with nutritious foodstuff, gift cards to grocery stores, and even baby food. Kheder added, "It is important to remember that although many believe that one

item cannot make a difference, it is clear that change can start small and build enough to feed a village." Kheder reflects on the philosophy that one random act of kindness will inspire others to "pay it forward."

The food pantry has become a necessity to Schoolcraft's main campus and the Radcliff Center, an extension of Schoolcraft College located in Garden City. Although hunger and need on college campuses are not widely visible, many students face food insecurity. Todd Stowell, Director of

Student Activities, expressed his sincere gratitude and was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. He then introduced the recipients of the food donations given by St. Joe's.

Schoolcraft's sociology professor, Karen Schaumann, accepted the donation on behalf of the Radcliff Center. She stated that, "[Food insecurity] is a retention issue. The more time that students work multiple jobs to afford food, the less time is spent in the classroom."

David Brooks, President of St. Joseph Mercy of Ann Arbor and Livingston presented the donations to Dr. Conway Jeffress, President of Schoolcraft College. Dr. Jeffress graciously accepted this bountiful gift. Jeffress stated, "We have several students who are homeless and some who are living in their cars. They are not able to take a bag of groceries because they have no place to store or even heat up the food. Instead, they would come in, pick up a can of soup for lunch, heat it in the microwaves located in the Student Activities area and then take a second can to heat up before they left campus for the day."

This event was a culmination of all the efforts exhibited by the unprecedented generosity of St. Joe's Leadership Development Institute and the humble acceptance of food items by Schoolcraft's personnel. As often the case, with each small step, challenges can be overcome.




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Left to right: Executive Director of Patient and Community Engagement at St. Joe's Susan Kheder, Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft Professor Karen Schaumann and Student Activities Director Todd Stowell.



COMPILED BY ANTHONY PLESCIA
STAFF WRITER

ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

DIVORCE SUPPORT

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP – LEGAL ASPECTS OF DIVORCE

Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 119

The Schoolcraft Divorce Support Group will host a presentation by divorce attorney Caroline Garmo regarding issues such as property settlements and child support. Anyone who is contemplating, in the process of, or struggling with adjusting to divorce is welcome to attend.

MONEY MATTERS IN DIVORCE

Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 119

Divorce financial analyst Vicki D. McLellan will speak to community members and Schoolcraft students/alumni about financial problems that pop up due to di-

vorce. Clients will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

RESUME BOOSTERS

RESUME ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 100

This workshop presentation will feature a professional resume writer who will assist career seekers with writing effective resumes. Participants will learn how to “sell” their skills, education, and work experience from this expert.

RESUME ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 100

This workshop presentation will feature a professional resume writer who will assist career seek-

ers with writing effective resumes. Participants will learn how to “sell” their skills, education, and work experience from this expert.

BUSINESS PLANNING

MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS

Thursday, Jan. 26, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 122

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

BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES

Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 122

This event will allow partakers

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

ON CAMPUS RECRUITING

ERADICO SERVICES

Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Henry’s Food Court

FUN ON CAMPUS

SCHOOL DAZE: WINTER CARNIVAL

Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lower Waterman at VisTaTech

Students who are interested in learning about and joining the college’s various clubs and organizations will have an opportunity to do so at this event. Games, prizes, popcorn, hot chocolate, and 50 cent hot dogs will be among the many amenities offered.

PROGRAMS

AUTODESK ALIAS & DIGITAL SCULPTOR CERTIFICATE – INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 128

This session is open for students who are interested in pursuing the field of digital sculpting. Participants will become familiar with four specific classes that teach Autodesk Alias. Enrollees who successfully complete these classes will be awarded a certificate in Digital Sculpting.

COLLEGE VISITS

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.

WALK-IN ADVISING WITH U OF M – COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS

Monday, Jan. 23, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 175

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT

Monday, Jan. 23, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Applied Sciences Building

WALK-IN ADVISING WITH U OF M – DEARBORN

Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 175

U OF M – FLINT CAMPUS VISIT

Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Biomedical Technology Center

EASTERN MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT

Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Liberal Arts Building

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT

Tuesday, Jan. 31, from noon to 3 p.m.

Applied Sciences Building

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY CAMPUS VISIT

Wednesday, Feb. 1, from


noon to 3 p.m.

Biomedical Technology Center

WALK-IN ADVISING WITH U OF M – COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS

Monday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon

McDowell Center, Room 175



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EVENTS

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CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING A SPECIFIC CLUB’S MEETING SCHEDULE.

ALL CLUBS, UNLESS NOTED, ARE IN THE LOWER WATERMAN CONFERENCE ROOMS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE AT 734-462-4422.

WINTER SCHOOL DAZE

Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lower Waterman Wing VisTaTech DJ, games, prizes, free chair massages, popcorn, caricatures, hot chocolate and everyone’s invited! The ever-popular 50-cent hot dog will be back and snow cones (for a minimal fee). All of the clubs and organizations on campus will be on hand so students can see what they have to offer. Membership applications will be available as well as news on upcoming events. Offices such as the LAC, Fitness Center and the Schoolcraft Foundation will be in attendance letting students know about their services. Local businesses will be offering special promotions and free samples.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 1, from noon to 6 p.m.

Student Activities Center

Donate and receive a voucher good for one free pizza at Hungry Howies. Hosting the blood drive is Michigan Blood, a nonprofit blood bank whose donations are distributed in the state of Michigan. For further questions or to sign up please contact MI Blood at (866) 642-5663 or go to Mlblood.org.

SPORTS

DANCE TEAM

Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. & Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Physical Education Building, PE 140

To those who were involved in dance, come continue to build skills and showcase talent through performances at school events.

HIP HOP DANCE DIVISION

Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

PE140

Whether you are a skilled dancer or have never busted a move in your life, you are welcome to join in on the fun and learn from others while listening to danceable tunes.

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 in-

terest 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.

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

Kehrl Auditorium

Orientation for new students seeking more information about Phi Theta Kappa. Meet board members that run the Schoolcraft chapter and talk to them and other members about the amazing opportunities that Phi Theta Kappa has to offer. Learn about community service events and ways to get involved in the upcoming semester as well. For any questions regarding the society this is the perfect event to attend.

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.

BUSINESS CLUB

Zap-Zone Unlimited Laser Tag

Thursday, Jan. 26, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Zap-Zone at 41953 Ford Rd, Canton, MI 48187

Three hours of unlimited laser tag and other attractions for \$20. Sign-up and attend this event for a chance to win a Bowling Party for you and eight friends at Lucky Strike Lanes!

TOUR THE SHINOLA FACTORY

Friday, Feb. 3, at 12:30 p.m.

Meet in the Lower Waterman Center

Tour the Shinola Factory in Midtown with the business club. Sign-up at the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center or call (734) 462-4422. Only 15 spots available.

CARDS, T.V. & GAMES

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.



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A new form of entertainment

The rising popularity of podcasts

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

The year 2016 was the year of the podcasts. Podcasts are nothing new to the entertainment world, which debuted in 2003, but used to be underrated since it was challenging to get listeners to stay fully engaged for an entire episode. With the advancement of technology and the immense jump in personal entertainment devices, the reinvention of podcasts became a popular idea this past year. This rejuvenated form of entertainment took off in an unexpected fashion and with it came a vast new world of podcasting.

Podcasts can be found for anything now, from sports to science fiction to news or even talks about famous movies and TV shows. The possibilities are endless. One may wonder why this popularity hit at this time. It is not just due to the updating of technology; it

also is due to the form of consumption and societies behavior changing. The world of sitting down to binge watch a favorite show on Netflix has now created a world of sitting down to indulge in hours of listening to a favorite audio podcasts while getting things done. This form of entertainment suites the busy on the go life-style of today's modern society that the binge watching show hobby does not necessarily work for.

According to convinceandconvert.com podcasts listening grew by 23 percent in 2016 and monthly podcasts listenership increased by 75 percent since 2013. Many of these listeners are from younger demographics which ages range from 12 to 20 years old. The mobility of podcasts has risen immensely and contributes to the rise in popularity. Approximately 64 percent of podcasts are now being listened to on mobile devices through apps in-

stead of computers. Podcasts also are starting to reach listeners of older demographics of ages 54 and up and are beginning to age up their content to reach a wider audience.

With all of the abundant ideas in the world and this form of media that is finally becoming easily accessible and almost a standard in life because of apps on smartphones or tablets that allow access to this and even some phones coming pre downloaded with it, it's a new form of easy entertainment for all consumers.

Another perk about this audio medium is that radio shows are now accessible through podcasts after their original airtime has passed. The best aspect about this is that most are assessable for free. Downloading, subscriptions and the podcasts itself enable listeners to indulge in broadcasts over and over again.

From religious talks or sermons, educational talks and debates, sports broadcasts and general entertain-



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ment, podcasts are a great way to be entertained or explore genres while on the go or getting things done. There is a broadcast for every subject imaginable. Podcasts are easily accessible and are a rapidly growing market of entertainment that is projected to gain even more listeners in the coming year. Join the trend and enjoy a old, yet "new" form of entertainment.

NOTABLE NOISE

Podcasts to tune in to in 2017

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

Thousands of podcasts exist in this era of technology. Many are hosted by stars or pertain to a certain subject; others revolve around certain sports games or live events. Newer podcasts even have contributions from every day people that tell their stories or submit the content to be read and it's a way to share one's story pertaining to the podcasts theme. A selection of the best podcasts from 2016 were shows that revolved around American culture such

as "Crimetown" that discusses and investigates the culture of crime in different American cities, or learning about new ideas like "Stuff You Should Know" that answers the questions about how random things work such as a landfill, mosquitos and everything in between ranging from genes to the Galapagos islands. There are many hidden gems in this audio world for listeners to indulge in and here are just a few notables to explore.

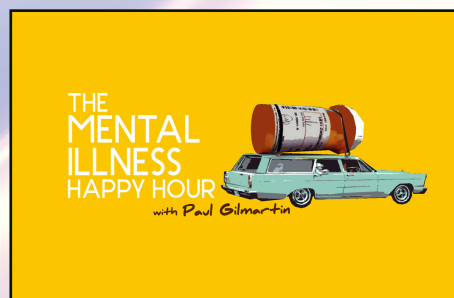


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"Mental Illness Happy Hour"

Paul Gilmartin is a comedian that each week has an "hour of honesty about all the battles in our heads." This broadcast covers a desperately under addressed issue in society about mental illness. Frank, unfiltered interviews with a variety of guests, some artists and writers, other therapists and some listeners themselves, contribute with their experiences of mental illnesses. This show helps to combat the image that mental illness is rare and that those facing are alone.



IMAGE FROM GIZMODO.COM

"Beautiful Stories from Anonymous"

This thrilling new experimental show that launched in 2016 is hosted by Chris Gethard and is built around three simple rules: anyone can call Gethard anonymously, the phone line will close after an hour, and Gethard can't be the first to hang up. Callers can have an agenda or they may call just to be heard, but have nothing in particular to say. Gethard shows amazing skills at drawing people out and finding the extraordinary details in ordinary conversations and every day life.



IMAGE FROM WASHINGTONPOST.COM

"Presidential"

This 44 episode podcast that lead up to the 2016 election by the Washington Post, host Lillian Cunningham explores the character and legacy of each of the American presidents starting at the very beginning. The show features Pulitzer Prize winning historians like David McCullough and journalist like Bob Woodward.



IMAGE FROM WESTWINGWEEKLY.BLOG.PRX.COM

"The West Wing Weekly"

For viewers of the show "The West Wing" these podcasts is an episode-by-episode discussion, co hosted by one of its stars, Joshua Malina, along with Hrishikesh Hirqay of Song Explorer. The show discusses each episode as it plays along and has guests from the show as well as other stars to talk along the way about all things "The West Wing". This is a new trend that TV shows are starting to do and is also a great way to explore one's favorite shows in a new way with many behind the scenes reveals and inside scoops.



IMAGE FROM LIBSYN.COM

"TED Radio Hour"

This is a journey through fascinating ideas pertaining to new and amazing inventions, fresh approaches to old problems and new ways to think and create. It is based on the talks given by riveting speakers on the world-renowned TED stage. Each show is centered on a common theme- such as the source of happiness, power shifts, or crowd-sourcing innovation.



IMAGE FROM RUTLIVE.CO.UK

"Welcome to Night Vale"

This series is told through a style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale. It features local weather reports, news, announcements, from the Sheriff's Secret Police, mysterious lights in the high sky, dark hooded figures with unknowable powers and other cultural events. It is a wacky town that shares a rivalry with the other desert town of Desert Bluff. It is a creative show of a messed up world for listeners to turn on their radio and hide.

The best ribs in town

Zukin’s Rib Shack opens in Livonia

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

The latest popular destinations for the restaurant industry are the fast casual style of establishments. A fast casual restaurant does not offer full table service, but promises a higher quality of food with fewer frozen or processed ingredients than other fast food restaurants. It is a perfect place for those that are on the go, but still want high quality food at a low cost. It gives a great twist on a restaurant and self serve styles because the food is prepared there, but there is minimal wait staff so the drinks and appliances or orders for more are self-serving.

Zukin’s Rib Shack located at Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia opened late last year and is a wonderful addition to the fast casual dining experience. Their menu ranges from mac and cheese, to pizza, ribs, rib tips, to salads and seafood. With prices per person typically under \$10 a meal it is an affordable option for patrons.

“I have wanted to open a restaurant for 25 years now. I lived by one of the original ones. I knew the product and how it was very successful. Knowing it helped me to decide to make this career as well as Bob Tabor, giving me permission to open and helping me along the way made this process possible,” said Louie Conz, Owner of the Zukin’s Rib Shack Livonia location. “It has been about a year and a half that the process of opening the restaurant began and transforming it from a Chinese restaurant to what it is now. It has been in the thought process for about 10 years though.”

Zukin’s began as an ice cream shop in Metro-Detroit originally and then eventually was changed and made into

a rib shack as the years past. There used to be several of the restaurants across the state, at one time being as many as 12 all together. Family or friends of the original owner owned them all as franchises. Now there is only two. The first of which stands in Lincoln Park and is a takeout. The one in Livonia is a take on this with take out, but also has the option of sit down dining to add a more original aspect to the location, while holding the spirit and renowned food of the original.

“Approximately 40 years ago I bought the Lincoln Park location from my friend after leaving the automotive industry. About 25 years ago I moved the location from its original spot across the street to allocate for more parking because of our business doing well. The best thing about having this new location is the sit-down aspect of it. It gives a different feel than the carry out only option and I hope that eventually more can be opened because of the great food and concept it offers the public,” said Tabor.

The Livonia location has a large menu selection that is universal, so that everyone can find something to love. It also can be accommodating or versatile to those with allergies or special circumstances.

“I am really hoping to expand and continue to build the menu. I am hoping by summer to have an outdoor patio to offer more seating options. I think that so far the location is coming along well and eventually the goal is to open more,” said Conz.

Zukin’s Rib Shack is a staple that has been about of the Metro-Detroit area history for over 50 years. Offering a variety of cuisine for everyone and known for their ribs and fried chicken, some say they have some of the best in town if not the state. Stop in and try one of the



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newest editions to the restaurant market in the local area.

Zukin’s also offers catering for events of all kinds as another option. The restaurant is located at 33897 5 Mile rd in Livonia and is also currently hiring

and can be contacted at 734.261.7427 or visit zukinsribshack.com to apply. For anyone wanting to visit Zukin’s the store is open Sunday-Thursday 11 am until 8 pm, Friday and Saturday from 11 am until 9 pm.



Zukin’s Rib Shack offers a variety of food to cater to all. It is a great option for parties and families on any occasion.

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Keeping it real



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Reformed bands do not deserve overwhelming negative feedback from fans

Not all individuals are receptive to the idea of change. It is more understanding when a key member of that band either quits or leaves the band indefinitely. While some fans have a problem with “letting go,” those that end up abandoning

a band because of a shakeup in the lineup are the worst. Bands have to refine their sound to an extent to keep their style fresh and current. I understand that it is difficult for some to accept this, but those that choose to reform said bands hope to keep their memory going.

It is understandable that when key or founding members of famous musical bands leave or die during their career, most are skeptical when the band at some point reforms. However, fans are quick to label the reform as an attempt to alter the music played previously. Fans need to be more open-minded; their intent is to continue the foundation of said band.

Since being created in the 1950s, the genre rock ‘n’ roll has become arguably the most popular genre of music in America in recent time. Reforms affect bands the most because of the obstacles that come with band chemistry. Bands popular in the 90s such as Sublime, Stone Temple Pilots (STP) and Jane’s Addiction suffered shakeups in their lineup at different points in their career. Sublime and

STP were especially affected as a result of lead singers Bradley Nowell and Scott Weiland meeting untimely deaths.

Nowell died of a heroin overdose in 1996, leaving the future on a decade-long hiatus. In 2009, band officially reformed by founding members including bassist Eric Wilson and drummer Bud Gaugh with new frontman: 28 yr. old Rome Ramirez. Due to complications regarding the name Sublime being owned by Nowell’s estate, the reformed band name had to be adjusted to “Sublime with Rome.” Many were quick to label Ramirez as a poor replacement because fans seemed to think he was trying to change the theme of the band. Ramirez has stated in many interviews that he has no intention of this. Sublime has always stayed true to their foundation, which is the genre of reggae alternative rock.

The Stone Temple Pilots (STP), an American rock band known for pioneering the genre of grunge music, suffered a major shakeup in its lineup in 2013. Lead singer Scott Weiland was found dead on his tour bus in 2015. Weiland committed suicide in 2015, leading to the search for a new lead singer. Chester Bennington, lead sing-



IMAGE FROM METALNEXUS.NET

Despite a number of changes in their lineup, Jane’s Addiction continues to revolutionize their music.

er of popular alternative rock band Linkin Park, was chosen as its lead singer in 2013. Bennington left the band in 2015 to focus solely on Linkin Park, leading to STP search for a replacement singer. They have yet to find one. The situation with STP’s replacement is different, because I believe it works; Bennington’s career with LP is a good fit for STP.

Jane’s Addiction, known for popularizing psychedelic rock music in the early 90s, has been through three reforms in their beginning from 1985-1991. The band briefly reunited in 1997, with Flea, of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, replacing Eric Avery on bass guitar. In 2001, a second

reunion took place, with Martyn LeNoble, and later Chris Chaney, occupying the role of bass guitarist. In 2003, the band released its third major-label studio album, “Strays”, before dissolving again the following year. Despite the transitions, Jane’s Addiction continues to stay true to their roots in their style of music.

Change occurs throughout the world everyday. People are afraid of change. Instead of opposing change; it is important to embrace it. When a band reforms, it is not their intention to change a band’s foundation, rather offering new perspectives to allow the band to flourish.



IMAGE FROM CROSSROADSKC.COM

Lead singer Rome Ramirez keeps Sublime’s roots true to their genre of music.



IMAGE FROM VANYALAND.COM

Chester Bennington’s contributions to STP’s lead vocals was a step in the right direction for STP. Their search for a new lead vocalist will be an interesting transition for the group.

what’s the BUZZ

BY DYLAN RANDOLPH

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



IMAGE FROM THEMONSTERBLOG.COM

attraction

Monster Jam

Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

Ford Field (2000 Brush St. Detroit, MI 48226)

For families who love watching gigantic trucks flying through the air, pulling off amazing maneuvers and crushing cars, the annual Monster Jam event is hitting Detroit again this month. Every year famous trucks such as Grave Digger, El Toro Loco and Scooby-Doo visit Ford Field to launch themselves across the field as they land on cars, do flips and even race each other. Over 12 trucks will be competing in obstacles in order to win the Detroit Championship. This event is open to the public with tickets starting at just \$15. For more information regarding the event please visit www.monsterjam.com.



IMAGE FROM BROADWAYINDETROIT.COM

music

The Lion King

Feb. 1 to Feb. 26 (visit broadwayindetroit.com for showtimes)

Detroit Opera House (1526 Broadway Street, Detroit, MI 48226)

From the big screen to the live stage, Disney’s “The Lion King” will be coming to the Detroit Opera House for February’s edition of Broadway in Detroit. Families across Michigan will flood the theatre to witness characters such as Simba, Timon, Pumba, Rafiki and many more come to life right before their very eyes. The show is sure to include some of the Lion King’s most famous songs like “Hakuna Matata” “The Circle of Life” and “Be Prepared.” Audiences can see the top-earning title in box-office history, six time Tony award winning show with tickets starting around \$75. For more information please call 313-237-7464.



IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM

attraction

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Thursday Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Louis Arena (19 Yzerman Dr. Detroit, MI 48226)

For those who grew up on a generation of music that actually meant something, and the lyrics had depth in their story, alternative 90s rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers will be visiting the Joe Louis Arena Feb. 12. Since RHCP released their most recent album titled “The Getaway” they have been touring across the nation playing some of the fans favorite songs such as “Dark Necessities,” “Give it away,” “Snow” and many more. Tickets are starting at \$69. For more information on please call 313-471-7000.



IMAGE FROM GREATERMEDIA.COM

music

Steven Wright

Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m.

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Anyone interested in gut wrenching laughter on a nice night out, the Royal Oak Music Theatre proudly presents Steven Wright on Feb. 4. Steven Wright sense of humor sends audiences into an uproar of laughter as he tells stories of observational punchlines much like Mitch Hedberg and Demetri Martin have done in their stand-up performances. Wright’s performances don’t just stop onstage has he frequently appears on Fx’s “Louie” with fellow comedian Louis C.K. This show is more of a rated-R type of show with tickets starting at \$32. For more information please call 289-399-2980.

Dressin' up leggings

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

Looking cute and comfortable at the same time

Leggings are truly all the rage in and out of the gym setting. This style that started as work out clothing has taken over fashion as the new pair of pants. They are comfortable and completely versatile. With a wide range of options they are perfect for being completely casual and on the go or a night out on the town. It is a way to look fashionable and still maintain comfort, which is always important. One should never have to sacrifice comfort and style for an outfit.

Pleather and leather

Leather or pleather is a great way to spice up leggings for a party or fancy event. These can range from plain black or other fun colors. The best look is a silver or charcoal colored with a pair of high heels and a statement top. For a more casual look add a sweater with simple jewelry and accessory accents and let the leggings speak for themselves.



Cool and Casual

A simple pair of black leggings can always be paired with a plain t-shirt with a long button down shirt over it. Pair this with your favorite pair of tall boots or booties and a scarf. This is a super comfy outfit that offers versatility with colors. A bright shirt with a solid and darker button down is a classic combo or a plain shirt with a flannel works well too and the scarf can be the standout pattern. Wearing a plain t-shirt with sneakers is basically a replacement for sweatpants but still comfortable and more put together for a day of errands.

Slightly shorter

Crop leggings still have a place in the colder weather. With a pair of slightly cropped leggings, throw on the favorite pair of ankle boots or flats to complete the look. On top add a heavier sweater or a few layers of a dress and coat combo to keep warm and still utilize all of your legging collection.

Respectfully Reserved

For those who are uncomfortable in leggings with a shorter skirt there are many great ways to still wear leggings and accommodate this in a fashionable way. Pairing leggings with a longer cardigan that ends around the knees works. Also wearing a long or over sized shirt. A shirt long enough to almost be a dress but it is right above this length is basically made for leggings and is an adorable option as well. Another reasonable attire option is to wear an actual dress. Tights are a bit thin for the winter temperatures so replacing these with leggings as a substitute is great for dresses and skirt looks. It also is a way to hide older leggings with holes or that are fading.

Recipes On A Budget

Totsagna

(delish.com)
Servings: 12
Time: 1 hour



Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 24 oz. marinara sauce
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 15 oz. ricotta cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 bag frozen tater tots

Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees
- Brown the ground beef and sprinkle on the garlic powder
- Drain any excess grease and return the meat to the skillet
- Add the marinara sauce and water to the skillet. Stir the sauce until it's combined
- Combine 1 cup mozzarella, 1/4 cup grated parmesan, ricotta, and the egg
- Coat the bottom of a 9"x13" pan with the meat. Top with a layer of tater tots, then the ricotta mixture, and a layer of meat sauce. Repeat until all the ingredients are used up, then sprinkle on the remaining mozzarella and parmesan cheese.
- Bake in the oven for 45 minutes.

Slowcooker Buffalo Chicken

(allrecipes.com) Servings: 6 Cook time: 7 hours

Ingredients:

- 4 chicken breast halves
- 17.5 oz. buffalo wing sauce
- 1 oz. dry ranch salad dressing mix
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 6 rolls

Directions:

- Place all ingredients except for buns into a slow cooker
- Cook on low for 6-7 hours
- Once cooked, shred the meat and add to the rolls for sandwiches.



Chicken Ramen

(forkknifeswoon.com)
Servings: 2
Cook Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

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| • 2 cooked chicken breasts | • 3 tbsp. soy sauce |
| • 1 tbsp. unsalted butter | • 2 tbsp. mirin |
| • 2 tsp. vegetable oil | • 4 cups chicken stock |
| • 2 tsp. minced ginger | • 1 oz. mushrooms |
| • 3 tsp. minced garlic | • 1 tsp. sea salt |
| | • 2 hard boiled eggs |
| | • 1/2 cup sliced scallions |
| | • 2 packs ramen noodles |



Directions:

- Make the ramen broth, add the garlic and ginger and cook for a few minutes
- Add the soy sauce and mirin and cook for a minute
- Add the stock, cover, and bring to a boil. Remove the lid, and let simmer uncovered for 5 minutes
- Add the mushrooms
- Simmer gently for another 10 minutes
- Chop the scallions and slice the chicken into thin pieces
- Add the ramen noodles to boiling water and cook for 2-3 minutes and divide the noodles into two large bowls
- Add the sliced chicken and the ramen broth
- Top with fresh scallions and the soft boiled egg

Very Berry Smoothies

(dailyburn.com) Servings: 1 Time: 5 minutes

Ingredients

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| • 1/2 cup milk of choice | • 1 cup frozen raspberries |
| • 1/2 cup yogurt | • 1 frozen banana |
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Directions

- Combine all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth
- Add more milk if too thick to blend better





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Big time win

Men's basketball declaws Bears, 71-61

BY JASON GREEN
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team battled back late in the second half to beat the ninth ranked Mott Community College Bears, 71-61, Jan. 14. Schoolcraft is now 3-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Eastern Conference and 11-4 overall as of Jan. 18. The team is currently in second place and a half game back of Macomb Community College in the MCCAA standings.

Home court has treated the Ocelots well this season. Mott appeared to be the only team to challenge the Ocelots at home thus far by keeping this match-up close on the scoreboard. This game was tight in the first half despite good games by both Mott players Diandre Wilson and Shawn Pardee. Wilson ended the contest with 15 points and Pardee finished with a game high 19 points.

With five minutes to play in

the first half the Ocelots went on 6-0 run with a pair of threes from freshman guards Walt Kelser and D'angelo Hansbro. However, the Bears would answer back with a two-point field goal and a put back free throw from Diandre Wilson and couple of baskets from Shawn Pardee. Neither team could obtain a large lead on each other and the score at the half was Schoolcraft leading 41-38 over Mott.

"We have to pick up our intensity on the defensive end. We weren't giving our best effort on defense," said Assistant Coach Corey McKendry at the half about how he feels the energy for his team was and what Schoolcraft needed to work on for the second half.

The Ocelots held the Bears to only 23 points in the second half, dominating on offensive and defensive rebounds. One player who sets the tone on defense was freshman DeYuan Heard. Heard finished the game with five points, five re-

bounds and three blocks offensively and his defense was key in the win.

"I love defense more than offense. You can make a bigger impact on the defensive end when it matters most," said Heard.

The Ocelots also handled the ball well with only 7 turnovers while causing the Bears to turn over 22 times. The Ocelots shot well from the three-point line, which was key late in the second half to closeout the game. In the second half, Schoolcraft played better on both ends of the court, which contributed, to the win.

The Ocelots needed to defend better in the second half to win the game and move up in the MCCAA rankings.

"The energy was much better on the defensive end in the second half and we controlled the tempo. The team did a nice job responded to second half adjustments," said Assistant Coach McKendry.

The Ocelots next home game will be Jan. 25 vs St. Clair Community College. For more information regarding team schedules, rosters and scores go to www.mccaa.org.



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Schoolcraft's Tariq Jones goes in for a tip off against Mott Community College player, Sean Corcoran.

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Keeping the streak alive

Women's basketball beat Mott, 60-37, extend winning streak to three

BY CAMERON GWINN
STAFF WRITER

The second half of the season has proved to be a prosperous one for the Ocelots thus far. After key conference wins against Wayne County Community College (Jan. 4) and Oakland Community College (Jan. 7) the Ocelots looked to continue their winning streak against the Mott Community College Bears on Jan. 14.

The Ocelots proved to be too much for the Bears as they easily captured a double-digit win, 60-37 extending their winning streak to three games. The team is currently 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Eastern Conference and 4-13 overall.

As of Jan 17, the team sits in a three-way tie in the MCCAA Eastern Conference along side Delta and Macomb. Since Coach Kinzer's took over the program four years ago, Schoolcraft has shared the conference championship but never captured an outright conference title. "Conference play is everything," said Coach Kinzer. "We didn't do well in non-conference play. Our goal is to win the conference outright."

This year's squad is focused on capturing the conference title after having to share the title with Oakland Community College last season. The Ocelots would love to be able to get Coach Kinzer her first outright conference title.

"I think she [Coach Kinzer] deserves it," said Freshman Taia Parker.

Parker was a key contributor to the win against Mott as she had a great game, scoring scored a game high 18 points. She made her jump shots and had no problem getting to the basket too. When asked about her game she Parker said "at practice I give 110% and it pays off in the game."

Pay off it did.

Parker was spectacular on both ends of the court, offensively and defensively. When the game was close Parker applied pressure defense and almost single handedly gave the Ocelots the lead and the rest of the team rallied around her.

Freshman guard Victoria Robinson also scored 13 points helping the Lady Ocelots to victory. Robinson played an unselfish game making sure that everyone got touched the ball. Robinson said "finding players is very important, we're trying

to have good ball movement."

According to Coach Kinzer's she said her game plan was to "box out and crash the boards." She wanted the girls team to get rebounds and get second chance baskets. Sophomore forward Jade Smith was the definition of what Coach Kinzer wanted.

Smith played with her head on a swivel. When she would get the ball her first look was

to find a teammate to keep the ball moving. If Smith couldn't find an open teammate she would turn and put up a shot. Smith scored nine points in the game. Smith kept the ball moving and did a great job excelled on offensive rebounds giving the Ocelots a lot of second chance opportunities.

With how well the Ocelots are playing currently, a conference championship is quite possible. They are moving the ball very well and are playing very unselfish. The way the Ocelots are moving the ball

it forces the defense to break down and allows the court to open up, making it easier to find the open player.

The Ocelots have ten games left in the regular season, all against conference opponents. The team will take the court again Wednesday January 25, against St. Clair County Community College. St. Clair County as of January 17, is 2-2 in the MCCAA Eastern Conference sitting in fourth place.

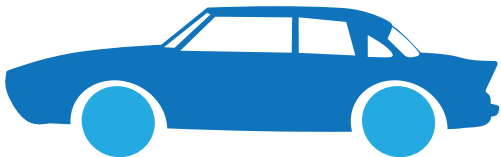
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Schoolcraft's Taia Parker is driving towards the net against Morgan Griggs of Mott Community College.

CARS OF TOMORROW



One of the more exotic cars in the show was the ALFA Romeo 4C Spider. It is hand built in Italy and models that of a supercar with the engine mid-mounted that creates a wonderful driving experience.

From January 14–22 of 2017 hundreds of thousands of people gathered at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan for the annual and highly anticipated North American International Auto Show. Major car manufacture companies, from Acura to Ford, displayed their new 2017 full line up of cars. Large crowds several feet deep surrounded popular designs such as the Acura’s NSX GT3 which is optimized for high speed aerodynamics to Fiat Chrysler unveiling the new electric Portal concept car that could define the future of cars. However, what may have gotten the most attention of all the manufactures was Michigan’s own Ford Motor Co. More specifically, the all new Ford GT which defines Ford’s innovation with a V6 engine that is projected 600+ horsepower. These are just a few of the many extraordinary cars that were displayed at the Detroit Auto Show. This year the auto show gave us a glimpse into the future of cars and we can only wait to see what new and incredible technology will be displayed next year at the 2018 North American International Auto Show.



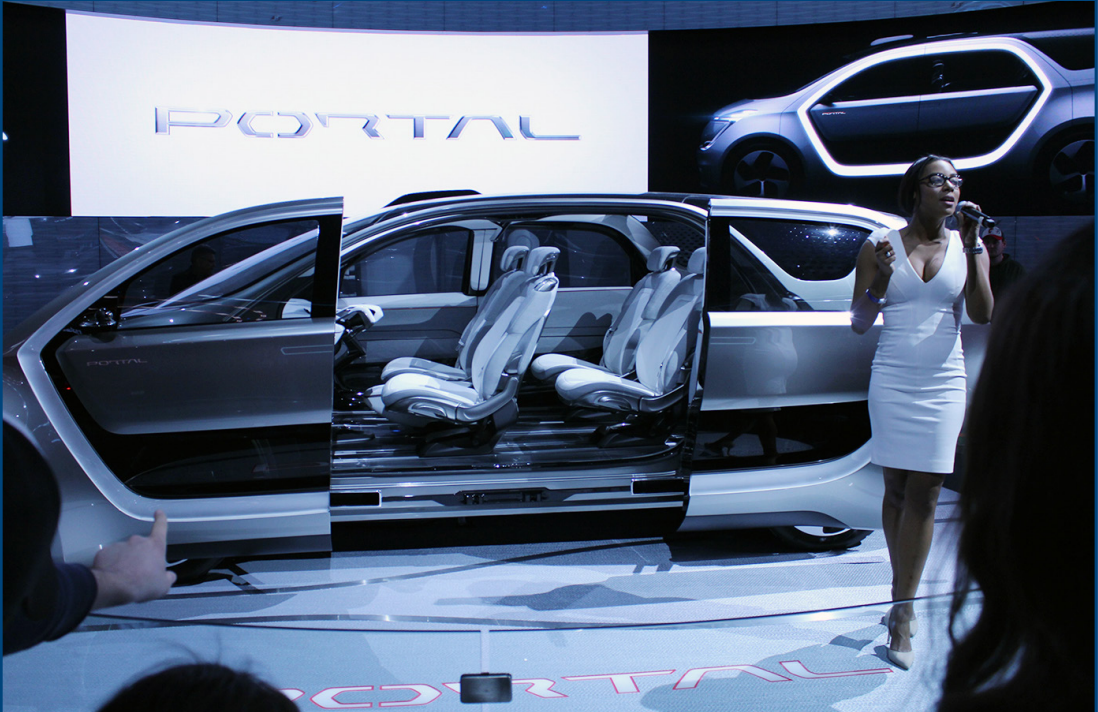
This is the high speed Acura's racing car NSX GT3 that highlights the best of Acura's Precision Crafted Performance.



The All new Ford GT with aerodynamically optimized fuselage and 600+ horsepower was a huge hit and constantly gathered the biggest crowd throughout the entirety of the Auto show.



The interior of the 2017 Buick Cascada convertible has a slick design that lured many in to feel what's it's like to be inside this high end car.



Chrysler's concept for the 'chrysler portal', a fully electric, semi-autonomous vehicle described as 'next generation family transportation designed by millennials for millennials.'

