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Tuition rise proposed

Returning students likely to face higher costs

> By John Parsell Managing Editor

choolcraft College officials have recommended a \$2.50 per credit hour increase in tuition, as well as a proposal that the registration fee be raised from \$25 to \$35.

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of the college, says that this increase is needed, due to several reasons.

"The state's revenue projections were overly optimistic," says Jeffress. "Current revenue estimates are also unrealistic. The governor can't pay what she doesn't have."

Jeffress states that Governor Jennifer Granholm has come up with a deal to give the colleges and universities capitol outlay, or construction money, which will come from selling bonds.

However, with this comes a small problem, according to Jeffress.

"It is borrowed money; basically putting expenses on a credit card and praying you can pay the bill when it comes," says Jeffress. "We might be eligible for some of this money, but whatever we get would have to be matched 50/50 by the college and can only be used for new construction."

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Photo by Danny Sperry

Jim Woods (left) and Bill Underwood (right) join fellow Briggs supporters in a protest in front of the Administration Building to keep the men's basketball coach at Schoolcraft.

Briggs on for one more year

Settlement agreed upon for men's basketball coach

Pythagorean Prize PAGE 8

By Chris Jackett Sports Editor

n a cool and windy afternoon on March
31, protesters
assembled in front of the
Administration Building
for the purpose of supporting men's basketball
coach Carlos Briggs due to

ongoing rumors that his job was to be terminated.

Over the last eight years, Briggs has compiled a 226-36 record, including a 27-3 record the 2004-2005 season. Many protesters found it unfair that such a high performing coach was at risk of being fired, and were filled with rumors, seeing as the college was not releasing information until an agree-

ment was made. This is when they jumped forth to fight for their coach.

One of Briggs' biggest supporters, Keith Emerson, a local retired coach and athletic director, stated during the protest that "Today, Schoolcraft told Carlos he was fired. We're here trying to reverse that."

Although that was just one of many rumors, it was

enough to bring out as many as 20-25 people to aid in Emerson's cause. Friends, players and colleagues from nearby schools all took part in the protest.

"I had no idea about the protest and I have mixed emotions about that for the simple fact that I'm really happy that people recognize

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Michigan Supreme Court Justice to speak at commencement

Alumnus of Michigan colleges will speak to the 2005 graduating class

BY HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

ichigan Supreme
Court Justice Maura
D. Corrigan will be
speaking at the commencement ceremony on May 7 at
6 p.m. in the Compuware Sports
Ice Arena.

According to Marty Heator, director of marketing, the college has had numerous speakers of elected offices, but never one from the judicial branch.

"This year the senior administration felt that, to balance it out, we should get someone from the judicial branch of the government to speak," says Heator.

An alumnus of Marygrove College and the University of Detroit Law School, Justice Corrigan has served two terms as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court from 2001– 2004.

Justice Corrigan, who has held a plethora of positions ranging from being the first woman Chief Assistant United States Attorney to being a president for the Federal Bar Association, has spoken at many



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura D. Corrigan

commencement ceremonies including those for Northern Michigan University, Detroit Country Day and Michigan State DCL.

"We heard from other colleges that she has done many commencements and that she is a great speaker," says Heator. "We were pleased and honored that she accepted our invitation to speak for us."

Justice Corrigan was not available for comment at press time.

Last minute graduation information | Cap, gown and ticket info

By HEATHER HYATT NEWS EDITOR

May are not only responsible for keeping their grades up, but also keeping up with everything that needs to be done to participate in commencement.

According to Kathy Hulik, public relations/media coordinator, those students who are eligible to graduate should have received a packet in the mail in January or February which contained all the important information about the process of graduating. It also contains directions to Compuware Sports Arena, where commencement is being held this year.

"If students did not receive the packet, they can find it online at the college's Web site (http://www.schoolcraft.edu)," says Hulik.

Information about ordering caps, gowns and tickets, which are being prepared through the campus bookstore, is also in the packet.

The deadline to get a free cap and gown was March 25. If students have not ordered caps and gowns yet, they may still order them, but will have to pay a fee of \$25.

Each graduate is allowed six free tickets each. If interested in obtaining extra tickets, contact the Student Activities Office where there is a waiting list set up.

The deadline for members of the

Phi Theta Kappa honors society to order their honors regalia, April 8, has passed, and students who did not order them, will not be able to put in a late order.

"I'm happy to be graduating," says student Roger Hammonds. "I'm also excited to be graduating with fellow Phi Theta Kappa members."

The deadline for submitting the intent to graduate form was in late January. According to Hulik, if some students have yet to fill out the form then they should go straight to the counseling office, followed by the registrars' office and get it turned in as soon as possible.

"There will be late students," says Hulik, "as they register for spring or summer classes and discover that they will be graduating at the end of the term."

Donna Nordman, director of student advising services, says that students who have taken classes from Summer 2004 through Summer 2005 and students in a few select programs that end in early Fall 2005, are eligible to attend commencement in May. However, a student's degree does not show up on the transcript until they have completed their program.

Hulik is expecting there to be around 400 graduates in the ceremony.

"It's a very nice ceremony," says Hulik. "It is the culmination of why you are here."

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Furthermore, Granholm reneged on her promise to Michigan universities, in which she stated that she would not create any budget cuts if universities agreed to hold tuition increases to the rate of inflation.

"By keeping tuition increases to a bare minimum, we can ensure that higher education will be more affordable and accessible for students and their families," said Granholm. "Michigan's economy will flourish because more and more students will complete their college education."

Schoolcraft complied, and now faces possible cuts in the near future.

"The state has not only reneged on its promise not to cut next year's budget, but has initiated an executive order cutting this year's budget by more than \$198,000," says Jeffress. "I must, by law and policy, submit a balanced budget to the board for its approval."

Luke Sparkman, first-year business student, states that the tuition increases will hurt students, but are necessary.

"Tuition increases are always going to hurt students; especially if they are paying for their education themselves," says Sparkman. "It has to be done though. If the college isn't making enough money to pay the bills, then none of us (can) go to school here anymore."

Jeffress states that the board of trustees has not yet acted on this recommendation, and that the decision would most likely take place in April.

"In the simplest of terms, it's all about making enough money to pay your bills and keeping the enterprise a desirable place to be a student or a staff member."

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Breaking and entering

Between the times of 9:10 p.m. on March 14 and 7:15 a.m. on March 15, someone broke into the Radcliff Center Options store's kitchen area, near Room 147 and stole seven cases of 20 ounce Mountain Dew bottles. When Patti Bowser, food service staff, left the room on the night of March 14, all seven cases of Mountain Dew were on the floor. She returned the next morning and found them missing. Public Safety Officer George Korol, after being notified of the missing pop, checked the windows of Room 147 and found that someone had removed the putty from the center window, making it possible for the window to

be removed. Two sets of foot prints were discovered in the snow outside the window, as well as two sets of hand cart wheel tracks. The total cost of the missing Mountain Dew was reported to be \$81.34.

Larceny

Between the times of 1 p.m. on March 17 and 12:20 p.m. on March 18, a Bretford Adjustable Cart was taken from Radcliff Center, Room 430. Stephen Goodrich, media services coordinator, who discovered that the cart was missing, stated that he checked all possible locations for the cart and was unable to find it. The total cost of the cart was reported to be \$57.40.

For emergency, contact PUBLIC SAFETY at (734) 462-4424.



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Ask for Danny Sperry.

Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business Conference

The PTAC of Schoolcraft College will be holding the 2nd Annual Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business Conference on Tuesday, April 19. The purpose of the conference is to show service-disabled and/or veteran-owned small manufacturers and distributors how to do business with the Defense Logistics Agency and the U.S. Army.

To register for the conference, call the PTAC at (734) 462-4438.

For more information, call Aggie Gallagher at (703) 767-1654.

Federal Supply Schedules: Finding Your Way to the GSA

GSA (General Service Administration) Federal Supply Schedules are contracts that allow federal customers to acquire more than four million products and services directly from over 8,600 commercial suppliers.

On Thursday, April 21, GSA expert Mike Klewicki will educate clients on the issues regarding the GSA procurement area and Federal Supply Schedules. This class is meant for businesses that would like to learn about Supply Schedules, buying potential and marketing through a GSA schedule.

For more information or to make reservations, call (734) 462-4438 or e-mail inforeq@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us. Due to limited seating, reser-



vations are limited.

Spring/Summer schedule information

Course schedule information for the 2005 Spring and Summer semesters is currently available on the college Web site (http://www.schoolcraft.edu), at the campus information kiosks and as a printed schedule booklet. Registration for Spring and Summer semesters has begun.

Transfer Visits

University of Michigan- Dearborn

Janet Kossick and Denae Malinowski, representatives for U of M-Dearborn, will be available to meet with students today, April 12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and from 4-6 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building.

Central Michigan University-Livonia

Olympia Terrell, representative for CMU-Livonia, will be available to meet with students today, April 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Radcliff Center Student Lounge, and on Wednesday, April 13, in the Applied Science Building.

Eastern Michigan University

Angela Wafer, representative for EMU, will be available to meet with students on Wednesday, April 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building.

Women's Resource Center

Divorce support group

A divorce support group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. The group meets in the WRC on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7-9 p.m. and there is no charge to attend. On Tuesday, April 26, an attorney will discuss the legal process of divorce, including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, spousal support, etc. **CHIPS information meeting**

CHIPS ("Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips") is a college-credit program for anyone thinking about making the transition from working inside the home to working outside the home to making sound personal financial decisions. For information about classes beginning in May, plan to attend an information meeting at the Radcliff Center, Room 120, from 2-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 or Thursday, April 21.

Legal services

An attorney from the law firm of Woll & Woll will be available for private consultations from 5-7 p.m. at the WRC on Monday, April 18 and Monday, May 16, to discuss family and divorce matters. Sign up is on a firstcome basis beginning at 4:30 p.m. Legal services will be offered again in the fall.

Free financial planning

A certified divorce financial planner from the Center for Financial Planning will be available for private consultations from 5-7 p.m. at the WRC on Monday, May 2, to discuss financial concerns relative to divorce. Sign up is on a first-come basis beginning at 4:30 p.m. Financial planning consultations will resume in the fall.

The WRC is located in the McDowell Center, Room 225.

For information about any WRC program or event, visit the WRC or call (734) 462-4443.

Financial aid workshops

Students in need of assistance in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can attend one of several workshops in the McDowell Center, Room 200. There will be an evening workshop on Thursday, April 21, from 6-7 p.m.

Students should bring all their financial information for 2004, including tax returns, W2s, non-taxable income statements, child support, social security and asset information. If born

on or after Jan. 21, 1982, students will also need their parents' financial information. Workshops will begin promptly, so please arrive early.

Race for the Cure

The 14th Annual Komen
Detroit Race for the Cure
will be held on Saturday,
June 11, at Comerica Park.
Opening Ceremonies will
begin at 8 a.m. The Race for
the Cure educates and builds
positive awareness about
breast cancer. The event features a Women's and Men's
5K Run, Women's and Men's
5K Walk and a One-Mile Fun
Walk

If you wish to participate with the Schoolcraft team, contact Janet Douglas at (734) 462-4444 or by e-mail at jdouglas@schoolcraft. edu for a registration form. Completed forms must be returned with payment to Douglas by Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m.

Online registration for the team is available now. Go to http://www.karmanos. org/raceforthecuredetroit/ and click the pink ribbon to register. The team name is Julie's Angels, and the password is pink4cure. The deadline for online registration is Saturday, May 21, at 5 p.m.

The entry fee is \$25 for adults age 18-64, \$10 for seniors age 65 and older and youths age 6-17 and free for children under 5. All registrants receive a t-shirt and a commemorative pin. Children under 5 do not receive a t-shirt but must be registered.

Wireless accounts on campus

College stays on cutting edge of technology

By Michael Siegrist Staff Writter

o further advance into the 21st Century, beginning this spring semester, May 9, Information Services will be running a pilot test of wireless access for students. The network will be available in the VisTaTech Center, Henry's Café and the Lower Waterman Wing. The Bradner Library will be included in the coverage following renovation this summer.

Wireless accounts will be available to 75 full-time students for the spring semester. IS will begin the application process April 25. Students who wish to participate in the trial should send an e-mail to scwireless@schoolcraft.edu, with their name and student ID number.

In an attempt to make the test as diverse as possible, IS is asking that students also include information regarding the type of device they will be accessing the Internet with, operating system and their experience level. The wireless login ID and password will be sent to students' e-mail address on file with WebAdvisor, as to limit the wireless accounts to students only.

"I think it is a good idea that they (Schoolcraft) are pioneering new technology. I have never heard of any other community college

who wish to participate in the offering wireless Internet," trial should send an e-mail to says student Dan Mapes.

The pilot run will allow administrators to gather the information to make necessary preparations for the full implementation of a wireless network. Administrators are in the process of securing the system, in an attempt to isolate all security risks that the students' computers may

"We have to protect the system against other peoples' machines. Who knows if their patches are up to date, or what kind of viruses they may have," explains Dan Wiltrakis, the director of networking and security.

In order to modernize and

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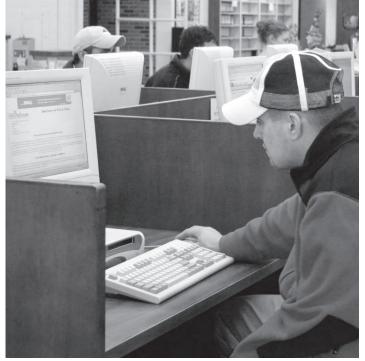


Photo by Gerard Knopl

Schoolcraft is taking a trial run with wireless Internet this spring semester. Seventy-five students will test the new system and give feedback.

INOUROPINION

choolcraft College has faced a challenging year. While somewhat difficult, the Connection has managed to report on several stories both on and off campus.

However, with all of the exciting events that happened on campus this year, students are bound to have missed something. Therefore, we have compiled a list of some of our best (and worst) moments of the year.

CHEERS:

The SC Athletic Department had an incredible year. The combined record for all teams here is 124–25. Furthermore, 31 SC students are transferring to play sports at Division 1 schools.

JEERS:

Both the men's soccer and basketball teams received sanctions, putting a damper on their records. The soccer team was set back, after a seven game forfeit imposed by the college for using ineligible goalkeeper Anthony Santilli.

The basketball team, which illegally used a SC van to transport players from a hotel to a gymnasium at the JUCO All-American Challenge summer camp at the University of Indianapolis, received sanctions by the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and was banned from any postseason play.

CHEERS:

To Karen Lafata being named as State Community College Coach of the Year.

CHEERS:

Job opportunities for students emerged with the creation of College Park, which includes restaurants such as Bravo! Cucinia Italiana, Mitchell's Fish Market and Caribou Coffee.

JEERS:

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A DTE utility pole blocked the entrance to the South Lot until the middle of November, three months

behind schedule, causing two accidents.

CHEERS:

The Bradner Library undergoes major renovations for the first time since its opening in 1964. The new amenities to be included are two classrooms, an atrium with couches and chairs, vending machines and private study areas.

JEERS:

The Bradner Library was troubled with a stalker who was reportedly masturbating in a library cubicle. The "sexual predator," who turned out to be an instructor at the University of Michigan, was told not to return to SC or he would face charges of trespassing.

CHEERS:

To Phi Theta Kappa for raising over \$12,000 in a benefit for Julie Wojciechowski, a former student who is battling breast cancer.

CHEERS:

To all student leaders who volunteer monthly at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

CHEERS:

To the college establishing the Schoolcraft Community Emergency Response Team program (CERT), providing a more thought out process for handling disasters on campus.

JEERS:

To the current budget situation in Michigan in which the funds for colleges continue to be cut.

CHEERS:

For the way our college managed to deal with the budget crisis.

CHEERS:

To the SC Connection, for taking First Place for Overall Excellence at the Michigan Press Association Awards Ceremony.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

How to start a riot

East Lansing police act prematurely, make MSU students look bad

day and age of apathy and suppressed emotions, the thought of rioting in the streets, free from any and all inhibitions, is rather romantic to most college students.

Apparently though, college students are not the only ones with suppressed emotions, just waiting for a riot to let it all out. As with many situations where thousands of people gather in celebration or protest, sometimes it is the police, whose job it is to keep people in order and, most importantly, safe, who are just itching for a riot.

Police have suppressed emotion too, you know.

This seems to be the case in the recent "student riots" that followed the MSU Final-Four loss against North Carolina.

You may have seen video of a hectic scene of fleeing crowds and one or two students throwing objects at the police, all in a cloud of tear gas. You may have read reports of 43 people being arrested in the mayhem. If you didn't know better you may have even put two and two together and concluded that this was indeed a dangerous student riot, totally irresponsible and altogether shameful on the part of the MSU student body (and college students everywhere for that matter).

However, this "riot," by many accounts, was not caused by irresponsible student actions, but rather by inappropriate, premature police actions. Particularly shooting cans of tear gas into largely excited, mostly inebriated crowds of students, who took to the streets in celebration of the end of a highly successful Spartans men's basketball season.

Think about it: you've got thousands of excited people in the streets (which are closed down by police), some of which are "wasted," and you've got heavy police presence, which naturally

would presume, in this creates tension. Next thing you know, police are shooting tear gas into the crowd. It doesn't take a genius to predict what is to happen next; you get panic, you get anger and you get a "riot."

From the media footage of the riots. I cannot say with certainty what came first; police throwing tear gas or a couple people throwing objects at the police, but from what I've read and heard from people who were there, it was the

My sister (the last person I would expect to partake in riotous actions) was forced to flee cans of tear gas and further protect herself from being trampled on by likewise fearful and fleeing crowds, in an area where there was no violence toward the police nor destruction of property.

According to Jim Caple, a columnist for ESPN.com who was on location and also doused in tear gas, the "police continued tear gassing for about two hours, shooting off hundreds and hundreds of canisters, occasionally into almost-empty parking lots and streets."

Now, doesn't that sound a bit excessive?

To the police's defense, I acknowledge the fact that there have been student-started riots in the past (namely the riot that followed the '99 NCAA Tournament loss against Duke), and that they may have been a little more on edge because of this. Regardless, it was irresponsible and inexcusable to act on dangerous assumptions based on past events.

I do not pretend that no one in the crowd did anything wrong, yet, as a whole, the actions taken by East Lansing police were uncalled for. It is all the more unfortunate that the ones who have been portrayed in a negative light by some media outlets are the students who took to the streets in a harmless celebration.

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"What are your plans after the winter semester ends?"



Andrew Lewis
Age: 17
Year: 1st
Major: Liberal Arts
"I'm going to Peru
for two and half
weeks on a mission
trip with my
Church."



Sherry Gorman Age: 25 Year: 1st Major: Registered Nurse "Taking spring and summer classes, hanging out with my kids, taking them to the beach and water parks."



Justin Sams
Age: 20
Year: 1st
Major: Undecided
"Work full time, go to
my cottage in Irish Hills
and attend Michigan
International Speedway."



Ali Ismail
Age: 19
Year: 1st
Major: Pre Dentistry
"Taking spring classes,
playing soccer and going up
to my uncle's house up north
to fish and relax."



Liz Hasse
Age: 19
Year: 1st
Major: International Business
"Working at Express and
going to Miami Beach,
Florida, with my cousin."

POSTCARDS FROM STUPIDSVILLE By John Parsell

What I've learned in college... so far

A moment to reminisce about the year



always ask myself, "is this going to be my last year at Schoolcraft?" Unfortunately, my answer is always, "No."

However, I'm okay with that, because what I am

learning at SC goes far deeper than anything taught by professors or textbooks in a classroom.

That is, there are some really valuable things to learn when it comes to me.

So let me reflect on what has happened this year. Besides brushing up my public speaking skills and learning a lot about history from 1875-present (courtesy of Professor Briggs) I'd have to say, I've learned a lot.

First and foremost, I've realized that you have to live life at your own pace. If you let people pressure you, then you're destined to fail.

I started college at Eastern Michigan University the semester after I graduated from high school. Consequently, I failed every class and left a scar on my transcript.

When I was ready to come back to school, I chose Schoolcraft; and now, here I am, getting things done and pursuing my educational goals.

Secondly, I've learned to take at least a few things seriously. I have always been a sarcastic and mellow person; and have never considered any situation as too important. Sitting down and actually thinking about certain things helped me to realize that I do have some responsibilities that have to be taken care of.

Stepping up as Managing Editor was one thing that had made me nervous towards the beginning of the semester. My lifestyle was such a paradigm, that it was holding me back. Once I got out of my normal routine, I was able to concentrate on my job more and overcome some huge obstacles.

Lastly, I was able to realize that you always have to be ready for what comes next. I'm going to miss all of the editors that are leaving this year, and all of the awesome things we all did together.

Tear.

And even though it won't be the same next year, I am looking forward to facing new challenges with all of the returning staff writers.

It just goes to show you, college isn't all about academics, it's about learning who you are and how important it is to fill that role

HELP THE HUNGRY!!!

Phi Theta Kappa and Student Activities 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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For more information, please stop by the Student Activities Office located in the VisTaTech Center - Lower Waterman Wing or call us at (734) 462-4422.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A 36 Year Perspective

By Gary Van Eck

Dear Editor,

The positive facts must somehow reach people in new constructive manners in today's world of negativity. To definitely expound further proving this point, my recently graduating from Schoolcraft College in December of 2004 has been a 36 year voyage. Obviously, then I can make a definite unique perspective on this achievement.

Somehow, I must get the positive facts out to the student body how I achieved this much needed success. What impresses me immensely? The wonderful unique ways the other students assisted me in my troublesome math class and computer class. The first fortunate way of help I received from other students would be for them to take their valuable time to answer my questions, without them even quibbling that I bothered them. I wish now to thank these wonderful fellow students for this unique assistance.

The second way I received unique help in my math class involved employing my own personal tutor right from the math class itself. He developed a patient method for me to learn troublesome math principles. We spent many hours together going over the subject we were studying. He evolved as he eventually somehow made material clear to me. His attitude began to present itself in being a dedicated teacher.

The third way I received help in these math and computer classes involved a hands on approach of the Tutors in the Learning Assistance Center located in the McDowell Center. Many mornings I would hash out, with these bright individuals, problems I just could not get with my personal tutor. The ways they would make it clear and even simple at times need to be commended and deeply appreciated by me. Before forgetting, I must elate about how I received help also from computer tutors and their associates.

I must say then that stating all this positive help I received from other students in these ways shows that a positive definite force of learning remains evident even in this still negative world. These students who help other students need to be praised and appreciated for their hard work and dedication and their wonderful attitudes, sharing their expertise with the student body.

So when you are down and out having difficulty with that tough class, turn to these special people as they are there for us. It would be a good move.







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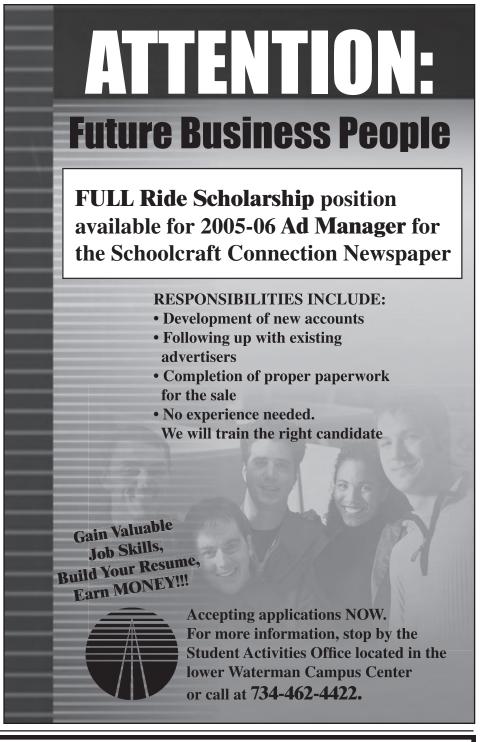
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Attention Students!

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FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005

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If you need assistance with WebAdvisor Registration, contact the Registrar's Office via email at: registration@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4430

Math Department recognizes their outstanding students | Pythagorean Prize given for twelfth year

BY RYAN RUSSELL Campus Life Editor

ext fall, two of Schoolcraft's brightest math students will have a bit of assistance in transferring to new schools. Second-year Math major Larry Choraszewski and third-year Math/Piano Performance major Katrina Deady are both headed to the University of Michigan, and both will have the financial aid of the Math Department's Pythagorean Prize.

Of the ten applicants for this year's prize-Darpan Patel, Andrew Wright, Christopher Marshall, Albert Plluci, Adam Jacoby, David Banka, Ajay Gurnuy, William Sutton, Choraszewski, and Deady-the two winners were chosen by the Pythagorean Prize Committee in March. Choraszewski will receive the \$1,000 first-place award, and the \$500 second-place award went to Deady. The other applicants will be rewarded with a certificate recognizing their outstanding performance.

"Most of it will go towards fees for U of M," says Choraszewski, "but some will go into a savings account."

Deady is also planning to use her award towards

college expenses. "It's an expensive school, so the money will definitely help," says Deady.

All of the Pythagorean Prize applicants will be recognized at today's Pythagorean Prize award reception, to be held in the McDowell Center, Room 200, from 3–5 p.m. The applicants' families, winners from past years, past Math Department faculty, indeed, the whole campus is invited to attend. SC's Vice President, John Tomey, will be presenting the second-place award, and SC President Conway A. Jeffress will present the firstplace prize.

"I was overwhelmed at first," says Deady, "I was just filling out scholarship applications, and when I found out about this, I thought I might have a chance. I didn't really expect the response I got. But I'm really happy to be recognized, especially by the same faculty that inspired and assisted me in passing all these math classes."

"I qualified and applied last year, after I heard about it from some of my professors. I didn't win, but I kept taking classes and worked even harder, and it paid off when I applied this year," says Choraszewski. "I feel really excited, really accomplished. This is a big highpoint in my career at SC."

The Pythagorean Prize was created to recognize students who have shown exceptional work in the Math program, and to encourage them to consider careers in mathematics. It is awarded every April, with the winner receiving a \$1,000 cash reward to help with educational expenses. The runner-up receives a \$500 cash reward.

"We give a cash reward as opposed to a tuition waiver because most of these students are ready to transfer to other schools," says Larry Williams, chairman and originator of the Pythagorean Prize Committee. "For all we know, the winner could go out and purchase a stereo system for their car. But our hope is that they use the money for their educational expenses."

One of the most interesting things is that the award, which has helped so many SC students, was originally suggested by another student.

Twelve years ago, that student approached the Math Department with a suggestion: give an award to students excelling in the Math program. One year later, the Pythagorean Prize was born. "In fact, she had a good reason to suggest it," says Williams. "She felt that if such an award existed, she'd win it."

When the cash reward



Larry Choraszewski is this years Pythagorean Prize winner, beating out nine other contenders for the \$1,000 cash reward.

was first introduced (in the amount of \$300), it was funded by the Math Department faculty through contributions to the Schoolcraft Foundation. At the suggestion of President Jeffress, the reward was raised to its current amount of \$1,000. The Math Department now provides the reward in conjunction with the Office of Student Services.

Williams, however, feels that the most important part of the Pythagorean Prize is to give these students the recognition they deserve.

"We try to emphasize the student," says Williams. "We understand and appreciate the effort these students put forth. We honor our athletes and musicians, but no one really recognizes the Math students. We feel that their accomplishments are truly worthy of that honor and recognition."

PROFESSOR PROFILE: Samuel Hays

Professor balances English and Theology



Professor Samuel Hays is hard at work preparing for his 11:30 a.m. English class.

By Angie Belcher

rofessor Samuel Hays, a retired Lutheran Pastor, has taught English at Schoolcraft for the past six years. He currently teaches English 101, both online and traditional, and English 244—Poetry.

Hays was raised in Richmond, Indiana, a town that had a population of 40,000. He attended Earlham College, a small liberal arts Quaker college located in his hometown.

"Most of the other students were from private schools in the East. I was kind of the country boy. I wasn't very polished, but I also wasn't a geek. We all got along well,

As a younger man, Hays could not decide between the two professions he was interested in: teaching and Lutheran ministry. Faced with a tough decision, he chose not to choose, but rather, decided to do both. Hays received a Masters Degree in Lutheran Ministry at the Lutheran School of Theology and later received a Masters in English and Teaching at Wayne State University.

"I loved to study and learn. I didn't like high school, but I loved college because you learned all of these interesting things," explains Hays.

Even with a career change, Hays never lost his passion

but I didn't know all of the for Lutheran Ministry. ways of the world," says During his teaching career, he worked as a part-time Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Detroit, until last year when his church disbanded.

> Hays' hobbies include reading, "fun research" which translates into surfing the Web-and visiting restaurants with his wife. His favorite type of exotic food is

> "I like to go to different restaurants and experience different foods. Where I was raised as a kid, the only ethnic restaurant we had was Italian, so it's all new to me. Whatever it is, I'll try

Hays enjoys comical movies

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create a more efficient atmosphere at the college the IS department will be integrating student login IDs for the main campus network sometime during the up coming fall semester. The network will use the same format as WebAdvisor, however, each student will be able to set their password independently. The implementation of the new main network login ID process will tackle certain security and privacy issues that the old system left unattended.

"Occasionally, someone will come in and do something they shouldn't," says Chris Barrow, an employee at the Bradner Library, which has no current login process.

Additionally, the same ID and password which is used for WebAdvisor and the new network login will be used for the wireless accounts when they are available to all. This will universalize the login process, limiting students to one, easy to remember, login ID and password.

The new technology is evidence of the college's strides to meet the needs of an ever growing student body, while at the same time creating a standard for other community colleges to follow.

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such as "Monty Python's Life of Brian," and his favorite musician is Bob Marley, though he says that is the only reggae he enjoys. When asked what three things he would bring to a deserted island, he chose his wife, an internet accessible computer, and a lifetime subscription of "The New York Review of Books."

Hays says that his greatest accomplishment is his happy marriage and family. Sam's wife of 20 years, Sandy Roney-Hays, is a professor of Anthropology and Sociology at SC.

"We have a great time. We really work well together, we do everything well together."

Hays' methods of teaching in the classroom include group work, interactive materials and encouraging all of his classes to learn and use PowerPoint. He also sometimes

such as "Monty Python's Life of uses online grammar quizzes or Brian," and his favorite musician PowerPoint presentations "as an is Bob Marley, though he says that interruption."

One of Hay's ENG 101 students, Mark Erchenercher, a first-year Broadcast Communications major says, "He's a really nice guy and he's funny. He keeps the class loose so it's easier to pay attention. You don't get bored as easy."

Brandon O'Leary, a 20-year old Pharmaceuticals major who met Professor Hays through the Honors Program, where Hays became Brandon's mentor, says, "He's an awesome person and an all around great guy. He's helped me with both life and school."

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The first payment of \$65 is due by April 22. Students may sign up and pay in the Student Activities Office located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing.

Officers needed

The Edgerunner Ski Club is looking for officers for next Fall semester. There are three positions available. Benefits include free trips, leadership experience and experience planning events. Interested students may fill out an application in the SAO.

Phi Theta Kappa

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On Monday, April 18, Phi Theta Kappa presents the Birds of Prey Wildlife Education Program. The program will be presented by Joe Rogers, director of the Wildlife Recovery Association. Over 10 live raptors will be presented, including bald eagles, great horned owls, red-tailed hawks and northern harriers. Show times will be at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing, and there is no charge.

Officers needed

Phi Theta Kappa is looking for officers for next fall semester. There are seven positions available: Vice President and Vice Presidents of Scholarship, Fellowship, Service, Leadership, Communications and Recruitment. Benefits include automatically earning six stars, weekend leadership retreats, leadership experience and \$500 in scholarship money every semester. Interested

students can fill out an application in the SAO located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing, and applications are due by Friday, April 15.

Induction

Phi Theta Kappa's induction ceremony for new members will be held on Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m. in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center. Students being inducted must have six stars, and will meet in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing at 12 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and take pictures. Schoolcraft's president, Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, will be speaking, and new officers will be recognized. No jeans, t-shirts, hats, etc.

Student Activities Board

Officers needed

SAB is looking for officers for next Fall semester. There are four positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary and Public Relations. Benefits include free trips, experience planning large events, resume building and \$500 in scholarship money every semester. Interested students can fill out an application in the SAO located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing.

Otaku Anime Club

The Otaku Anime Club will have an anime screening on Saturday, April 23, from 5-10 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing. Anyone with an interest in anime is encouraged to attend.

The screening schedule is available online at http://www.otakuanime.org.

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The Connection is looking for Editors, Staff Writers and Photographers for the Fall 2005/Winter 2006 semesters. Any students interested in joining the Connection staff should fill out an application, available in the SAO in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing.

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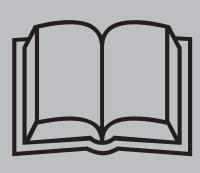
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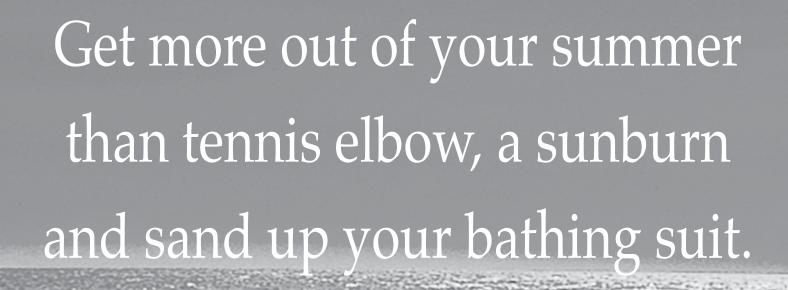
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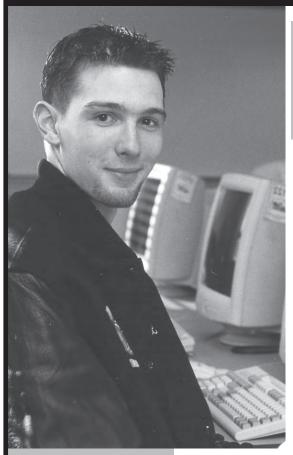
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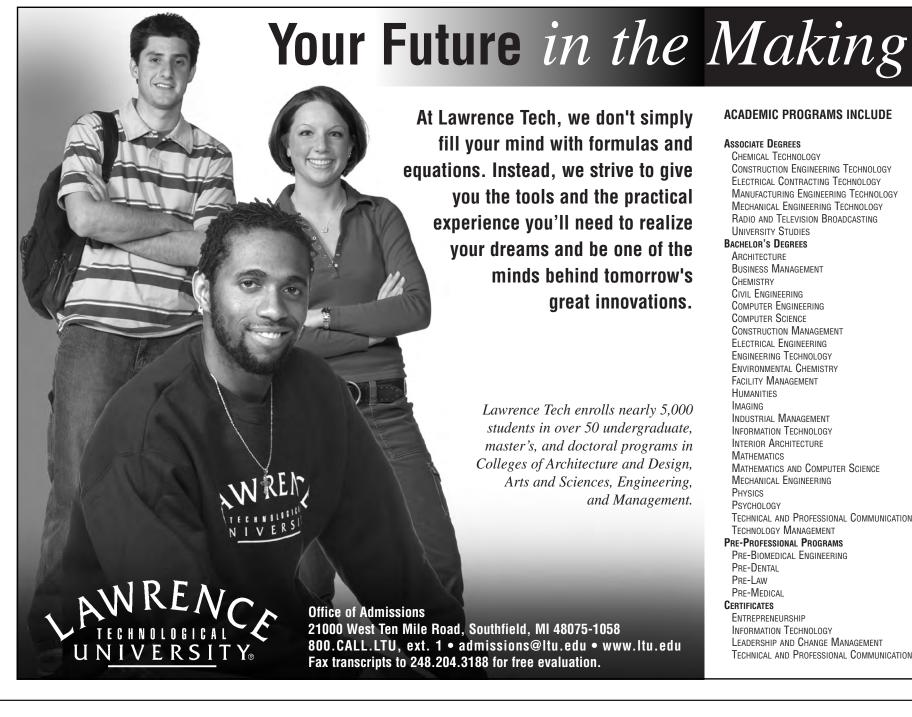
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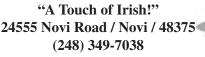
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Guitar and drum duo The Evens craft memorable music



Catchy rock songs dominate their first full length release

By Kevin McGorey Staff Writer

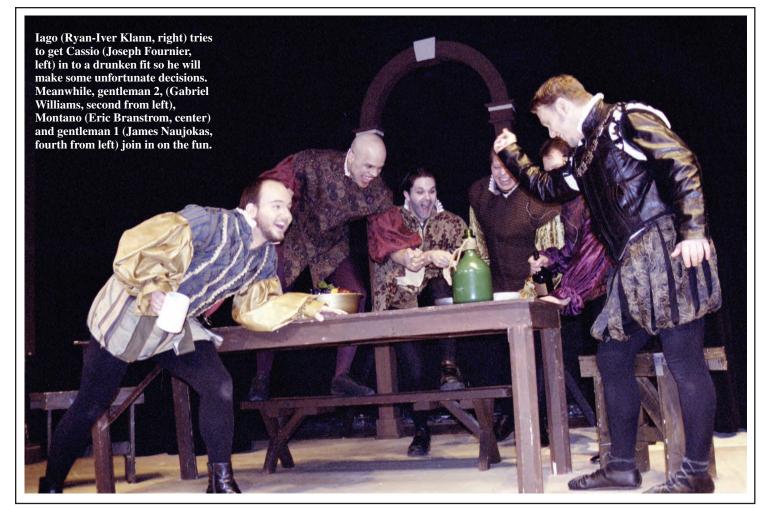
an MacKaye, a prominent figure in the history of the Washington, D.C. hardcore music scene, and Amy Farina, previously the drummer for D.C. band The Warmers, have joined forces as The Evens. Their self-titled debut CD relies on minimal instrumentation to create a warm, welcoming tone.

MacKaye, who founded the independent record label Dischord in 1980 after cutting his teeth in bands such as Teen Idles and Minor Threat, is best known by the large body of work he has released in his fifteen years with the highly influential band Fugazi. One of the most popular underground rock bands of the past 20 years, Fugazi and MacKaye in particular are notorious for their outspoken political beliefs and their uncompromising views on keeping music separate from big business.

Taking a different route in The Evens, MacKaye couples the comforting sound of his baritone guitar with Farina's creative drumming and develops a sound which is familiar yet original. This lays the framework for MacKaye and Farina to create some interesting melodies, which are largely the focus of much of the record. The vocals build upon the compositions, carefully layering patterns which sometimes harmonize, overlap or simply join in unison.

Lyrically, the album touches on subject matter such as politics ("All These Governors") and social unrest ("Crude Bomb"), which should

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Photos by Constance Johnson

Shakespeare's classic play brought to life

'Othello' successfully captures the hearts of audiences

> By Muhammad S. Khan Staff Writer

illiam Shakespeare's
"Othello," performed
recently by the
Theatre Department,
was nothing short of riveting.

Set around the late sixteenth century, "Othello" is a tragedy about a Moorish general who gets tricked by his ensign to believe that his wife and his lieutenant are having an affair which eventually leads to his downfall, as he acts on his jealousy by killing his wife. Along the way there is much misunderstanding and manipulation.

The strongest point of the production was the acting itself. Brian Taylor gave a powerful performance as Othello and Ryan-Iver Klann was able to depict Iago as the coniving villain Shakespeare originally intended. While these two were essentially the main characters of the play, the rest of the actors also held their own in their respective roles.

Professor of Theatre and Drama James R. Hartman spent more than two years working on this production. His primary concerns were editing for length and language.

The original play is almost three hours long, which is why he brought it down to two hours and 25 minutes. There are two acts, the first one being one hour and 15 minutes, followed by a 10 minute break and then the second

act being an hour long. The original play also had some songs which were taken out, but as recompense, Hartman added in a hilarious drinking scene that blended in perfectly with the rest of the play.

As for the language, since many people find Elizabethan English to be a little difficult to comprehend, Hartman tweaked some of the vocabulary to make it easier for the

audience to understand. However, this by no means took anything away from the original work, as most of the passages were left untouched and the ones that were edited were done so very subtly. "There are certain passages that are very well known that I did not touch," says Hartman.

The scenery was not elaborate, but it did the job, as far as setting the mood. The same could be said about the wardrobe, as there were not too many wardrobe changes, but the costumes themselves were well made. Sound effects were added in at appropriate times to create a richer environment.

One important technical component

Rodrigo (Eric Malo, left) takes a stunning blow from Cassio's (Joseph Fournier, right) sword.

of the play that was noteworthy was the makeup. This in particular is in reference to Brian Taylor, who with the proper makeup and haircut was able to depart from his caucasian look to appear more like the darker skinned Othello.

Overall the production's many components came together to make "Othello" a great experience. The theater's small size also made it a very intimate interaction between the crowd and the actors. The acting was well done and the editing by Hartman made the play enjoyable for those new to Shakespeare, while maintaining the integrity of the original.



BOOK REVIEW:

'Serpent Girl' will delight readers' dark side

Carnahan tells a hilarious story of life in the circus

By Travis Grand

squat-

ting and clutching my balls like they were a dangerous little animal that might escape." Staying true to the rule that the first sentence should always grab the readers' attention, firsttime novelist Matthew Carnahan ambles through the "behind the scenes" life of a carny in his hilariously bizarre debut titled "Serpent Girl."

As if being a carny was not bad enough, 22-year-old Bailey Quinn awakens from a drug-induced blackout only to find himself forsaken, laying pant-less in the middle of nowhere, jaw throbbing, throat carelessly slit and feeling the aftermath of a swift kick to the groin.

When sobriety finally pre-

vails, Bailey comes to the realization of his naivety and concludes that his so-called "friends," white-trash circus ruffians, have betrayed him and run off with his half of the \$45,000 they had previously heisted.

Now, most people who have just escaped near-death from a group of dangerous, illbred circus oafs would count their blessings and be gone; not Bailey. In his relentless assault against the circusmafia, Bailey, stupidly yet so courageously inspiring, stops at nothing to get back his half of the money, venturing through everything from larceny to grand theft auto; he even makes unabashed love to a limbless lady (literally the circus freak-show) at the carnival just to get leads on his new-found adversaries.

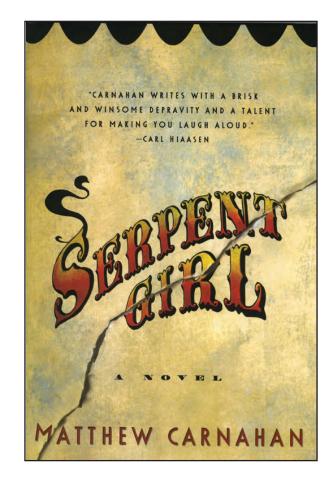
The climax of the story is not so much shocking as it is entertaining. Although there does happen to be some unexpected deceit, the characters Carnahan creates along with the context he places them in (white-trash carnies who

live in circus-trailers and are after money) supply favorable odds for the deception that takes place.

Carnahan's depiction of the "carny-world" may be fabricated a tad, but not too much, since it says on the jacketsleeve that he used to be employed as a circus worker. Nonetheless, his portrayal is terrifyingly real and will make readers question their wellbeing the next time they attend a carnival.

However, the frightening realism of carny-life, though at times is very dark and dramatic, becomes eclipsed by Carnahan's raunchy, in-your-face humor. Even though Bailey is an unlawful, foul-mouthed carny, deep down lies an upright spirit filled with compassion that makes him genuine and even tasteful.

To add more hijinks and laughs to this bizarre story, Carnahan throws in a lovetriangle between Bailey, the limbless lady and a prostitute look-alike recovering from a heroin addiction that even



Maury Povich would consider repugnant.

With the grace and eloquence of a literary craftsman, Carnahan surpasses the norm and even the bizarre with an epic tale about theft, retribution,

camaraderie, love and carnies. Readers longing for originality that has obscure twists and turns will be humored by the dark and surprisingly tender sides of "Serpent Girl."



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'The Ring Two' falls short of predecessor

The sequel disappoints with vague, cliché plot

BY ZACH NORTON
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

fter the huge success of the "The Ring," it was no surprise that a sequel would emerge. "The Ring Two" looks like it could be better than the average horror sequel, bringing back Academy Award nominee Naomi Watts as Rachel Keller and David Dorfman playing her son Aidan. In addition to the main actors, screenwriter Ehren Kruger returns and director Hideo Nakata, who directed the original Japanese film, "Ringu," (on which the first film was based) was brought on board.

The slew of prominent "The Ring" alumni coupled with the success of the original left fans buzzing about the follow-up.

Moviegoers could not wait to learn more about the ghost of Samara. Her foggy background and truly tortured past left a lot of unanswered questions for viewers; the kind of questions only a sequel could answer.

Unfortunately, many of those ques-

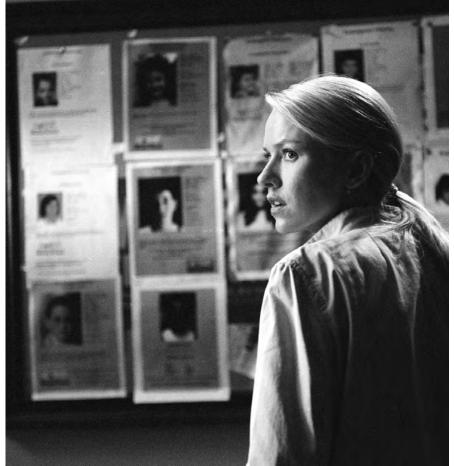
tions go unanswered in "The Ring Two;" the biggest fault of the movie being that those concerns are hardly even addressed. Instead, the audience gets more mysteries.

The story picks up six months after the original. Keller and her son have moved to Astoria, Oregon, from Seattle, to start over. Things seem to be going smoothly, until Keller overhears some disturbingly familiar details from a local crime scene on the police radio in her new newspaper office.

In classic horror movie style, she decides to investigate, at night, on her own. Her first soggy steps into the house confirm her worst fears.

Keller's actions do not sit well with Samara, and soon the creepy little girl is crawling out of the well, through the TV and back into Rachel and Aidan's dreams, terrorizing their lives.

Where the original had a unique premise and genuinely creepy story, "The Ring Two" relies heavily on stupid horror movie clichés. The opening scene features a dumb high school kid who waits until 10:58 p.m. to get an unsuspecting classmate to



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Keller begins to realize the terrible truth, that she has not escaped the evil Samara.

watch the two-minute film. Guess what happened to him?

It is that kind of forced suspense and poor writing that ruin this film. Though there is a decent share of startling scenes, most of the entertainment from the movie comes from the comically bad writing. Unfortunately, "The Ring Two" is hardly worth the laugh.

Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Fox

Do not miss Disney's Tonyaward winning musical, "Beauty and the Beast," at the Fox Theatre, April 12–17. Call for show times.

Based on the classic Disney animated film, "Beauty and the Beast" brings the songs to life in these special live performances.

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

Tickets range from \$28 to \$78 and are available from Fox Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 433-1515, on the Net at http://www. OlympiaEntertainment. com or from all Ticketmaster outlets.

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

University of Michigan Theatre Department presents 'City of Angels'

"City of Angels" will be showing at the Power Center on April 14 at 7:30 p.m., April 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and April 17 at 2 p.m.

A spoof of 1940s film noir

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and hard-boiled detective fiction, "City of Angels" is a hilarious musical, with a great cast.

The Power Center is located at 121 N. Fletcher St. in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20 for reserved seating. Student seating tickets are \$9. Tickets can be purchased at the League Ticket Office, by phone at (734) 764-2538 or online at http://www.uprod.music.umich.com.

Local label releases Canadian tribute

Detroit label Plumline Records will celebrate the release of their tribute to Canadian indie rock, "One Scene to Another," on Friday, April 15 at 9 p.m. at the Magic Stick.

Local rockers New Grenada, The Recital and The Hard Lessons will perform live to ring in the new CD, which features Detroit bands covering classic Canadian indie rock bands, such as Sloan, Eric's Trip and the Super Friendz.

The Magic Stick is located at 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the Majestic Café, by phone at (313) 833-9700 Ext. 202, or at any Ticketmaster outlet.

The show is 18+.

For more information, visit http://www.majesticdetroit.com/stick.asp.

The Detroit Film Theatre presents 'Moog'

"Moog" will be showing at the Detroit Film Theatre on Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The story of Robert Moog, inventor of the synthesizer, "Moog" shows how his ideas and advancements have changed the face of music. The film also features performances by Keith Emerson, DJ Spooky, Stereolab, Bootsy Collins and others.

The DFT is located within the Detroit Institute of Arts at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets are \$7.50, or \$6.50 for students, seniors and DIA members, and can be reserved by calling the DFT Box Office at (313) 833-3237.

For more information, call the DFT at (313) 833-7887.

The Brad Mehldau Trio plays the Michigan Theater

The Brad Mehldau Trio will play the Michigan Theater on April 21, at 8 p.m.

Mehldau, widely acclaimed in the jazz world, has also found success with pop audiences after releasing several Radiohead covers.

Sharing the bill with Mehldau, will be the John Scofield Trio.

The Michigan Theater is located at 603 E. Liberty Street, in Ann Arbor.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$40 and can be purchased by phone at (743) 764-2538 or in person at the UMS ticket office at 911 N. University Avenue.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit http://www.ums.org.

Michael Bublé plays the Masonic Temple

Michael Bublé will perform live at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Known for his unique blend of pop and jazz and his dark, velvet voice, Bublé will surely please crowds. His latest album "It's Time" hit number one on the Billboard Jazz Chart, as well as reaching the top ten on the

The Masonic Temple is located at 500 Temple Ave. in Detroit.

Billboard 200 chart.

Tickets are \$48 and \$58, and can be purchased at the Fisher and Fox Theatre box offices, all Ticketmaster outlets, or online at http://www. OlympiaEntertainment.com

For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment at (313) 471-6611.

"The Evens"

not surprise anyone accustomed to MacKaye's work. However, there are also lyrics about relationships, such as the opening "Shelter Two," which chronicles a trip to a hardware store with a significant other.

The sparse nature of the songs work incredibly well; while the arrangements may not immediately jump out and grab the listener, the melodies will no doubt find their way into the subconscious only to resurface later.

The intros to songs like "If It's Water" and "Blessed Not Lucky" may leave fans of Fugazi pining for that band's much-anticipated next album (they have not released anything since 2001's "The Argument"), but Farina's influence shines in these tracks. Her expressive singing and tight, rhythmic drumming compliment MacKaye's guitar lines perfectly.

The album as a whole works quite

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well; after establishing an upbeat mood, one of the most affecting moments comes with the mellow "Sara Lee," relying on a hypnotic strum and light drumming to convey an ominous atmosphere. This feeling of disquiet is revisited in some of the last songs on the record, followed by the assertive closer "You Won't Feel A Thing."

When the duo appeared on a children's program singing a song about enunciation, some people were a bit worried about MacKaye's new project. Though the Evens may not be breaking much new ground here, this is far from kid's stuff.

MacKaye and Farina manage to do something which many bands these days can not; they put their own twist on a genre using the bare essentials of rock music.

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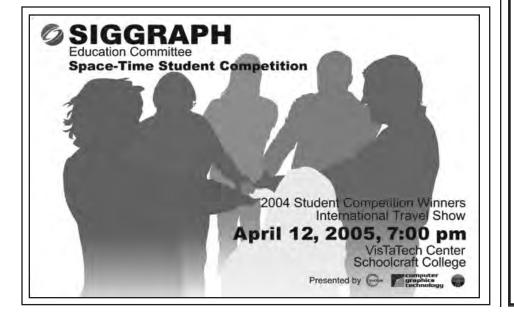
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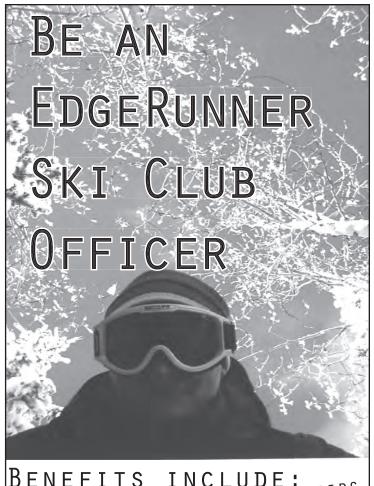
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Freshman-filled team begins a building process

Ocelots start season with all new roster and coach

By Chris Jackett

he Ocelots golf team is taking the fairway with a fresh look. Not a single player, nor the head coach, from last season is returning this year. Last season, former coach Carolyn McKinnis Steffen led the Ocelots to an eighth place finish in the State Tournament with a threeround team score of 963. Lansing Community College won the event with a score of 921.

This season, coach Cecil Woodruff will lead a four to five man team into the season with hopes of making a respectable showing, while improving all along the way.

"It's hard to tell because we don't have any returning players," states Woodruff. "This year we have some talent, and we'll see what happens this year and next year. We've got a good nucleus right now and we'll see how things go."

The roster consists of Andrew Dodson, Spencer Haegar, William Johnson and Stephen Paul. All four are freshmen.

The team hopes to play well throughout the season, figuring that they are in the middle ranks of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. However, the team has already had to face a few problems prior to the first meet. Three of the six original players were released from the team after the fall semester due to low grades, forcing the team to go into some last minute recruiting.

"We got shorthanded. Three kids didn't make grades, so we picked up one more," says Johnson, who will likely lead the team throughout the season. "We're looking to put up good numbers and then next year we can revamp and have a good season."

With only a four-man roster, the Ocelots hope to improve and compete with other talented teams from Lansing, Mott and Oakland Community Colleges. The team is optimistic about the season, but realizes where they are positioned while playing short two players.

"We can't aim too high, but we hope everyone stays consistent and places well," states Haegar.

Haegar joined the team just a month ago and is, by far, the oldest of the freshmen at 39-years old. Returning from the war in Iraq, he brings a few years of golfing experience and maturity to the team, which should help in the long run.



Ocelot new comer William "Chad" Johnson, graduate of Canton High School, works on his short game from the bunker. Johnson says he likes to practice during his off time at Saint Johns of Northville.

To help the team's experience, they trained in Lexington, Kentucky, through the weekend of March 17-20, shooting as many as 36 holes per day and a total of 90 holes of golf over the three-day weekend.

"We had just about every type of

weather down there," says Woodruff, "So we had to contend with that. It was a good opportunity to test ourselves on that one. I think we learned a lot and we got to get to know each other."

The Ocelots will tee off next at the

Wayne County Community College Invitational on Friday, April 15. The invitational begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Course.



PLYMOUTH WHALERS HOCKEY

Swept!

Whalers lose four straight to Owen Sound, eliminated from playoffs

By Muhammad S. Khan Staff Writer

he Plymouth
Whalers were
knocked out of
the first round of
the playoffs by the Owen
Sound Attack on March 31.
While the Whalers kept
it close in the first game,
Owen Sound's high-powered
offense was too hard to keep
up with throughout the
playoffs.

Owen Sound managed to pull off a 1-0 victory over the Whalers in the playoff opener on March 25. With a deflected shot by Jeff Kryzakos that got past Whalers goaltender Ryan Nie 18:35 into the first period, Owen Sound was up on the scoreboard. However, the Whalers' 21 shots on goal failed to get past goaltender Mike Brown.

Even with a loss, the Whalers demonstrated their ability to play exceptional defense as Owen Sound's brutal offensive attack was contained to just one goal.

This defensive tenacity, however, did not carry into game two of the playoffs.

Owen Sound came out victorious by a margin of 6-1 in the second playoff game against the Whalers,

which took place on March 26. While Owen Sound held only a two goal lead over the Whalers for the first two periods, the game breaking goals came during the third period when Owen Sound scored three power play

The only Whalers goal was contributed by John Mitchell at 19:04 of the second period. This brought back some hope of a comeback, but the Whalers were unable to get anything more past goaltender Brown, who stopped 26 of the 27 shots taken on him. Owen Sound also outshot the Whalers, 38-27.

Much like game one of the playoffs, the Whalers failed to get up on the scoreboard against Owen Sound in game three. Winning 5-0, Owen Sound goaltender Brown was able to get his second shutout of the series.

Both Patrick Jarrett and Brad Richardson managed to score a goal apiece during the first period, putting Owen Sound up 2-0. Igor Gongalsy scored on a power play at 16:32 of the second period, and Richardson soon followed at 18:16 to make it 4-0. Justin Garay replaced Nie in goal for the Whalers at the beginning of the third period, but that



Whalers left winger John Vigilante slaps a cross ice pass out of his zone while being pursued by Owen Sound left winger Igor Gongalsky.

ceased to have any effect on Richardson's ability to score as he put one in at 9:53 of the third to get his hat trick. Owen Sound ended up outshooting the Whalers, 33-18.

Game four was the nail in the coffin for the Whalers, as Owen Sound was able to hammer in a 7-2 loss for Plymouth.

Owen Sound kept up a lead throughout the game, gaining a 2-0 lead in the first period with goals from Richardson (3:46) and Robin Big Snake (7:36). James Neal scored one on the power play for the Whalers to make the game 2-1, but Jarrett scored at the end of the first period to make the game 3-1.

Jonas Fiedler scored a shorthanded goal at 6:12 of the second period to close the lead down to 3-2; however, the Attack answered with two goals of their own from Richardson and Bobby Ryan during late period power play goals.

Jeff Kyrzakos and Stefan Ruzicka of Owen Sound finished the game off with a goal apiece near the end of the third period.

In the end, Owen Sound had a lethal offense that could not be contained through the four games.

"Ryan Nie didn't look good on the scoreboard, but he did everything he could to keep us in there. He could only stop so many chances. Their skill level was just phenomenal," says secondary goaltender Justin Garay.

These playoff games were a world apart from

the March 19 victory the Whalers had over firstranked London.

In what turned out to be a nail biting game in front of a sellout crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena, the Plymouth Whalers won by a narrow margin of 4-3, over the London Knights.

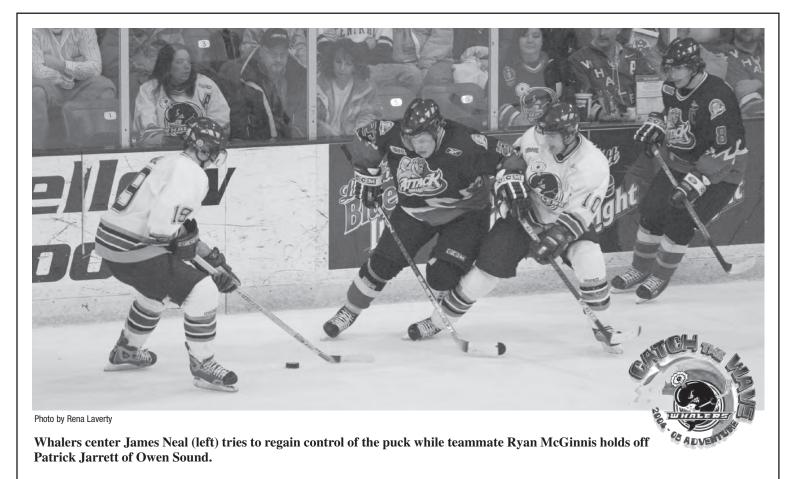
The first goal of the night was scored by London's Dan Fritsche, who managed to pull off another goal within a span of 17 seconds (6:47 and 7:04) in the first period. This early lead was decreased to one by a power play goal from Whalers forward Tim Sestito at 9:28.

Fiedler put in a pass from Cory Tanaka to tie the game at 4:53 of the second period. Taking advantage of a rebound, Vaclav Miedl gave the Whalers their first lead at 10:53 of the second period. Whalers were up 4-2 thanks to John Vigilante, after Mitchell won a face-off in the London zone and passed off to Vigilante.

London got a point from Foreman to put them behind 4-3, but even pulling the goaltender in the final minutes of the third period

While the losses in the playoffs were disheartening, the Whalers have something to look forward to come next season. Tom Sestito, who is to return next year, much like the majority of his teammates, is optimistic about the future.

"We are a young team and we came together good (this season). I think we are going to be very good in a couple of years."

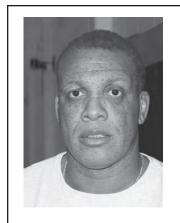


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"Briggs"

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Carlos Briggs

when you do a good job and are willing to go out on the front line," states Briggs. "It also saddened me that it happened here, at a school that I always hold to high standards."

On April 1, the day after the protest, Briggs met with President Conway Jeffress and together they worked out an agreement.

According to Marty Heator, director of marketing, "Right before the close of business Friday, Carlos Briggs notified the college of his intention to resign following the 2005-2006 season."

This was soon followed by an official and identical statement from the college which states, "Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs has announced that the 2005-2006 campaign will be his last season with the part of the Schoolcraft family Ocelots." because I was a player here

The agreement is in the best interests of all parties involved. Briggs gets to keep his job for another year, the players get another year to decide whether they want to stay at Schoolcraft, and the basketball program gets a chance to reconcile with the NJCAA and MCCAA. Hoping to mend the relationships between all parties, and provide the best options for both the students and the basketball program, the agreement was warmly accepted by all involved.

"I think the situation was handled properly. I think Dr. Jeffress and Schoolcraft were very fair in their decision. I'm just happy to still be a

part of the Schoolcraft family because I was a player here and I was a student here," says Briggs. "I appreciate the opportunity they gave me when I first came and I appreciate the opportunity they gave me again."

The agreement between Briggs and the college also states that "Briggs will not recruit players for the 06-07 season. The administration has given Director of Athletics Sid Fox permission to hire a new coach prior to the conclusion of the 05-06 season in order to facilitate recruiting for the 06-07 campaign."

In response, Briggs replies, "I'm not going to speculate on that. I'm just going to do what's best for the program here. Whatever kids want to

come are going to know my situation and that I'm only going to be here one more year. I'll definitely give them the opportunity to make that decision knowing my situation here."

With disputes settled, and the basketball season over, both Briggs and the college are ready to move on and repair any damage done over the last few months. Briggs looks forward to making his final season with Schoolcraft a success, and the college looks for a new coach to fill in the highly polished position that Briggs will leave open after next year.

Letters of Intent

Complied by Chris Jackett

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choolcraft is transferring 33 athletes to four-year universities this school year. Eighteen of them have the opportunity to go to NCAA Division I schools. Neither the cross-country or golf team have any players moving on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Here are the athletes that are transferring to play at four-year universities:

WOMEN'S SOCCER (12)

Melissa Baar - Concordia University, NAIA

Arielle Bryant - Georgia College & State University (GA), NCAA II

- Peach Belt

Andrea Dunn - University of Albany (NY), NCAA I - American East

Ashley Gay - Concordia University, NAIA

Casey Hoover - Concordia University, NAIA

Rachel Myers - Concordia University NAIA

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Jackie Naperola - Spring Arbor University, NAIA

Megan Romer - Concordia University, NAIA Lindsey Stiver - Concordia University, NAIA

Natalie Thomas - Georgia College & State University (GA), NCAA II

- Peach Belt

*Lindsey Turkington - Concordia University, NAIA

*Tiffani Tuzzolino - University of Albany (NY), NCAA I - American East, Georgia College and State University (GA), NCAA II - Peach Belt Missouri Western State College (MO), NCAA II - Mid-American

MEN'S SOCCER (7)

Rod Asllani - Oakland University, NCAA I - Mid-Continent

Michael Bennett - Madonna University, NAIA

Shannon Cole - Clemson University (SC), NCAA I - Atlantic Coast Liam Curran - Xavier University (OH), NCAA I - Atlantic 10 Danny Dragoi - St. John's University (NY), NCAA I - Big East Rob Marinkoski - Mercer University (GA), NCAA I - Atlantic Sun Jamie Miller - Gardner-Webb University (NC), NCAA I - Atlantic Sun

VOLLEYBALL (2)

Kelly Sines - Wayne State University, NCAA II - GLIAC ***Kathleen Knutson** - Oakland University, NCAA I - Mid-Continent

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (4)

Amantha Combs - Concordia University, NAIA

*Sarah Tyree - Adrian University, NCAA III - MIAA

University of Detroit - Mercy, NCAA I - Horizon Salem International University (WV), NCAA II - West

Virginia IAC

*Shareece Cosby - Concordia University, NAIA

Siena Heights, NCAA I - Metro Atlantic

*Takara Tuff - Concordia University, NAIA

MEN'S BASKETBALL (8)

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James Douglas - University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (WI),

NCAA I - Horizon

David Hoskins - Kansas State University (KS), NCAA I - Big 12

*Kevin Massiah - Marshall University (WV), NCAA I - Mid-American Northern Illinois (IL), NCAA I - Mid-American

Southeastern Louisiana University (LA), NCAA I
- SouthlandUniversity of Wisconsin, Madison (WI),

NCAA I - Big 10 Creighton University (NE),

NCAA I - Missouri Valley

*Marcus Moore - Wayne State University, NCAA II - GLIAC

University of Southern Indiana (IN), NCAA II -

Great Lakes Valley

Northwood University, NCAA II - GLIAC

*Martin Samarco - Bowling Green State University (OH),

NCAA I - Mid-American

University of New Orleans (LA), NCAA I - Sun Belt

Western Michigan University, NCAA I -

Mid-American

Kent State University (OH), NCAA I - Mid-American Arkansas State University (AR), NCAA I - Sun Belt Kansas State University (KS), NCAA I - Big 12

*Tyrone Scott - Wright State University (OH), NCAA I -

Horizon League

Ball Sate University (IN), NCAA I - Mid-American University of Tulsa (OK), NCAA I - Western Athletic

Western Michigan University, NCAA I -

Mid-American

*Courtney Williams - University of Oregon (OR), NCAA I - Pacific 10

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN),

NCAA I - Big 10

University of Alabama at Birmingham (AL),

NCAA I - Conference USA

University of South Carolina, Columbia (SC),

NCAA I - Southeastern

Walter Walters - University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (WI),

NCAA I - Horizon

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ALL HE WROTE

BY CHRIS JACKETT SPORTS EDITOR

Almost out of the batting cage

Finally moving on to the big leagues



ike a AAA base-ball player who has paid his dues, it is time to move up to the major league. I am not moving to New York or Boston to play

for the Yankees or Red Sox, but rather East Lansing, where I will study for, or rather, with, the Spartans.

Every professional baseball player does his time before he gets his 15 minutes of fame. Very few athletes go from high school to professional status without making stops in the collegiate, AAA, AA and/or A-leagues first. These stops sometimes last decades before the athlete realizes that they are not going to make it to the World Series they have dreamt about since they were youngsters.

However, one could interpret such a metaphor, as it relates to their educational experiences, in a number of ways. Although I am by no means a 40-year old minor league baseball player, I am about to take the next step in life and move on to Michigan State University in the fall, my World Series.

Relating Schoolcraft to the batting cages of an AAA farm team may be a stretch, but it does bear a strong con-

nection. Just like the pitching machines that spit ball after ball towards you, Schoolcraft has thrown many lessons and opportunities my way. Just like the months upon months and hours upon hours players spend tackling and learning the tricks of the trade to prepare themselves for the big leagues, I have spent the last two years learning the tricks of college courses and SC offices, and the systems that make them all run well. Just as the batting cages prepare a ball player, Schoolcraft has prepared me for the big leagues. The personal and academic lessons, memories and skills acquired from this college will all serve me well for the rest of my educational career, as well as

As my career continues, I could compare Michigan State to the Atlanta Braves of Major League Baseball. They are not the best in the league, but always a high-ranking contender. Atlanta is a program that helps players to grow into stars, as I expect Michigan State will do for me. Schoolcraft surpassed my expectations and, after just a few more months, I'll be ready for Michigan State to follow suit.



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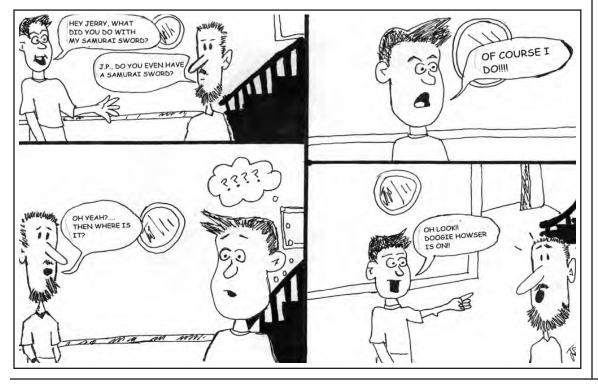
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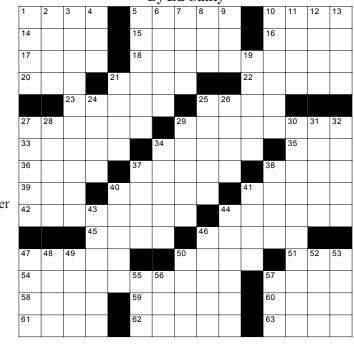
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Crossword 101 By Ed Canty



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insight into an issue that has been plaguing you

lately. Act on this revelation and a much needed change will occur. This change will greatly improve your outlook on life.



Taurus Apr 20- May 20

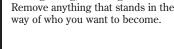
The truth doesn't have to hurt. Sometimes, it inspires, uplifts and liber-

ates. There is no guarantee that your imminent brush with the truth will be pain-free, but don't bother guarding yourself from it either.



Gemini May 21- Jun 21 Now is the perfect time

to work on a particular setback that you have been ignoring, or letting slide.





Cancer Jun 22- Jul 22

If you are seeking romance, you will not

have to look very hard. If you simply seek more comfort, it will come to you. Be open to these things because they are heading in your direction, you just have to accept them.



Leo Jul 23- Aug 22 While it is true that

many hands make light

work, this does not apply to your individual problems. Sitting idly by and waiting for someone to help you with your problems will prove futile. Take action now!



Virgo Aug 23- Sep 22

You will be able to approach situations that are both practical and emotional in a focused and balanced way. Therefore, now is an excellent time to consider decisions that need



Libra Sep 23- Oct 22

In dealing with people over the next few days, you will find skills that you never

knew you had. Use them by catching up on correspondence, transacting any business that needs to be done and taking care of any issues involving tact and diplomacy.



Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21

There's something you want but, one way or another, the universe is

not yet letting you have it. However, there is something else that more than compensates for this and which is clearly available.



Sagittarius

Nov 22- Dec 21 Your intuition is abundant and your logic

is operating at a very high level, so you should be able to understand what you need to do and execute it quickly. You might discover a talent for finance of which you were not previously aware.



Capricorn

Dec 22- Jan 19 You will be faced with mundane tasks throughout your business and

personal life in the next few days. They may seem monumental and frightfully boring, but don't put them



Aquarius

Jan 20- Feb 18 Find any excuse to take a break in order to remind

yourself not to overextend your energies. You don't have to say "yes " to everyone. The ability to say "no" will be of great value in the coming days.



Pisces

Feb 19- Mar 20 Do not hastily rush something that requires

care, because you may have to go back and do it over again. It will be important to not succumb to the temptation to take ill-advised



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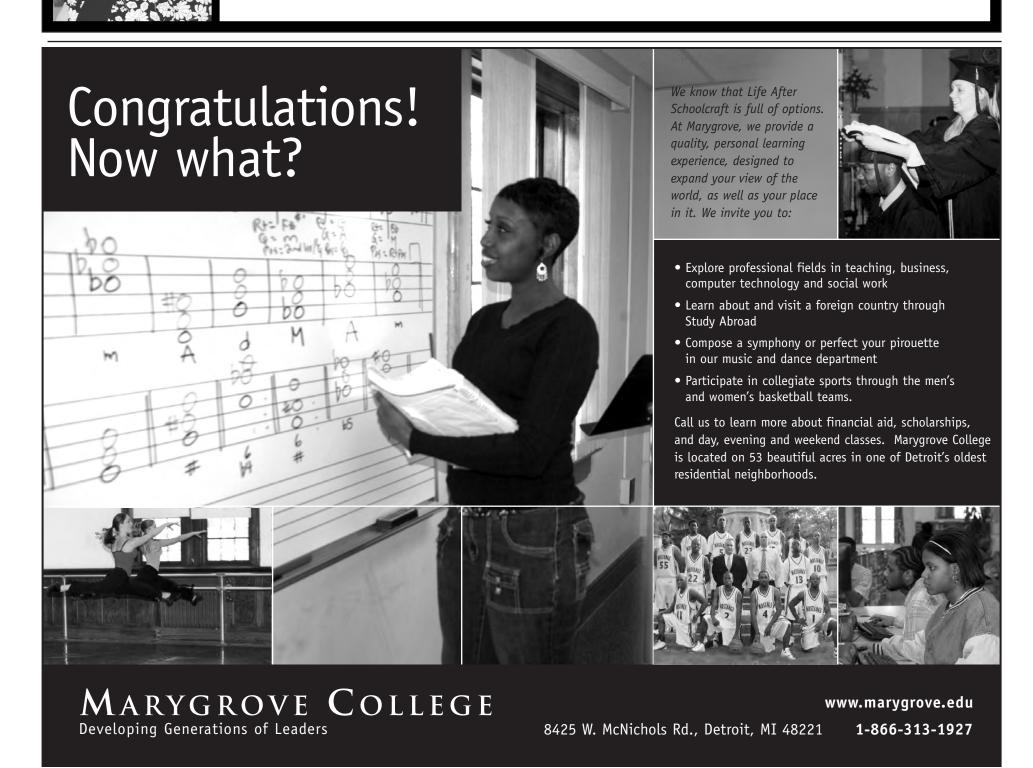
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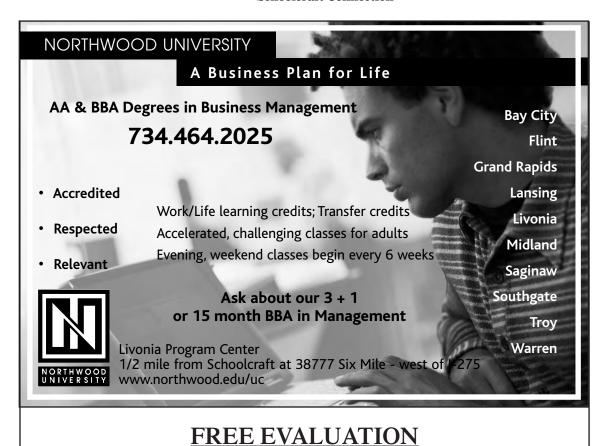
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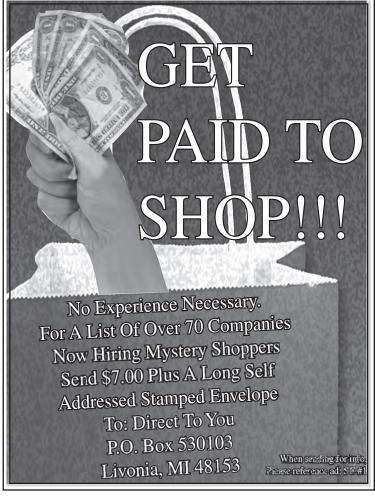
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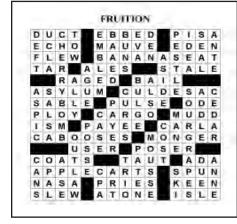
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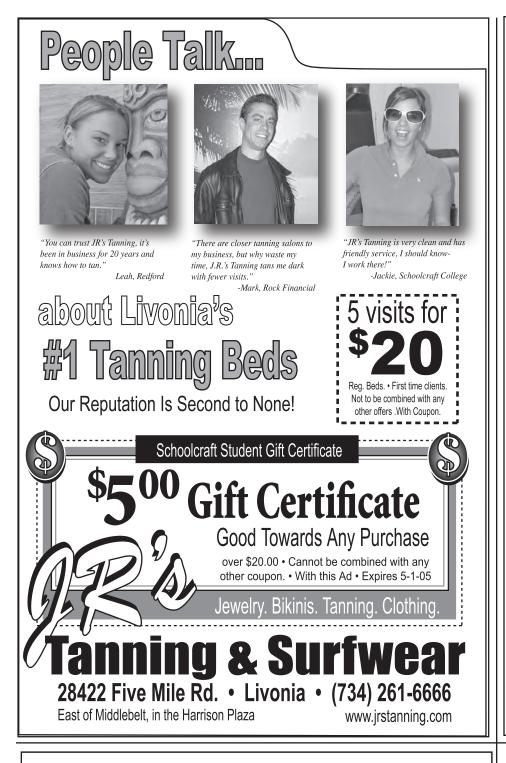
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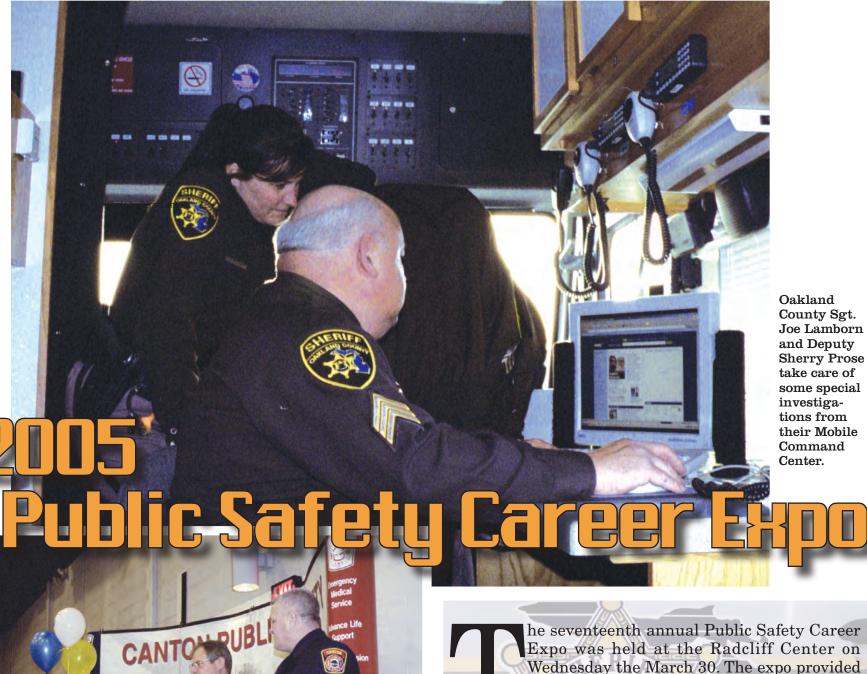
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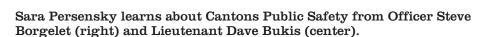
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