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## 15th annual Multicultural Fair celebrates diversity and culture

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The ability to travel around the world and explore different cultures is an opportunity that many people crave, but unfortunately are not able to make reality. With the expense, time commitment and at home responsibilities, it is often hard to travel. Thanks to Schoolcraft's Multicultural Fair, people have the opportunity to travel the world within the comfort of campus.

On Thursday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the 15th annual Schoolcraft Multicultural Fair will return to the DiPonio room of the VisTaTech Center. This event is free for any students, faculty, staff and community member to attend.

#### Representing the world

The Multicultural fair is a one-day event that represents two dozen countries from around the world. Informative tables and displays are set up by Schoolcraft students either about their native

country, or a country they have visited. Representatives will be adorned in clothing from their native land and will showcase photographs, parcels and food native to the country they are representing to share with attendees. Most continents will be represented through countries like Venezuela, Morocco, Greece, China and The Philippines with language and firsthand knowledge to share.

"The Multicultural fair is an opportunity for students to highlight their cultures," said

Laura LaVoie Leshok, Schoolcraft International Coordinator. "It gives a glimpse of other countries and how we can learn a bit about each of them."

#### Interactive entertainment

Upon entering, attendees will receive a simulated passport to take around to all of the countries with them. At each country they visit, they will receive a stamp to commemorate the tour. Attendees

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# Crossing the finish line

Steps to completing the graduation process

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA MANAGING EDITOR

The Winter 2016 semester is nearly half way through. All of the late nights and semesters of heavy homework loads are beginning to add up to the final goal of graduation. The date to earning a degree is closing in faster than most may think. Now is the time to finish out the semester strong so that the coveted college degree may finally be earned.

Preparations must be made before this action can actually occur. To receive graduation status, walk in the commencement ceremony, and be issued an official degree several steps must be taken.

**Applying for Graduation** The process begins with a student determining the semester in which they plan to finish their coursework. By logging onto WebAdvisor students are able to track their progress towards their degree or certificate program. Next, students must schedule a graduation appointment with their counselor or senior academic advisor in the McDowell Center to complete the graduation application.

Some students may finish the credential requirement before applying, which is acceptable as well, however these students should still apply if they want to be included in the graduation ceremony and receive their degree. Once final grades are posted for the semester, the records office will audit all graduation applications to verify that all requirements have been met.



COURTEST OF CHRISTINA BAZYLEWICZ

Violet Janowski shakes President Jeffress' hand at graduation.

#### Commencement **Ceremony Eligibility**

The commencement ceremony is officially held annually at the conclusion of each winter semester. In the case of the 2016 ceremony, those who earned credentials at the conclusions of fall 2015, along with those applying to graduate during the winter 2016, spring 2016, and summer 2016 are eligible to participate.

"I think walking is important. The ceremonial walk symbolizes the closure of their time here at Schoolcraft and symbolizes the beginning of the

next step in their academic journey. It is a celebration of 'you did it' ," said Dr. Michael Oliver, Associate Dean of Counseling and Career Ser-

Costs and Pick-up Date Walking in the ceremony entails a small price of \$20 to purchase a cap and gown that students then own outright. Students can purchase their cap and gown from the bookstore along with other graduation related memorabilia if

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# NEWSANDFEATURES

## **News briefs**







BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A final free burger

Jonathon Hicks, a local Canton man recently finished his 52 and final free burger from the Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern Canton location. After being one of the first 50 people in line at the grand opening of the restaurant chain in February of last year, he and the other people in line were awarded one free burger once a week for a year. Hicks returned every week for his free cheeseburger and French fries, ultimately saving over \$450 during the course of the year. Of all the people that won the free burgers though, Hicks was the only one who returnéd every week, truly making the most out of his winnings. Although his free burger days are over, Hicks says he will return as a paying costumer to Bagger

Fight for freedom

the menu.

Dave's and try other things on

In 2006, 18-year-old Omar Pouncy of Flint, MI was sentenced to life in prison on multiple carjacking, armed robbery and possession of a deadly weapon accounts. After a faulty attorney, and a refusal from the court to be appointed a new one, Pouncy decided to represent himself at his trial, which ultimately aided in his conviction. Maintaining his innocence, the first thing the teen did when he went to prison was take up studying law in the prison library. He memorized many cases and learned detailed laws to help his case. Due to his new knowledge, Pouncy has been able to provide other inmates with legal advice, and has filed 15 appeals against his original case. His hard work is paying off now, 10 years after his sentencing, as á Detroit Federal judge has ordered his release unless the opposing attorneys wish to have a retrial. Pouncy will learn more about his future in the months to come, but for now he is looking forward for what's to come.

#### Locked up abroad

Four Americans were recently arrested in Bahrain when they entered the country on Feb. II. According to Bahrain authorities, the four people entered the country using false information and were involved in illegal activity. One of the arrested has been identified as American journalist Anna Therese Day, the other three arrested have not been identified. The U.S. Embassy in Bahrain made a statement that they were aware of the arrests, but have not taken any action as to why, or how to rectify the situation. The four Américans were arrested at security checkpoints after claiming they were going into the country as tourists when they were actually there for work. It is stated that at least six other Americans are currently imprisoned in Bahrain for similar cases, and no information has yet been released on if and when they will be released.

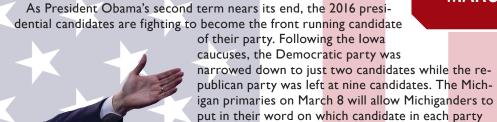
# Fighting for the vote

Presidential primaries come to Michigan

BY KIM SORENSON NEWS EDITOR

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**TED CRUZ** 



Some of the major issues the public wants the candidates to face are the economy, foreign policy, immigration, national spending, health care, climate change and gun control. While candidates of the same party tend to take similar views on these topics, each candidate has their own distinct stance on each problem.

would make the best president.

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Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are the Democratic hopefuls. They had a historically close outcome at the lowa caucus, with Hillary being declared as the winner by only .3 percent of the vote. Both agree that climate change needs to be addressed and controlled and that marijuana should be decriminalized. However, they have differing views on other issues. Sanders, a Vermont senator, is a self-described democratic

"I'm voting for Sanders because he has a lot of new ideas he's promoted civil rights and wants to get money out of politics," said Schoolcraft student Steven Lawton.

His calls for a political revolution entail raising taxes on corporations, Wall Street and the top I percent, getting big money out of politics, free health care for all and free tuition at public colleges and universities. Former Secretary of State, Hil-

> lary Clinton, on the other hand, intends to expand and change the Affordable Care Act, lower the costs of college, subsidize student loan interests and to fight for

women's rights.

The Republican candidates are Front-runners Ted Cruz, Donald Trump and Marco Rubio as well as Ben Carson, Jeb Bush, Jim Gilmore and John Kasich.

All of these candidates are united on the idea of expanded and more intensive border security and on the repeal of Obamacare.

Cruz is a Texas senator and the Tea Party favorcame in first in the lowa caucus. Cruz intends to remarriage equality, defund Planned Parenthood and carpet bomb the Middle-Eastern countries where ISIS

suspected to be. Trump, a reality TV star wealthy business owner, goes so far as to de-

mand a wall to be built along the U.S. - Mexico border, to be paid for by the Mexican government. He came in second place at the lowa caucus and calls for a ruthless

attack on ISIS and the countries where they are suspected to be, a ban on people of the Muslim faith entering the country and for a strong defense of the second amendment.

"If Trump wins I hope that Queen Elizabeth takes us over again," said erie Sanders, Schoolcraft student.

Third in the caucus was Rubio, a senator from Florida. Rubio is campaignthe repeal of the Clean Power Plan, reversing Obama's Iran deal and to away with all gun laws.

Each candidate has diverse views on issues, so it

necessary for vot ers to do substantial research before the primaries. Multiple debates will be happening before the primary on

March 8 to allow voters to keep up date on the candidate's ideas. A republican debate will take place on March

3 with the remaining candidates in Detroit and will air on Fox News. A democratic debate will then take place on March 6 in Flint and air on CNN. To get more information, it would be best for

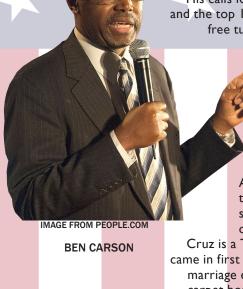
voters to look at unbiased news sources such as votesmart.



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HILLARY CLINTON

**BERNIE SANDERS** 





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MARCO RUBIO

# At the forefront

Schoolcraft stays up to date with the latest breaking science

BY STEPHEN BROWN

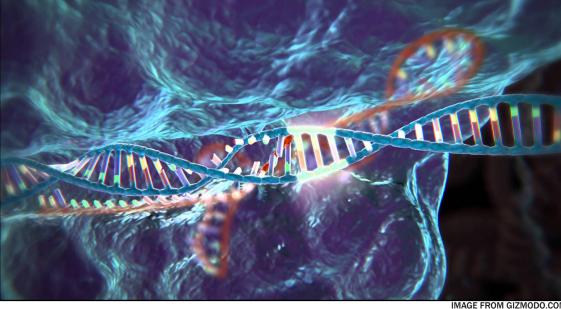
Technology shapes the world people live in, and is headed for one of the most intense transformations yet over a short span of time. The year 2015 was the year for technological advancements, the human race is now closer to the frontiers of space and have connected more than ever before with innovative transmission methods. Coming to the verge of unraveling the mysteries of quantum computing, an Artificial intelligence being became smart enough to pass a college entrance exam, and starting a new journey to unraveling the human genes are just a few accomplishments so far. Schoolcraft is not being left in the technological past either. Currently an intense research program that is exploring some of these frontiers of science is emerging on campus.

CRISPR (Clustered Regu-

larly-Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) is the fastest, affordable, and most accurate genome-editing tool. CRISPR is a natural occurrence, resulting from a defense

mechanism in most bacteria. CRISPR associated proteins (CAS) can slice DNA precisely and kill invading viruses that can cause bodily harm. It has shown immense potential to cure nearly any genetic disease. Researchers at Cornell University recently achieved curing Muscular Dystrophy in small mammals using the CRISPR/  $\,$ CAS 9 system. Regardless of the potential to cure genetic disease, it has also sparked a massive debate last year about the ethics of editing the human genome.

Professor David O'Hagan, head of the research program on campus is currently using theprogram to work with the biology department. O'Hagan is trying to expand the program to include the physics and chemistry departments and de-



Emerging technologies in the scientific field are making medical advances.

sign specific classes to expand the research of the program.

The research program has been investigating methods to attack Factor V Leiden mutation, which can create clotting and lead to bloodstream issues. Unfortunately, the project is currently on hold due to funding issues. However, new, innovative projects are in the works.

"Our hope was to genetically modify the gene to eliminate the mutation," said Professor O'Hagan. "We've created algae that we genetically modify to make gasoline."

The Schoolcraft researchers are also working on a new method to attack prostate cancer cells without harming local cells. This is one of the major

reasons behind integrating the physics and chemistry departments into the program, as they can create nanoparticles for this new delivery method. Currently the program is extremely competitive and does not have any extra space for more researchers. Once a class of its own opens up, it is expected to be able to encompass more people. Schoolcraft student researcher, Nicholas Winslow is currently in charge of a project within the program to produce a new method known as suicide gene therapy.

"There's plenty of reason to be optimistic about our work, it's never been done before. We are on the frontier of suicide gene therapy and have a DNase that is custom tailored

to kill any cell, the key is to reign it in and control it," says Winslow.

Even though the program is competitive, the project members believe it is well worth the effort. The program allows members to work with researchers from major universities like Michigan State and the University of Michigan, and is considered to carry similar rigor to graduate level research.

Technology is rapidly advancing, and society's infrastructure and values are going to change with it. While the world of technology speeds ahead to new frontiers, rest assured that Schoolcraft will not be left behind.

# Multi-cultural

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are encouraged to ask questions and interact with the students at the different country tables as well as check out the native currency, artifacts and photos. Although it may not be the same as a real passport, this commemorative piece is a good reminder of all of the cultures that one has learned

Aside from the displays, cultural entertainment will be taking place throughout the day every hour. Spanish dancing, the Marcus Garvey Academy African Drum and Dance Ensembleand Brazilian Capoeira, which combines martial arts with dance, along with others will all be taking place to engage

"People are often unaware of all the cultural diversity on our own campus and in our community," said Josselyn Moore, Schoolcraft Anthropology and Sociology Professor and Co-Chair of the International Institute. "This gives us a chance to celebrate and learn more about this rich array of cultures in our

Cultural cuisine and customs

Local businesses such as Noodles and Company will also be present at the fair with free samplings of foreign and American foods. Student displays will also feature cross-cultural snacks and cuisine to make the country come to life. Whether it be to watch a dance or get free lunch, everyone is encouraged to attend and immerse himself or herself in a new

culture. Cultural activities such as Indian henna and eye brow threading will be present as well as free massages and the opportunity to try on and purchase the native clothing and jewelry of different countries.

Popular attractions include a teaching through film exhibit that will highlight different cultures through popular films, world trivia with the opportunity to win prizes and the marriage around the world exhibit that will highlight different marriage tradit ions and customs as well as native wedding attire.

Informative exhibits

Some of this year's most informative exhibits will include "Little Syria, N.Y. An Immigrant Community's Life & Legacy" hosted by the Arab American National Museum. As well as the Human Race Machine, which is a free booth that allows users to see themselves as if they were a different ethnicity. The Human Race Machine is

an exciting opportunity that will help unite everyone by viewing themselves as a different race. It will also be available leading up to the fair at the Schoolcraft Bookstore on March 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. everyday.

"We don't always have the luxury to travel, not everyone gets to study abroad or take fancy trips, so this is a great opportunity for them to take a trip around the world," said Leshok.

The Multicultural Fair is one of the most anticipated events of the year. With increasing participation to nearly 3,500 people and new attractions, the school is making use of the generous grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation to explore the cultures of the students. The Multicultural fair extends learning outside of the classroom walls. By engrossing and interacting in multiple foreign cultures, attendees will

go home not only more knowledgeable, but more accepting.

## 15th annual Multicultural Fair

Thursday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. VistTaTech Center, DiPonio Room Free of charge and open to the public.

# Graduation preparation

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they choose. Cap and gowns are available starting at the grad fair on April II until the day before the ceremony on May 7. Students may purchase invitations, diploma frames and diploma covers if they so wish.

"Don't miss out even if you are graduating in the spring

or summer. You have accomplished a great deal. Share this event with your family and friends," said Sheba Oliver, Graduation Records Coordi-

#### **Grad Fair**

The final step before walking across the stage and celebrating the accomplishments of the past semesters is to attend Grad Fair before the commencement ceremony. The main campus fair is on April 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Radcliff campus fair is April 14 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Graduation Fair gives students an opportunity to pick up all of the essentials that they have purchased or to purchase additional items as well. It also offers students a chance to ask any last minute questions they

"I am excited to graduate at the end of the semester. I process was made simple with the help I received from counseling," said sophomore Julianne Sersen.

#### Commencement Ceremony

The commencement ceremony will take place on May 7 at 4 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena

formerly known as Compuware Arena in Plymouth. This is an amazing accomplishment and great opportunity for students to be recognized for all of their hard work. It also is a great event to celebrate with friends and family.

It is coming close to being the end and the time to receive a diploma. Consult with a counselor today to discuss graduation and start a conversation about the next career or life steps that follow to a bright future. For more information or to make an appointment contact the Counseling and Ad-

vising office at 734.462.4429 or by email at counseling@schoolcraft.edu.

Main campus fair April II and I2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Radcliff campus fair April 14 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.



## **Heated Confrontation**

**COMPILED BY KIM SORENSON** 

On Monday, Feb I, the Campus Police Authority (CPA) was dispatched to the Student Activities area in the Lower Level Waterman in the VistaTech Center. They were responding to a call from the office about a possible fight that had been instigated. A nonstudent who was on campus with a friend had begun arguing with a member of the Schoolcraft Men's Basketball team. The nonstudent then made his way upstairs and outside, waiting for the student to come out and fight with him. Before the student came out, a CPA officer arrived on the scene. The CPA officer made contact with the nonstudent and had him sit on a bench and tried to calm down. As a second officer arrived on the scene, the student charged outside and began taunting the nonstudent. The nonstudent stood up and began swinging at the student, however none of the punches made contact. The CPA officers finally got the nonstudent on the ground, handcuffed and placed in the police car. He was released after the situation had been resolved. Another officer detained the student. The nonstudent was advised

to leave immediately. The nonstudent is no longer allowed on Schoolcraft property and that was told that if he were to show up again he

would be arrested for trespassing. The Livonia police were called, but since no contact had been made between the student and the nonstudent, the report was forwarded to Student Services for review. There were no injuries during this situation.

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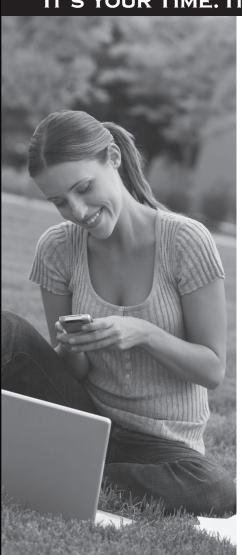


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# Letter to the editor...

Memorial for late Schoolcraft Professor. Dr. Virinder Chaudhery

Feb. 6, 2016

Dr. Virinder Chaudhery was an artist and photographer who taught Humanities for many years at Schoolcraft College through June 2015, until his death on January 24, 2016. His artwork was exhibited at several galleries in Washington D.C. and Michigan and specifically at Schoolcraft College a few years ago as part of the International Institute's events.

Vinnie was a quiet, unassuming man. A thoughtful man. With a beret. But there was so much more that was not immediately obvious.

As well as an art historian, Vinnie was a practicing artist- a gifted artist. A routine thank you note from Vinnie constituted framable art. His prolific work transformed his home into a spectacular art gallery.

In 2009 at Schoolcraft College, Vinnie forever raised the bar for the Focus Series. His art exhibit graced the Atrium in the Bradner Library for 3

weeks. This was groundbreaking; this was the first time that an exhibit had been incorporated into the Series - a one-man show with original work. We were especially proud because it featured the work of one of our own faculty. Entitled "A South Asian Sojourn" the exhibit included more than two dozen photographs and paintings which captured images of the culture, architecture, and history of South Asia.

This work reflected his life experiences. To quote from publicity for the event "Dr. Chaudhery was raised in the state of Punjab India, in a place and time where large communities of Muslims, Hindus, Christians and Sikhs lived side by side in peace and mutual respect."

Those of us who were there may recall the daunting challenge involved in just transporting, mounting and cataloguing the display, all of which were handled with a gentle professionalism. Beyond this, which

would have sufficed, Vinnie further gave of himself. During the exhibit, he made himself available to meet with students and others to personally guide them through the exhibit, making it all more meaningful and immediate.

On a personal note, a little more than a year ago, my husband Jeff and I attended a traditional Indian event. Jeff was rather new to cross-cultural experiences and I hoped he would enjoy himself. I soon discovered Vinnie and Jeff hanging out together near the beverage bar and later at the hors d'oeuvres tables, deep in conversation. As it turned out, Vinnie had taken it upon himself to guide Jeff, an obvious novice in Indian cuisine, through the stunning array of appetizers, steering him away from those whose heat might be a challenge for the uninitiated. Jeff left that event, delighted with the food - and with a



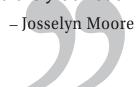
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Dr. Chaudhery was loved and respected by many.

Vinnie was a quiet, thoughtful man, with an enormous talent, and an even greater heart. And "Vinnie was a quiet, a beret.

Anthropology and Sociology Professor and Co-Chair of the International Institute.

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#### -EDITORIAL-

# **Embracing body art**

## Moderate tattoos should be acceptable in the workplace

#### By The Schoolcraft **Connection Editorial Staff**

As the new millennium continue to progress, tattoos are becoming increasingly popular. Since the beginning of body art there has been a stigma in society towards this "uncultured" activity. Many younger generations have begun to embrace this experience and the generation that created the "taboo tattoo" stigma is beginning to age out and retire. As younger workers move up in the work force they are bringing more of an open mind to the workplace. The new ideal is that forms of expression on the body such as tatoos has become acceptable. Slowly, the anti- tattoo stigma is beginning to become obsolete in most career fields and in general everyday life. There are still the steadfast professions and culture that will never see tattoos as acceptable, no matter how the times has changed.

There is a lot of confusion over what tattoos do to a person's chances of getting a job. According to a survey done by the Salary for Business website, 76 percent of employees think a person with piercings or tattoos hurts their chances in a job interview. Despite these numbers people are still getting

tattoos thinking that it doesn't matter, however most of the people who do the hiring proclaim tattoos make a difference. That being said, according to aimseducation.edu, 73 percent of people will hire someone even with visible tattoos. The hiring managers tend to look for what is important such as hard work and respect rather than appearance.

A job that's enjoyable makes for an atmosphere in which one can be themselves and express this in whatever decorum desired, but when it comes to self-expression, the workplace says otherwise. The worker sees the importance to express themselves but the employer is allowed to set regulations on what areas of the body they can expose. Robert vs. Ward, a case heard in the 6th circuit court of appeals made it so employers are allowed to impose laws on the physical appearance workers may attempt to show. To protect the comfort of the customers working with the employee who may be tattooed, some professional workplaces, feel it's best to not allow any body art.

There are some workplaces where tattoos can be inappropriate, but also some, where it is perfectly acceptable to



Tattoos should be acceptable in the workplace as long as they are not distracting or innapropriate.

have inked up skin. The first and most obvious are tattoo parlors, especially the tattoo artists. There wouldn't be much trust in the artist's abilities if they didn't have any tattoos. There are also many more professions where tattoos are acceptable, such as graphic designers, artists and photographers, or most anything in a creative field. The IT and technical fields are also generally tattoo friendly, along with construction, bartending and commercial driving jobs. Those with tattoos can also find tattoo friendly work as hairdressers, retail worker and acting.

Everyone has the choice to tattoo whatever he or she wants on their body, but there are some places that are more appropriate than others. It is the safest bet to get a tattoo that cannot be seen while wearing regular clothing. If a tattoo can be seen, it is recommended it be small and unassuming. For example, behind the ears or on the nape of one's neck are the only spots on the head that

should be tattooed in order to be taken seriously as they can go unnoticed.

Tattoos may sound appealing but the cost of having one may cost an individual more than the money in their wallet. The stigma that tattoos are unprofessional is still real, and many companies in the job market find tattoos unacceptable. Careers in law enforcement, law firms, or any employment involving the government deem tattoos as unprofessional. Any line of work involving the government or law continues to ban tattoos on the basis that they're associated with criminal activity. These companies employed by the government believe in keeping appearance as formal as can be, and view tattoos as unprofessional. Although tattoo culture is quickly becoming more widely accepted, it is still important to take into account restrictions of the work force before making a permanent bodily change.

# Prideful and prejudiced

Many U.S. citizens are too proud of being American



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America is the best country in the world. This phrase is heard over and over again by public figures stated without a doubt. Especially in this time of presidential elections, candidates constantly preach American pride to win over voters. While it is a positive view to support one's home country, many Americans are so prideful that they become closed minded to the world. The United States of America is a wonderful country to live in and millions of people are blessed to be born here. The nation is free, accepting and opportune; However, that does not make it undoubtedly the best country in the world.

So many people are born, grow up and die in the United States having never left the country. With its ease of convenience and strong worldly presence, why would they? One could argue that technically there is no need to travel abroad, but I would beg to dif-

After high school, I was blessed with the opportunity to spend three months traveling Europe. There were many times that I felt uncomfortable and craved aspects of America that can't be found anywhere else. However, this experience did not increase my pride for the United States, it actually heightened my desire to learn about different nations.

When people who express extreme pride in America are confronted with the idea that another country may be more successful in any aspect, they take offense. They argue about why they feel America is better and tend to not even consider the other country. This extreme prideful-ness is creating an army of closed minded people who unfortunately have no desire to experience the outside



IMAGE FROM TAPPEDOUT.NET

Many Americans have so much pride for the United States that they are blind to the rest of the world.

Not only is this harming individuals, it is harming the United States as a whole as well as its global presence. The less people have a desire to learn about and explore other nations, the more ethnocentric they will become. People who harbor the extreme view that America is number one lend themselves to a growing superiority complex in America. This creates a sort of prejudice that goes along with not wanting to associate with other cultures. If everyone would allow

themselves to consider the ways of other countries, they could learn much about policies that in reality may work better than those in the United States.

According to ctoncourse.org, the United States is the only industrialized country that actively states its pledge of allegiance

in schools aside from North Korea. While these two countries are not really comparable in any aspect, it goes to show how from a young age, Americans are lead to believe their country is the best.

Having tame pride in the United States is an understandable and acceptable feeling. Praising one of the world's superpowers for providing a safe, comfortable place to live makes sense. But America is not the best country in the world, there is no such thing as a best country in the world. Every country has its positive and negative attributes that others could learn from, including the United States of America. In order for the nation to continue to grow and evolve, people need to realize that there truly is such a thing as being too prideful in one's country.

# Cleanse the soul



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# The importance of living healthy

Type two Diabetes, bone disease, nutritional deficiency, rickets, scurvy and other common diseases of third world nations can all have devastating side effects due to unhealthy living. These diseases are a real threat and more common in today's society. Side effects can be life threatening and remain until they cause death. Treatment is

usually possible but complicated and takes long periods of time— sometimes years.

A healthy lifestyle can help prevent all of these issues and improve one's well-being according to the World Health Organization. This can start with simple changes, such as diet and supplement adjustments. It can also mean joining a workout program or exercising either at the gym, or outside. Being healthy is important to living a longer, fuller life, but does not have to mean losing weight. Losing weight can be detrimental in certain situations where individuals are already at the proper weight or underweight for their body type. Some people may go about losing weight in the wrong way as well by using methods such as low calorie diets, drugs, purging, skipping meals, smoking and other ways that can be extremely harmful to the bodies health systems in the long run.

A health care professional should always be consulted before making any drastic life changes towards becoming healthier, and even though the changes can be difficult, everyone has to start somewhere. The best way to begin is to make small adjustments to one's diet. Research is nec-

essary because certain choices can be body type specific as well as have other factors. It is important to research what is best for one's specific body type, age, physical activity, gender and other general lifestyle qualities. Some helpful sites for research include helpguide.org and health.com.

Once an appropriate diet is determined, making simple changes can begin. Eating the proper amount of fruits, vegetables and other food group quantities are important to have a balanced diet. One example to slowly implement changes is to cut one or two snacks aday out of the regular routine or by drinking water to replace a pop or energy drink a few times a week. Bigger decisions such as a full diet should come later on to make the changes easier for the body to accept.

Another key to living healthier is daily activity. This can be any activity that gets the heart rate above its normal pace for at least an hour at a time. Starting off, if someone has never worked out before, it is important to stay safe to prevent injury and permanent bodily harm. Simple activities such as walking, riding a bike, jogging or joining clubs can supplement these needs. There are many options



IMAGE FROM HEATHLYLIVINGANDTRAVEL.COM

Living a healthier lifestyle can lead to a well-rounded, longer and happier life

such as bikram yoga, Zumba, sports teams and Crossfit. The best way to work out is to find something enjoyable for the individual, so that exercising is not like a chore.

Within the past year, deciding to be healthier was one of the best decisions I made. My dietary habits have improved immensely, and I honestly enjoy working out now when before I loathed it. I joined Crossfit and made many new friends in addition to having new experiences I never would have if I did not decide to change my life

for the better. I feel energized when I wake up in the morning and my overall appearance has improved while gaining more muscle. I also discovered that it can provide a new resource for education about health.

Living a healthy lifestyle has only positive effects. It can prevent many horrible diseases from ever being a threat to one's life and improves one's overall day to day living. It is important to care about one's body and health to live a longer, fuller life.

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# **Gun control saves lives**



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# The right to bear arms needs limitations

The United States of America was founded on the idea of ten unalienable rights designed to protect the people from a corrupt government. One of these rights is the right to bear arms, and it is one of the most contentious topics in the news. Despite an epidemic of deaths by gunshot, there are many who will ruthlessly defend their guns. However, our country would be much safer with stricter background checks and licensing to buy guns.

The amount of gun violence

in the United States continues to escalate. According to the New York Times, there was on average one mass shooting a day during 2015. There were few days without any, but some days had multiple to average out the statistic. The fact that this is happening in what is supposed to be one of the safest countries in the world is ludicrous. All of these shootings are possible because it is too easy for people who shouldn't have guns to get a hold of one. In some cases, the shooters were clearly mentally unstable and had a history of violence. That, however, didn't matter to the gun shop owners who sold them the guns and the ammunition. Or their parents didn't hide and lock up their guns well enough. However, this would have been less of an issue if the proper regulations and control were enforced along with more strenuous background checks on purchasers of guns.

Had the shooters been forced to wait a few days to get their guns after a background and mental health check was completed, many of these horrific mass shootings could have been avoided and the shooters could have gotten the help they needed. Instead of going out and killing innocent people, these peo-

ple could have gone to therapy or a mental health institution and avoided ruining not only their lives but the lives of all those involved in the shooting.

Not only are mass shootings a major concern, guns accidentally firing kills and hurts thousands of people each year. According to GunViolenceArchive.org, there have been 1,283 deaths from gun fire in the United States since the beginning of 2016. In less than two months, there have been over 1,200 deaths from lazy gun laws and ease of accessibility to guns. This is an incredibly high

number and it needs to be addressed. There is no reason why so many people need personal guns.

Hunting guns are fine so long as the hunters have been properly vetted and their guns are locked away out of reach. Concealed weapons are acceptable so long as the carriers have had extensive background checking, training classes and mental health checks to ensure that the guns will only be used for personal protection. However, there is no reason for anyone who isn't actively fighting in a war to have military grade weapons.

There is a downward spiral of people feeling that they need a gun. Since it seems that everyone else has one, people feel as though they need one as well to protect themselves. In reality, though, there are very few people who actually need one. Those who live in rough areas where gun crimes are common may feel much safer with their own, but those who live in the suburbs where there is a negligible amount of gun crimes do not. This country's gun laws need to be more comprehensive and strict. These laws will work to keep all Americans safe.



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Stricter gun regulations are needed to make America safe again.

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# An outdated culture



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#### The days of woman accepting mens' manners have died

With every special occasion, birthday, and anniversary, it seems that couples tend to celebrate big with a fancy date. These kinds of date nights start out with a fancy dinner and right when the man goes to open the passenger door, the girl will look him right in the face and say "I can do it myself."

It is a well-known fact that women can do anything a man can do, but if women keep complaining that chivalry is dead, men will eventually not even wear pants in public. Gentlemen are a dying bread for this generation and it will keep getting worse thanks to independent

Back in the "good old days," the man went to work to provide for his family and the women stayed at home. That is not what men are trying to do anymore; men are just trying to be polite.

The difference between polite and trying to put women in the kitchen is huge. Polite gentlemen open doors for women, pay for dinner, walk on the nearest side of the road and do their very best to protect women. With that being said, men are not trying to tell women they cannot open doors, pay for dinner or protect themselves, they are simply trying to be polite. Polite men are just trying to be nice, but women seem to be becoming too independent.

One example that proves women beat chivalry with a



PHOTO BY ANNIE WELLMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Women's independence has left chivalry in the past.

shovel until it bled out is can be seen through the example of a man pulling out a chair out for a lady. What used to happen back in the "olden days" is a man would kindly pull a chair out for a lady and she would say, "thank

Now a day's most of the time when a kind hearted gentleman pulls a chair out for a lady one of two things will happen. One,

the woman will not say anything and give the man a disgusted look to prove she did not need his nice gesture or two the woman will say "I can do it myself," and the man will be confused for pulling a chair out.

Men do not perform gestures such as holding doors and pulling out chairs because of the joy in them; they do it to be respectful.

The main goal that men want women to know is that they respect them. Men respect everything women do and agree they are more than capable of doing anything a man can do, but men will still be gentlemen. Just remember when there are no more gentlemen in this world; it is not because men are apathetic or jerks, it is because women killed chivalry.

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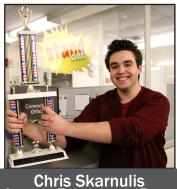
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# Virtual suicide



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#### Video games have devastating effects on health

Suicide is an ever-growing epidemic in American society that takes shape in many ways. Most people associate the cause of suicide with mental or physical issues however, suicide due to electronics is a much less talked about subject. What society may have a hard time believing is that video games inadvertently can be a cause leading to suicide

The video game industry is a multi-billion dollar industry that draws audiences of all ages. It offers a variety of gaming

consoles as well as genres that envelop the spare time of individuals. Companies such as Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo, who license the Xbox, PlayStation and Wii consoles respectively, offer a variety of games that are included on most platforms. Another feature they offer is an online mode that gives gamers the opportunity to compete against fellow gamers in competitive matches of different

Video games come off as appealing to the average child. If played in moderation, it's a great activity to enjoy with friends and family. However, if played for long periods of time, in addi- lead to suicidal tendencies. Action to playing alone, it can have negative consequences on the physical and emotional health of the gamers. This can include an unhealthy obsession with the game itself and can have a psychological effect on individuals.

The player may become so attached to the game and dedicate their life to the success of it. Because the player has isolated himself from most aspects of society, all of their attention is focused on achieving success in the game. When not achieving the success they hoped for, the player may begin to experience feelings of depression that could



IMAGE FROM GROWINGLEADERS.COM

Overplaying video games can have a negative effect on an individual's health.

cording to pharmacytimes.com, college students who play action video games are more capable of self-harm if they experience suicide ideation.

According to the World Health Organization, suicide was the second leading cause of death among young people aged 15-29 in 2012 and according to pharmacytimes.com, around 70 percent of young people are "avid video game players." A majority of individuals in this age group struggle with some form of mental issue. The struggles of being independent at a young age can include feelings of de-

with identity. This results in the struggling individual's need for an outlet to release their emotions, and video games are that outlet. This outlet can lead to an obsession, which results in hours of playing these video

Not surprisingly, the study found that action and shooting games, games that encourage the players to use violence as a means of being successful throughout the game, saw an increase in aggravated behavior among those in that demograph-

Whatever the cause may be,

pression, anxiety, and struggles suicide is an issue that continues to plague America. Awareness of the dangers that electronics such as video games can bring to the health of Americans needs to be increased.

There are a variety of solutions that can be put into action to decrease this tragic string of events. As parents of adolescents, monitoring children's playing time is crucial. However, it's important that individuals of all ages recognize that this can happen to anybody. Sometimes it's better to put down the controller, and pursue other endeavors.

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# New age dating



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#### People rely too much on dating apps to find new connections

With Valentine's Day recently passed and spring quickly approaching, many are looking for someone to spend those increasingly longer and warmer days with. Instead of approaching and starting an actual con-

versation with a person face to face, many are relying more on dating apps. From Tinder, to Friendsy and even YikYak, many are using technology in impersonal ways totry to make a connection.

Instead of actually walking up to that cute girl or guy in class or at the coffee shop and introducing oneself, people stare at screens, swipe left or right and hope for a response. What happened to the art of actual communication? Are people so afraid of rejection that they would rather talk to a profile while sitting behind the glow of phones? Everyone handles rejection indifferent ways but wouldn't it feel more rewarding togo up and at least start an actual conversation with a person?

Some people even take digital rejection more to heart than they do being turned down in person. In the growing reliance of apps to get to know a person someone is more likely to

miss and misinterpret a lot of the conversation. Something truthful could be misinterpreted as sarcasm. Something sarcastic could be interpreted as possibly genuine.

How many people have felt insecure or responded wrongly to a text from a friend or significant other? Even if one has known the person for a good amount of time every once in a while a text conversation can be left unclear. Now apply that logic to talking to someone one has just started exchanging messages with over an app. At least with a face-to-face conversation there is tone and body language to judge if things are going right or if one should just stop.

While technology allows individuals to constantly send and receive messages and status updates, it fails to serve as a means to converse. Instead it becomes a means for hookups and other forms of instant gratification, which while healthy in short term with responsible use, can lead to long term issues. When society fails to learn how to talk to others face to face, it fails in



IMAGE FROM THEDIGESTONLINE.COM Online dating has taken away from the face to face interaction necessary to make a connection.

learning and developing valuable interpersonal skills.

These skills go beyond just dating as well. How many have used or still use those apps gone from a "Hello" to "Netflixs and Chill" or from "Hey" to "You got Kik?" Learning how toactually go and talk to a person can not only help build better people skills but can also lead tonew opportunities.

Yes, itis easy to use a phone and swipe through an endless

sea of faces and hopefully witty headlines. Technology might make it easier to connect to other people, but it fails when trying toget to know one another. Unfortunately while the ease of being able to have conversation with anyone in increasing, the actual art of communication is dying.





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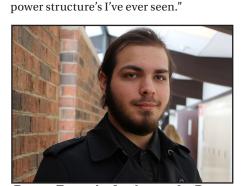
# Ocelot Opinions

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Vytautas Malesh English professor

"'Mad Max: Fury Road' because it is one of the best deconstructions of masculine



Peter Francis Andrews-LePag Major: biology

"'Star Wars: Force Awakens' should get it because the Oscar nominations weren't very good and I haven't seen them."



Justin Lamb

Major: Engineering

"The Revenant', because of all the time they put into it and all the locations they went to film it was an incredible display of artistic value'



**Brenda Tirado** Major: Dietician

"'The Revenant' because Leo is an amazing actor!"





Colleen Pilgrim Psychology Teacher

"'Spotlight', because this movie was a good movie about investigative report-



Jajaira Rios Major: Nursing

"'Spotlight' because people need to be more aware about what happened!"



Justin DePriest Major: Film and media

"'The Revenant' because Leonardo Di-Caprio put all his heart and soul into this role!"



Kira Freeman Major: Culinary

"'Spotlight' because people need to know what happened."



# Giving back to the community

College staff member donates time to help less fortunate Detroit residents

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a long week at work, most people take advantage of the weekend as a time to relax and focus on themselves. Being able to sleep in and enjoy the warmth of home is often interrupted by the schedule of work or school, so when the chance to unwind on the weekend arises, most people jump at the opportunity. Jennifer Cook, PE equipment room attendant facilities manager at Schoolcraft starts her Saturday mornings vastly different from most people.

Before the dawn breaks,
Cook gets in her car to make
it to Detroit by 7:30 a.m. She
drives past the liveliness of the
Motor City Casino, the bright
lights of the Cobo Center, and
the construction of the new
Detroit Events Center to her
final destination of a dirty alley
way behind St. Aloysius Catholic
Parish. It is here that the ministry Cook works with borrows
their space to gather up food

and donations to deliver to the less fortunate in the area.

Her interest in helping began nearly eight years ago when she attended a St. Leos soup kitchen by volunteering through Schoolcraft. She knew at that moment she wanted to expose her three children to the world of giving back, and she has been heavily involved ever since.

"The joy that I get from the gratitude that the people I help show me keeps me coming back each week," said Cook. "It makes me feel that I didn't waste the day and I fulfilled my purpose of helping others."

Cook's Saturday mornings start by fixing huge vats of coffee and hot chocolate, often sneaking a cup for herself to prepare for the day's events. Then, hundreds of premade sandwiches, donated hats, gloves, clothes and blankets as well as the drinks are loaded into a big white conversion van. This has been her morning schedule almost every Saturday for nearly four years, the past two of which she has been joined by her 14-year-old daugh-

ter Angelica.

"My mom has an inner peace about her that has enabled us to do this," said Angelica. "She is so devout because she truly feels it in her soul."

The pair take the van to their first stop at Washington and State St. where they happily give whatever is needed including socks, women's hygiene kits and food to passersby and regulars they encounter every week. They end this stop by joining hands with anyone who is around and engaging in an early morning prayer, then close up the van and move onward.

Although Cook has a general route that she tends to follow, she travels down side streets and through slums looking for individuals who may need assistance. She does not question anyone who comes up to her van needing food or clothes, and she even takes it upon herself to leave a hot drink, sandwich, and blanket next to people sleeping on the street.

"I don't know what I would do or where I would be without Jennifer giving out food and drinks," said Leona Palazzolo, one of the regulars who utilizes Cook's help. "She is a miracle."

Cook frequents many churches who offer help for the homeless with her donations. She organizes care packages for them and always takes time out of her route to enjoy lunch with them at the soup kitchen. She knows many by name and gives them the support they deserve regardless if they are addicts, mentally ill orunkept.

"That's what's special about my mom," Angelica said of Cook. "We can give them all sorts of donations, but she always sits down with them, looks them in the eye and asks them how their day was. She gives them the validation they want."

After several stops and almost six hours delivering goods around Detroit, Cook takes what she has left back to St. Aloysius. She unpacks and goes on to clean the space she used for preparation showing just how humble and caring of a person she is.

"I love how well accepted I am. It's like all the people really want to see me, it just makes me feel good," said Cook.

After a long and tiring day

Cook does not feel bitter or that she has wasted her time. She simply thinks ahead to the next week wondering what else she can do to help those in

It takes a special person to look to those in their lowest moment and wonder how they can be helped. Jennifer Cook is one of those people. Not only are the people of Detroit lucky to have her as a volunteer, but Schoolcraft College is lucky to have her as an integral part of its staff.



After dining at the soup kitchen, an embrace is shared.



Cook gifts a pair of socks to a homeless man. Socks are one of the most needed items.



Cook engages in a prayer circle to inspire hope in the community.

# Alcohol awareness

College serving up more than just mocktails

BY MADDIE DARLING WRITING INTERN

Is it time for a reality check? Perhaps a lesson in alcohol responsibility— or maybe just a free Root Beer Float. The Student Activities Board (SAB) will be serving up Mocktails on March 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well as the Reality Check Game Show taking place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. that same day. The event will be held in the Lower Waterman of the VisaTech Center build-

Courtesy of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan State Police, Save Our Youth Coalition, and more, information and packets about alcohol and drug safety will be provided during the Mocktail party. Schoolcraft College along with the Counseling department, Student Relations, and the Student Activities Board will be sponsoring the event, supporting the vital importance of student safety in the subject of alcohol and drug prevention. The SAB will be serving free Root Beer Floats and "Mocktails" during the program.

If the Mocktails and Root Beer Floats are not tempting enough, then maybe leaving

the event with extra cash is more enticing. Hosted by Orlo Azul, the Reality Check Game Show will be taking off at 12 p.m. during the program. This portion of the event challenges students to answer trivia questions about drug and alcohol prevention. In addition to testing the skills of the game show participants, there is also a chance of winning cash prizes.

Upon arrival to the event, punch cards will be handed out to everyone in attendance. "We want to encourage the students to go around to the different [sponsor] tables," said Todd Stowell, Director of Student Activities. "Each time they go to a different table they will get a punch in their card."

The idea is simple: a visit to a table equals one alcoholic drink. By the end of the event, the blood alcohol levels are estimated by the height and weight of the student as well as taking into account how many punches they got. This way students can learn about alcohol consumption in an interactive

"The message we are trying to convey is the dangers of alcoholism and binge drinking," said Sam Berger, President of SAB. "[Also] promoting ways to have fun without drinking."

With free mocktails and cash prizes, the Mocktail party and the Reality Check game show are sure to be a hit. For more information on this event, call the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



# Mocktail Party March 10

from II a.m. to 2 p.m. VisTaTech Center, **lower Waterman** 

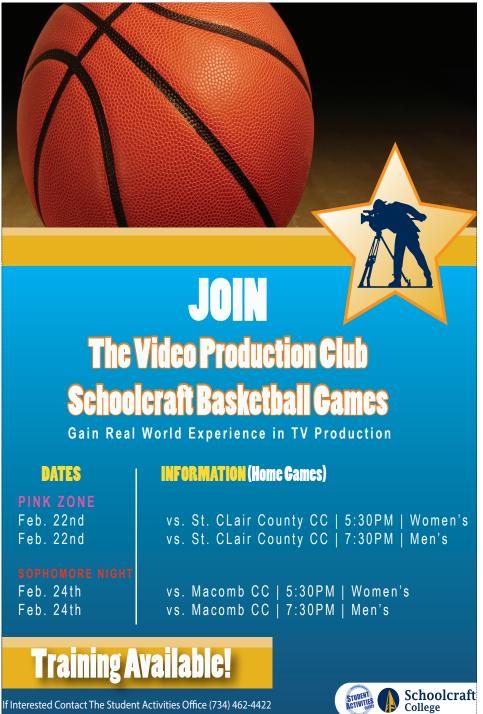




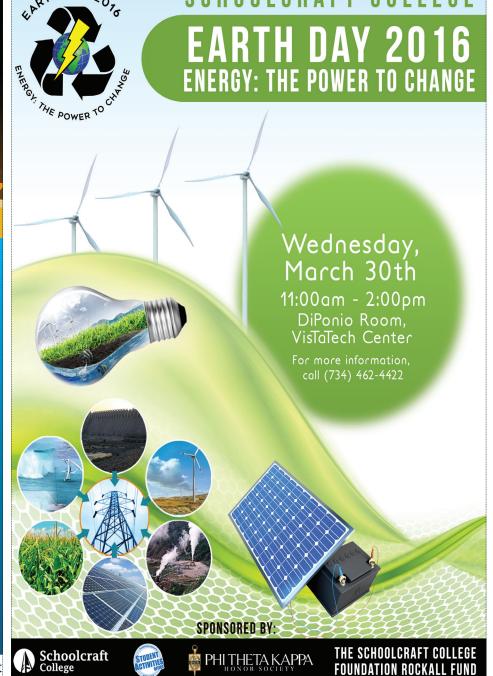
PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCHOOLCRAFT ARCHIVES Rootbeer pong is a popular event at the annual mocktail party.



Cole Westwood tries to walk in a straight line wearing drunk goggles at the mocktail party, last March.



If Interested Contact The Student Activities Office (734) 462-4422



# Golden anniversary

Student publication celebrates 50 years of reporting the news

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In February of 1966, five years after Schoolcraft College was established, the first student run newspaper was published on campus. At just four pages long, the newspaper, then known as the "Commuter" was a work in progress, but a momentous one at that. Now, exactly 50 years after the first Schoolcraft newspaper was published, the publication has evolved into an award winning success.

Now known as the "Schoolcraft Connection," the newspaper has gone through many transitions and made drastic content changes as well. Before deciding on its current title, the newspaper was known as "The Commuter" from 1966 to 1969, "The Back Door" from 1969 to 1971, "The Campus Globe" from 1971 to 1985, "The Campus Beat" from 1985 to 1986 until it finally became the Schoolcraft Connection in 1987. The original issue of the paper featured stories about the school's dress code, a student fundraiser and the first plans to build the iconic Waterman building on campus. Through the years, the newspaper has continued to evolve into a wealth of information sharing articles about events on campus, popular movie reviews and student profiles throughout.

There to see the transition of it all was former newspaper advisor Sherry Springer. She began as the Assistant Director of the Student Activities Office in 1987, and later that year

became the first advisor of the Schoolcraft Connection. In her more than 25 years in the position, she proudly developed the newspaper into what it is today.

"The excitement of it all was the best part of my time there," said Springer. "Being able to go out and teach the students how to write and interview was very rewarding."

Guiding the newspaper staff to win awards like "Overall General Excellence," "Best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper," and the esteemed "Best Community College Newspaper in Michigan," Springer helped spark the passion for journalism in many students.

"While originally studying graphic design, I found a love for photography that may not have been discovered if it wasn't for my time spent working for the Schoolcraft Connection,' said Michael Simari, Schoolcraft Connection Photography Editor in 2008. "Being Photo Editor at the Connection taught me so much on how to be self-sufficient while having to keep organized."

Simari now works as the Online Staff Photographer for Car and Driver in part thanks to his time on the Schoolcraft newspaper.

Not only has the student newspaper on campus helped impact the future career and schooling of former workers, but it has helped improve the lives of many.

"Being an editor for the Schoolcraft Connection taught me a lot about the journalism industry, but also about myself," said former Editor-in-Chief Lauren Lukens from the 2014-2015 school year.

The Schoolcraft Connection has been under a new adviser, Rena Laverty, since 2012. With a growing editor and staff team, the newspaper is only improving. Later this spring the Connection team will travel to Mt. Pleasant for the annual Michigan Community College Press Association awards presentation and hope to continue the tradition of journalism excellence.

Among the changes that have occurred over the years, The Schoolcraft Connection has become an online publication as well. Featuring pdf versions of every edition of the paper and online exclusive articles, people around the world can stay up to date on Schoolcraft news at schoolcraftconnection.com

Over the past 50 years, a lot has changed at Schoolcraft, but one thing has stayed constant: The Schoolcraft Newspaper. With a goal of spreading news and entertainment on campus, the Connection hopes that its 50 years of service has brought insight and joy to its readers. The Schoolcraft Connection would like to thank all of its viewers and supporters over the years as well as Schoolcraft College and is looking forward to 50 more years of delivering the news to the campus community.









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# Lending a helping hand

Peer Assisted Learning Program unites education

> BY JAMES PAXSON SPORTS EDITOR

For nearly 20 years Schoolcraft has been incorporating students in the teaching process through its Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program. In an effort to aid students who were having difficulty in certain classes, the college combined peer tutoring with in class instruction to create a more relatable and understandable form of help.

The program was founded by Kathy Fortner, LSS Program Coordinator for PAL in the mid-90s when she noticed that many students learned better in an informal group setting. The PAL program added a new twist to the typical one on one tutoring by essentially assigning one student aid per class.

The program works by taking students who have previously completed and excelled in a specific course and pairing them with a professor of a similar class. The PAL leader and professor then work together with the class to create a group-tutoring schedule that works for everyone.

Students are free to attend these meetings as frequently as they wish and can ask the PAL instructor to work through specific problems or concepts. The meetings typically take place in the courses assigned classroom before or after the class to allow for adequate studying time and convenience.

"The PAL program helps students succeed, then the students who are reaching success in the program become a PAL leader," said PAL founder Kathy

PAL goes above and beyond with new strategies and hands on activities to teach innovative ways that replace traditional lecturing and textbook reading. The program creates a comfortable learning atmosphere as it is student lead and provides more tips on how to succeed. To be a PAL instructor, a student must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 GPA in the specific class they are instructing. Other requirements to being a PAL instructor include grasping concepts quickly and working well with others. To learn more or inquire to become a PAL instructor, speak with a professor that has a course the PAL program is involved with. PAL typically pair with gateway and higher level math and science courses. They are always looking for more participants to help.

"Students who are not successful in gateway courses do not graduate as often as students who succeed in a gateway course," said Deborah Daiek, Dean of Education and Learning Support. "This program is guaranteed to help more students graduate."The program has been known to help students improve their grades over the length of the semester and students are participating now more than ever before. PAL

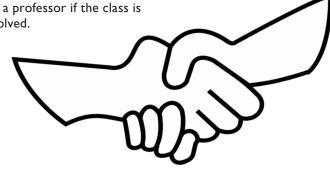
leaders are included with certain courses that tend to prove difficult for students.

"I have learned a lot while being in the PAL program. I have learned how to teach other students the subject I am learning and met friends with similar interests that I have," said Rachel Morrow, current PAL leader for multiple biology

Programs like PAL are often underappreciated.. Some students have difficulty with the hard transition into college and may be scared to go to individual tutoring. The PAL program is a great alternative. By engaging with other students in the class and learning from a previous student rather than a professor, many students feel more comfortable. For any students interested in receiving help from the PAL program, ask a professor if the class is involved.

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# The Quill

BY KAYLA HELLUM WRITING FELLOWS CONTRIBUTOR

Dear Writing Fellows,

I have just started looking for my first job and I realized I have no idea how to write a resume! What are some tips on constructing a winning resume?

Sincerely, Unemployed and

Dear Unemployed and Desperate,

When writing a resume, there are many tips to consider. Word choice, format and clarity are all just as important as content when it comes to creating a resume that will catch the attention of your desired employer. A few of the major components to incorporate when formatting a basic resume may include your contact information, a brief profile of yourself, educational accomplishments, a list of relevant skills, and lastly any prior work experience. One element of a

resume that often stumps people is what to write under the "job experience" section. If you are writing a resume for the first time, it is likely to assume that you have never had a

Luckily, there are a few different ways to fill out the experience section, even with the absence of a formal job history. If you have ever participated in any type of informal work such as babysitting, pet sitting or a grass cutting service for your neighborhood, it would be a good idea to include this type of work under the job experience portion of your resume. Additionally, it is a good idea to include any charity work experience! This helps to fill up your resume while simultaneously demonstrating to your employer that you are a morally sound individual who sees the importance of giving back to the community. The skills section of your resume should include a mix of both soft and hard skills. Hard skills may include fluency in a foreign language or computer skills, while soft skills are more focused on attributes that you cannot learn from a text book, such as communication or teamwork. Including both types of skills on your resume assures your employer that you possess both competency and people skills. In your educational accomplishments, incorporate not only what schools you have attended, but any academic

successes you have had at those schools. For example, if you were an honor roll student or the recipient of a scholarship, add it to your resume! Remember, the profile of yourself and your accomplishments should be concise, but informative. Do not be afraid to brag a little! This is your chance to communicate what you are all about. Maintaining a professional tone of voice and including your most outstanding attributes when writing your mini biography can really set you ahead of the crowd.

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Some of the more concrete aspects of constructing a resume rely largely on appearance and professionalism. The layout of your resume should be clean-cut and easily digestible. Headers should be distinguished from the rest of the text and the information should be easy to locate. It is incredibly important to avoid typos or grammatical errors, as these types of mistakes are unprofessional. Throughout your resume, use

language designed to capture the reader. Your employer will have gone through many resumes by the time they get to yours, so make sure you stand out! A great way to do this is through word choice. Using plenty of action verbs like "motivate" or "designed" is a surefire way to bump up your resume! Keeping all of these tips in mind will ensure that you present your desired employer with a polished, well-constructed and overall attention grabbing resume.

Best of luck, The Writing Fellows













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

#### **CLASS REMINDERS**

Mid-Term Break Feb. 29 to March 6

The school will be closed and no classes will be held during this week.

Last Day for OE/OE Schedule Adjustment/ Refund

## **DIVORCE SUPPORT**

#### **DISCUSSION OF DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ISSUES**

Feb. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. **McDowell Center, Hinkle** Center rm. 119

Pendracki & Burks, Linda R. Souve, will present an overview of divorce, mediation, and custody issues. The Divorce Support Group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. There is no fee to attend the group; registration is not required. Please note that cancellations due to inclement weather conditions may occur. If the College closes, the above programs will be cancelled.

# **BUSINESS PLANNING**

#### **STARTING A BUSINESS**

Feb. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, JC123

Delivered in a workshop format, this introductory session will help assess ability to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate the market and sales potential for products. Discover resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan. There will be a fee of \$35.

#### **WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN**

Feb. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, JC123

This informational seminar will help to increase chances for successful self-employment,

or business launch by delving into business planning. Topics covered include: specifics of marketing, finance, legal, regulatory and operations issues; key components of information based planning and management; and the first steps for creating a business plan. Actual examples of effective business plans are used as course material. There will be a fee of \$45.

#### PINTEREST FOR PROFIT March 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. Jeffress Center, JCI12

Pinterest drives more web traffic than LinkedIn, Google+, and Twitter combined. Average sales from Pinterest leads are almost double those from Facebook leads. Pinterest is not just cupcakes and crafts anymore. Learn how to link Pinterest to blogs, websites and other social networks: advertise and market products for free and build a loyal community of followers. There will be a fee of \$90.

# ON CAMPUS RECRUITING

#### **JUICE PLUS ON CAMPUS RECRUITING**

Feb 23 from II a.m. to I p.m. VistaTech Center

Dress professionally and bring resumes, Juice Plus will be on campus recruiting representatives to sell nutritional products.

#### **AVON ON CAMPUS RECRUITING**

Feb. 24 from II a.m. to I p.m.

VistaTech Center

Avon will be recruiting Cosmetic Representatives to sell Avon products on campus, so bring resumes and dress professionally.

#### **UPS ON CAMPUS RECRUITING**

March 7 from II a.m. to 2 p.m., March 15 from II a.m. to 2 p.m.

VistaTech Center

UPS is now hiring. Join representatives from UPS to discuss

jobs and careers with the company. UPS offers a unique and generous tuition reimbursement program - earn while you learn. The UPS Education Assistance Program can help college students cover the cost of college up to \$5,250 per calendar year. To find out more about how you can earn a college degree and grow your career with UPS, please visit upsjobs.com. Dress business casual and bring copies of resumes.

#### **GOLDEN FRY MANAGEMENT ON CAMPUS RECRUITING**

March 8 from II a.m. to I p.m. VistaTech Center

Golden Fry Management representatives will be on campus to accept applications and discuss job and career opportunities with the company. Dress professionally and bring resumes.

# EMPLOYMENT ENHANCERS

#### **IOB SEARCH SOLUTION WEDNESDAYS - LINKEDIN 101 WORKSHOP**

Feb. 24 from I to 2:30 p.m. **McDowell Center, Hinkle** Center rm. 119

LinkedIn 101 will explain to job seekers how to use this professional networking website. Learn how to create an engaging profile, connect with others, and use the site to advance job searchesor careers. This event is open to the public and no advance registration is required.

#### **JOB SEARCH SOLUTION WEDNESDAYS - RESUME ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP**

March 2 from I to 2:30 p.m., March 16 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**McDowell Center, Hinkle** Center rm. 119

Resume Essentials features a certified professional resume writer who will show job seekers learn how to build a targeted resume that strategically "sells" skills and experience to employers and highlight what employers are looking for in a resume and cover letter. No advance registration is required and the event is open to the public.

# FUN ON CAMPUS

#### **USA HOCKEY GAME -SCHOOLCRAFT NIGHT**

Feb. 28 from 2 to 9 p.m. 14900 Beck Road North of M-14, Plymouth, MI

Join Schoolcraft College Night as Team USA takes on the Omaha Lancers at USA Hockey Arena. Skate with the players after the game. There will be special musical guest The Killer Flamingos. Tickets are \$8 a student. To buy online visit USAHockeyNTBD. com single game tickets. Click on Schoolcraft Night and use promo code SCHOOLCRAFT, or present your school ID at the box office to receive \$8 Student Tickets.

#### **WEDNESDAY NOON CONCERT, SCHOOLCRAFT MUSIC FACULTY**

March 16 from noon to 1 p.m.

VistaTech Center, Kehrl **Auditorium** 

Gerardo Ascheri is an active teacher, music advocate, arranger, soloist and chamber musician. He holds a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and will be performing on the piano. Barton Polot is a versatile instructor at Schoolcraft College where he teaches music theory and ear training, electronic music composition and is responsible for the music technology program. He will also be playing the piano. Dr. Riccardo Selva has performed in the United States and in Europe as a soloist in both the classical and jazz idioms. He is an active performer, composer, educator, and recording artist in both the Detroit and Chicago music communities. He will be playing the saxophone.

# EDUCATIONAL HELP

**NCCWSL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS** -**APPLICATION DEADLINE** 

Feb. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **McDowell Center, Hinkle** Center rm. 119

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) annual conference will be held this year from June 2 - June 4, 2016 at the University of Maryland. Schoolcraft College and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) would like to sponsor a limited number of current Schoolcraft College students to attend this engaging conference - free of charge. The NCCWSL Conference will provide young women leadership programs and opportunities at this 3-day conference. There are a very limited number of spots available for this event. Bus transportation and accommodations for this event will be provided, along with registration fees courtesy of the Livonia Chapter of AAUW and Schoolcraft College. To apply: Currently enrolled female students interested in attending this event must submit a one-page essay detailing their leadership skills and outlining why they are interested in attending this conference to Marjorie Lynch of the Schoolcraft College Hinkle Center at mlynch@schoolcraft.edu no later than Thursday, February 25, 2016.

#### **EXPLORING THE LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY DATABASE**

March 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.

**Bradner Library, L105** 

This Bradner Library workshop will help attendees to gain a better understanding of how to use the library's Learning Express database and the wide variety of tutorials and practice tests that are in this collection. This workshop is for Schoolcraft students, faculty and staff. CEU's will be available.



#### COLLEGE VISTS

For any students wanting to transfer to a different university after Schoolcraft, this is the perfect opportunity to meet with representatives and discuss options.

All college visits take place at Henry's in the VisTaTech Center. Unless stated otherwise.

#### **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **MADONNA UNIVERSITY** Feb. 23 to 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY** 

#### Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Applied Science**

#### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SCHOOL **OF NURSING**

Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Biomedical Technology Center** 

#### **WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Feb 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Liberal

#### **EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

March 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY**

March 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Applied

#### **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING**

March 9 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Biomedical Technology Center** 

#### **EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Applied Science** 

#### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

March 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Liberal Arts** 

#### **LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY**

March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY**

March 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Applied Science** 

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEARBORN**

March 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Forum** 

#### **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY-FINANCIAL AID ADVISING**

March 8 from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Jeffress Center, rm 320



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

#### **SPORTS**

#### WALLYBALL CLUB

Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Wallyball courts - PE building Build up skills in the game of wallyball, regardless of past experience. This club provides an opportunity to socialize, as well as stay active all while learning the game.

#### **DANCE TEAM**

Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. & Fridays from 3 to 5:15

## 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**

Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. & Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

### Physical Education Building, PF 140

Love hip-hop and dying to bust a move? Join the Schoolcraft Hip Hop Dance Division. Meet with like-minded dancers, and learn moves from your peers. No experience is necessary. All skill levels are welcome.

#### RESUME BOOSTERS

#### **BUSINESS CLUB**

## Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Conference Room C

Those looking for guidance and greater knowledge in anything business related should attend the Business Club. Featuring open discussions and seminars, this club gives attendees vast networking and scholarship opportunities.

### 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 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

#### Biomedical Technology Center, BTC 350

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

General meetings on March 8 and April 5 2016.

#### New member orientation VisTaTech Center, Kehrl Auditorium

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.

### HELP THE HOMELESS - PB&J OUTREACH

#### Feb 27 from 7 to IIa.m.

#### Lower Waterman, VistaTech Center

Volunteer with Phi Theta Kappa to help the homeless. They will be gathering in Cass Corridor in downtown Detroit and distributing clothing, shoes and other necessities to the homeless. They will meet at the Student Activities Office, lower level of the VisTaTech Center at 7:00 a.m. to carpool. Please dress warm, they will be outside. Donations are also being accepted for this event. Gently used winter clothes/outerwear, toilet paper, feminine products and peanut butter and jelly are greatly needed. Donations can be brought to the Student Activities Office. All students are welcome.

#### SCHOOLCRAFT BOWLING

# March II from 8:30 to IIp.m. 30950 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI

Join Phi Theta Kappa at Merri-Bowl Lanes for a night of bowling. Check in is from 8:30p.m. to 9p.m., bowling is from 9p.m. to 11p.m. \$20 a person includes 3 games, pizza, and pop. All students welcome, Phi Theta Kappa members will earn 1/2 star for attending and 1/4 star for each guest they bring.

#### CHEMISTRY CLUB

#### Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Biomedical Technology Center, rm. 245

Come join a club for students who are interested in Chemistry. Conduct experiments, discuss current events that relate to chemistry and present topics on how chemistry relates to everyday life.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB

## Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Liberal Arts, LA 130

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 4 to 5 p.m. Conference Room C

The Schoolcraft Activities Board aims to make those on campus and in the community feel welcomed and have the opportunity to participate in various activities. By helping students get involved, as well as participating in local charities and food drives, this club benefits all.

#### MOCKTAIL PARTY

#### March 10, 11a.m. to 2p.m. Lower Waterman, VistaTech Center

Join Student Activities for the Mocktail Party for an alcohol responsibility program. The event will include free root beer floats and "Mocktails" served by the Student Activities Board. There will be information from MADD, Michigan State Police and Save Our Youth Coalition and more. Part of this program will be the Reality Check Game Show from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. Participants will be able to answer questions about drug and alcohol prevention and participate in games of skill and chance to win cash prizes.

#### VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB

## Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Conference room E

For any student interested in the multimedia field of video, the Video Production Club has all the necessities. Take part in writing, producing, editing and/or directing short films to improve skills and build creativity. Work with others of similar interests to put out quality productions, like the USA NTDP Hockey games and the Schoolcraft men's and women's basketball games.

# **CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (ISO)

### Every other Friday from II a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jeffress Center, Lower Level

For both international and domestic students alike, come learn more about Schoolcraft College and assist international students with a smooth transition to this college. Learn more about the club in their feature in Campus Life.

## CARDS, T.V. & GAMES

#### CARD FIGHT CLUB

#### Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

#### Conference Room E

The Card Fight Club plays the games of MAGIC, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Vanguard among others of similar genres. The games get intense, so be prepared to battle.

#### **CARTOON CLUB**

## Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Conference Room C

Come join fellow cartoon lovers to discuss favorite comics and collaborate with like-minded people.

#### **CHESS CLUB**

#### Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Lower Waterman, VisTaTech

Come join a network of chess players to learn or teach how to play chess. Also have meaningful conversations, create friendships and have fun.

#### COMIC CON CLUB

## Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Conference room D

Offering related games, discussions and movies, this club is all about entertainment. Discuss comic topics with like-minded people and maybe go home with a new favorite character.

#### **EUCHRE CLUB**

Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Lower Level, VistaTech Center Experienced players and beginners alike are welcome to enjoy in the fun of a good game of euchre.

#### HARRY POTTER CLUB

#### Fridays from I to 3 p.m. Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center

Calling all Harry Potter lovers! This club is for anyone interested in Harry Potter and wants to discuss the books, movies and fandom with other Potterheads.

#### OTAKU ANIME CLUB

Every other Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.

#### Lower Waterman

The love of Japanese animation and pop culture can be shared with others by attending this club. By promoting and simply enjoying this form of art, attendees can feel comfortable and learn more about the anime.

#### POKE PALS

#### Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Conference Room E

The Poke Pals offers a fun, inviting environment for all fans to play both card games and video games.

#### PROJECT PLAYHEM

## Tuesdays from I to I:45 p.m. Conference room E

For those with an interest in video games, card games and more, Project Playhem is the club to join. By having a fun group atmosphere, this club celebrates and plays various video games. The club hosts competitive, yet inviting tournaments throughout the year, such as Noise happening this spring.

#### **TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB**

### Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m.

#### Conference room D

Come share in the love of non-electronic gaming. Put skills to the test and see who reigns victorious in games that can be played on table tops. Enjoy some friendly competition with others, and kick back and relax for a while.

## ACCEPTANCE & SUPPORT

### STUDENTS OF ACTIVELY MOVING FORWARD (AMF)

## Every other Saturday at 6 p.m. Conference room C

As a non-profit support network, AMF works to help students who are grieving the illness or death of a loved one. For students who are going through this difficult time, AMF offers a safe environment to express feeling. With chapters on campuses nationwide, this club provides awareness and keeps the memory living on.

#### **LGBTQI**

### Wednesdays from noon to I p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

#### Conference room C

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

#### **ACTIVE MINDS**

everyone.

#### Thursdays at 4:30 pm

VistaTech Center, Lower Watermen, Conference rm. C Come join Active Minds and raise mental health awareness around campus. Help stop the stigma that surrounds mental illness and make campus more accepting for

#### RELIGION

#### **CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE**

#### Tuesdays from noon to I p.m. Lower Waterman, Conference Room D

Come for the free pizza and pop; stay for the bible study and club meeting. Discuss the teachings of the Christian faith, and spread the word around campus.





# ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT





An unlikely "superhero" took the box office by storm as "Deadpool" was released on Feb. 12 and made over \$135 million in its opening weekend. Amidst a lot of anticipation and hype from the superhero loving community, director Tim Miller stepped up to the plate and did not disappoint with this film. For comic and generally excellent movie fans alike, "Deadpool" sets itself above the rest.

As the movie begins, the audience is greeted by the Marvel Comic's anti-hero, Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds), destroying a convoy of Cadillac's as they speed down the highway. Just when the carnage is about to begin, Deadpool breaks the fourth wall by talking directly to the audience to take them back in time to describe just exactly how he ended up in this situation.

'Deadpool" is a story about a young

mercenary named Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds) whom after many years of doing odd jobs, such as tamely tortur-

ing stalkers and creeps to put them in their place, developed terminal cancer. When Wilson believes that all hope is lost and he'll have to say goodbye to his fiancé Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) much sooner than he thought, he is approached by a strange man who says he could clear Wilson of cancer and give him superhuman abilities. After much speculation Wilson decides to go through with the procedure, but what he didn't know was that in order to be cured of cancer, he would have to go through rigorous torture in order to mutate to super human. A few complications turned Wilson into a mutant that no human could stand to see the sight of with a disfigured face. With Wilson's new persona, he aims to hunt down the man who turned him into the freak that he is, and who stole his fiancé to lure him in. Accompanied by Colossus (Stefan Kapicic) and Negasonic Teenage Warhead (Brianna Hildebrand) who are part of the X-Men, Wilson who because of his surgery now has indestructibility, starts cutting through his enemies until he can be reunited with his nemesis Francis (played by Ed Skrein) again.

Deadpool makes the perfect hero with his ridiculous sense of humor mixed with strong violence throughout the movie. In every scene Reynolds explodes with hilarious dialogue that makes the entire theatre erupt with laughter. From Deadpool telling the scientists who are about to operate on him to "not make the super suit green...or animated" a reference to Ryan Reynolds and his awful portrayal of the "Green Lantern," to him making outrageous insults to the criminals he is about to fill with bullet-holes, Reynolds was the perfect actor to take on

As the movie made its premier, fans

around the world were curious to see just how the directors at Marvel were going to portray the explicit "superhero"because of their disappointing attempt with the movie "X-Men Origins: Wolverine."However, fans were far from upset as their favorite mutant tore apart enemies left and right with his famous swords, guns and potty-mouth. When the movie was first hinted at, the original rating was PG-13, which infuriated fans because of the graphic and uncensored nature of Deadpool. Needless to say, the new "Deadpool" movie was far from PG-13 but rather an appropriate R rating. With constant profanity spewing from the character's mouth, some of the upfront nudity and brutal killings, "Deadpool" lived up to fans expectations.

If people are looking for an outrageous comedy with a twist of a love story or a brutal, action packed movie, "Deadpool" is a must see.

# Changing pace

#### Rhianna's album "Anti" debuts new sound

BY ALEX WOODLIFF









After much waiting and anticipated buzz, Rihanna's new album "Anti," debuted on Jan. 28 on Jay-Z's digital music platform "Tidal." It has been four years since the Barbadian born singers, last album "Unapologetic" was released, making her latest album long overdue.

Many of her fans, which the pop star playfully refers toas her Navy, have followed "Anti's" dramatic production since last year. After releasing a few singles throughout 2015 including "B\*\*\*h Better Have My Money" to the more radio friendly "FourFiveSeconds" featuring both Paul McCartney and Kanye West, many wondered what direction "Anti" would be going in. For most fans, "Anti"is a huge departure of those expecting her usual radio friendly, night out bangers.

The track coming closest to Rihanna's usual style on the new album is "Work" featuring Drake, a dancehall sound close-

ly associated with Rihanna. The track is offset with a steady beat as Rihanna sings "believed all of your dreams, adoration you took my heart and my keys and my patience. You took my heart off my sleeve, a decoration." While Drake's vocals reveal he is only interested in the hookups.

The album may not appeal to all of her fans however, asit shows the most growth in terms ofboth vocals and production. From the opening track, "Consideration" Rihanna asserts her need for independence and respect. Being a highly experimental project for Rihanna, the tracks do still contain similar production styles despite having different producers on it.

"Anti's" slow, dark R&B sounds sometimes mix, or clash but somehow work with and alongside heavy guitar sounds and electronics. "Desperado" is a track that shows her contemplating her relationship's as she says "Gotta get up out of here and yuh ain't leavin' me behind. I know you won't cause we share common interests you need me, there ain't no leaving



Rihanna's new album "Anti" satisfies fan's desire for new music after four years of waiting.

me behind. I just want outta here, yeah once I'm gone, ain't no going back."

The album slows down with "Needed Me," a slow hypnotic anthem about female empowerment and that her lover needs her more than she needs him. It might turn off most of her hardcore fans expecting a wild pop album, but draw new listeners in with a darker sound. Itisan album that will genuinely surprise listeners in a good way with an unexpected twist in her sound.

One of the most surpris-

ing tracks on "Anti" is "Love On The Brain" an old school Motown sounding Amy Winehouse esque song, about how Rhianna realizes how unhealthy an abusive relationship is. Believing that love will come through and fix her abuser as she admits "Babe I'm fist-fighting with fire just to get close to you." It could almost parallel the very public assault between her and ex Chris Brown. The last track, "Close To You," is a simple piano ballad where she admits that she knows her connection with her lover is fading

but she hopes to reestablish that spark.

While this is not necessarily the album most fans were expecting after such a long wait, it isworthy to take note ofin her discography. Rihanna has admitted she wanted to make something that she would still like to sing years from now. With the growth in "Anti" she may have succeeded. "Anti" can be streamed in its entirety and downloaded for free to anyone signed up for Tidal at Tidal.



Credit: platesandpairings.con Prep time: 10 minutes Yield: Four drinks

Ingredients Bloody Mary mix

• 5 tomatillos

· 3 medium yellow or green toma-

toes

· 2 stalks celery

• 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro

• 11/2 cups water

• 11/2 tsp. horseradish

• 1/4 tsp. cumin • 1/2 tsp. salt

• 1/4 tsp. pepper

Garnish

Celery

Golden tomatoes

· Salt & Chili Powder **Directions** 

Bloody Mary Mix

· Cut the tomatoes, tomatillos and celery into large chunks. Add to your blender along with chopped cilantro, horseradish, water and spices. Process until smooth.

· Taste and adjust your seasonings, as desired.

• If you prefer a thinner bloody Mary, strain the mixture through a fine mesh strainer. For a thicker cocktail, serve as is.

· Chill before serving.

To Serve

To rim your glass, combine a mixture of ½ kosher salt and ½ chili powder in a small rimmed dish. Run a lemon around the lip of your glass and then dip it into the salt to coat.

Pour bloody Mary mix into glass and garnish with a celery stick and skewered tomatoes.

Irish Jello Shots

> Credit: hoosierhomemade.com Prep time: 15 minutes

Yields: 32-36 Ingredients

2 small boxes lime Jello

2 small boxes orange Jello

· I can sweetened condensed milk

• 6 envelopes unflavored gelatin

4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups boiling water-divided

¼ cup cold water

Whipped topping (garnish)

Sprinkles (garnish)

· Plastic shot glasses

Directions

• In a small bowl, combine lime jello, two envelopes gelatin and two cups boiling water, stir until Jello is dissolved.

• Pour into glasses, filling about 1/3 full.

Place in fridge until set, about 20 minutes.

 In a small bowl combine sweetened condensed milk and one cup boiling water, stir well.

• In another small bowl, add cold water and sprinkle two envelopes unflavored gelatin, set aside for one minute. Add 3/4 cup boiling water and stir well. Add to milk mixture and stir.

• Pour on top of lime Jello, filling another 1/3 amount.

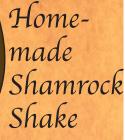
· Place in fridge until set, about 20 minutes

· In a small bowl, combine orange Jello, two envelopes gelatin and two cups boiling water, stir until Jello is dissolved.

• Pour into glasses, filling the remainder of the glass.

· Place in fridge until set, about 20 minutes.

· Garnish with whipped topping and sprinkles.



I (2 liter) bottle

lemon-lime soda

• ½ gallon lime

sherbet (pineapple

Credit: backtoherroots.com Prep time: Five minutes Yields: Two shakes

Ingredients • 3 scoops vanilla ice cream (about I I/2 cups)

• 3/4-I cup milk

• 1/4 tsp. mint extract

8-10 drops green food coloring

Whipped cream

**Directions** 

Blend ice cream, milk, extract and food coloring in a blender until smooth. Add more ice cream or milk depending on desired consistency. Poor into two glasses and top with whipped cream.



# Beautifying the body

Tattoos at Schoolcraft

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA, ANNIE WELLMAN, AND ALEC ADAMIC MANAGING EDITOR, PHOTO EDITOR, AND PHOTO INTERN

As the millennial generation progresses further into adulthood, stigmas such as facial and body piercing, body art, tattoos and vaping in public are transforming into acceptable trends. Tattoos are not only a new way of expression, but also have meaning behind every line and drawing.
These meanings can be quirky and fun while others symbolize deep personal events that may have happened in one's life. Every tattoo unlocks a different story and meaning

including the most universal ones.

In history, tattoos have been perceived as only being for bikers, sailors and veterans. They also are popular in gangs and for tribal markings. These popular stereotypes are now broken down though, with more common folk covering their bodies in detailed

This permanent mark on the body and in one's life makes an impression in many different ways. It may be painful at the be-

ginning or while getting the actual design, but in the end it is a worthwhile experience for many. The excitement and emotional façades that tattoos induce for people usually over shadows the pain. Tattoos are simply another way of self-expression and adorning one's body. To beautify or share the scars of one's past; every tattoo is one of a kind with a story waiting to be

#### Michael Cross

"My wolf tattoo is to symbolize protecting my family. I feel that I am a wolf on the inside and I will not let anyone hurt my family. The chaos symbol represents that everyone lives with chaos in their life and no one's life is perfect. Knowing that I live with chaos makes me feel that I will be able to adapt. I personally designed my compass tattoo and it represents that everyone sets their own path and that it's not always going to be set in stone."

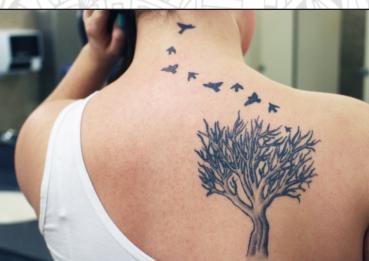




#### Brittany Warren

"The tattoo on my lower back is a tattoo for my mom. It has the day of her birth and the day she passed away. It was emotional because I got it for my mom and it means a lot to me. The freedom tree on my shoulder represents how I am free to fly like a bird if I so choose."











#### Claire Rish

"My first tattoo was the geometric shape and is in memory of my dad passing away. He was an architect and was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright. The shape is by Frank Lloyd Wright to symbolize my dad and his life. My fourth tattoo is for my brother. It is a bird flying out of a birdcage. He struggled with anxiety and depression his whole life, there were some very rough times. The tattoo symbolizes him becoming free from these rough times in life and how we both made it through it

#### Breanna Barton

"I went through three years of sexual abuse and it took a lot of love to get me through the first half of my life and it is going to take a lot of love to get me through the rest of it. That is what the heartbeat on both sides of the heart means. I felt such a strong emotional connection to the meaning that the pain of the tattoo was nothing because I have gotten through a lot worse.









#### Tyler Bloeser

"The raven tattoo was my first tattoo. The meaning behind it is that I have moved around my whole life and I am on my eighth or ninth house right now. I have been in four or five different cities from Pennsylvania to Vegas. I have never stayed in the same place very long and like a raven they split off from the group after a period of time and will go off on their own. I felt it was pretty fitting for my life. The listen represents when in middle school I hit a pretty rough patch in eighth and I didn't really know how to get out of it. Music helped me through all of my troubles."







#### Joe Wolfram

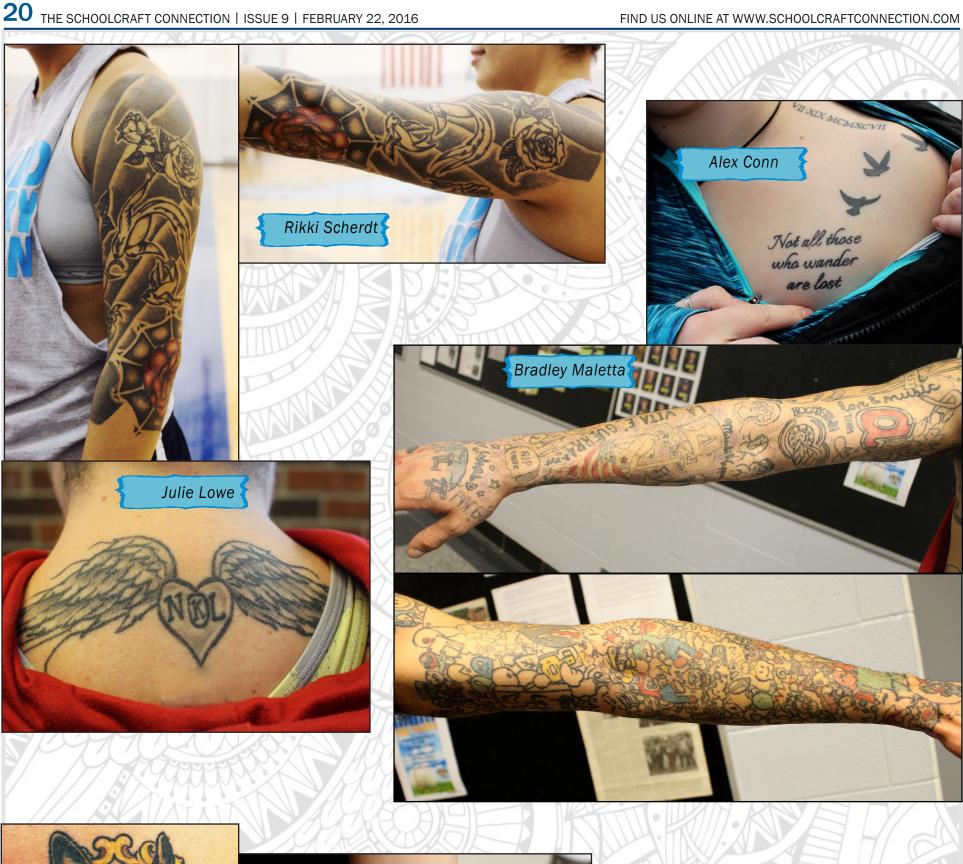
"On my chest I have the 'Eye of Ra' and below that are creativity, create, express symbols. Those represent my core values and how I am trying to find those things within myself as I go along in life as a constant reminder."

#### Cierra Eschenbacher

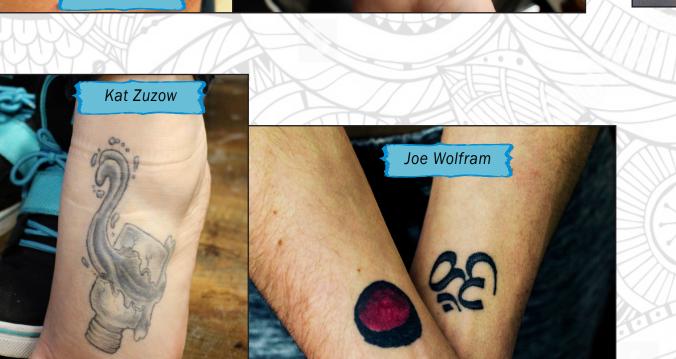
"The letters stand for 'True Player For Real.'
They are lyrics to a Nerd Core hip hop song. I have been listening to Nerd Core since I was thirteen and it was the only genre that I ever really felt a connection with. My favorite artist MC Lars and it is his song that the lyrics go to. I like that the lyrics kind of mean that no matter who you are or what your background is, you can always be quirky and a 'true player for real.' It is a goofball tattoo that fits my crazy personality and love the off the wall tattoo."

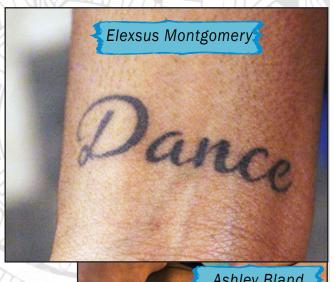






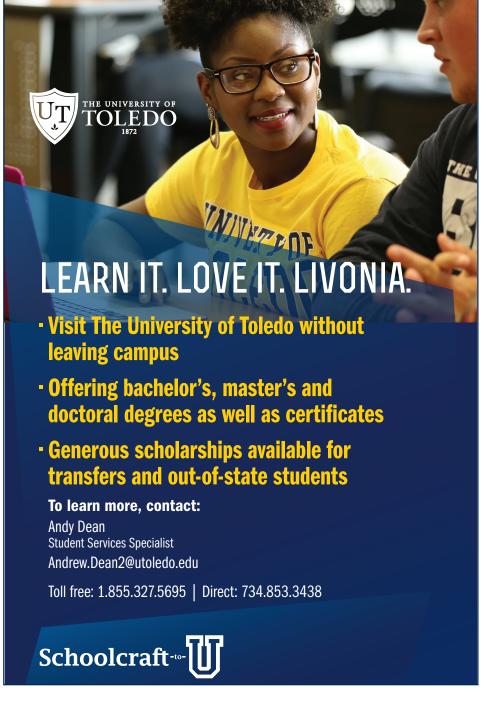


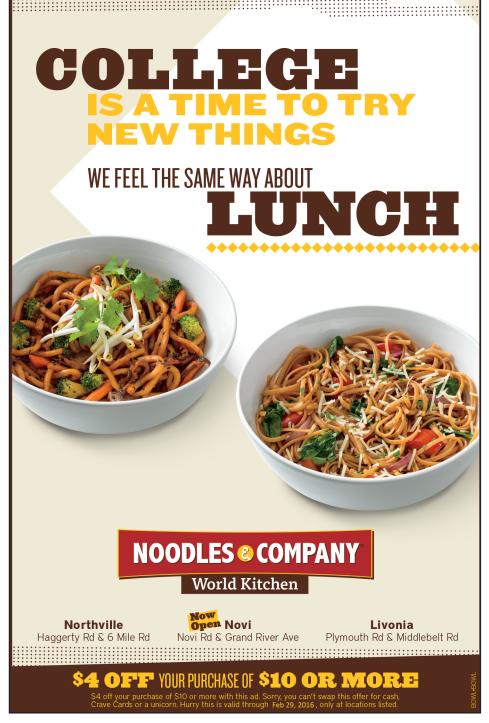












# Winter wonderland

BY KELSEY MCGEE

Glistening, whistling Wind

Whooshing back

And Fourth,

Too,

And

Froe.

Kids giggling,

And

Yelling.

While playing

In the

Sparkling fresh

Fallen snow.

It is a true sign that

Winter is here.

# It just ain't right

Blast from the past: Ne-Yo's first album

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA MANAGING EDITOR



Amongst the highlights in the year 2006 was the airing of the original "High School Musical" on the Disney Channel as well as the premiere of the hit show "Hannah Montana." Facebook was first opened to the public and the first ever tweet was officially posted. Shows that have becoming a staple in entertainment history said goodbye to television such as "Malcolm in the Middle," "That '70s Show" and "Arrested Development," while other popular hits such as "30 Rock" and "Ugly Betty" aired for the first time. The year made a splash in entertainment from movies and music, to major star drama. One thing that didn't make a splash in 2006 however, was Ne-Yo's album "In My Own Words."

Although it was his second studio album, this was Ne-Yo' s first solo release. Ne-Yo, whose real name is Shaffer Smith, began writing songs for mainstream acts in the late '90s when the artist was barely 16-years-old. In 2004, Smith adopted the name NeYo along with his hit song "Let Me Love You," which he co-wrote with artist Mario. This launched Ne-Yo's music career to new heights. "In My Own Words" is a concise R&B style album featuring only one guest artist, Peedi Peedi. It is a very focused album involving several producers including Jay-Z, known for their own styles. The album allows listeners to get to know Ne-Yo's soft side and become familiar with the heartbreak in his life. The track "So Sick" explores this vulnerability of heartbreaking anguish, but does not cross the line of simple whining about lost love. It also portrays strength of getting over this love with the lyrics, "It' s been months and for some reason I just (can' t get over us) and I'm stronger for this. No more walking around with my head down. I' m so over being blue, crying over you."

The entirety of the album holds the sounds that were modern at the time and now would be referred to as throwbacks, but also carries touches of '70s and '80s R&B sensibilities. There are a few lightweight tracks to keep the album going, but the album falters when different relationship scenarios class.



Ne-Yo's album "In My Own Words" is an enjoyable throwback album that provides classic sounds of '06.

The song "Get Down Like That" describes a righteous boyfriend who turns down the advances of a tempting ex, lyrics like "Girl, you know I got a girl. I just don' t get down like that," are a prime example of this commitment. Just three songs before this Ne-Yo tells a contradictory story in "That Just Ain't Right." He confesses to an ex that he calls out her name while in bed with his current lover.

The album is nothing incredibly memorable such as hits like Gnarls Barkley's "Crazy" or Shakira featuring Wyclef Jean's "Hips Don't Lie" that were and will continue to be sung for years to come. It is a classic representation of the R&B style of the early 2000s and is enjoyable overall, but has faded in time.

Ne-Yo is a talented song-

writer and truly seems to enjoy his art as a vocalist instead of being concerned with serving his ego. He is not the flashiest or comparable to artist such as Michael Jackson or David Bowie, but puts across contrasting emotions, while balancing toughness with tenderness in his sound exceptionally well throughout his career. These kinds of emotions also were not seen much in the early 2000s as well and he can be commended for experimenting with his sound. The album is not a classic dance album full of fun, hip moving tracks or party hits much as other albums of 2006, but it is an enjoyable throwback to the early sounds of the decade.

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# When Captain America throws his mighty shield...

Ten Captain America Facts that may surprise fans (part 1)

BY COLIN HICKSON

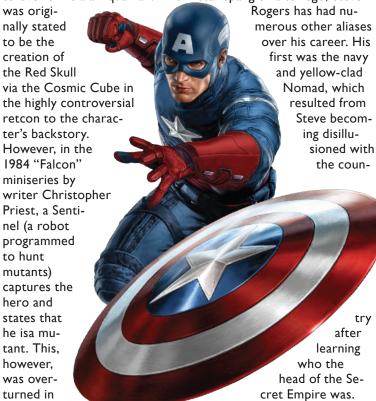
Since his debut in 1941, Captain America has remained one of the most iconic superheroes in comic history. However, as with many characters, there are bits of the American flag adorned Avenger that not many people are aware of. Here is a handful of Captain America trivia.

10. There were plans to revive Bucky before "The Winter Soldier": In 2005, writer Ed Brubaker began his run on Captain America with a bang by introducing the Winter Soldier, a mysterious assassin later revealed to be Captain America's Golden Age sidekick, Bucky Barnes. However, three other creative minds had plans to bring Bucky back years before Brubaker. The first two were writer Roger Stern and artist-writer John Byrne, who planned to reveal that Bucky had survived the explosion that supposedly took his life in "Avengers # 4," and lived to a ripe old age. Unfortunately, Stern and Byrne ultimately decided against the story, as they felt another writer would just find a way to bring Bucky back

into action. The next person to attempt this was Robert Morales, who had planned to do a story where Captain America becomes president. The editors shot that idea down, and he decided to instead bring Bucky back, which was denied as well.

9. The shape of the shield: One of the most iconic weapons in fiction, Captain America's shield is a key element of the character. But before the iconic shield was made, Captain America used a heater shield in combat. However, legendary artist and the character's co-creator Jack Kirby was forced to change the design of the weapon due to a complaint from John Goldwater, the editor in chief of MLI Comics (the 1940's predecessor of Archie Comics), who stated that the shield looked too similar to the chest emblem of his company's own patriotic hero, the Shield. In the Marvel universe, the old one was replaced by Franklin Roosevelt himself when the President gave Cap his traditional shield, as it was more useful in battle.

8. The Falcon is NOT a mutant: For those only familiar with the movie version of "The Falcon," Sam Wilson's main power in the comics is a psychic link with his pet falcon, Redwing, which he can extend to over birds alá Aquaman. This



2000" by then Avengers writer Kurt Busiek. In a back-up story focused on the team's butler, Edwin Jarvis, a fan asks the faithful man-servant via email about the Falcon's mutant status, and Jarvis replies that the Sentinel was malfunctioning, and mistook

the Falcon for a mutant.

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7. Captain America has had two alternate identities in his career: Beside his star spangled alter ego, Steve

version of his costume. This

would later become the suit of

nization, the Secret Empire, who tried to turn the country against him by using their own "superhero," Moonstone, and framing Cap for murder. Number One, the leader of the organization, reveals his true identity to the hero and shocks him in the process, right before explaining his mandatory super villain motive and killing himself. While the villain's face was never shown, his exposition made it clear that Number One was the President of the United States, Richard Nixon. The storyline was written to be a metaphor for the Watergate Scandal, so it would make some sense that the president would be depicted as a super villain. There are many little known

fellow superhero and his tem-

porary successor, U.S. Agent.

6. Richard Nixon is a

supervillain: No, this is not

a joke. During the climax of

the "Secret Empire" comic

storyline, Captain America

confronts the criminal orga-

This identity has since been taken facts about the ever popular Captain America. While those up by three more individuals, the longest being the second stated above are intriguing, Bucky, Jack Monroe, and all of look out for the final five facts whom died. The second was in the next issue of the Schoolmerely called the Captain, an craft Connection. alias Steve used after being forced to resign as Captain America, and created a black

IMAGE FROM ALL4DESKTOP.COM

Spring break calls for new and improved fashion

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA MANAGING EDITOR

Packing to go on vacation can be a hassle trying to create the perfect outfits for everyday. For some this may be a simple task with months of planning and staying up on the latest trends, but for others this can be a daunting challenge. Here are some simple ways to stay in fashion, while putting a personal twist to the hottest styles around town.

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Bright colors and the effortless, natural look are in. Many ladies are inspired by the "just got out of bed" look made famous by Beyoncé, which is perfectly acceptable this season.

1. Bright and fun is the way to go while, lying out in the cool spring breeze. A favorite t-shirt paired with a mini skirt or plain jean shorts is always a tried and true style. Bring along a few to mix and match outfits along the way. Bright colors always bring a smile to the face and screams spring.

2. Two piece or one, it doesn't matter as long as a swimsuit is packed and ready to go. Color blocking or fringe is still at the top of the fashion charts. Whether hitting the beach or the pool keeping it covered with a form fitting one piece is perfectly acceptable or showing off a little more with the typical bikini is another great option.

3. Bohemian chic for cover ups and easy to wear beach dresses is a can't miss item to check off the list. Bold patterns and colors offer a laid back look, while still staying fashion oriented. These always offer the opportunity to pair it with a sunhat or simple shades.

4. Flannels offer a relaxed look, but can also be worn as a cute cover up with a pair of jeans, shorts or a skirt. It also offers a casual street look for the sportier girl that doesn't like the mainstream styles. With long sleeves that can be kept down for chilly nights or rolled up for versatil-

ity it is a smart choice to pack.

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The classier the better, even if it is in a laid back style is what the ladies are looking for. Simple dressy pieces paired with jeans or shorts is the must have look this coming season.

1. Blazers can dress up any outfit. It can be paired with a button down for a more casual daytime look. Then at night add a tie and a nice shirt for a night on the town. Solid colors such as navy blue and greys are the best option for a blazer so that the patterns can be paired un-

2. The sun is always out for the spring break vibe. Wearing the right pair of **sunglasses** can make a great first impression. Bla<mark>ck s</mark>hades with colored or bold patterned rims offer a casual, but bold statement. They can also be worn with a plain outfit as a simple way to spice up any outfit. Also investing in quality shades that will last you more than a season is a smart move.

**3. Printed shorts or pants** offer another way to make a statement without going over board. Proceed with caution though because mixing prints and styles is not recommended for the fashion beginner. Having simple tops with statement bottoms is a great look for any occasion.

**4. Shoes that cover** is the new version of flip flops. They are beach ready and ultimately more attractive. Easy styles such as Vans or Sperry Topsiders offer a put together beach shoe without giving off the surfer shoe vibe. They can be paired with a pair of jeans, dress pants or simply thrown on for the walk to the beach before taking a dip.





# Fun out of the sun Indoor spring break destinations

BY KIM SORENSON

Spring break is a wonderful time for college students. With a week off from classes and stress, spring break is a chance for students to unwind before the end of semester grind. For a lot of students, all they want is to travel somewhere warm to sit on the beach all day. Places like Ft. Meyer's beach, Daytona and Cancun are hot spots for college students. However, not everyone can afford to spend a small fortune on flights, hotel rooms and food for the entire week. For those students, there are plenty of indoor destinations in the Great Lakes area where they can have a

One indoor destination students

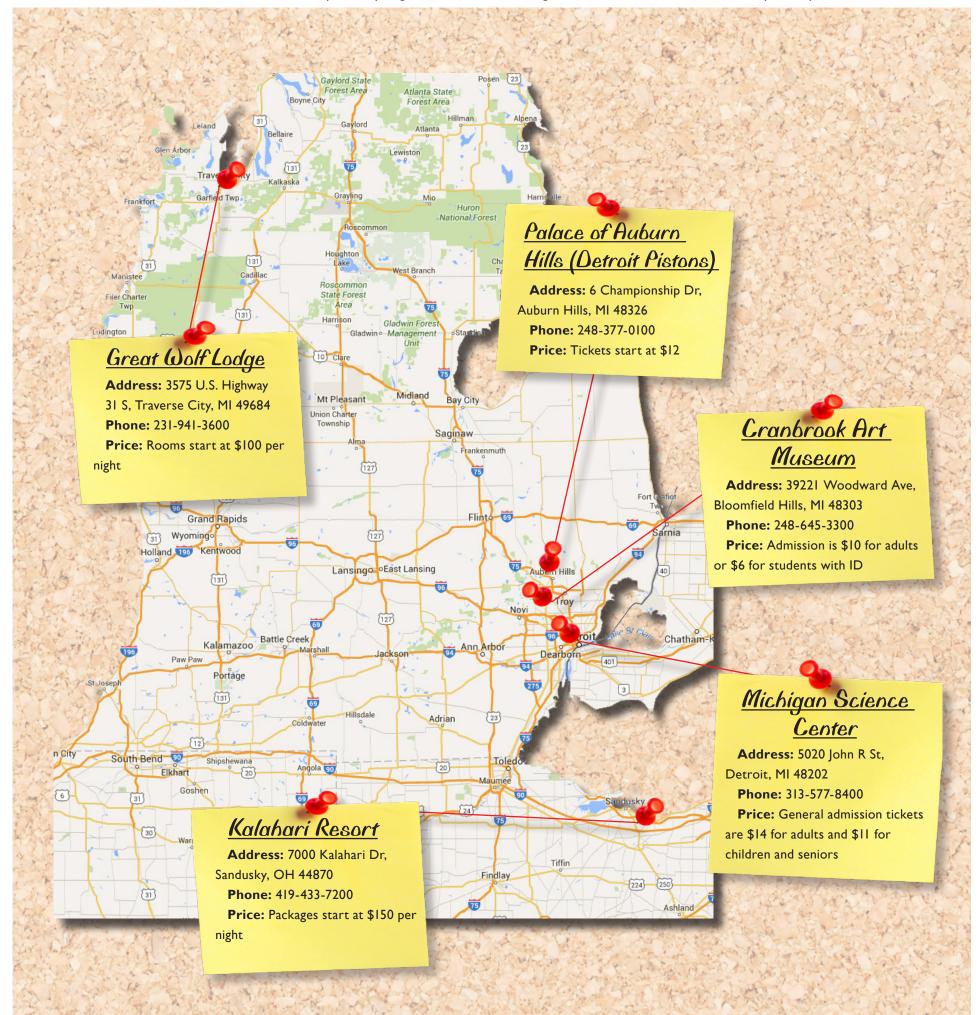
should consider is the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Their claim to fame is the world's largest indoor waterpark, and it delivers. There are tons of waterslides, hot tubs and pools to satisfy every desire to splash around. They also have a game room, with arcade games, laser tag, mini golf, bowling and much more. Kalahari's game room is one of the largest in Ohio. The resort also has a variety of delicious food options, in addition to the many adventures that are ready to be had.

There is a plethora of indoor waterparks in Michigan as well. Boyne Mountain Resort, near Harbor Springs, boasts an impressively large indoor

waterpark, with the added benefit of the ski/snowboard hills for anyone in the group who would rather spend their time in the snow. The Great Wolf Lodge, in Traverse City, has themed rooms, a four-story interactive treehouse and an agility course along with their indoor waterpark. While the last two options are geared toward family fun rather than college students, younger kids will still be in school over the Schoolcraft spring break.

For those who would like to stay at home over the break, there are many indoor activities in the Metro-Detroit area. Detroit itself has a multitude of fun things to do, such as the Detroit

Institute of Arts, The Michigan Science Center and the Motown Historical Museum. In the surrounding communities, one can visit The Henry Ford Museum, The Cranbrook Art Museum and the Arab American National Museum. Any sports fanatics would be happy to visit the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, take in a Red Wings game on March 2 against the Chicago Blackhawks or a Piston game on March 6 against the Portland Trail Blazers. There is a great deal of ways to have fun over Spring Break without having to travel far. Get creative and explore the area to find great ways to enjoy the break and not waste away the days.



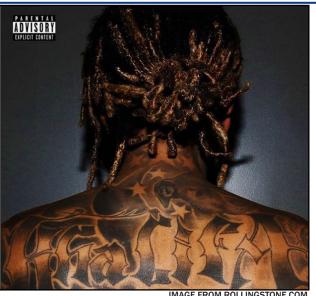




### Rappers Wiz Khalifa and Future release weak projects

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It's only February, and the year is already off to a terrible start in the world of hip hop. Recording artists Wiz Khalifa and Future released projects over the weekend of Feb. 5, and it was not an occasion to celebrate. Wiz Khalifa released his sixth studio album, titled "Khalifa" and Future released his fourth studio album "Evol." Each project contained repetitive beats and failed to bring anything unique to the table.



Wiz Kalifa insulted the hip hop industry with his new

"Khalifa" Feb. 5



Following the release of several tracks on his SoundCloud page throughout 2015, Wiz Khalifa released the follow-up to his fifth studio album, "Blacc Hollywood" to kick off 2016. "Khalifa" was then released on Feb. 5 under Taylor Gang Records, Rostrum Records and Atlantic Records.

The album itself contains previously released tracks that came out earlier in 2015, including "Most of Us," "No Permission" and the album's sole single "Bake Sale." "Bake Sale" samples the beat used in G-Eazy's track "Order More"

from his newest album "When It's Dark Out," and utilizes it in a negative manner.

The album's lyricism mainly covers Khalifa's love for marijuana, and overuses it to the point of annoyance. Despite an ensemble cast of supporting vocals from fellow Taylor Gang Records artists Ty Dolla \$ign, Juicy J and Chevy Woods as well as fellow rapper Travi\$ Scott and singer Courtney Noelle, the album is a lost cause.

The audio of the beat is very faint and contains weak lyrics from Khalifa and Scott alike. It contains a series of sounds and beats that provide more of a headache as opposed to catchy vibes. Overall, the album is a setback from Khalifa's previous work due to a lack of creativity on his part.



IMAGE FROM HEADLINEPLANET.COM Future's mumbling lyricism made for an awful album.

"Evol" Feb. 6



Future's string of success continues following the release of his studio album "Dirty Sprite 2" in summer 2015 and his collaborative album "What a Time to Be Alive" with fellow rapper Drake released in the final quarter of 2015. He's back to kick off the year with his newest album, "Evol," but sadly it's a failure.

"Evol," released under AI Recordings, Freebandz and Epic Recordings on Feb. 6 lacked originality compared to Future's previously released projects. Despite production credits from well-respected producers DJ Esco and Metro Boomin, the album lacked a sense of flow that was necessary to make it great. The track that stuck out the most, due to its bothersome sound, is "Ain't No Time." Future raps "Kicking flavors Saint Laurent watch how I walk, man this paper be the reason why we talk."

These lyrics highlight the amount of wealth that Future has accumulated in his career, and seems to brag about his arrogant status as a rapper. The project sees the return of the mumbling rapper lyrics that one simply cannot comprehend as well as tasteless beats that the average Future fan wouldn't find appealing.

Bottom-line, Wiz Khalifa and Future, two prominent artists in the hip hop industry, failed to deliver in their newest projects. It seems their rise to fame has affected their work ethic, and they have lost the passion in the work they do. These albums are an insult to hip hop, and should be avoided at all costs.





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# Tale of two women

Hosseini creates another masterpiece in emotional connection

BY MADDIE DARLING WRITING INTERN











Khaled Hosseini, author of "A Thousand Splendid Suns," once again generates a beautiful piece that touches the hearts of all readers. Growing up in Afghanistan, it only makes sense that Hosseini would use his home country as the topic of his pieces. Such as "The Kite Runner" being in dedication to the children of Afghanistan, Hosseini uses "A Thousand Splendid Suns" to address the struggling women of Afghani-

The story starts out by following a young Mariam. Living in a hidden kolbaoutside of Herat with her mother, who she refers to as Nana, she does not have very much in her life and desperately craves for a connection to her illegitimate father, Jalil. Although Nana is very harsh the majority of the time, she does love Mariam very much and is incredibly attached to her — most likely because Mariam is all Nana has. Unfortunately, Jalil has an over-abundance in his pride.

After a chain of events occur that shake Mariam's world, everything changes for the young girl and she finds herself more alone than ever and faced with a new, challenging relationship that she wanted no part of.

Intertwined with Mariam's story is Laila's. Not only do Laila and Mariam differ in their looks as well as a significant age gap, but they come from completely different backgrounds. Laila is brought up in a well-educated family in the city of Kabul. Her mother and father have occasional marital issues and Laila's brothers are soldiers in combat which causes her extra stress, but Laila mostly has a pleasant life. Her education and independence is vitally important to Laila's father, and she has great friendships with her classmates. She also encounters some playful teasing from her peers due to her closeness to lifelong pal, Tariq. Laila must learn to overcome hardships and face losses she has always feared, as well as others that she never could have imagined.

War and loss are the connection between Laila and Mariam. Both eventually find themselves entangled in a very complicated marriage with a man named Rasheed who rescues them from the other misfortunes in their lives. However, both women lack passion in their marriage, and it takes time for them to create a bond. Eventually, the only joy that Laila and Mariam find in life are the children that Laila bares.

Hosseini is not shy of plot twists and secrecy. With each chapter of this novel, new elements begin to build up and leave the reader shocked or even tormented emotionally. Hosseini is able to contrast the ways that women have been treated in Afghanistan throughout the years and several different governments that have rocked the country.

Readers are easily able to find attachments to the strong Laila and the motherly Mariam and begin empathizing with them for the battles they face as women in Afghanistan. For readers in search of a book that will provide a heartfelt story that showcases loss, reconnection, and an everlasting friendship that will move readers to their core, this is the book for you.

"A Thousand Splendid Suns" can be purchased for \$10 on amazon.com.

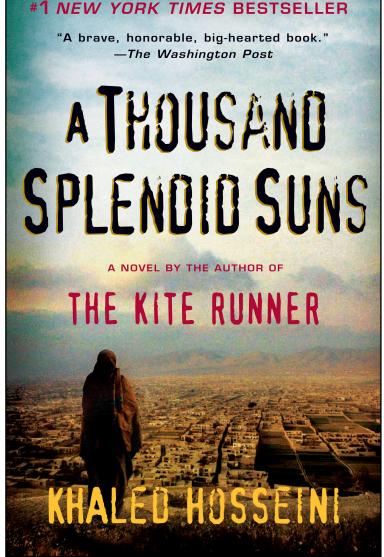


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Khaled Hosseini's "A Thousand Splendid Suns" is another powerful piece that will touch the hearts of many readers.

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR** 



2Cellos

Saturday Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

Detroit, MI 48201)

Fox Theater (2211 Woodward Ave,



Black History Month at the Detroit Institute of Arts

Sunday Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

Detroit Institute of Arts (5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202)



AEG Presents: Nick Swardson Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m.

Royal Oak Music Theater (318 W 4th St, Royal Oak, MI 48067)



The Pink Floyd Experience Saturday March 19 at 7 p.m.

The Filmore Detroit (2115 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201)

Modern classical music duo 2Cellos, formed by longtime friends Luka Šulić and Stjepan Hauser in 2011, rose to international fame as a cello duo and will be strumming their way to the Fox Theater on Feb. 26. The Croatian duo is known for covering several successful North American pop hits such as Avicii's "Wake Me Up" as well as others, all exclusively on the cello. They've garnered a large following over the years and continue to impress fans and newcomers alike. Tickets range from \$35 to \$55 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com

The Detroit Institute of Arts will be hosting a month long series of events in honor of Black History Month. Storyteller Shanta will host this particular event, where she will present "Stories and Songs of African People." Black History Month is a great period of time for reflection and expressing gratitude to those that fought for the equality of African Americans. This event is free to the general public, and is sure to be an afternoon of entertainment and celebration. Seating is a first come first serve basis. For more information regarding this or any event, visit www.dia.org.

Successful comedian Nick Swardson will make an appearance in Royal Oak performing his own stand-up comedy routine. The middle-aged comic, known for his role as Tony Bernadino in the Comedy Central television series Reno 911! as well as his numerous appearances in Adam Sandler's Happy Madison Productions movies such as "Bucky Larson Born to Be a Star," is sure to gather a large turnout. Swardson is a mastermind in the art of performing stand-up comedy. His outlandish and quirky sense of humor is sure to be raunchy and hilarious. This event is reserved for ages 18 and older. Tickets range from \$45 to \$75 and can be purchased at axstickets.

World famous English rock band Pink Floyd are making the commute to Detroit to promote their North American tour, "The Pink Floyd Experience." The band went on hiatus for nearly 20 years until the release of their fifteenth and final studio album, "The Endless River" in 2014. Following the deaths of frontman guitarist Syd Barrett and pianist Richard Wright as well as the departure of guitarist Roger Waters, guitarist David Gilmour and drummer Nick Mason reunited for this tour, to continue the legacy that Pink Floyd has brought about. Tickets range from \$10 to \$45, and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com.

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# Mythological situations

#### The X-Files revival makes its television debut

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR** 













The popular television series "The X-Files" made its original debut on Fox TV network in 1993 and ended its run in 2002. The series was a hit with audiences of all ages. It successfully spawned a total of nine seasons as well as two feature films, "The X-Files" and "The X-Files: I Want to Believe" due to its popularity. After the success of the second movie, Fox was in negotiations for the next few years to produce a new movie, to complete the film trilogy. That plan fell through. However, Fox announced in early 2015 their intention to revive "The X-Files" as a limited run television series. It became a reality; on March 24, 2015 Fox announced a six episode revival of the hit series. On Jan. 24, 2016 fans rejoiced; their favorite detective duo, Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) had returned to solve mysterious crimes in season 10 of "The X-Files." Thus far. the revival has been an overall success, but does have a few inconsistences.

The series was well known for stirring up controversy in the 90s regarding several conspiracy theories that revolved around ulterior motives of the government as well as paranormal activity.

The original series followed the

everyday supernatural adventures of detectives Mulder and Scully as they investigate paranormal occurrences that typically result in a crime of some form.

Season 10 sticks to that same storyline, this time investigating mostly extraterrestrial occurrences centered on alien activity. A number of fan favorites make their return, such as FBI assistant director Walter Skinner (Mitch Pileggi), FBI agent Monica Reyes (Annabeth Gish) and the cliffhanging reintroduction of the series' primary antagonist "The Cigarette Smoking Man" (William B. Davis) in the season finale.

The first and last episode of the season focus on an alien story arc, while episodes two through five feature separate supernatural cases.

What the miniseries does right from the get-go is it reintroduces what the original series is all about. Viewers won't be scratching their heads wondering what the overall premise of the series is. Mulder delivers an informative recap of what "The X-Files" is in episode one, and the series hops headfirst into the episode's events. From there, the strained relationship between Mulder and Scully is revealed; they've separated and are living separate lives in different states. An awkward reunion takes place when Skinner, asking for their help in a case after the bureau decides to reopen the X-Files, contacts them. From there, the duo is thrown back into the world of solving crimes. The series stays true to its roots in that



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Mulder and Scully return to tackle more mysterious cases in the revival of "The X-Files."

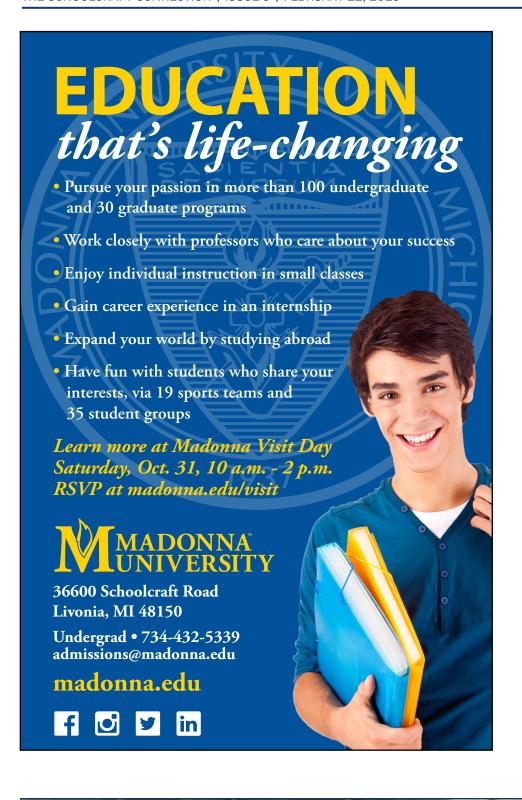
it features its traditional mysterious plotlines, as well as mostly strong chemistry among the original cast.

What disappoints is the somewhat uncomfortable dialogue, which feels mostly forced and unoriginal. It gets somewhat better as the season progresses, but seems dumbed down in comparison to the original series. The same goes for the interactions between Mulder and Scully.

Their interactions from the onset of the season seemed forced and non-genuine, but by episode three they become more sincere. With the great success of season 10, it is still unknown if the show will sign back on for a follow up season II. Viewers will have to stay tuned to see what the future holds for the series.



Fox most certainly succeeded in their revival of "The X-Files." Mulder, Scully and the rest of the cast returned to the call of duty valiantly; ready to get back to work. Although the characters may have aged significantly, the premise of "The X-Files" hasn't and still makes for a suspenseful and enjoyable television





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# **Great expectations**

First year softball program aims to make impact in MCCAA

BY JAMES PAXSON SPORTS EDITOR

First year Women's Softball Head Coach Rey Linares has his work cut out for him putting together the first ever women's softball program at Schoolcraft. However, Linares is no stranger when it comes to building a winning team.

For the last seven years, Linares has been the softball coach of Melvindale High School in the downriver community. Melvindale was historically one of the worst softball programs in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) before coach Linares hiring. Melvindale never had a record above .500 and within the last seven years Coach Linares made history. He successfully turned the underachieving program around and he and his team went on to the district championship in their first season under his helm. From that point on, Linares teams made appearances in districts every single year under his direction and appeared in the Regional Championship three times.

Linares has also coached for the class A fast pitch travel softball team for the last 15 years. He has been around

the softball community for the last 20 years developing great relationships with players and coaches. His service within the softball community has helped players become successful on and off the diamond. It is through this expertise and reputation that will aid Linares as he builds his first year pro-

**Building the team** 

During Schoolcraft's inaugural softball season, the team will need help from some of their most valuable incoming players. The sophomore duo of Elaine Gerou and Katlyn Mclntosh will be key assets to the team. Both have strong leadership abilities and will be standout players on the diamond this spring. The tandem will be servicing as co-captains to the 2016 squad.

"Elaine is a great pitcher who will help us out a ton in the long run and Kaitlyn is one of the best infielders I have seen," said Coach Linares.

Infielders on the team include Kelsie Powell, Mariah Coleman, Rose Gavin, Kelly Prowse, Kaitlyn McIntosh and Kassidy Lipinski. Outfielders include Alaina DeFrain, Molly Markiewicz, and Elaine Gerou. Coach Linares has stressed that the main goal for this season besides winning games is improvement. Having the team improve over the course of the season will be vital to the success of the program. There are plenty of goals for this upcoming season and each captain has expressed what they want from this season.

"We are looking to beat every team we play this season. The goal is to go out and play each game with the same intensity and hopefully win," said McIntosh.

**Tight competition** 

Competition will be tight for the Ocelots as they will face divisional opponents Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair County, Mott, Delta, Alpena and Henry Ford in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA). Macomb was the MCCAA Eastern Conference champions in 2015 with a record of 19-1, 39-10 overall. Winning the division will an uphill battle for the young ocelots, but the team is up for the challenge.

The 2016 season kicks off on Feb. 28 at 12 p.m. at the National Training Center in Cler-



Catcher Caitlin Fitzpatrick, #8, focuses on the ball during practice.



Utility player Shelby Shelton, #I, hits a softball off the tee at practice.

mont, Florida against Jackson. The team will spend a week facing non divisional opponents before returning to Michigan to open their season at Jackson on March 19. The Ocelots will make their home debut on March 26 when they face Macomb for a double header

starting at I p.m. at Ford Field in Livonia.

For more information in rosters, schedules and stats go to MCCAA.org.





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# Ocelots display heart

Men's basketball improves to 12-4 in conference play

BY ROSS GUIDER STAFF WRITER

On the eve of Valentine's Day, Feb. 13, the Men's basketball team faced the Bears of Mott Community College, the team that last broke their heart with defeat nearly a month ago on Jan. 16. This time, it was true love. Schoolcraft kissed the ball off the glass all afternoon in a rousing 80-58 win.

Schoolcraft Sophomore guard Tyler Johnson was the x-factor in the 22-point victory. Johnson finished with an impressive 20 points, scoring in a variety of ways, beiton the fast break, drawing a foul or a long range contested three. Johnson helped the Ocelots control the tempo ofthe game with Motts defense being no match.

"This was a good team win, we are starting to turn it up a bit," said Johnson.

From the bench, Freshman guard Bryan Collins and Sophomore forward Carlos Taylor provided key sparks on both sides of the ball for the Ocelots. When momentum started changing both were able to make a big stopor a basket to halt any type of run Mott tried to get going.

"Seeing teammates hitting shots really helps confidence especially coming off the bench," said Collins.

The Ocelots bench finished the game with 27 points. Sophomore guard Ja'Christian Biles finished with 13 points. Biles was upbeat and ready for action right from the start, ashe blew past his defender for a two hand slam on the first possession for the Ocelots. Starting sophomore guard DeShawndre

Black brought the ball up the majority of the game, finishing with an 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 7 assists.

#### Ocelots clip Hawks

Earlier in the week on Feb. 10, the Ocelots traveled to Henry Ford (1-18) to face the Hawks. The team was all business, winning 89-70. The leading scorer of the game was Freshman Bryan Collins, who was in rhythm all game finishing with a season high 23 points. Sophomore Ja'Christian Biles chipped in 12 points in the victory.

"The game plan was to come in and play hard, we had won before but we know teams can play a lot better at their gym sowe did not want to underestimate them," said Collins.

The 6'8" frame of sophomore forward, Anthony Wartley-Fritz's, was no small task for the Hawks. Wartley-Fritz led the Ocelots in rebounding with 8 and tied center teammate R.J. Coilinblocks at 3. The guard play was remarkable in the victory as freshman guard Juwan Clark left his mark with 10 points and 5 assists. Head coach Abe Mashhour was pleased with the performance but is never settled.

"We need to continue to get better every day in practice sowecan accomplish all of our goals," said Mashhour.

The team has won eight straight games and is sitting in first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA). The Ocelots finish the regular season with two home games against St. Clair County (15-9) on Feb. 22 and Macomb (14-9) on Feb. 24.

For more stats, schedules and the roster, visit NJCAA.com.



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The Schoolcraft Ocelots motivate each other before the game.



Juwan Clark shoots the ball in hopes of making a basket.



Tyler Johnson attempts a shot from the three point line.

# Back on track

### Ocelots remain strong as postseason nears

BY JAMES PAXSON AND EMMANUEL BATES
SPORTS EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

With just one week remaining in the regular season, the Women's Basketball team continues to hold strong in the standings. The Ocelots are 22-2 overall and 10-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference standings and are ranked eighth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II women's basketball poll as of Feb 10.

The only conference loss of the season came against Oakland on Feb 6, snapping the Ocelots II game winning streak. However, the loss didn't rattle the Ocelot's as the team rebounded back to their winning ways.

On Feb. 13 the Ocelots played host to the Bears of Mott Community College and made a statement with a 28 point victory, 72-44.

The game started off tight with both teams scoring key points and their defenses applying pressure. The Ocelots lead 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter the team went on a 12-4 run and kept scoring on fast break points Schoolcraft did not have one stand out player in this matchup; everyone did their job and did what they needed.

In the second half the Ocelots defense took control and only let Mott score

five points in the last quarter. School-craft made sure Mott had no chance of getting any momentum, making the Ocelots offense have an easy job.

"We have been playing like a team and nobody can beat us when we are playing our best all together," said freshman guard Rainey McCune.

Sophomore guard, Elise Tolbert had a solid performance in helping lead the Ocelots to victory with 18 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists. Other notable contributors were Freshman forward Jade Smith and Sophomore guard, T'era Nesbitt. Smith contributed 16 points, went 8-11 from the field and had 4 rebounds and 2 assists while Nesbitt had 15 points and 4 rebounds for the Ocelots.

"The games become fun and exciting when everyone is doing their job," said Nesbitt.

A few days prior to this victory, the women's team was coming off another big win on the road against Henry Ford College, 75-58. Sophomore guard, Ashley Bland led the team with 19 points and a pair of rebounds and assists. Sophomore Rikki Scherdt put up 11 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. Additional contributors to the win were Freshmen guard, Phoenix Douthat who had 12 points and 9 rebounds. With no technical fouls and a controlled game all through the contest for the Ocelots it was a substantial victory and helped the Ocelots get back in the win column.



Rikki Sherdt dribbles down the court fending off the Mott team.

"I am very proud of my team, but we have to stay focused. We are very far from our team goal of winning the National Championship," said Coach Kinzer

The final two games of the regular season are against St. Clair County on Feb. 22 and on Feb. 24 against Macomb. Tipoff will begin at 5:30 p.m.

For scores, schedule and stats go to the mccaa.org.





Rainy McCune rebounds the ball while teammate Elise Tolbert defends .

# Next stop, nationals Men's and women's bowling finish

# regionals on high note

BY ROSS GUIDER STAFF WRITER

A positive attitude and teamwork have been driving factors in making the men's and women's bowling team national qualifying dreams a reality. The men recently won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Bowling Region 12 Championship outright on February 12 at Merribowl Lanes in Livonia beating out second place Muskegon by 1423 points. The women finished second behind Muskegon falling short by 365 points. As a result of both team's performances at regionals, both squads have qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament in Buffalo, NY onFebruary 25-27, 2016.

During the Region XII championship the mens team, were able to put together a winning 8,757 total finishing ahead of Muskegon, Kirtland and Wayne County respectively. Freshmen Andrew Gury and Kacey Brezovsky got the highest doubles score with a total of 1314. Sophomore Sean McKinney received the highest singles score for Schoolcraft with a total of 835.

For the women's team, Freshmen Ashley Mattia and Rachel Boucha were the top two bowlers with Mattia scoring a total of 485 and Boucha scoring a total of 457. In addition, both combined for the highest doubles score with a total of 979.

"Our goal for the National Tournament is to perform to the highest level of our potential like we know we can and we know that we are capable of," said coach Yelsik. "We are going to be ready and control what we can control and let the chips fall as they may."

Head Coach Patrick Yelsik has been a key mentor throughout the season, and was recently recognized with his efforts with the 2016 Michigan Community College Athletic Association/ Region XII Men's Bowling Coach of the year.

#### **Schoolcraft College Invitational**

On Feb. 5 the Schoolcraft College Invitational was held at Merribowl Lanes in Livonia. Entering the invitational, the Men's Bowling team were riding a four tournament win streak. Despite having an advantage offamiliar lanes, the Ocelots were faced with unfamiliar oil lane patterns.

The oil pattern was called "Broadway" and is known to lower pocket hitting consistency.

"The oil pattern we bowled on was one of the harder ones we have seen," said Freshman Andrey Gury, men's bowling team member. "We all got very comfortable making ball changes and making moves on the lane during practice."

The men rolled to a victorious 4,355 total while the second place Kirtland rolled a 3,610. In addition to strong team play, individual efforts were exceptional as well. The Schoolcraft men punched their way into the top three positions in the three game individual series: First place Kacey Brezovsky who rolled a 647 series and also had the highest single game with a 225, second place Sean McKinney who rolled a 622 series, while Ben Jakes placed third with a 571 series.

As for the Women, the team placed third with a 3,788, which trailed behind, second place Muskegon who rolled a 3,397 while Mid-Michigan walked away on top with a tournament best 3,498. Schoolcraft Freshman Ashley Schou helped lead the way with a three game series score of 430 despite the difficult oil conditions.

'We played to the best of our abilities and came out ofit together," said Schou.

A main focus for the women has been improving week to week, a step forward in a positive direction.

'We wanted to focus more on how we preformed not necessarily how we placed in the tournament," said bowling Coach Patrick Yelsik.



PHOTO BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Kaylin Janiczek and Cierra Cox celebrate after a successful doubles meet.



PHOTO BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Freshman Drew Garrison sends the ball down the lane aiming for a strike.



Men's bowling captain Sam Berger prepares to throw the ball down the



PHOTO BY ALEX REGISH | STAFF WRITER

Drew Garrison contemplates his next shot in doubles bowling.



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Sean McKinney approaches the lane prepping to throw the ball.

# **Never stop moving**

## Wright Wilson appointed as new Cross Country coach

BY JAMES PAXSON SPORTS EDITOR

Schoolcraft College lost one of the best coaches in their sporting history when Cross Country coach Edward Kozloff retired after the conclusion of the 2015 season. However, newcomer Wright Wilson was awarded the opportunity to step up and will shine new light on the team when he begins coaching during the 2016 season. With this drastic new change in the sport, Schoolcraft cross country has an exciting year of firsts ahead of them.

Wilson graduated from Central Michigan University in 1985 with a journalism major and a certificate in teaching. He began working at a local radio station and student teaching at Grand Rapids Central High School.

"Broadcasting has been a hobby of mine since I was a kid," said Wilson. "It has always been fun and you make more friends in this profession than any other."

Wilson ran Cross Country and track throughout High School at St. Clair Shores and has always loved running. He then started coaching cross country and track at different high schools in the area to carry on his passion for running until he found his one true home at Royal Oak Shrine Catholic High School in 1989 when he began coaching there.

Wilson coached men and women's track at Royal Oak Shrine from 1989 to 2015. He won statewide men's coach of the year in 2007, has coached 16 state champion athletes and led the boys track team to a state-runner up title in 2007.

"Wright Wilson has had an illustrious coaching career during his tenure at Shrine High School," said Sid Fox, Schoolcraft Athletic Director. "I am sure he will help make better athletes here at Schoolcraft."

Wilson has lived his life through running and helping others improve their running, but has also been involved with the broadcast and radio world for a long time.

He has been a prep sports reporter for the Detroit Free Press since 2002 and was a freelance reporter for the Oakland Press, Macomb Daily and Royal Oak Daily Tribune.

He also has been the Prep Sports Public Address Announcer for many different Colleges and High Schools. He works with the radio station

"Cars 108" in Flint, Michigan playing Flint's favorite Adult Contemporary Rock hits.

Coach Wilson has been a proud member to many broadcasting

and sports reporting agencies; he also has been a notable member to many running organizations including the Motor City Striders. The Motor City Striders is an organization that teams up to do local races in the Detroit area, this is the group who held the first Marathon at Belle Isle. Wilson's interest in running has become an addiction as he has participated in 128 sanctioned races including 5k and 10k events.

"Running has been a hobby of mine and has helped me get through a lot in life," said Wil-

With a coaching career better than most and a broadcasting portfolio still expanding, Wilson has a lot of successful years to come. He hopes to turn average runners into National Competitors as soon as he can here at Schoolcraft.

"I'm excited to see what



PHOTO BY ALEC ADAMIC | PHOTO INTERN

Wright Wilson is excited to begin his term coaching the Schoolcraft Cross Country team.

Coach Wilson can do and how he can help me and all the other Cross Country Runners," said Freshmen cross country runner Caitlin Goyer.

Former Cross Country coach Ed Kozloff left an impressive legacy with many National runners on the Schoolcraft team. Wilson has inherited a program filled with history and

is striving to improve the program even more. With his vast running history and excitement for the future, the Schoolcraft Cross Country team is looking forward to having a successful first season with Wilson on



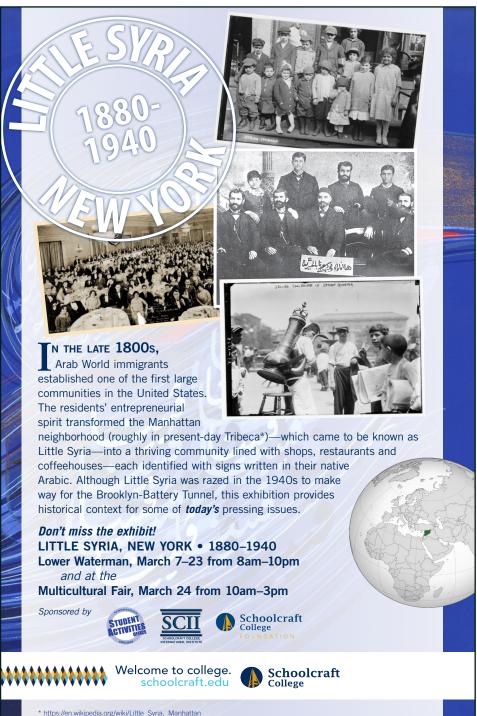
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The Cross Country team is prepared to work hard in their upcoming season with Coach Wilson.









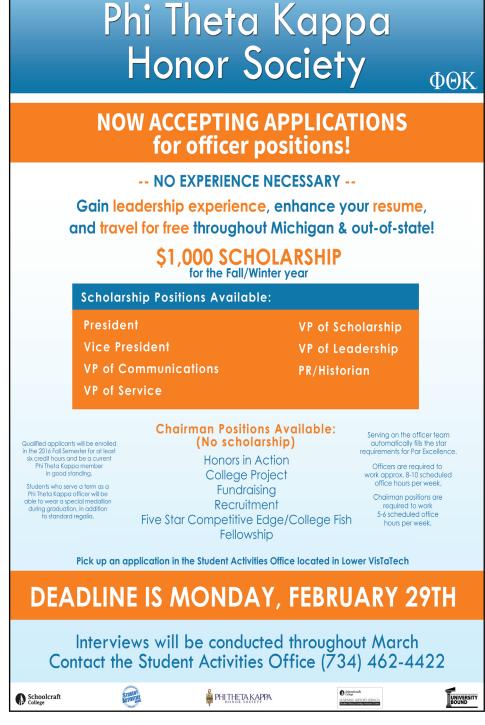




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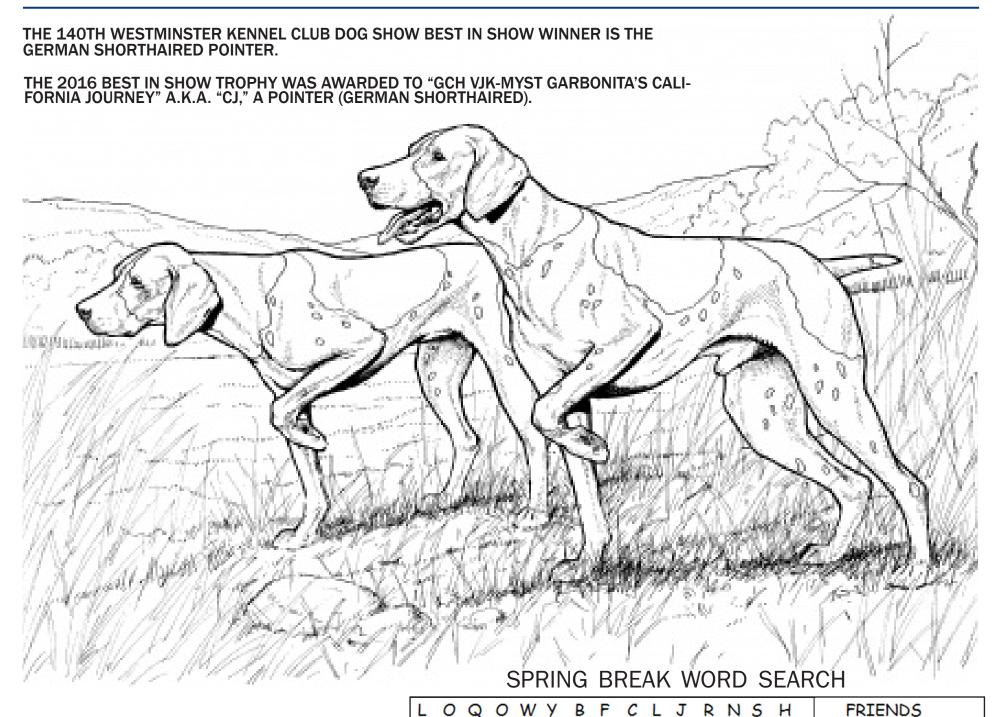








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## Horoscopes

BY ALEC ADAMIC PHOTO INTERN

PISCES (2/19 - 3/20)

You are nurturing but understand that getting too close to a person is dangerous on both ends. To those who may be reaching out to you, let them. Learn in this month before your time comes to be of assistance to those but do not get wrapped in their needs and neediness.

**ARIES** (3/21 - 4/19)

Your self-reliant personality will grow in depths this month. Your opposite sign, Libra will become an important guide in this process. Through contradiction we find what it is we ourselves need to focus on.

# TAURUS (4/20 - 5/20)

Good news is coming but you have to wait for it. Little things may appear bigger than they arebut keep your head down and focused on your goal. With this inmind be selective with your energy because what you put out is what you bring in.

# GEMINI (5/21 - 6/21)

You have a prism of perspectives; you have the ability to put yourself in anybody's shoes. You are friendly and outgoing, these qualities will create the optimism needed to put yourself in those shoes of the ones you feel and

CANCER (6/22 - 7/22)

In this month, emotions will bean eye opener for you. Do not act upon your emotion; this is a very important aspect to keep sensitive. With this in mind you'll find peace when you seek out a situation through your intuitions logic and not the way you may

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You are as golden as you make your mane to be. Your thoughts will become your reality if you learn from the people on the same journey as you. Your cancer friends will allow you to see how your differences bring out the best in you both.

VIRGO (8/23 - 9/22)

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LOVE

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JOY

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**FLOWERS** INSECTS

**HAPPINESS** 

VACATION

**ADVENTURES** 

Walk in love this month, your sacral chakra allows for a deeper influence in composing music orany of the arts. Your sign is one of purification, which allows for absorption of energy to come easy to you.



LIBRA (9/23 - 10/22)

If you are on the hunt for someone romantically, stop and let them look for you. When you find that person you will know in your gut they're supposed tobein your life. You are willing to play your part and patience will help this person come to you.

# SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21)

Water child, it can be easy to get caught in the whirlpool of emotion, self-pity and doubt of self worth. However, you have the capability in you to overcome all these endeavors.

# SAGITTARIUS (11/22 - 12/21)

You are in the circle of animals that have the best guess when it comes to the spiritual life. Embrace yourselfin this decorum and watch the magnetic attraction between you and people alike become stronger.

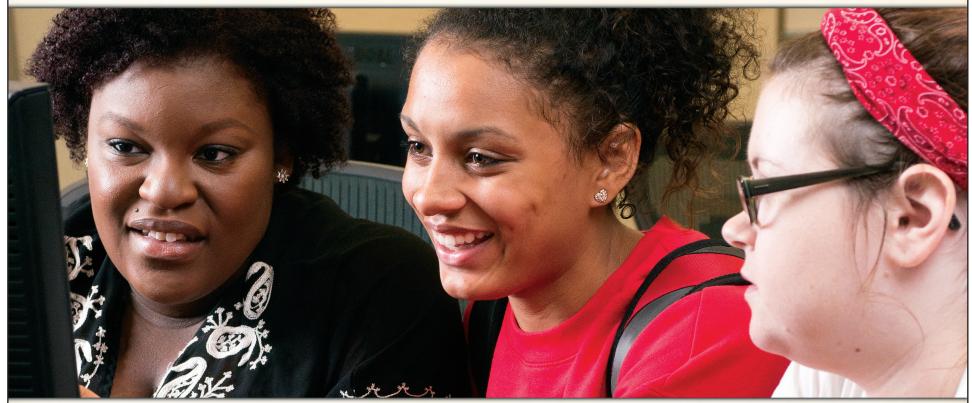
# CAPRICORN (12/22 - 1/19)

You are aware of what the people around you think of you. You know that when it comes down to it, it's best to surround yourself with people who enrich you. Once this is channeled, watch asyour energy toward others becomes that of your younger

## AQUARIUS (1/20 - 2/18)

Aswe go from Capricorn to you Aquarius we see those before you continue their journey this universe has granted them. Between you and a Capricorn you will see karma work at its best. Remember that karma is a good thing, keeping rhyme apart from reason.

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