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## Schoolcraft students awaiting South Lot completion Some concerned about project's shortcomings



The busy new South Lot entrance is put to the test as students commute to and from class.

By John Parsell News editor

he South Lot has been torn up and reconstructed in order to provide a more attractive entrance for visitors entering the College Park facility from Haggerty road, as well as reduce traffic problems for students leaving and entering campus.

As of right now, the construction on the South Lot has not yet been completed, leaving many students questioning the need for a new entrance in the first place. However, once the project is completed, Fox Drive (the road that connects the North and South Lots) will be extended all the way to six mile and officials at the college believe this will alleviate traffic in the south parking lot.

Scott Fowler, second-year business student, says that the construction is becoming more of a danger than anything.

"The island that they made to divide the two lanes wasn't a very good idea," says Fowler. "The turn is so sharp, that once winter comes, there is sure to be some accidents."

According to Jill O'Sullivan, vice president and chief financial officer for Schoolcraft (SC), the island placement was due to the fact that Detroit Edison (DTE) could not move the pole on the corner of Haggerty and the South Lot entrance.

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## **Enrollment on the rise** Schoolcraft sets a new record

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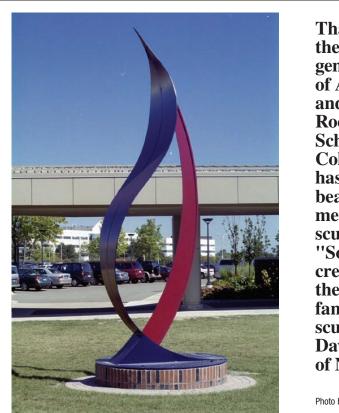
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By JOHN PARSELL News Editor

fter a record-breaking enrollment last fall, Schoolcraft (SC) has yet again topped itself with an increase in head count by 1.6 percent and in credit hours by 4.3 percent, according to Cheryl in registration remains popular, with about half of SC students choosing that method. An estimated 1,200 students are registering by phone.

Stephanie Hudson, a second-year nursing student, says that she has noticed the change from last fall.

"I was surprised at how many students I saw on the first day," Hudson explains. "It is definitely a huge change from last fall."



Thanks to the generosity of Arthur and Diane Rockall, **Schoolcraft College now** has a beautiful metal sculpture. "Sonata II," created by the world famous sculptor **David Barr** of Novi.

Wright, dean of student services.

"Currently our head count has increased to 10,454 and we have a total of 93,365 credit hours," says Wright. "You can see that our students are taking a heavier credit hour load. We have more full-time students than last year."

Online registration is being used more than ever this semester, with a 27 percent increase over last fall. WalkHudson was one student contributing to the 27 percent of students who registered online this fall.

However, with enrollment increasing every semester, SC must look closely at the space they have left.

"We are looking at our capacity and

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Photo by Gerard Knoph

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## "South Lot"

"I asked the developer about the placement of the island and the sharpness of the turn," says O'Sullivan. "That is DTE's easement, and DTE makes those decisions. They made the turn as close to the telephone pole as possible, but the pole cannot be moved."

The sharp turn and the island, however, are only part of the problem.

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There is a large wooden pole in the middle of the entrance lane which must be avoided.

"When I pulled into the new entrance for the first time, I thought it was pretty cool," says Fowler. "I kind of lost all respect for it when I almost wrecked my car into the wooden pole in the center of the lane."

O'Sullivan states that DTE should

"If enrollment continues to increase,

it appears as though it will increase

by either adding traditional classes

at less popular times, or by offering

be out to remove the pole shortly. "We have been contacting DTE for a while now," she states. "For some reason the service representatives didn't communicate with the engineers and it was never on their agenda."

The pole was scheduled to be removed on Aug. 18, according to O'Sullivan. However, the hurricanes in Florida have caused DTE to become very busy, leaving the pole standing.

Even with all of the problems right

now, O'Sullivan thinks that once the project is completed, it will be a great benefit for students.

"If someone wants to go to six mile and I-275 to get on the expressway, they will be able to take Fox Drive all the way to that intersection" says O'Sullivan.

While traffic may become more congested, O'Sullivan states that the new entrance off of Six Mile should take care of that problem pretty nicely.

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determining how we can continue could be changed if classes continue to grow," states Wright. "There are times of the day that our classrooms are full, and times of the day that they are relatively empty."

Wright articulates that there are not many classes on Fridays, which

more distance learning classes where *I* think that students are getting wiser and they recognize that SC offers an incredible value."

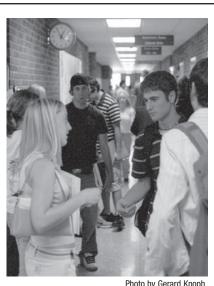
to fill.

-Cheryl Wright, dean of student services

classroom space is not an issue," Wright says.

She states that although fall enrollment is expected to stay where it's at, there is a possibility that it will increase slightly. A number of classes that begin three weeks into the semester have been added, as well as more classes that begin in the second seven weeks, which students are continuing to register for.

"I think that students are getting wiser and they recognize that SC offers an incredible value," says Wright. "We have wonderful faculty, excellent services, small classes, a great location and a beautiful, safe campus. All this for an extremely reasonable tuition."



**Busy hallways in the Liberal Arts building become** common place as enrollment rises.

## **Renowned authors offer public the** inside track at Writer's Conference Students get opportunity to have their works critiqued

BY CHRIS JACKETT MANAGING EDITOR

rominent writers will be appearing at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Writer's Conference on Oct. 15 and 16, to be held at Schoolcraft's (SC) VisTaTech Center. The event features novelist and author of "Ordinary People" and "The Tarnished Eye," Judith Guest; poet, author of "The Undertaking - Life Studies from the Dismal Trade" and 2001 Michigan Author

The Friday workshops are \$55 and \$65, followed by the \$20 dinner with Lynch as the keynote speaker. Saturday will feature the speaker sessions, at the cost of \$95.

Members of SC's Student Ambassador group and other volunteers will staff the entire event.

"It was a brilliant stroke bringing in a novelist, poet and literary agent all together," states SC English professor Steven Dolgin.

Dolgin and retired SC professor Arthur Lindenberg will also hold a



of the Year, Thomas Lynch; and publisher Denise Stinson, among many others.

The event is expected to draw writers of all forms. The conference will feature sessions where attendees can listen to presentations from poets, fiction and nonfiction writers, publishers, editors, playwrights and screenwriters. Attendees are also offered the option of a short meeting with a New York agent where they may present their own works for critical review.

"The one on one person New York agent meetings are popular," states Sandie Shroyer, project coordinator for the office of instruction. "Friday is the hands on workshop for work, and publishers and agents 'critique' it."

session based on their experience through editing and contributing to the MacGuffin, a literary journal used by many college English courses.

"Barnes and Noble will be running the bookstore (organized in front of the Business Development Center), selling and setting up author signings," Shroyer says.

This event is put on by the Detroit Working Writers organization. All of the Detroit Working Writers are published authors.

"(This should be) a great opportunity to affiliate with writers from across the country and professionals in a variety of fields," states John Walsh, executive director of development and government relations. The Detroit Working Writers have

2001 Michigan Author of the Year, Thomas Lynch speaks 7-8p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15.

been around since 1900 and are going stronger than ever. They are committed to professional writing and to the expansion of writing in the Southeast Michigan area.

"I anticipate that the conference will draw teachers, students and especially writers; both beginning and established, to spend two days on the Schoolcraft campus in an

exchange of literary arts and ideas," Dolgin states.

Although walk-ins will be seen on a first come, first serve basis, it is best to reserve your spot. Contact Shrover for registration at (734)462-4518. One can also register at http://www.detworkingwriters.org or http://www.schoolcraft.edu.

#### Admissions' College Fair

The Admissions Office, in the McDowell Building, is hosting a College Fair Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Over 70 colleges from across the country will be present to inform students of the types of programs and services they offer. The Admissions Office invites high school students from the surrounding school districts.

For additional information, contact the Admissions Office at (734) 462-4426.

#### Women's Resource Center

#### The importance of money in divorce

A certified divorce financial planner from the Center for Financial Planning will be at the Women's Resource Center (WRC), McDowell Center Room 225, on Monday, Oct. 4, from 5-7 p.m. They will discuss the financial issues relative to divorce. For those interested in attending, sign up begins at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 4. There is no cost.

Attorney to discuss family issues

An attorney from the practice of Woll & Woll will be available in the WRC, McDowell Center Room 225, on Monday, Oct. 18, from 5-7 p.m. The attorney will be discussing issues which relate to family and divorce. Sign up starts at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 18. There is no cost.

For more information, contact the WRC at (734) 462- 4443.



### Fall and winter play tickets on sale

Tickets for the Theater Department's fall play, Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite," and winter play, William Shakespeare's "Othello," are on sale now and are selling fast. Ticket prices for the dinner theater are \$24 and ticket prices for the theater performance only are \$12. The dinner theater for "Plaza Suite" will be Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center and the performance begins at 8 p.m. The Oct. 29 and 30 performances are sold out.

Theater performances of "Plaza Suite" are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. in the college's theater located in the Liberal Arts Building.

Thirty percent of "Othello" tickets are sold, but there are still good seats available. "Othello" dinner theater will be March 25 and 26, and April 1 and 2 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m. "Othello" theater performances are April 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.

If interested in purchasing tickets, contact the bookstore at (734) 462-4596.

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Service (CES) has a variety of new classes including the Equine Arts and Sciences Program, Be a Professional Bartender, The History of Detroit and Personal Development and Wellness class. New language classes such as Hindi, Russian and Greek are available, as well as the popular languages Spanish, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Sign Language.

For further information, contact CES at (734) 462-4448.

### Walk to fight breast cancer

The American Cancer Society is raising money for the fight against breast cancer with the seventh annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Oct. 16. Proceeds help fund breast cancer research and community education and support programs. The five mile walk will be at Belle Isle Park. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9 a.m. To make a donation online, visit http://www.acsevents. org/strides/mi/detroit.

For additional information, call (248) 557-5353.

#### Business Development Center class

The Schoolcraft Business Development Center is holding a class entitled "How to Become a Government Contractor" on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The class will provide the latest information available to enable companies to tap into the multi-billion dollar market of government contracting. The cost is \$40 per person. Class size is limited and reservations are required.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call (734) 462-4438.

#### **University transfer visits**

University of Michigan-Dearborn

A University of Michigan-Dearborn (U of M) transfer specialist will be in the Liberal Arts Building Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. They will be offering information on their Community College Scholarship and information for students interested in transferring to U of M-Dearborn.

#### **Eastern Michigan University**

Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) representative will be on campus in the Liberal Arts Building on Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 5:30-7 p.m. They will be offering information on the Regents Scholarship, Recognition for Excellence Scholarship, Community College Scholarship, Music Service and Communication/ Theatre Arts Service Award and the Department Endowed Scholarship. Students interested in transferring to EMU should stop by and talk with a representative.

For further information, contact Jan Mundy in the Counseling Office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5213.

#### **Madonna University**

A Madonna University representative will be here Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Liberal Arts Building, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m. They will be sharing information on the scholarships they are offering; Anton Jakobs, Rudolph Kleinkert, Madonna University Community College Transfer Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa and the Schoolcraft College Transfer Scholarship. Questions about transferring to Madonna can be answered by the representative.

**Central Michigan University** 

A representative from Central Michigan University's (CMU) College of Extended Learning will be in the Student Lounge at Radcliff Center in Garden City on Monday, Nov. 11, from 4-7 p.m. Students interested in transferring to CMU should stop by and talk with a representative.



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#### Larceny

On Aug. 23, 2004, a woman discovered that a silver colored Sony CD/Cassette Boombox with Digital AM/FM Tuner and CD-R/RW playing capabilities, had been removed from a supply closet near the men's restroom in the Forum building. It is unknown who committed the act.

#### Destruction of College Property

Between the dates of Sept. 3 and 7, 2004, it was reported that a vehicle had driven across the grass field just off the Radcliff Center's South Parking Lot, causing approximately 125 feet of damage to the turf. The estimated cost of repair is not yet available. The assailant is unknown.

#### **Attempted Larceny**

On Sept. 9, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., a student attempted to return a used history book, which they stole from another student, for its initial value of \$44. The student was apprehended, admitted to the crime, and was issued a ticket.

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## **OPINIONS**

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## **Readership expansion** efforts undermined Administration denies request for parking permit prize

ith the start of each fall semester at Schoolcraft (SC), we at the Connection put forth great effort to gain readership from the incoming student body. Since SC has such a high student turnover rate, being a community college, it is important that we establish our newspaper quickly.

That is why, during our first editor meeting for this year's Connection, one of the first things we did was brainstorm ways to increase incoming student readership. In just minutes, we had it; we would start a feature called "the Connection Question," in which we present a trivia question in each issue and then select a winner by drawing from a pool of correctly answered submissions. The winner will then be awarded a prize and be acknowledged in the following issue.

This, we think, is a great way to encourage interest and give back to our fellow student readers.

As for the prize, we thought, for a commuter campus, what could be better than awarding a temporary staffparking pass? It is something that most students could appreciate and it costs SC little to nothing.

After presenting the entirely reasonable request to a SC administrator, it returned with a negative response. For reasons unexplained, he and his superior could not assist us.

It is a big disappointment to the entire editorial staff, who put forth great effort to inform the ever-changing student body of news and events happening at or relating to SC; to get them involved outside of just going to class and ultimately make SC a better place to be.

"The Connection Question" will still remain and instead of a temporary staff-parking pass, we are awarding \$20 gift cards to Henry's. It too is a great prize for students, but will end up costing us money.

To our fellow students, please check out "the Connection Question" on page 20 and turn your answers in at the Student Activities Office in the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

To administration members, please know that little things like this do undermine our efforts to make the Connection the best it can be.



FROM THE Editor's Desk By DANNY SPERRY EDITOR IN CHIEF

## **Uncertain** job market should not dictate college majors

hoosing a career path has always been tough for most college students. Today, with a changing and uncertain job market, it is even tougher.

According to economist Paul Harrington, a professor from Northeastern University in Boston who lead a recent study on college majors and the job market, the last three years have not clearly shown us what college majors will be in demand in the near future. He blames the economic recession for the uncertainties.

In my junior year of high school, I decided that I was going to go to college to earn a bachelor's degree in fine arts, majoring in graphic design. At that time, the field was red hot, but that isn't why I choose that path. To me, it seems like a way to get paid for something I like doing.

Now, in my third year of college, graphic design is a nearsaturated market. And yet, even though I still plan on majoring in graphic design, I'm not sweating it. Because really, is it worth it?

My philosophy is: go to college and get what you want from it. Study what you are interested in. Life is too short to spend four to six years working for a degree in a field you will not be happy in, only to later find yourself depressed that you're not rolling in cash.

A lot of people in the `90s went into computer programming because it was a booming job market, and now jobs are being sent overseas or becoming automated. A study by Forrester Research estimates that by 2015, 26 percent of computer programming and software engineering jobs will be gone.

Right now, accounting, computer security and health-care are a few job fields in demand. That does not mean that those are our only options, nor does it mean they will remain in demand. Though, I must add that the demand for nurses is truly deep.

A friend of mine graduated a little under a year ago with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University, and was surprised he could not find work. Even after sending out "hundreds" of resumes he is still working his job at a library and is making plans to go back to school to get a masters degree. And this is one of the brainiest guys I know!

The bottom line is that there are no sure things when it comes to picking a career path. What is hot today may not be four to six years from now. To me, worrying about how much money I will make if I choose this or if I choose that is pointless.

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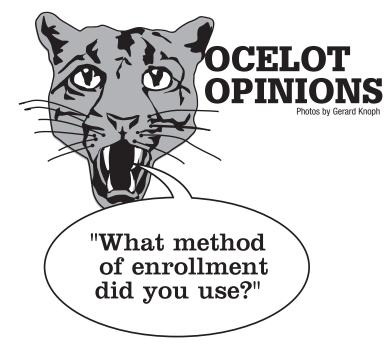
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Adam Oleszkowicz Age: 19 Year: 1st year Major: Fire Fighter Technician "I did walk-in registration this semester. I don't like to do things online. I prefer face to face."



Helen Yap Age: 36 Year: 1st year Major: Nursing "I used Web Advisor because I was in the Phillipines when I enrolled."



Age: 21 Year: 1st year Major: Business "I like to come in and talk to a counselor. Internet registration is confusing."

Jonathan Black



POSTCARDS FROM STUPIDSVILLE By John Parsell News Editor

# What's with the cell phone craze?



Remember when phones used to ring? Back before they played Billboard hits and music videos, cell phones were the coolest thing around.

Now, almost everybody has one. I have one, you probably have one, my 12-year old brother even has one.

They have transformed from a tool used for emergencies into a necessity that everyone must have for everyday survival.

Okay, I'm being a little overdramatic. I admit that I am part of the cell phone population. A few months ago, I dropped my phone in the water and decided to see how long I could go without my little communication tool. Within two days I had contacted Verizon, and had a new phone on the way.

Pretty pathetic, huh?

The cell phone has climbed into the pockets of many people, with over 85 million Americans utilizing them. Phones posing as palm pilots and MP3 players draw victims into the wireless web, and Bluetooth, the new wireless technology that eliminates the need to carry a phone, allows users to have both hands free in order to play some golf, drive a car or steal a dog.

However, even with all these neat features, I cannot see why people have to be so readily accessible. You can't go out to eat, walk through the park or even sit through a lecture in English class without hearing your favorite song, in 8-bit mono sound, blaring through the single speaker of a cell phone.

It's kind of funny that Nextel, who promotes a "business" cell phone, is the biggest advocate of MP3 ringtones.

Furthermore, most conversations are pointless. It is not uncommon to hear chats like this:

- "Hey John, where are you?"
- "Oh, I'm in the bathroom."
- "Cool, what are you doing?"
- "Oh, you know, nothing really."

I don't see the point myself. Cell phones should be used to make phone calls in case of an emergency. They should be helpful devices if you're running late for something important, or if your car breaks down.

What cell phones should not do is allow you to video record your friend acting like an idiot while you listen to an illegal copy of the new Nelly song that you downloaded off of the Internet.

Besides, all of these features decrease your battery life, making your cell phone pretty useless.

So, when you get a flat tire on the freeway and your cell phone is dead because you absolutely had to get that new Franz Ferdinand song on there, don't say I didn't warn you.



Lindsey Wudyka Age: 18 Year: 1st year Major: Broadcast Communication "I got an application from my high school counselor and did walk-in registration."



Jeremy Duff Age: 17 Major: Business Year: 1st year "I enrolled online. It was convenient for me." **Board are sponsoring a Canned Food Drive from now through May 2005.** 

Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Student Activities Office and sign up to help at the St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit on the last Saturday of the month starting in September 2004.

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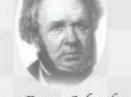
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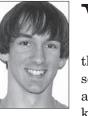
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ALL HE WROTE BY CHRIS JACKETT MANAGING EDITOR

## I've got an M-4 in my pocket

Expired gun ban allows people to legally produce and decorate semi-automatic weapons



ho would have thought that we would again see the day where a person can easily keep an assault

weapon of his or her very own? I don't know about anyone else, but this irks me a lot.

When former President Bill Clinton took office, he worked to put forth a ban on the production and decoration of semi-automatic and assault weapons to the public. For the last 10 years, this ban has made semi-automatic weapons less available to the average American citizen, and prevented them from owning such military-style weapons as the Colt M-4, among 18 other semi-automatic and rapid fire weapons. Only those who already had the guns or stores who still had a few in stock, were able to own and sell these. By allowing this ban to be lifted, we are only asking for criminals to purchase these with greater ease.

On the night of Sept. 13, 2004, this ban expired. The very next day, a man in West Valley City, Utah, purchased 15 of these M-4 guns, which have features that include a grenade launcher. If you ever thought that there was too much killing in the world today, then imagine how much faster it could all happen with the nowavailable possibilities. Gun owners are now allowed to keep 50 and 100 bullet magazines (clips), which the ban had previously disallowed.

Just when the ban had been lifted, an attempted bank robbery

now be able to pull a high caliber weapon out of their car at the least of notice and easily take out a large number of police officers. When the ban was intact, a group of officers could easily take in a rowdy drug dealer. Now, they have to worry about a few dozen bullets being shot at them before they can reach for their own gun.

Although there has been no clear evidence linking the ban to the decrease in gun violence over the last decade, one would have to imagine that it has not hurt either. Without a ban such as Clinton's, I, and some experts as well, believe that the homicide rate will increase. Let's think logically about this. If someone decided to open fire in a public place, would they knock off more people with a single shot weapon which they have to reload after six to eight shots, or a semi-automatic weapon where all they have to do is pull the trigger and swing their arm around to fire off a few dozen consecutive shots? I would believe that that is one of many reasons Clinton banned them in the first place.

The National Rifle Association is arguing against the ban however, stating that semi-automatic weapons do the same amount of damage as any other weapon. One bullet is just as bad as another bullet. This is true. However, when one is capable of shooting five to ten times as many of them in one round, the damage is potentially five to ten times worse. With the Chippewa Valley incident taken care of, a situation such as the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado was avoided. I doubt we would want to relive either Columbine or the Los Angeles shooting. This is common sense to me, and hopefully everyone else as well. The gun ban should have been renewed in order to protect everyone; the public and the police. Who knows what damage could be done if criminals are allowed to work faster and more efficiently? The less costly availability allows for criminals and gun enthusiasts to purchase their choice of formerly illegal weapons. In a nation against crime, there is no logical reason why we should allow crime to occur with greater ease.

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just outside of Los Angeles, California, by men with AK-47s, ended in two deaths and 14 people wounded by gunfire. Also, on Sept. 16, a 17-year old student at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township was apprehended after he had been planning to go to school with a stolen AK-47, assault rifles and shotguns, kill off his peers and then blow up the school using homemade aluminum sulfite and the blueprints he had previously stolen. With the guns new 50 and 100 bullet capacities, both of these events could become even more lethal to the public.

Many people within Law Enforcement are concerned for their own well-being with the expired ban. Criminals may MY MEANDERINGS By Heather Hyatt Campus Life Editor

## Media is wrongfully blamed for distorted body images



**E** veryone blames the media for the distorted body images women and girls have. Nearly

80 percent of American women claim to be dissatisfied with their appearance and shape. It's true that magazines and television promote the "ideal" female body as a slim and slender form with a tiny waist and a bouncing bosom. I know that this issue has been debated nearly to death, but I have decided to put the blame where it really belongs when it comes to body image; on the women and girls, and not on the media.

It may seem that, when flipping through the latest issues of Cosmo or Shape, most women have petite and slender bodies, but, according to the National Eating Disorder Association, most fashion models are thinner than 98 percent of American women. The average American female model is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 117 pounds. The average American woman is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. It is unrealistic to compare the average woman to the average model.

The only reason that females compare themselves to models is because they are not confident enough and do not have the selfesteem needed to love themselves. However, self-confidence and self-esteem are not easy things to come by, let alone maintain.

In my experience, girls who go through stressful and traumatic events are more likely to have a distorted body image. The issue with my own weight reared its case divorce, they lose their selfworth. They may feel that no one loves them or cares about them and subconsciously, they begin to lose their love for themselves.

It is not the media that makes females feel inferior, but the circumstances of their own lives and how they deal with stress and trauma. Women and girls who get help, such as counseling, as they go through life changing circumstances are much less susceptible to having a low opinion of themselves.

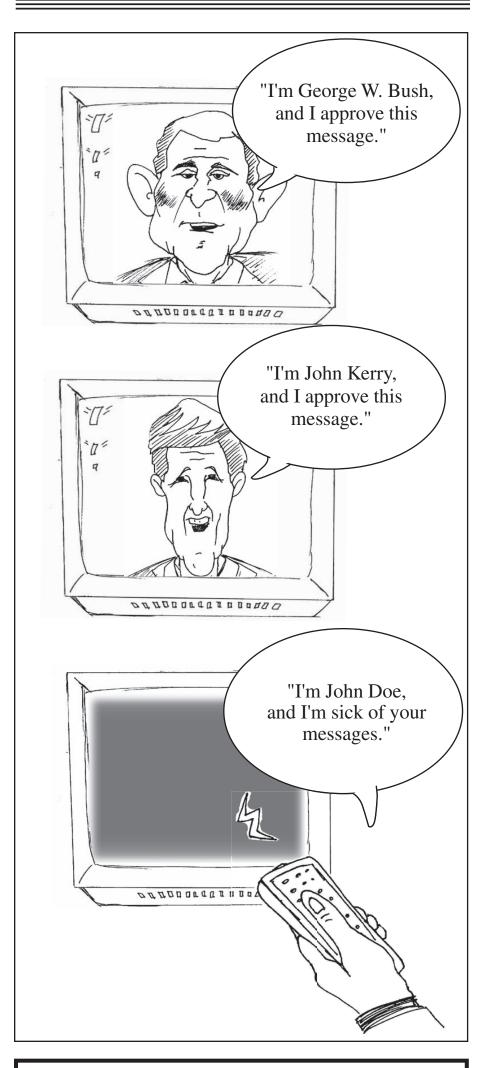
If a female is not happy about herself, half the time she just complains about how she looks in this outfit or she always asks "Does this make me look fat?" These are signs of low selfesteem. Constantly needing reassurance about her looks is a definite sign that a woman has an image problem.

Sometimes a body image disorder can evolve into an eating disorder. Ten million females are currently fighting an eating disorder. Once a female establishes a body image disorder, the media can accelerate the rate at which her self-esteem diminishes to the point where she cuts back on the amount of food she eats until she stops eating all together, which is clinically known as anorexia nervosa.

The one way for a woman to come to terms with who she is and the size of her waist is for her to accept herself as she is. If, after months of diet and exercise, she still isn't a perfect six, then she probably is going to be stuck in her size nine jeans.

So, if a female friend or relative shows signs of having a distorted body image, don't blame

## Political Post



ugly head when my parents began their divorce when I was 11 and the issue didn't really diminish until I reached 17.

When young girls and women go through these events, in my

it on the media. Let her know that she is loved for who she is. Support is the best thing to boost low self-confidence and selfesteem.



### OUR CONDOLENCES

n Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, Professor Hal Blay suffered a fatal heart attack. He was 71 years old. A retired minister, Blay taught English part-time at Schoolcraft for 13 years. His love for teaching and dedication to his students was apparent to anyone who knew him. He will truly be missed here at Schoolcraft.

Blay is survived by his wife Sandy and two grown step children.

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## CAMPUS LIFE Schoolcraft Connection

## **Student Ambassadors represent Schoolcraft**

BY HEATHER HYATT CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

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he Schoolcraft SC) Student Ambassadors are a group of students who have been selected to represent the college. They lead campus tours, help out with campus events and are available for any department of SC to help in any way they are needed.

"By being Student Ambassadors, we get to expand our leadership skills," says Teresa LaVigne, student ambassador.

The 2004 Student Ambassadors attended a one day Leadership Development Camp on Aug. 30 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville,

Michigan. The camp offered a chance for ambassadors to get to know one another and establish a group identity, according to Stacy Stover, one of the advisors for the program.

"The reason the program was started was to have a trained and dependable group of students to rely on for events and mainly group tours of the campus," says Stover. She says that prospective and new students would much rather hear about SC from currently enrolled students than an admissions officer.

"We basically help market SC," adds Brandon O'Leary, student ambassador.

The Student Ambassadors come from diverse backgrounds and range in age from 18 to 50. They are also diverse in their fields of study.

"The thing I like best (about being a Student Ambassador) is gaining a new variety of friends," says Larry Choraszewski, student ambassador and aerospace engineer major. "I get to meet people from many different walks of life."

Having a diverse group of students participating as Student Ambassadors gives students interested in attending SC a better idea of what fields of study are available for them to go into and also what other student groups and services are available for them to be a part of.

Ambassadors are easy to

spot on campus as they are outfitted with yellow shirts and blue jackets that don the title "Student Ambassador." This makes it easy for other students to know when the ambassadors are giving tours or are participating in another type of service activity.

"The Student Ambassadors Program is a great opportunity to get more involved, represent SC, meet the staff and faculty and have a lot of fun," says Stover.

This is the second year that the grant-funded Student Ambassador program has been offered at SC. Stover, Katie Mendel and Cathy McCardell of the admissions office are the advisors for the program.

There are 14 ambassadors this year compared to last year's 10. New ambassadors are selected every spring, late March to early April, by an application process.

To apply, students must hold a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, demonstrate excellent leadership and exhibit strong communication skills. Once selected as an ambassador, students receive a \$500 scholarship per semester (fall and winter) and must complete 106 hours of service.

Some of the activities that the ambassadors may participate in are college nights, high school visits, career fairs and assisting at Orientations and the Welcome Desk.

## **PROFESSOR PROFILE:** Computer Graphics teacher takes a personal roll in the lives of students

BY HEATHER HYATT CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

ennis Summers, professor in Computer Graphics Technology, was hired at Schoolcraft (SC) a year ago to teach 3D Animation. A year later, he is still teaching 3D Animation but also 2D Motion Graphics, a Photoshop class and Art Appreciation.

His classes are conversational and most of the time he teaches through class discussion.

"I wouldn't even know how to give a lecture," says Summers.

his approach to teaching is not unique. His purpose is to give students the widest possible skills and also help them achieve personal goals.

For example, Summers helped arrange for his students to work with Detroit Public Television, channel 56, to produce animations for the channel's television shows and games for their website. The students and the school will get credit and recognition for their work.

"The hardest thing for teachers in my field is that you have to learn new things every year," says Summers.

The technology of our time is rapidly being upgraded. As a result, Summers attends seminars and conferences where he learns about the new topics, software or hardware that are constantly being introduced to the computer world. Over According to Summers, the summer he attended Siggraph, an international



Photo bv Rena Lavertv

Computer Graphics Technology professor, Dennis Summers, foreground, points out some tips to 3D Animation 2 student, Chris Tatman, on how to improve his current project.

"I like the fact that he is willing to go into detail (while teaching)," says Matt Hand, a Photoshop student.

Teaching computer graphics is not just about teaching software, but also about teaching students to become creative artists, according to Summers.

Summers wants to get his students involved in projects that will give them realworld experience.

"I hope to get tips on a career since he (Summers) has experience," adds Hand.

conference for computer graphics held in Los Angeles, California.

"Our goal as a department is to become the hub of Computer Graphics Technology for all of Southeast Michigan," he says. He hopes for people to think of SC as the school for learning Computer Graphics Technology.

Outside of school, Summers is involved in many activities which basically revolve around the art world.

"I'm an artist through and through," declares Summers. The contemporary art work that he creates is displayed in galleries and museums

all over the world, he does outdoor sculpting and even performance art every once in a while.

Summers is also involved in The Crying Post Project which he began to set up memorials at sites of environmental damage. Memorial sites he has posted up are all over the world; Australia, France, India and other countries including the United States.

Besides his interest in the different styles of art, he is an avid movie watcher.

"My wife and I take in three or four movies a week," Summers adds.

Summers has degrees in

the Fine Arts, which gives him a different perspective to teaching computer graphics.

Summers attended Michigan State University where he was an undergraduate student in Chemistry and Fine Arts. He received his Masters of Fine Arts from Ohio State University.

He has taught at the College for Creative Studies and he is happy that he has the opportunity to teach at SC as well.

"I love teaching; talking to students and keeping in touch with them," says Summers. He and his wife Kathy, a business owner,

do not have children of their own so it is easy for Summers to think of his students as "his children." He says that sometimes students have problems outside of school and they come to him for help or advice. He enjoys getting to know his students on a more personal level because it helps him understand their abilities when it comes to their class projects.

To learn more about Dennis Summers and the Computer Graphics Technology Department, stop by his office located in the Applied Science Building, room 587.

## **CLUB EVENTS**

#### **Student Activities Board**

Student Activities Board (SAB) is hosting a trip to Cedar Point for Halloweekends on Friday, Oct. 15. Tickets are on sale now and are \$40 each. The trip includes motorcoach transportation.

SAB meetings are held every Friday at noon in the Lower Waterman Campus Center. Students interested in joining SAB should fill out a membership application. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office. The next meeting will be on Oct. 1.

#### EdgeRunner's Ski Club

The first EdgeRunner's Ski Club meeting is set for Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Campus Center. Membership fee is \$15. All students interested in joining, should attend the meeting.

The first ski trip will be Jan. 2-9, 2005 in Steamboat, Colorado, at the Steamboat Ski Resort. Prices for members and nonmembers will be posted as the date of the trip nears.

#### Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

The first Phi Theta Kappa meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Campus Center. All members are invited to attend.

#### **Otaku Anime Club**

The Otaku Anime Club will be having a showing on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m. in the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

#### The Schoolcraft Connection

The Connection holds weekly staff meetings Mondays at 4 p.m. in the conference room in the Lower Waterman Campus Center. Articles are assigned and general information is given to reporters and photographers.

All students interested in journalism or photography are

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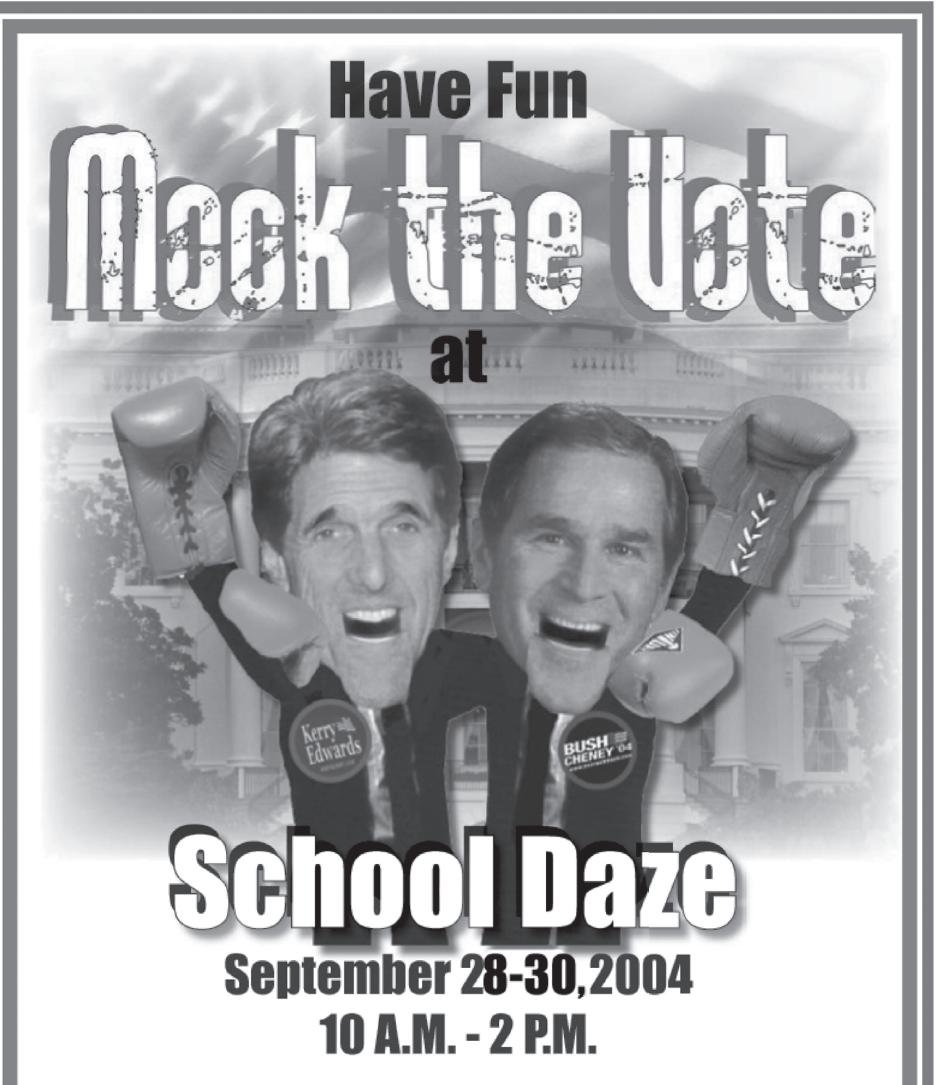






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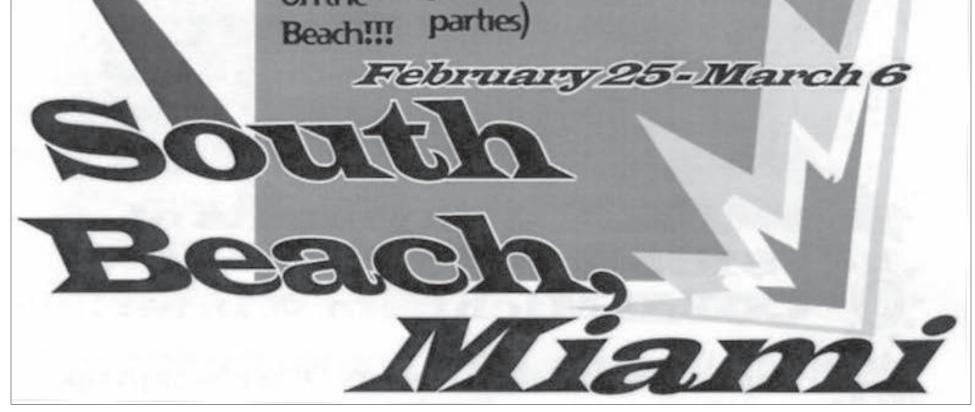
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## Heavy metal icons fall flat



Metallica disappoints with latest release

> BY RYAN RUSSELL STAFF WRITER

etallica's latest offering, the "Some Kind of Monster" EP, seems to be nothing more than an attempt to make a little more money off the recently released documentary of the same name. "Monster" has all the limpness fans have come to expect since 1996's "Load," when they first witnessed the debut of the "new" Metallica.

Kicking things off is the original album version of "Some Kind of Monster," one of the worst songs off of last year's "St. Anger." The disc ends on the same low note, with a newly mixed version of "Some Kind of Monster" that features no major improvements. When a track is remixed and reedited by a legendary producer like Bob Rock, people expect more than a decrease in length and an increase in the volume and bass levels, and those expectations are not met.

The six live tracks- "The Four Horsemen," "Damage, Inc.," "Leper Messiah," "Motorbreath," "Ride the Lightning" and "Hit the Lights"- are great songs, but they unfortunately fall victim to the vocal laziness that has been evident in every Metallica studio album since "Load." All of these songs sound much better on the albums for which they were originally recorded. The voice of James Hetfield, the band's lead singer, has changed quite a bit in the twenty-some years the band has been around, and it has not been a change for the better.



# 'Paparazzi' provides an unsettling look at celebrity life

By travis grand Staff Writer

he media has always portrayed the celebrity lifestyle as being wonderful and glamorous, and why should they be wrong? From what the viewers see on TV, celebrities are hot and sexy, righteous and cool, and every week on E! it is good to be soand-so. Yes, it seems as though celebrities have it made. However, in the exciting new movie "Paparazzi," being a superstar is anything but enchanting.

"Paparazzi" is a film produced by Mel Gibson. Now, if there's anything Gibson is good at, it is making a violent movie.

The story line is pretty simple. It takes place in Hollywood, where a small-town guy from Montana named Bo Laramie (Cole Hauser) is quickly catapulted into superstardom. Soon after the release of his first action thriller, Rex (Tom Sizemore), a superstar of the paparazzi world, is spotted snapping shots of Laramie's wife and son. After asking him politely not to take photos of his wife and son, the movie star is angered into beating Rex senseless for disregarding his request. This physical altercation then triggers Rex and his three paparazzo cronies to take action against the celebrity and his family. The four sleazy photographers spot the family unit driving down the strip at night. They box the car in and snap continuous pictures which cause Laramie's vision to become impaired from the flashes, which then leads to a car collision. Rex and his goons flee the scene. The car accident leaves Laramie's

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wife a little banged up, and puts his son into a coma.

Veteran Los Angeles detective Burton (Dennis Farina) is called upon to investigate the crash. When Burton is unable to connect the paparazzi thugs to the crime, Laramie takes matters into his own hands, vowing vengeance on all four paparazzi members.

The film provides an accurate depiction of the struggle celebrities have to fight off the bombardment of the paparazzi. However, the whole concept of the paparazzi accosting celebrities seems a little outdated. It probably would have been more appropriate six years prior, just after the Princess Diana tragedy. It certainly would have been more popular at the box office.

The movie has the perfect length, ending in just under an hour and a half. The action is fast-paced and the violence is intense, but bearable. Another thing that makes the film enjoyable is the random cameos by Chris Rock and the producer himself, Gibson.

"Paparazzi" is a movie that will make everyday people feel glad that they are not celebrities. It is an action-packed thriller that is sure to leave viewers with nothing but satisfaction, except if one of those viewers is an actual paparazzo.



Hetfield's voice no longer

See "Metallica" on PAGE 14



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Above: Movie star Bo Laramie (Cole Hauser) confronts relentless paparazzo Rex Harper (Tom Sizemore).

#### Left:

Paparazzo Wendell Strokes (Daniel Baldwin) eagerly awaits the arrival of his "prey": Hollywood action star Bo Laramie.

#### WEBSITE REVIEW:

## Metafilter gives the goods on Internet blogs

Website does the sifting for readers

By ZACH NORTON Arts & Entertainment editor

t first, web logs (referred to as "blogs") served as the filter for Internet readers without the free time to scour the millions of sites available. Unique links and interesting sites were provided, already filtered by the web log editor (called a "blogger") who has more free time or better googling skills.

However, with the increased popularity of the Net in general, came an increase in blogs, until they too had to be filtered for the casual reader. Enter Metafilter.

Found at http://www. Metafilter.com, Metafilter is a community blog, made up of "bloggers" from across the Net. Members can post the news the mainstream media has ignored, articles concerning environmental issues, political insights and other off-beat links.

One must be a member to post, and there are certain guidelines to keep out the riff-raff, but otherwise the blog contains a wide range of unique and compelling posts from news sites and other blogs.

Where many blogs have taken a more personal, diarylike form in the past few years, Metafilter's community base keeps it true to its web-surfing roots. Although some people may enjoy reading about a blogger's drive to work, those who do not will find Metafilter's content refreshing.

Another great feature of Metafilter is Ask Metafilter. Like a traditional message board, users can post questions and other users reply with helpful answers. It differs from the usual board however, because any sort of question is welcome. Anything from the expected

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computer-related stuff, "Is speech recognition software worthwhile for a slow typist?" to the strange "Do you find that you like or dislike most people? Why do you think that is?" to the unsettling "How much should I expect to pay for an AK-47?"

The answers range in helpfulness as much as the questions, but are usually accompanied by a relevant link. The Ask Metafilter archives, much like the main site archives are great for browsing as well.

The site design is simple and easy to navigate. A bar on top has straightforward navigation buttons. The ads on the site are kept discrete and out of the way, no flashing banner ads or pop-ups here.

Dealing with the constant media bombardment these

days can be a hassle, but fortunately Metafilter is around to ease some of the stress. Not only does it provide interesting news and articles the mainstream ignores, but it can also answer questions about life in general. Finally, some worth while reading on the Net.

#### Wayne State University presents guitarist Charles Postlewate

The Department of Music at Wayne State University (WSU) will be hosting a concert for classical guitarist and WSU graduate Charles Postlewate on Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Schaver Music Recital Hall.

Postlewate will be honored with the Arts Achievement Award for his 17 years of study in adding the right hand little finger to classical guitar technique, a finger that is usually excluded. He has published a book on the subject, "Right Hand Studies for Five Fingers."

The WSU Schaver Music Recital Hall is located at 480 W. Hancock in Detroit.

## MHAT'S THE BUZZ?

#### "We Are Here."

Opening the show will be acclaimed blues artists Al Hill and the Love Butlers.

The Trinity House is located at 38840 Six Mile Rd., just East of Haggerty in Livonia.

Tickets are \$10, \$7 for theatre members.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 464-6302.

#### 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' at the Masonic Temple

The new production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" will run from Oct. 5 to Oct. 10 at the Masonic Temple.

Popular Latin pop singer Jon Secada will star in the classic biblical musical, retold by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Time Rice. This adventurous tale is great for all ages, featuring elements of rock, pop, country and calypso in its songs. with his in-your-face attitude and chart-topping hits.

Joe Louis Arena is located at 600 Civic Center Drive in Detroit.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$65 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

For further information, call Joe Louis Arena at (313) 471-6606.

### Lil Jon and the East Side Boyz take over Joe Louis Arena

The "Hip-hop Smackdown Tour" will roll through Joe Louis Arena on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Headlining the tour will be Lil Jon and the East Side Boyz, as well as Fat Joe and the Terror Squad. With singles such as Fat Joe's "Lean Back" and Lil Jon's "Get Low," (as well as his appearance on Usher's smash hit "Yeah") this concert is going to be hot.

There is no charge for this event.

For further information, call the WSU Department of Music at (313) 577-1795.

#### Whit Hill and the Postcards to perform at Trinity House

Country performers Whit Hill and the Postcards will play the Trinity House Theatre on Friday, Oct. 1. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with music at 8 p.m.

A local favorite, Whitley Hill has toured extensively with folk-rock band Dick Siegel and the Na Nas. She brings her own band to this show to support her 2003 release,

#### 'Lord of the Dance' at the Fox

Do not miss "Lord of the Dance" at the Fox Theatre on Friday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Michael Flatley brings his internationally renowned show back to the Fox. Combining elements of both modern and traditional Celtic dance, "Lord of the Dance" is an electrifying experience.

The Fox Theatre is located at 2211 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets range from \$16.75 to \$61.75 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 433-1515.

For additional information, call the Fox Theatre at (313) 471-6611.

#### The Masonic Temple is located at

500 Temple Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets range from\$19.50 to \$62.50 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations, or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

For show times or additional information, call the Masonic Temple at (313) 872-1000.

#### Toby Keith rocks Joe Louis Arena

Country artist Toby Keith will stop in Detroit's Fox Theatre as part of "Toby Keith's Big Throwdown Tour" on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The patriotic and controversial Keith will surely entertain his fans Also appearing will be Juvenile, Lil Flip, 8 Ball, MJG and J-Rock.

Joe Louis Arena is located at 600 Civic Center Drive in Detroit.

Tickets range from \$36.50 to \$53 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

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## "Metallica"

holds its trademark growl, and he almost seems afraid to stretch himself. On those rare occasions that he does, he no longer sounds like a heavy metal rocker, but instead sounds like an old man losing his voice.

The best thing about "Some Kind of Monster" is that new bassist Robert Trujillo proves that he can carry his own weight in the band, delivering some amazingly tight rhythms. If the band has made one good decision lately, it was adding Trujillo

Lead guitarist Kirk Hammett gets in a few fast-

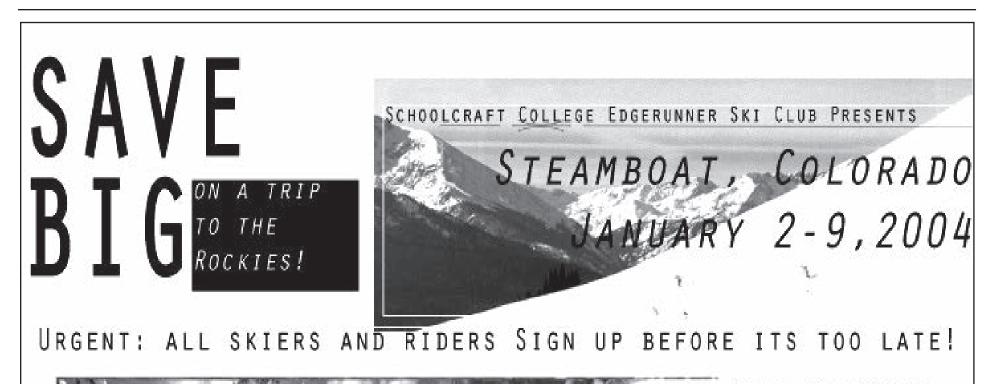
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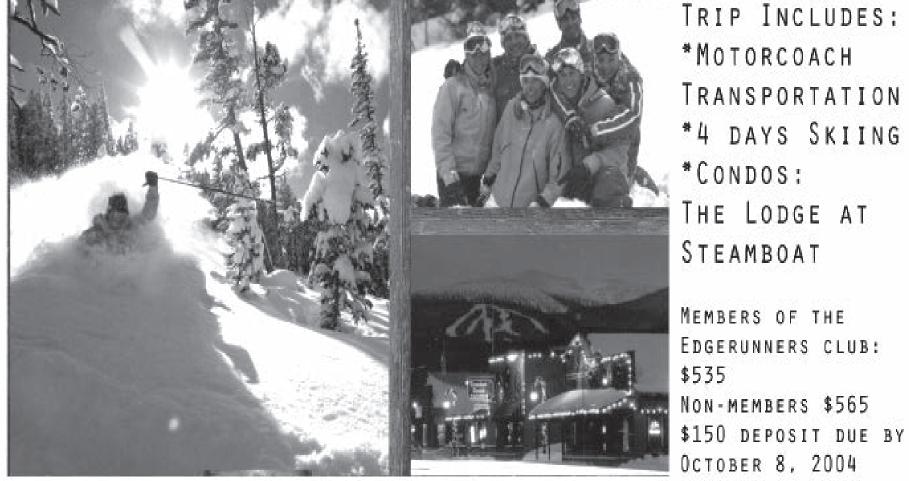
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paced guitar solos as well, but he has done better than this before, both on studio albums and previous live releases. The solo for "The Four Horsemen," which was great on 1983's "Kill 'Em All," is practically non-existent here.

The most entertaining

point of the disc comes towards the end of "Ride the Lightning," when Hetfield forgets the words. The quick thinking singer brilliantly covers his mistake by making up some on-the-spot lyrics. Unfortunately, he chooses to sing the words "I forgot the f\*\*\*ing words," along with some unintelligible mumbling. "Some Kind of Monster" is definitely a disc t pass up. Unless one is a rabid collector of all things Metallica, one would be better off purchasing one of their first six releases. Fans who really desire a live Metallica album should not settle for this. Both 1993's "Live S\*\*t: Binge and Purge" and 1999's "S&M" are far better options.





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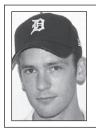
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I've Got Issues By Grant P. Hukill Sports Editor

## It was tough, but here are my Super Bowl predictions

ith all of the trades and free agent signings that went on in the NFL this past off season and the various storylines being played out, it can be kind of hard to make an accurate guess at who this year's Super Bowl champions will be. But that is why most of us love the NFL. Anyone can win it all. With that in mind, I have decided that I have put it off long enough and it is time to make my Super Bowl predictions.

At first, I thought that the New England Patriots were the obvious choice. After all, they are the reigning champs and they did sign Corey Dillon in the off season, right? But I have a sneaky feeling that Dillon will mess with their greatest asset, team chemistry, too much and the Patriots will not be joining the Dallas Cowboys as the only team to win three Super Bowls in four years.

They also do not have probowl offensive lineman Damien Woody to run behind anymore, thanks to the Detroit Lions stealing him away. You cannot lose a pro-bowl lineman and not feel its effects. Dillon will help to soften the blow but it will not be enough.

I'm not saying that they will be terrible. In fact, I think that they will still make it to the American Football Conference championship game. Unfortunately for quarterback Tom Brady and the Patriots, the Kansas City Chiefs will also proceed to the championship game after having just perplexed loyal Indianapolis fans by giving them a gooseegg exit from the playoffs for their second straight year. Peyton Manning will once again fail to deliver and will parallel his father, Archie Manning's career, which never included a Super Bowl victory. Everyone will start to wonder if Peyton's brother Eli will get his ring first.

There, they will meet their match when Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Jevon Kearse, Hugh Douglas and the Philadelphia Eagles come marching into Jacksonville. The Eagles will be riding a huge wave of momentum after having beaten the Minnesota Vikings in an overtime nail biter two weeks prior to the Super Bowl and they, like the Kansas City Chiefs, will feel a sense of destiny at being in the Super Bowl.

Add it all up and it has the makings of one of the largest offensive explosions in Super Bowl history.

Priest Holmes just might rush for four touchdowns, but they'll be eclipsed by McNabb's four touchdowns, two of which will be passes to Owens, while the other two he will rush for. Owens will unveil his latest end-zone celebration mocking Janet Jackson's famed "wardrobe malfunction," when he proceeds to tear his jersey, exposing his man breast. Everyone will love it.

The final score will end up being 35-34, in favor of the Philadelphia Eagles. In the post-game news conference, both McNabb and Owens, both finally satisfied with their NFL careers, will announce their retirement due to a desire to travel the world and partake in activities that the United States deems unlawful. They will meet up with Ricky Williams and the three of them will wander the earth

#### MEN'S SOCCER

## Waza is the way to Nationals for Men's Soccer team

#### Unique techniques provide results

BY GRANT P. HUKILL SPORTS EDITOR

he Schoolcraft (SC) Men's Soccer team is anything but your typical soccer team. Returning head coach Dominic Scicluna, now in his fourth year of head coaching at SC, would not have it any other way.

"We want people here at SC who are down for higher learning," he says.

With the help of co-coach and sibling Mario Scicluna, as well as assistant coach Chris King, Dominic has managed to put together one of the most culturally diverse teams here at SC.

Boasting players from Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Albania, Bosnia and the United States, this team of five returning veterans and 16 first-year freshmen appears to have all the pieces of the Waza puzzle. Waza is the name, derived from the Japanese word for technique, given to the particular style of soccer that is taught by the coaching staff.

In regards to the diversity of the team, King says, "It always helps. This is an international sport and every country plays the sport a little differently, so the more people you bring in, the more talent you've got, the better your team's going to be."

Second-year Aussie goalkeeper Liam Curran agrees, noting that, "It's fantastic because we get a few flavors from across the globe and bring it all together into one."

The Sciclunas' developed this style some 10 years ago, but Dominic does not take credit for its creation, saying that, "I put the pieces together (but didn't create them). We basically take all of the wisdom aspects from yoga, kung fu, breakdancing, tai chi and esalen massage; all

the different flowing movements that help bring harmony and balance."

The players attribute their success to proper utilization of the creative techniques involved with Waza. As of press date, the team has lost only one match, which was an overtime loss to the number three-ranked team in the country, East Central Community College (Missouri).

Their record stands at three wins and one loss on the season, thanks in large part to Waza and hard work.

King says, "These guys are working hard. They took their trip to Traverse City like they usually do. It helps the guys bond together and it's a physical trip for them. It's where they get in shape. We have them training pretty hard in the sand dunes. They're spending two, three, sometimes four hours practicing and preparing themselves."

Mario Scicluna will also vouch for the hard work expected of the team. "We do a lot of extra work outside of practice time," he says. "During the soccer season they're ours and they've got to commit fully. When we practice, sometimes we'll have them from the beginning (of the morning), until dark. And they not only have soccer practice and running and training, but they've got to hang out together after and do extracurricular activities outside of soccer itself."

All this is just a part of the lifestyle that Waza requires one to lead and it adds to the team unity, which first year center midfielder Richard Godfrey says is the strength of this team. "It's our unity (that makes us tough). You're only as strong as your weakest link and right now every-

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This, of course, will lead to the Chiefs' first Super Bowl appearance since winning Super Bowl IV back in 1970. like Caine from "Kung Fu" and they will all live happily ever after.

Hey, it could happen.

Alright, so maybe the details will be a little different but I still think it is going to be the Philadelphia Eagles beating the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl XXXIX, by a score of 35-34. McNabb will win the Most Valuable Player award. It will only be the second Super Bowl appearance for the Eagles and their first Super Bowl victory, catapulting McNabb to near-god status in the hearts of faithful Philly fans. That is, if he is not there

already.



Christian Kisic works on his strength and flexibility using the Dragonfly created by Team trainer Lester Horton. The Dragonfly is just one of the many pieces to the Waza Style.



## Aces all around!

Schoolcraft Volleyball team ready for another stellar season.

By Mike Brant Staff Writer

record of 6-1 and a third place finish in the pre-season tournament is not a bad start by any means. Here at Schoolcraft the Volleyball team wants more.

"Really, we won't be 100 percent satisfied unless we compete for a spot at Nationals," says defensive specialist and sophomore Captain Mayssa Bazzi.

Last year's team had one of the best seasons yet with only a few losses, so doing better will by no means be an easy task. Coach Tom Teeters thinks that both the blocking and team defense has improved with the addition of freshmen Naoko Ninomiya from Japan.

As a goal for the season, Teeters says, "We'd like to start off every game by winning the first point of every match." Teeters added "We'd also like to get to 20 earned points a game through kills, aces and blocks."

They will have to strive for each of those goals to be successful, with a tough 14 game schedule that includes seven tournaments. Despite all of this, the Ocelots look forward to playing tougher teams.

Teeters commented, "Anytime you get a chance to play a tougher team you set a test for what your team can really do." Bazzi has already set her sights on one of those tougher teams, saying with a huge smile on her face, "(We want to beat) St. Clair. They were our only loss last season. We're already prepared for that one."

They will get their first chance against St. Clair on Thursday, Sept. 30.

The season also includes match-ups against Wayne, Delta, Mott and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, just to name a few.

Co-captain Angie Wangler thinks this year's team will do everything in their power to surpass last year's team, saying that, "We had a great group of girls last year, but I just feel like this year's (team) is on a mission. It's really like we're one big family working as a single unit."

In regards to the team's confidence level, freshman Ashley Cecil says, "I really think that with our focus and hard work we can make it to the top and really compete come Nationals time. We have nothing but the highest confidence and expectations."

With their hard practices and growing confidence, this team looks poised for nothing short of a great season.

For full schedule and Conference standings, visit http:// www.mccaa.org.

## **Sports Briefs**

COMPILED BY TIM ALBERTA STAFF WRITER

#### **Women's Soccer**

As of Sept. 20, the Ocelots remain undefeated, with a record of 7-0-0. On the weekend of Sept. 10-12, the team traveled to Illinois to face Dakota County (Minnesota), who was ranked 15 in the National Junior College Athletic Association pre-season rankings. The women dominated, winning 5-0. It was the team's fourth shutout of the season.

On the weekend of Sept. 17-19, the team went to Cincinnati to play two games. On Saturday, the women faced Saint Catherine College (Kentucky) and won soundly, 11-0. On Sunday, they faced Louisburg College (North Carolina), and squeaked out a 3-2 victory.

Coach Bill Tolstedt was very relieved to get the win, saying, "My team faced two adversaries; Louisburg and the referees. We got four or five yellow cards in the game and we haven't gotten four or five yellow cards in the past five years." Nevertheless, Tolstedt is very pleased with his team's progress, saying, "This team finds a way to win, no matter what."

#### **Cross Country**

The cross country squad, battling numerous injuries to key runners, managed an eighth place finish in the Detroit Mercy Running Fit Invitational on Sept. 11, competing with several four-year universities such as Eastern Michigan, Wayne State and Oakland University.

The team has had bad luck with injuries so far, but things are coming together and the injured women are regaining their form. Coach Sonny Gavoor is not worried by the injuries, instead focusing on getting the team healthy and ready for regional competition.



### GOLF

## There is a new sheriff in town

BY MIKE BRANT STAFF WRITER

Gymnastics, diving and soccer; what do these sports have to do with this year's upcoming golf season? Well if you are new Schoolcraft (SC) golf coach Dr. Cecil Woodruff, everything. Having coached all of the above, Woodruff says he plans to use his knowledge from gymnastics, diving and soccer, as well as his rigorous bio-mechanics background, to turn this year's golf season into a great one.

the job it doesn't really come as a huge shock to me."

With the SC golf team finishing in second place at districts last year, they contributed quite a bit in helping SC obtain the conference cup. The cup is awarded to the school with the most overall points for sports. Woodruff knows that to contribute again, he has quite a task ahead of him with only one returning player from last season. With tryouts coming up for next year's golf team, Woodruff will be using a discerning eye to select his team. He says, "The game is 90 percent mental. I'm looking for people who can stand the pressure and who also have a certain skill level. I need players that will take the lead when called upon. I look for all those qualities."

This will be his first year as the golf coach here at SC, taking over for last year's coach, Carolyn Steffen.

With over 20 years of golfing experience, both playing and teaching at golf clubs as a club pro, Woodruff is more than qualified for the coaching job.

Due to his extensive history of golf and coaching, Woodruff says he was not surprised that he got the job for head golf coach, adding, "When I apply for a job I feel as though I've got it, so if I get Returning assistant coaches Paul Brown and Greg Cowling will also aid in the selection of this year's roster.

Anyone interested in trying out for the golf team should contact coach Woodruff at (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5251.



Want to see an issue debated here? Send your suggestions to dearprudence@gmail.com and we'll duke it out when **The Great Debate** continues in the next issue of the Connection.

## Is baseball still America's favorite pastime?

elcome to the second installment of a little section we call the Great Debate. Each issue we pick a hot sports topic and discuss it. For this debate we asked the question, "Is baseball still America's favorite pastime?" Tim won the toss and chose to go second, so Grant leads it off.

**Grant:** Baseball is, was and always will be the national past time. Baseball is as American as apple pie and, to me, you still can't beat the experience of going down to a baseball game on a sunny day, sitting in the bleachers and settling in for a good day of baseball, which is America's favorite pastime.

**Tim:** Yeah, maybe back when the game was pure and not clouded over by player unions and steroid usage. The American pastime may have been baseball, but you have to be realistic and see that football has clearly surpassed baseball in popu-

larity with the American public. I'd take watching the game with buddies on Sunday afternoon over sitting at Comerica Park watching four runs get scored in four hours any day.

**Grant:** You had to bring up the steroids didn't you? Do you think that football players aren't doing the same things that the baseball players are? I do not know if they are on steroids or not, but I think if one group is, then the other probably is too. So lay off the steroids. As far as popularity goes, yeah, maybe football is as popular as baseball. But only one is engraved in the culture and people of America. Good old baseball.

**Tim:** What is the single biggest sporting event in the world? I'll give you a hint...it isn't the World Series. It's the Super Bowl, by far the most anticipated and exciting championship in any of the major professional sports leagues. Baseball is engraved in the culture, but that's not necessarily a good thing. Many of the loyal

fans that made baseball the national pastime were alienated from the game forever by the absurd players strike in 1994. Ten years later, baseball is just now beginning to regain the attention it once had, and that is due only to two factors: Barry Bonds and the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry. Baseball has no parity, with the same three or four teams winning the pennant almost every season, with an occasional exception. It seems like every year football has new championship contenders, like last year's Carolina Panthers who went from 1-15 to the Super Bowl in two seasons. Fans love an underdog, and the NFL has a new one every year.

**Grant:** The biggest sporting event in the world? I don't know, isn't it the World Cup of soccer or something like that? I'll have to check on that later. Now, I love football just as much as the next guy, and if I could get an eight dollar bleacher seat that comes with a Coke and a hotdog to go see the Lions play three or four nights a week, believe me I'd be there. As it stands however, you only get 16 chances a year to see your local football team play. More if you're lucky and live in a town with a good team that makes the playoffs, but let's not even talk about how much you'd have to pay for those tickets. Football alienates its fans, however unintentionally, by simply not being accessible to the average Joe. That's the beauty of baseball. There are so many games that it's not that big a deal to go to a game. You can go down to Comerica Park and get the aforementioned deal on a ticket and it's not a big deal. It's just hanging out at the ballpark, relaxing and enjoying the atmosphere that only baseball can provide.

**Tim:** We aren't arguing about what the best bang for the buck is, because if we were, little league games are free and they're much more exciting than the Tigers.



## "Soccer"

body's playing really good. I wouldn't really say that any position is our strength. It's everyone."

After a disappointing loss in the Regional finals last year that ended the season one game short of Nationals, this year's roster is ready to take the next step.

Co-captain Jamie Miller, an outside midfielder, says, "I think we have a little bit more depth than last year. We work together better than we did last year and we've got two of the top goalies in the country. We've just got to come through in the big games. We can't just turn it on and off. We have to play our game at all times and not go down to the opponents' level. If we can do that, we're going to win Nationals."

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Last year was the first time that the team did not advance to Nationals under the tutelage of the Scicluna's and indications are that it may be the last time, at least for a while.

King notes that, "This is definitely the most talented team we've had since I've been here, so we're expecting big things from these guys."

One thing is for sure, confidence is definitely soaring with the Men's Soccer team thanks to faith in Waza.

Bryan Stephens, a.k.a. "the Buckmaster," sums up the attitude of this team when he says, "Tell everyone that Schoolcraft is going all the way this year. Yes we are!"

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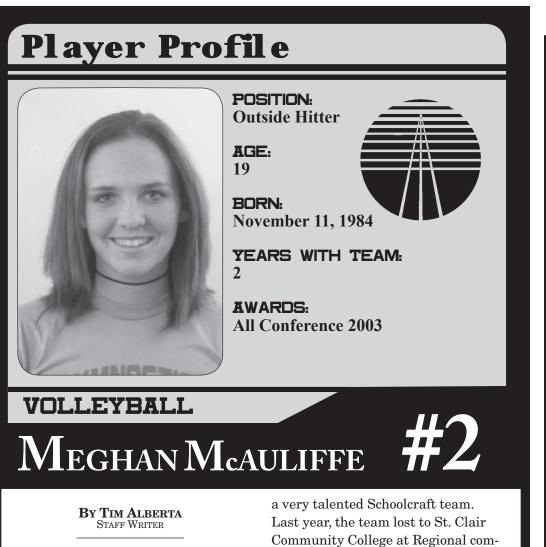
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Patrick Kolodziejczak (left) and Shannon Cole (middle) defend Danny Dragoi (right) in a drill practicing good defense and foot work.



5'10" sophomore with the Ocelots, Meghan McAuliffe is a member of an elite group of athletes. While her volleyball skills are impressive, that is not what sets this young lady apart from other college athletes.

In her senior year of high school, McAuliffe tore her Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) during her team's first tournament of the season. As a very talented player, this surely seemed like a blow to any opportunity of playing at the collegiate level. However, before her injury, McAuliffe attended a fall camp at Schoolcraft run by head coach Tom Teeters. He liked what he saw from her and recruited her to play here for the Ocelots. There are countless professional athletes who have retired after an ACL tear, such as former NFL MVP Terrell Davis, so McAuliffe's ability to still play volleyball is pretty extraordinary, especially at the collegiate level.

Now two years after her injury, McAuliffe is an outside hitter for

petition and the bad taste from the loss still lingers in her mouth.

"Our goal this year is to make it to Nationals," she said.

Some of McAuliffe's fondest memories with the team came at a tournament in Florida last year. When the girls weren't playing Volleyball, but were visiting attractions like Disney World and the surrounding water parks. They had a great time, strengthening already outstanding team chemistry. Meghan herself lives with three of her teammates and says it works out great.

"The whole team all gets along really well on and off the court," she added. "We all hang out together a lot."

McAuliffe is interested in the medical field and plans on studying nursing. After this year, she plans to transfer to a four-year university and play volleyball there while getting her degree. When she's not going to school or playing volleyball, McAuliffe enjoys watching movies and just hanging out with her friends. Volleyball friends, of course.

## **Schoolcraft Sports Schedule**

#### **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

#### MEN'S SOCCER

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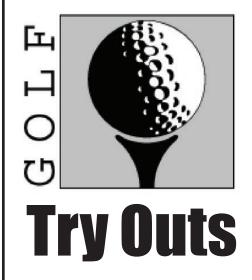
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							Home vs. Loyola 11:00 am					
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							Away vs. Cincinnati 11:00am					

#### VOLLEYBALL

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		Home vs. Delta 7:00pm		Away vs. St. Clair 7:00pm			
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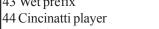




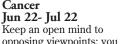


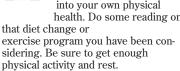
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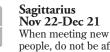




Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21

Everyone loves surprises so try surprising a friend with an unexpected visit

or small gift. You never know how much a simple gesture might brighten someone's day, or how much you may be uplifted when they return the favor.



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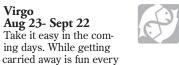
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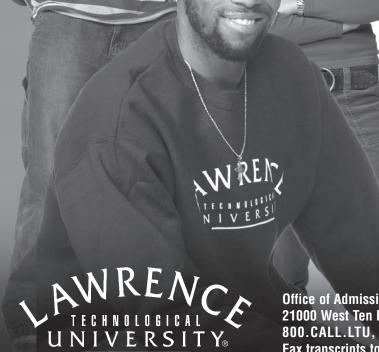
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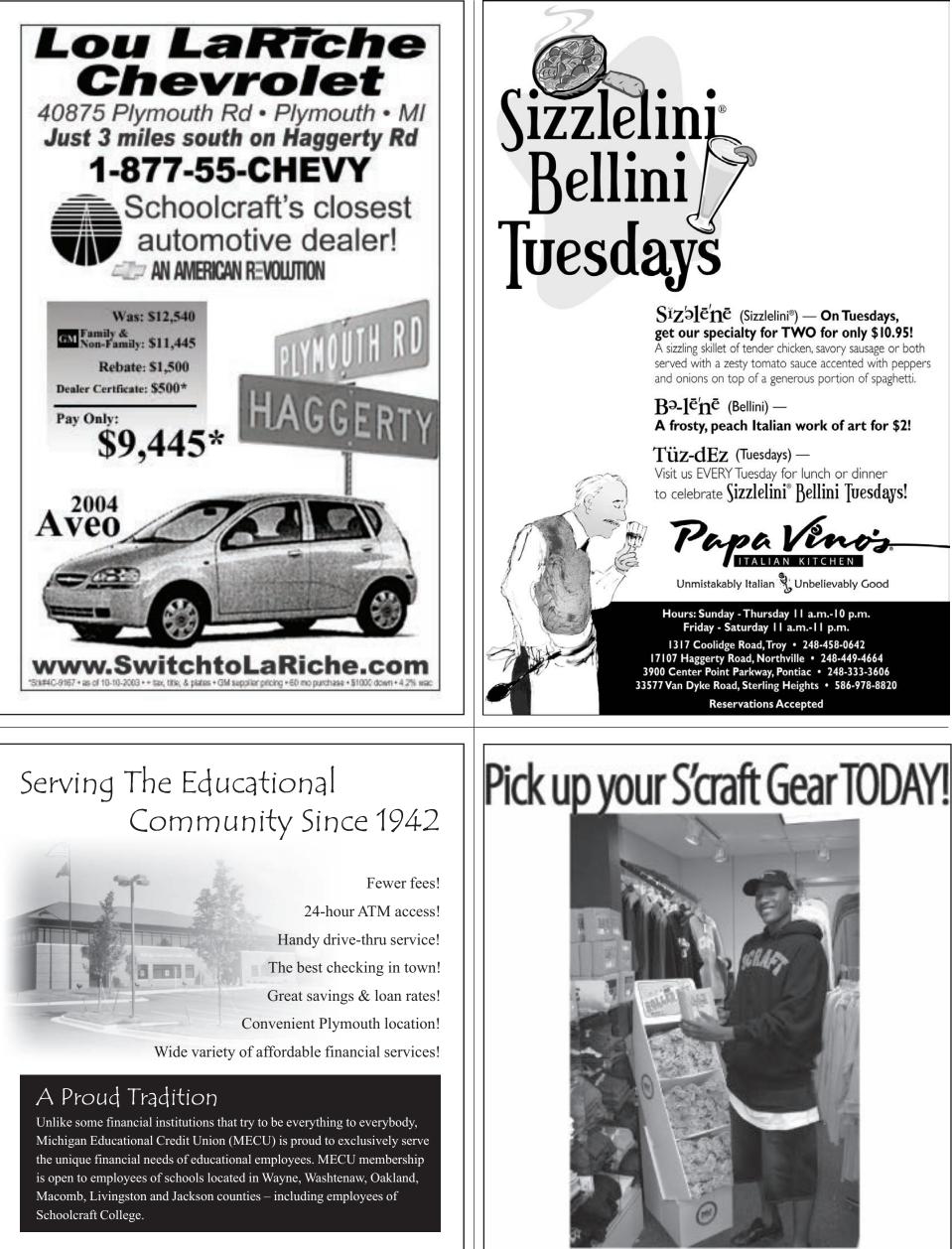
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he Culinary Arts Department hosted the 13th annual Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 2-5p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. The Extravaganza is Schoolcrafts largest fundraiser event and generated \$90,000 for student scholarships. The over 1,000 patrons sampled food and fine wines from the 46 restaurants and wineries in attendance.

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Extra effort was put into the taste of the food as well as the presentation at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

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Four year returnee, Gary Ostrowski, is having another great time at the Extravaganza receiving a glass of wine from volunteer Sherrie Pryor of L. Mawby Vineyards.

#### **BOTTOM:**

Hogue is just one of the many brands of wine that one could sample at the Extravaganza this year.