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# THE SCHOOLCRAFT Connection

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## Men's soccer investigation complete

*Player's ineligibility results in forfeit of seven games*

By **RYAN RUSSELL**  
STAFF WRITER

After mere two weeks after the National Junior College Athletic Association placed the men's basketball team on a one year probation and barred them from postseason play, interim athletic director Bill Tolstedt has completed an internal probe of the

men's soccer team after speculations arose over the ineligibility of goalkeeper Anthony Santilli. The investigation, which was concluded on Oct. 20, found Santilli ineligible for the nine games he played for Schoolcraft, due to his involvement with the Canadian Professional Soccer League's Windsor Border Stars.

As a result, the team has forfeited all seven victories in which Santilli

appeared, leaving them with a 7-9-0 record, and he has been suspended for the rest of the season. Both Santilli's suspension and the forfeits were taken voluntarily by the college.

The members of the men's soccer team refused to comment on the situation, stating that they have been asked not to talk to the press.

Santilli was accused in early October of violating NJCAA rules by playing in at least two games in

the CPSL for the Windsor Border Stars, one on Sept. 6 and another on Sept. 19. According to the Livonia Observer, Santilli is currently listed on the Border Stars' roster along with Madonna University head coach Valentino Scicluna, brother of head coach Dominic Scicluna.

"I was told it was a printing mistake (Santilli's name appear-

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**'Plaza Suite'**

Norma Hubley, played by Carol Lipinski, and her husband Roy, as played by Joseph Fournier, square off in Act III of the Theatre Department's fall presentation of "Plaza Suite."

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Photo by Gerard Knoph

## Sexual predators on campus

*Perverts hit Bradner Library*

By **HEATHER HYATT**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Bradner Library has recently been the site of incidents involving stalking and indecent exposure. The stalking suspect was escorted off campus Oct. 25, and the other suspect, who was reportedly masturbating in a library cubicle, was last seen on campus Oct. 20.

The suspect escorted off campus was identified as a University of Michigan instructor, according to Carol Blazic, circulation supervisor at Bradner Library, and is the same man who had been staring at female students in the library in September.

As a result of the September incident, library employees were doing "fake" sweeps of the building, pretending to clear study areas when in actuality, they were looking for suspicious people.

The suspect, whose name was not released by the college, was spotted

by a male student staring at females and following them around.

According to Alin Cosma, a library student-aide, the suspect was not utilizing the library in a normal manner, causing suspicion. "The man was just walking around, just doing nothing," says Cosma.

One of the students recognized him as the man from a few weeks before and advised Blazic to call Public Safety.

The student then approached the suspect and he took off running. Joined by two library student-aides, they surrounded him, convincing him to re-enter the library. Blazic then confronted the suspect stalling him until Public Safety arrived.

"I asked him if he was a student, he said no," says Blazic. "I asked him if he checks out books, he said no. I asked him for identification and he showed me a U of M ID card."

Public Safety officers arrived and questioned the suspect, which according to Cosma took half an hour.

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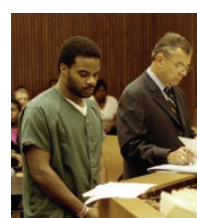
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# Computer identity theft worries campus

## *Students urged to protect e-mail account passwords*

By **HEATHER HYATT**  
NEWS EDITOR

**D**ue to incidents relating to computer identity theft on campus last semester, John Monge, director of public safety, warns students to keep their Internet information, passwords, e-mail addresses, etc. a secret.

According to Monge, in March, a group of female students purportedly received violent and threatening e-mails from a male student. Altogether, 15 e-mails had been sent to the six females, each e-mail threatening sexual assault and possible death.

The situation was investigated by Schoolcraft's Information Technology specialists, the Farmington Police and the Livonia Police. The male student accused of sending the e-mails was eventually cleared of any charges after Information Technology specialists were able to track down where the e-mails had been sent from and at what time.

It was discovered that a computer in the library on campus had been used to send the e-mails and the person who sent them turned out to be one of the females who reported receiving the e-mails. At some point, the female obtained the suspect's Internet information and used his account to send the e-mails.

The female was charged with a felony after confessing to sending each of the e-mails.

"It was a very difficult situation," says Monge. "It was very complex trying to bring everything together."

According to Monge, all the evi-

dence pointed to the accused male student but it did not seem feasible to him that this student had sent the e-mails.

"I could not make any type of connection with the boy accused of doing this to the e-mails because of how personal they were."

The male student only had a four or five character password, which according to Monge, made it simple for the female student to obtain the male student's information. Although the female confessed to sending the e-mails and using the male's account to do so, authorities were not able to prove how she got the information to access his account.

In another incident, Monge discovered sharing passwords was taking place. A group of students had been accessing the same account by sharing a password.

"The password would be put into

computers simultaneously in the McDowell Computer Lab and the library," says Monge.

Sharing a password could cause many problems. If a situation concerning people sending threatening e-mails with an account that people share, it would be much more difficult to find out who was actually sending the e-mails.

One of the ways that make it easy for people to commit identity theft online is the accessibility of passwords.

"Change your passwords periodically," says Monge. "Don't use short passwords or ones that others may know, such as nicknames."

"I wasn't aware that these kinds of things (password stealing) were happening," says Viral Patel, Mechanical Engineering student. "I don't even change my password."

It is also not a good idea to use a

social security number as a password, according to Monge.

Monge wants students to know that it is important to log out of every program once finished using a computer.

"Here on campus you don't know who is coming up behind you and using your computer," adds Monge.

"I don't change my password either," says Sherry Caudil, Childcare and Family Services student. "But I should probably start."

Identity theft is becoming a more and more popular crime and it is not one that criminals have to work hard at.

"I'm concerned that it (identity theft) is a growing trend and I wanted to get this out there," says Monge.



**Engineering major Odeh Sweis makes sure to keep his e-mail password and other important information to himself when using the Internet.**

Photo by Gerard Knoph

# Dangers of being scammed are unknown

## *Students are easy spring break scam targets*

By **HEATHER HYATT**  
NEWS EDITOR

**C**ollege students are prime targets for being scammed when it comes to planning trips for spring break as they are unaware of what needs to be done to avoid it.

Most of the time, students are not familiar with the dangers of coordinating a spring break vacation because they are alien to the process of finding the right hotels at the right prices and fail to research their destination of choice.

It is not wise to rely on flyers posted on bulletin boards by anonymous sources, according to Sherry Springer, student activities coordinator.

"Don't get scammed," says Springer. "Use reputable travel agencies or colleges that secure your money."

Many times agencies or companies hire students to collect money from other students going on one of their trips and the hired student spends that money. Then comes spring break week, and students are left without a trip and without money.

"Make sure these travel agencies are bonded and insured," adds Springer.

It is just a matter of a little Internet research to find out which agencies and companies are insured and are truly certified to arrange trips.

Another way students are scammed is by "bait-and-switch." A flyer of an un-reputable travel company will advertise a trip to an exotic locale with airfare and accommodations in a beachfront hotel. But what the trip does not include is air transfers, hidden charges such as transportation to the hotel from the airport, vice versa and surcharges such as gratuity. The hotel may not even be beachfront, but may only have beach

access. A beachfront hotel is located right on the beach, whereas a hotel with beach access could be a mile walk to the beach.

"You never really know who has contacts with these hotels," says Steve Cox, a travel agent with Sun Splash Tours in Chicago. Cox is currently coordinating the Student Activities Board's Spring Break trip to South Beach Miami, Florida.

It is also not a great idea to use the Internet to book trips.

"In today's world, people can go on the Internet and get scammed that way," says Cox. There are legitimate web sites that offer high-quality spring break trips for reasonable prices but they should be researched before any money transactions occur.

According to Springer, in Cancun, Mexico, there are "banditos" who are robbing students. There are also problems with students ages 18 and up vacationing in foreign countries drinking drug laced drinks.

According to the U.S. Department of State online, several incidents have been reported involving students being robbed by Cancun policemen and female students being robbed and raped by taxicab drivers.

Springer and Cox both agree that you should know who you are traveling with.

"Go with someone you know, like Student Activities," says Cox. "Their trip includes all taxes, trip and service charges."

SAB's trip to South Beach Miami runs from Feb. 25-March 6 and is payable by four down payments of \$150 with the first payment due Nov. 15. The trip includes roundtrip airfare and seven nights at the only hotel on the beach, the Riande Continental. For more information on SAB's Spring Break trip, please call the Student Activities Office at (734) 462-4422 or stop by the office located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing.



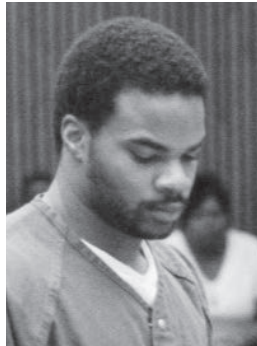
# Coney sentenced to life in prison

*DeVries' family members confront Coney in court*

By JOHN PARSELL  
MANAGING EDITOR

**J**amaal L. Coney will be an old man before he experiences freedom again, after being sentenced to 35-60 years for armed robbery and life in prison for second-degree murder due to killing of trustee Richard DeVries.

At 21, Coney will serve a minimum of 35 years in the Michigan Department of Corrections Penal System and according to



Jamal L. Coney

judicial experts; the parole board will consider the total sentence before granting his release. This assures that Coney will serve at least 40 years or more and be in his 60's when his sentence expires.

Coney was sentenced by Judge Patricia S. Fresard in Wayne County Circuit Court on Nov. 3, in the presence of DeVries' brother Bob DeVries and sister-in-law Jeannie.

"He was a very important individual to my family," said Bob DeVries. "I don't understand the reason for his death. Whatever his actions were, (they) did not merit a vicious death."

Bob DeVries addressed the court talking about life with his big brother who was also the best man at his wedding. He told of holidays spent with the family in Texas, and how his children loved their uncle.

His wife spoke to Coney directly stating "You took the life of a very good man who

was my husband's best friend. Dick was always helping people, and was a mentor to many students and friends."

She mentioned the impact DeVries' death has had on her family and how simple things like weekly phone calls are greatly missed. Her final words to Coney were, "I hope you never see freedom in your lifetime."

Furthermore, Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Robert Donaldson, agreed, stating that, "This man does not deserve to see the light of day." He stated that the murder was particularly brutal (DeVries was stabbed 16 times) given the circumstances of the case, but agreed with the original plea bargain sentence to end the case.

A visibly shaken Coney, with tears in his eyes, told the DeVries family, "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry. I don't know what possessed me to do such a thing." Coney stated that he was going away for a long time, and would never hurt anybody again.

He ended his statement saying, "I hope you will find it in your hearts to forgive me. I'm sorry."

DeVries was found murdered in his Livonia Condominium on June 8 by Schoolcraft Public Safety Officer, Greg Colling, after he failed to show up for a college golf outing. His car had been stolen along with money and credit cards.

Coney was apprehended in Jacksonville Florida on June 16, while driving DeVries' 2003 Chevrolet Impala and was then extradited to Michigan and placed in the custody of the Livonia Police Department.

DeVries served as a Trustee for 11 years after teaching at Livonia Public Schools for 30 years.

## CAMPUS CRIME REPORT



### Wreckless Driving

On Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m., a man drove over the barrier/ditch between the Duke Buildings and the North Lot. He was driving a 1999 white GMC Suburban 2500 series truck, and may have been traveling at an unsafe speed. There was no damage to the truck. However, there is approximately two feet of extensive damage to the lawn inside the barrier/ditch.

### Damaged College Property

Over the weekend of Oct. 16-17, a "stake" type truck pulled up onto the sidewalk at the main entrance of the VisTaTech Center. Two sets of gouges were made in the roof of the covered walkway. A 3" x 5" section of material is missing on one side and on the other the gouge is about one foot wide and approximately two and a half feet long. The only activities that occurred that might have involved a truck loading or unloading at the VisTaTech Center were the Detroit Women Writer's Conference and the "Be a Professional Bartender" program. Cost to repair the damage is unknown at this time.

### Missing Property

On Oct. 15, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., an unknown person, described as a white male in his early 20's, 5 feet and 9 inches tall with black hair, broke a mouse off of its cord at computer station two in the library. The value of the mouse is unknown at this time.

### Larceny

On Oct. 18 in the Forum, room 370, at approximately 4:30 p.m., a complainant placed a black canvas tote bag containing text books and materials for an art class scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on a table. The complainant left the room and upon returning at approximately 5:30 p.m., discovered the tote bag, textbooks and materials missing. A search of the area was conducted by the complainant resulting in failure to locate items or witnesses to the larceny. The tote bag contained one Handbook of Arts and Crafts textbook valued at \$48, four Art Education Material texts valued at \$150 and numerous papers, class rosters and watercolor designs.

### Larceny

On Oct. 18, at approximately 10 p.m., an instructor left his office for the night. Upon returning to the office on Oct. 19 at approximately 9:30 a.m., he discovered his Gore-Tex hiking boots missing from the office. After checking the office completely, it was determined that unknown person(s) had taken the boots which cost approximately \$200 to replace. The only personnel in the building overnight that have access to the office were the Facilities Management staff and Public Safety.

### Disorderly Person

On Oct. 21 at 3:10 p.m., it was observed that a man was eating sunflower seeds and candy in the Radcliff computer lab 140. He was advised that no food or beverages were allowed in the computer lab. The man was not happy but placed the food on his lap and stopped eating. At 4 p.m., he was again observed consuming sunflower seeds and spitting into a beverage bottle. The man was advised to leave the computer lab, and then became loud and disorderly. He was told that if he did not comply with the policy he would have to leave the building. He left the computer lab and it was later learned that he was not even a Schoolcraft student. He was then told that he would not be allowed back into the computer lab and if he tried to, he could be arrested for trespassing. Shortly thereafter he left the building with no further incident.

### Missing Equipment

On Oct. 25, it was reported that Sam Gooden, media center director, was missing a ICOM brand Walkie-Talkie valued at approximately \$350. It was last seen at the beginning of September. It is unknown at this time whether the radio was stolen or is missing. Gooden stated that he had checked with various departments on campus to determine if someone had borrowed it and forgot to return it. He stated that he was unsuccessful in his search.

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## It was bound to happen



Photo by Gerard Knoph

An unknown driver finally swipes infamous telephone pole located in the middle of South Lot entrance.



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Photo by Michelle Metz

An unknown male pervert left the Bradner Library in a hurry after being spotted playing with himself in a cubicle while eyeing young female students.

Officer Poole, of the Livonia Police Department, arrived and advised the suspect not to return to campus at anytime or face charges of trespassing.

“He is not a student,” says John Monge, director of public safety. “He has no business here.”

Blazic was completely surprised by the incident. “I worked at Radcliff (SC’s Garden City campus) for 12 years before I began here (Livonia campus) in 1992 and never has this happened.”

Man exposes himself

The indecent exposure incident involved a female student studying in a cubicle who noticed a man sitting in the cubicle across from her and according to Blazic he was “playing with himself.”

The man left immediately after he realized the female saw him.

Security was called; however, the victim was not able to give an adequate

description of the perpetrator.

“I think that they were able to pull up a picture from what the girl said but not a very good one,” says Blazic.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 30 years old, wearing a forest green coat with navy blue trim on the collar and sleeves and black dress pants.

According to Sergeant Curt Swiger of the college Public Safety Office, indecent exposure incidents are “very infrequent” on campus. He states the college sees one or two a year and this is the first incident of this type for the library.

“That man is still out there,” says Cosma. “We are still keeping watch.”

If anyone has information concerning these incidents, please contact the Public Safety Office at (734) 462-4424.

# 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.**

## THANK YOU!!!!

**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.**

### Correction:

In the article titled “Men’s basketball team placed on probation,” printed in the Oct. 26 edition of the Connection, it stated that men’s basketball coach Carlos Briggs had tried to compromise with the NJCAA in order to avoid the probation sanction. In actuality, Briggs had tried to compromise with the college, in order to have them appeal to the NJCAA for a lesser punishment. The Connection apologizes for the confusion.

### Garage sale fundraiser

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is hosting a garage sale fundraiser, Dec. 5 from noon-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. All donations are tax deductible according to federal and state guidelines.

For information concerning the fundraiser, including how to donate any items, please contact the Student Activities Office at (734) 462-4422.

### University transfer visits

#### Central Michigan University

A representative from Central Michigan University’s 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



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CMU should stop by and talk with the representative.

#### Eastern Michigan University

Eastern Michigan University’s representative will be in the Radcliff Center student lounge on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 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, please contact Jan Mundy in the Counseling Office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5213.

### Winter play tickets on sale

Tickets for the Theater Department’s winter play, William Shakespeare’s “Othello,” are on sale now and are almost sold out.

The “Othello” dinner theater will be March 25 and 26, and April 1 and 2 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center and the performance at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, located in the Liberal Arts Building. “Othello” theater performances are April 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.

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

### Lost and Found

A large collection of “lost and found items” has accumulated in the Public Safety Office. Students are encouraged to stop by the PSO or call the office if they are missing personal items. The PSO is located just north of the campus Bookstore.

For more information, call the PSO at (734) 462-4424.

### Women's Resource Center

#### Divorce Support Group

A divorce support group is open to anyone contem-

plating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. The group meets in the Women’s Resource Center McDowell Center Room 225 on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. and is free of charge. Therapist Cynthia Barnwell will discuss the emotions triggered by holidays and offer coping skills on Tuesday, Nov. 9. There will be a group discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

### No Cost 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 McDowell Center Room 225 on Monday, Nov. 15, to discuss family and divorce matters. Sign up is on a first-come basis beginning at 4:30 p.m. For additional information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.



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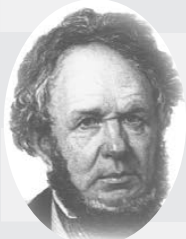
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By DANNY SPERRY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

# Young voters: don't be discouraged

*Stay positive even if the elections didn't go your way*

At 20 years of age, Nov. 2 was my first time voting. I woke up early, ready and excited to cast my vote, and after about an hour of waiting in line, I did so. The rest of the day was filled with a weird sense of nervousness and anticipation. And what happened?

Each candidate I voted for lost and each proposal I voted against won.

Sure, I am upset, but I still hold a strong sense of pride, knowing that I did what I could to stand up for what I believe in. I am, however, not discouraged, and I hope the same goes for others who may be in the same boat.

Though I hoped Kerry would defeat Bush, I am appeased by the fact that Bush actually won the popular vote this time around. How can I be angry at our Electoral College system in this election, if the alternative (a popular vote) would have deemed him the winner too?

My vote did help Kerry take all of Michigan's 17 Electoral Votes, but in the end those were not enough to win him the presidency.

Embarrassed would better describe how I feel in regards to how our state voted on the two proposals.

Proposal 1, which passed with an approximate 60 percent to 40 percent victory, was a crooked proposal. In essence, I support the idea of having a say in gambling expansion in

Michigan, but when the people who wrote, petitioned for and financially backed the proposal, the Indian and three Detroit casinos, wrote themselves exempt of its rule, I have a problem.

Apparently others either were OK with that, or maybe they didn't read the entire proposal. I don't know which is worse.

Eleven states voted on proposals to amend their constitutions with a ban on gay marriage, and in each state the proposals passed. Embarrassingly, Michigan is one of the 11, and it wasn't even close (Proposal 2 won roughly 59 percent to 41 percent, according to MSNBC). I wonder if all of the people in Michigan who voted for Proposal 2 knew that the amendment included a ban on civil unions too.

To me this is a civil rights issue and I truly believe it will only be a matter of time before the nation will look back on these amendments with shame, just as we do with issues like race and gender equality.

I know I am not alone when I say that things didn't go the way I had hoped in this election. However let down I am, in no way am I discouraged. In a way, this provides me with more incentive and desire to continue to fight for what I believe is right.

I hope the same goes for other young voters like me.

# IN OUR OPINION

## Coney deserves to spend life in prison

*Parole would be unfair to DeVries' family*

Another chapter in the sad story of the horrendous murder of college trustee Richard DeVries has ended; murderer Jamaal Lamar Coney has been sentenced to 35-60 years in prison for armed robbery and a term of life for second degree murder. It is a huge relief to know that Coney very well may never live freely outside the confines of prison.

While the pain will never go away for DeVries' family and friends, hopefully this will bring some sense of closure and allow them to rest a little easier knowing that Coney has been locked up.

Losing a loved one to natural causes is hard enough to bear, so we cannot even begin to imagine how hard it must be to lose someone prematurely and from such vicious actions. Our sym-

pathy goes out to all who knew DeVries, especially his close, loving family.

It is always a relief when a murderer is brought to justice. And although this seems like adequate punishment for the condemned, there is still a chance for parole in his future, which seems irrational given the extremity of the crime. According to Livonia Police Executive Lt. Benjamin McDermott, Coney could be released after 40 years, putting him at the age of 61. Why should he be allowed freedom in his retirement years when he stripped DeVries of his?

For DeVries' family's sake, we hope he is not awarded such a luxury.

DeVries put his heart into the college and for that he will be forever missed.

## Scicluna leaves judgment and forthrightness in question

*Players asked not to speak to the Connection about men's soccer violation*

Normally known for great teams, the college's athletics program has been further blemished with the news of the men's soccer team using an ineligible player, goalkeeper Anthony Santilli, who was found to have played in the Canadian Professional Soccer League for the Windsor Border Stars during this fall season (which violates NJCAA rules against scholar athletes playing for more than one team per season.)

Though the issue was handled correctly, with the college removing Santilli from the team and forfeiting seven winning games in which he appeared after an internal investigation found him ineligible, we are left with a few lingering discrepancies.

If it was a cut-and-dry issue of Santilli breaking the rules and the coaches not doing a thorough enough background-check on him, then why would the coaches ask the men's soccer team not to talk with press about it? If there is nothing to hide, as seems the case, then why not let the players speak? They, of all people, should have opinions on the matter. Besides,

no coach has the right to tell a player they cannot speak to anyone, let alone the press, about anything.

It is understood that head coach Dominic Scicluna's coaching style, Waza, encompasses the mental aspect of athletics and that he might have asked his players not to talk in an effort to keep them focused on upcoming games. Even so, he should know where to draw the line between Waza and the players' freedom of speech.

Additionally, according to the Livonia Observer, Santilli is currently listed on the Windsor Border Stars roster along with Valentino Scicluna, brother of head coach Dominic. It is hard to imagine that coach Scicluna would not know this, especially since the Scicluna brothers are known to be close. This does not prove anything, but it does cast some doubt on the situation. Perhaps Scicluna should have addressed the issue directly.

Honest mistakes are made by people all the time, and it is our hope that this was just that; an honest mistake. Either way, Scicluna should never tell his players they cannot speak to anyone over any matter.

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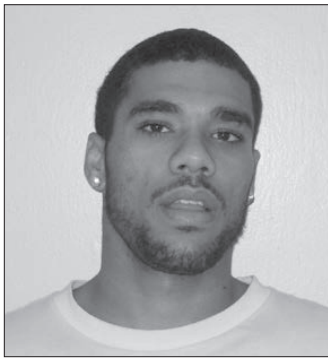




Yvonne Williams  
Age: 18  
Year: 1st  
Major: Accounting  
“I don't like Bush. I feel we are fighting a war for him, not for America. I think Kerry would have created more jobs than Bush is.”



Laura Spearman  
Age: 42  
Year: 2nd  
Major: Secondary Education  
“Of course I'm happy. I always supported Bush and his conservative programs.”



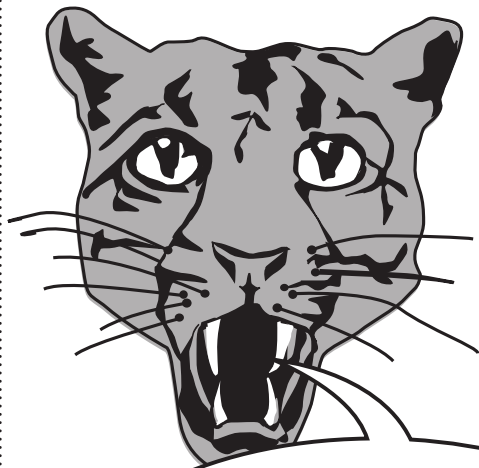
Martin Samarco  
Age: 19  
Year: 1st  
Major: Business Management  
“The wrong man is in office. We don't even know the reasons behind the war we are fighting.”



Claire Morrow  
Age: 19  
Year: 2nd  
Major: Speech Pathology  
“I'm not happy with the election outcome. I'm scared because of the way Bush is handling the war. Our economy is going down. I'm surprised Kerry lost.”



John Dowling  
Age: 30  
Year: 1st  
Major: Nursing  
“I'm an ex-military man. Simply put, Bush needs to finish what he started.”



# OCELOT OPINIONS

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“How do you feel about President Bush being re-elected?”



Eric Clinton  
Age: 22  
Year: 1st  
Major: Chemistry  
“People need to realize that Democrats and Republicans are not the best candidates.”



Marcus Moore  
Age: 20  
Year: 1st  
Major: Broadcasting  
“I never liked Bush from the beginning. It seemed like Kerry had more concern for lower income and middle class families.”



Ray Mshahwar  
Age: 21  
Year: 2nd  
Major: Nursing  
“I don't think Bush could finish a sentence without finishing a couple drinks. The war is for Bush's wallet and oil. He wanted to finish what his dad started with Iraq.”



Sheryl Barnes  
Age: Withheld  
Year: 2nd  
Major: Social Work  
“I'm very concerned with moral issues and Bush is too, so I'm glad he won.”

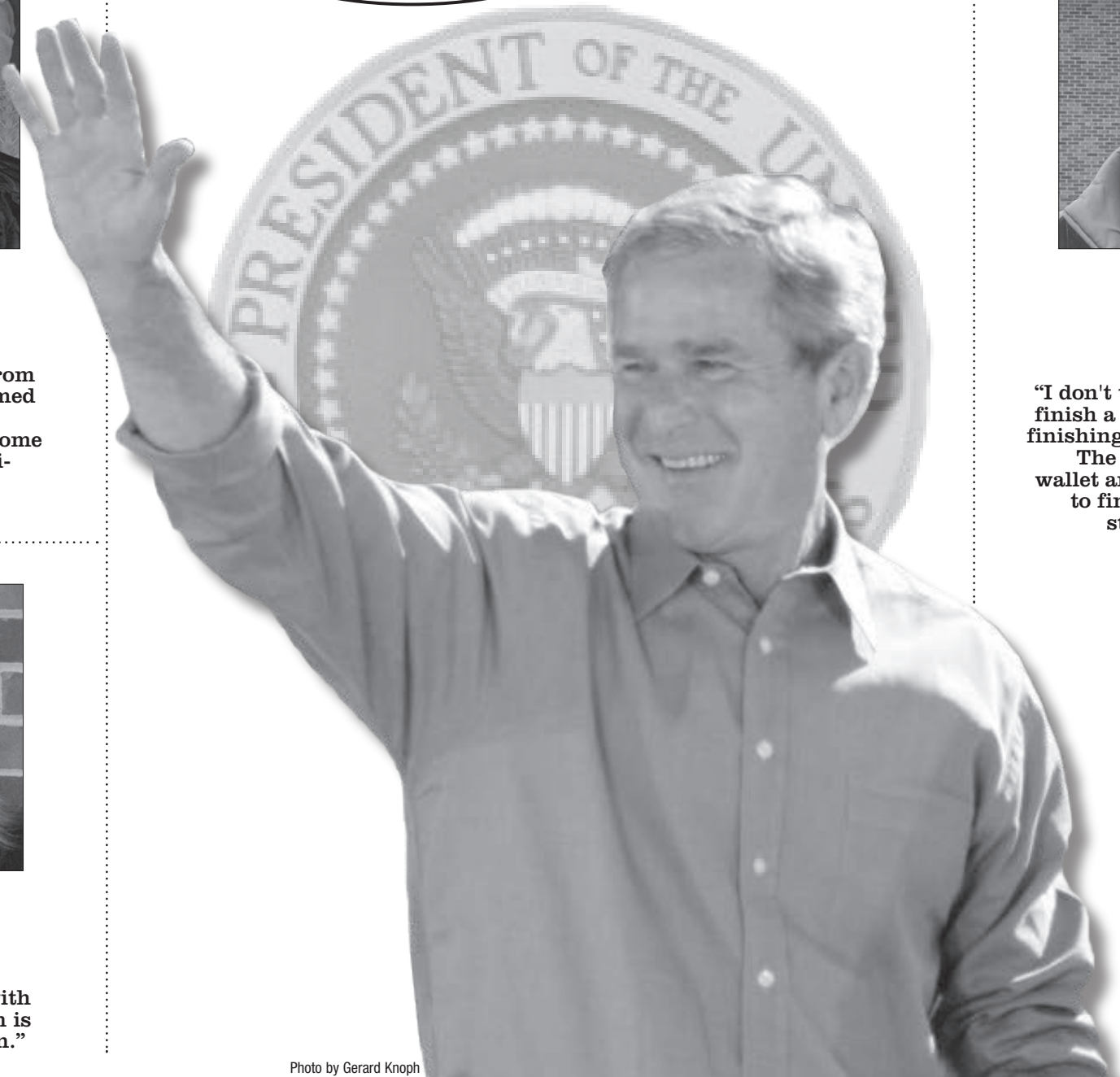


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# The transfer process takes longer than it seems | *Start now*

BY ZACH NORTON  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



After a somewhat half-hearted transfer attempt last year, I learned

the importance of an early start and an active role in the transfer process. After four years at a “two-year college,” I’m ready to move on.

Like many, I came to Schoolcraft (SC) because I ended up here. I’m certainly pleased with my decision. SC has great instructors and facilities, and I have learned a lot working on the Connection.

But coming into SC, I had no idea about it, except that it was close and cheap.

Last March I began preparing to transfer, after three years of deciding and changing my mind.

When I finally got around to checking out a transfer guide and talking to a counselor, I found out that of my first three years at SC, I could only transfer about two and half semester’s worth of credits.

I had one counselor sending me off with only 30 transfer credits, until I stopped in and saw another and he had me going here for two more years, trying to transfer 90 credits to a university that will only accept 62. (He did map out a good course selection plan, which I ended up cutting in half and using for this year.)

Make sure your classes will transfer by sitting down with a counselor and looking at a transfer guide as early as possible, and make a plan for your course selection semester by semester. Make sure you do the math too. As good as SC’s counselors are, they don’t know your whole situation.

Besides the number of transfer credits, make sure to be realistic; full-time, year-round may get you pumped up and sound rewarding in the counselor’s office, but your one-week summer vacation will certainly bring you down.

In addition to the SC side of things, make sure you’re in contact with the college you plan on transferring to. Talk to an admissions counselor, and get in touch with the department you’ll be taking classes in. Talk to some professors; get a tour of the classrooms you’ll be using.

Another thing to consider is financial aid. Whether it be scholarships or federal assistance, you must apply for it early. Deadlines are usually sooner than you might expect, and funding is often awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

Obviously, there is a lot that goes into the transfer process. On top of school, work and a social life (or position on your college newspaper), it can be hard to find time to get everything done, especially when the constraints are tight. The more time you give yourself, the better.

## POSTCARDS FROM STUPIDSVILLE

BY JOHN PARSELL  
MANAGING EDITOR

# Video games aren’t what they used to be

*Classics remembered as more than just toys*



Video games continue to change as each day goes on. Graphics are improving and game play is

becoming smoother and sharper.

However, these are not the elements that create a dynamic video game. They are simply ploys to lure gamers into buying new software.

If one is truly looking for a great video game, they need to look no further than to the Nintendo Entertainment System.

Released in February of 1986, the NES was an instant hit with children and adults alike. While games such as “Super Mario Brothers,” “Mike Tyson’s Punch Out” and “Commando” could provide fun for the kids, “Millipede” or “Tetris” could be popped in for the parents.

The eight-bit dream machine entertained and supplied the general population with hours and hours of endless enjoyment, and still holds a spot in the hearts of many. Nobody had any idea that while children were playing less sports and more video games, an insurgence was starting that would change the lives of youngsters forever.

The NES was something different. It gave refuge for children and adults

who were sick of doing the same old thing. At the time, the games seemed very phenomenal, not so much for the actual graphics themselves, but because of the ease of controls and side scrolling game play, which were a big change from Atari, NES’s predecessor.

Over the years, systems would change even more. The 16-bit Super Nintendo System was released in 1991 and the 32-bit Playstation in 1995. While both gained popularity in the United States, none of these systems have received the attention or credit that the NES has.

The reason for this is that the NES was just a fun system to play. While today’s systems such as the 128-bit Playstation 2 and Microsoft’s X-Box focus too much on graphics, Nintendo built its center around game play.

This is what distinguishes the NES from other video game systems. Even though every game, which now breaks the mark of 1,000, looks as if it took two or three days to create, they are still fun to play.

Maybe the software developers for today’s video game companies are trying too hard to make new games better than the old ones. Improvements are OK, but complete change is sometimes unappreciated.

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The Student Lounge, located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing, is a perfect spot for students to come and chill between classes. Students are encouraged to utilize the lounge, which offers arcade games, pool and ping pong tables, a big screen TV and study space.

## Students wanted

*The Student Lounge is a great place to hang out between classes*

By MUHAMMAD S. KHAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Lounge located in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing, is a great place to relieve stress and to spend time between classes. Equipped with everything from the latest arcade machines and quality pool tables to a large screen TV, the student lounge has something for everyone.

For the video game-minded student, the Student Lounge has a wide variety of arcade games to choose from, including: "Gauntlet Dark Legacy," "X-men vs. Street Fighter", "Golden Tee 2004" and "Capcom vs. SNK 2."

Also, new arcade machines are coming soon. Student Activities Technician Todd Stowell reminds students, "Taking breaks between studying and playing games is good for the thinking process."

The Student Lounge also has two pool tables, a ping pong table and a foosball table. The pool tables have recently been resurfaced to maximize the quality of play.

Sophomore Junaid Malik says, "I always come to play pool with my friends. It's a nice way to pass time and it can be a lot of fun."

There is also a TV lounge where people can sit back and relax on one of the many sofas dispersed around the area and watch the big screen TV. There are always popular movies playing and the Student Activities Board has special themed movie weeks, such as Adam Sandler week, in which movies of that theme are shown at noon, and the best part is that it is totally free. In addition to popular movies, popular TV shows such as "Family Guy" are also shown and students are allowed to bring in their own movies that they want to see. Information on when and which movies are playing can be found on the student bulletin

boards, which are located at various locations on campus.

In recent years, SAB has hosted pool and ping pong tournaments when students expressed interest in forming a group.

A unique feature of the Student Lounge is that it has a lot of space to utilize by students who want to study. What sets the Student Lounge apart from the library is the fact that groups can study out loud and not have to worry about disturbing others. Stowell says, "We want to encourage people to come down here and utilize all this space."

The Lounge is also home to various free, Friday concerts throughout the year. It offers a fun night with friends and exposure to local talent.

In addition to concert nights, the lounge also hosts the Birds of Prey show, which showcases over 10 live, rehabilitated and injured birds of prey, twice a year.

Student Ping Zhou visits the Student Lounge every Tuesday and Thursday. What Zhou finds most appealing, is "The people... they are here to have fun. You can have food from upstairs and hang out here."

Zhou and a group of his friends utilize one of the many conference rooms located in the Lounge to play their video game systems. While the conference rooms are originally intended for club meetings, students are welcome to use it as long as there is no meeting scheduled.

The Student Lounge is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at (734) 462-4422 or come to the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing and check it out.



Photo by Constance Johnson

Led by vocalist Steve Kinzer, Silent Hero was anything by silent at Scraftapalooza 2004.



Photo by Gerard Knoph

Second year business student Steve Wimberley uses the Student Lounge on Mondays and Thursdays to relax and play pool or ping pong against his friends between classes.



# Ski Club offers two trips in 2005

By RYAN RUSSELL  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's Edgerunner Ski Club is offering skiers and snowboarders the opportunity to be a part of two different trips next year. The first will be the club's regular trip to Steamboat, Colorado, which has taken place every year for the last 15 years.

The trip will take place from Jan. 2-9, 2005. The cost will be \$535 for Edgerunner members and \$565 for non-members. A \$300 deposit was due on Oct. 29, 2004, but according to Student Activities Technician Todd Stowell, students may still sign up in the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. The price includes the motor coach transportation to and from Steamboat, four days on the mountain and lodgings at Timber Run.

Steamboat is known for its "champagne powder," a light, fluffy layer of

snow that is far better for skiing than Michigan's hard-packed, iced-over powder. For those that would like to go but have never really skied before, or have no ski equipment, Steamboat also features expert ski instructors, group lessons and equipment rentals. In fact, according to Stowell, one can receive discounts on rentals if he or she let the Ski Club know ahead of time that they will need them.

For non-skiers, Steamboat also offers the Mavericks Superpipe and the SOBE Terrain Park. Mavericks is a competition superpipe, and the top-rated pipe in North America. The SOBE Terrain Park is 12 acres in size, and features rails, a quarter-pipe, and a state of the art sound system. In addition to the two parks, all of Steamboat's 2,939 acres are open to snowboarders.

According to Jason Zykowski, a third-year student at Schoolcraft and member of the Edgerunner ski club, "this (Steamboat) is better than anything you can get in Michigan. The scenery is beautiful, the snowboard-



Former Edgerunner officers take a break from skiing for a picture in front of Steamboat's beautiful scenery.

Photo courtesy of Ski Club

ing is awesome, and the price is right. Plus, with all the people that go, you always end up having a good time."

The club's second trip will be to Killington, Vermont, from Feb. 10-13, 2005. This is the first year the club has offered this trip. The cost is \$345 for Edgerunner members and \$375 for non-members. A \$150 deposit is due this Friday, Nov. 12, 2004.

The cost includes two-day lift

tickets, two nights lodging at the Pinnacle Condos and round trip motor coach transportation. While Killington does not offer skiing after dusk, it does feature "more terrain than anything else in the east, including Canada," states Stowell.

Students interested in either trip can contact the Student Activities Office at (734) 462-4422 for more information.



## WEBSITE REVIEW:

# Website rates teachers by ability, ease

## *Ratemyprofessors.com offers assurance for students*

By JOHN PARSELL  
MANAGING EDITOR

Registering for classes can be a complete horror. If a class is too hard or the teacher is too strict, one may be in for a long semester.

Now students can rest easy, knowing that there is a website that will solve the problems of college students across the nation.

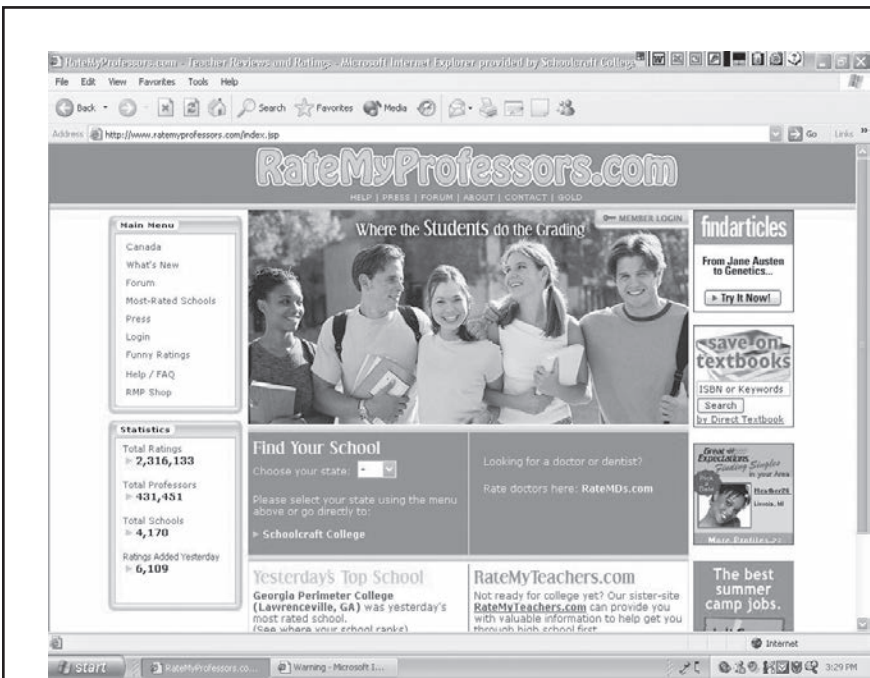
[Http://www.ratemyprofessors.com](http://www.ratemyprofessors.com) is a website that offers statistics on professors from schools around the nation. Teachers are rated on everything from ease of class, to looks in a category called, "hotness."

Aside from the beauty contest, the site looks pretty stable and has a crisp clean look. Its ease of use is amazing, as it is very organized and logically compiled.

Furthermore, the number of schools contained on the page is huge. Not only does the site contain info on professors from schools such as The University of Michigan or UCLA, but smaller schools such as Madonna University and Schoolcraft College as well. Private colleges such as Georgetown are also listed.

Currently, there are 4,170 schools, 433,200 professors and a whopping 2,329,822 ratings listed and available for students to peruse through.

The site is pretty helpful in terms of its ability. Once a school is selected, students can select a professor and read their stats, as well as opinions from previous students, in most cases.



Students can visit <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com> to find information on anything from an instructor's teaching style to their looks. The site is easy to use and very well organized.

Jeremy Howard, first year nursing student, claims that the website is a big help when registering for new classes.

"I think it is great because it gives you a heads up on the class that you will be taking," says Howard. "I find it very helpful to know what kind of teacher you're going to be dealing with."

The student ratings are probably the most valuable asset to the site. They provide more comfort to students, as hearing what others have to say adds a sort of validity to the page.

Sandy Romey-Hays, professor of anthropology and sociology at Schoolcraft, claims that the site is a very good idea.

"I think that ratings are either going to be very positive, or very negative," says Romey-Hays. "But I think it is important for students to have a forum."

While the website contains a massive amount of information and is very easy to use, it appears to be slightly out of date. Although students post ratings daily, many new teachers are not listed, and many teachers who are listed do not have enough information on them to help make a decision on whether or not to take the class.

Adding a rating to the site is simple. After clicking on the professor's name, just click on the "rate this professor" link and follow the step by step instructions. Adding a new pro-

fessor proves to be just as easy. After clicking on a college, simply click the "Add a professor" link and fill in the information that is required.

At \$9.95 per year, the price is steep to be considered a gold member. While members have the option of viewing more ratings (a non-member can only read the 10 most recent), three or four ratings seem to be enough to make a solid decision.

All in all, the website provides a first-class service to students registering for classes. Whether the student is searching for a teacher to learn from, or a teacher to look at, he or she can benefit from a site such as this.



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#### Spring Break 2005

The Student Activities Board is currently taking down payments for its annual Spring Break trip to Florida. This year's new destination is South Beach Miami, where trip goers will find themselves stationed at the heart of the spring break action, for seven nights, at the only hotel actually located on South Beach, the Riande Continental.

The trip includes warm weather, round trip airfare, daily prize giveaways and the hotel boasts an Olympic size swimming pool with daily pool parties.

The trip is scheduled for Feb. 25 to March 6. Any student can participate at the competitive rate of four payments of only \$150. The first payment is due on Nov. 15, with additional payments due every two weeks.

SAB meetings are held every Friday at noon in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing. Students interested in joining SAB should fill out a membership application, available in the Student Activities Office.

The next meeting is on Friday, Nov. 12.

For more information, contact the SAO at (734) 462-4422 or stop by the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing to sign up.

### EdgeRunner's Ski Club

#### Ski Steamboat, Colorado

The EdgeRunner's Ski Club will be hosting a ski trip to Steamboat, Colorado, from Jan. 2-9.

The trip includes motor coach transportation, a four-day ski-lift pass and condominium lodging at the Timber Run.

Cost of the trip for EdgeRunner members is \$535 and \$565 for non-members. The first two down payments have already passed but anyone still wishing to go can be included by bringing the past payments up to date.

For more information, call the SAO at (734) 462-4422.

#### Ski Killington, Vermont

The EdgeRunner's Ski Club will be traveling to Killington, Vermont, for their second ski trip of the season, from Feb. 10-13.

This trip will offer two-day ski-lift tickets, two nights of comfortable condominium lodging at the Pinnacle Condos, round trip motor coach transportation, hot tubs, beautiful scenery and more. Anyone missing the first trip should definitely get in on this one.

Members of the club can participate for just \$345 while non-members can also go for only \$375.

A down payment of \$150 is due on Nov. 12.

For more information, call the SAO at

### Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

#### St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Omicron Iota Chapter will be assisting at St. Leo's soup kitchen on Saturday, Nov. 20. All members and nonmembers interested in participating in this event should meet at 8 a.m. in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing. The event will run until approximately 1 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping to assist the less fortunate are welcome to attend.

#### National Smoke Out Day

Phi Theta Kappa, in an effort to support the observance of National Smoke Out Day, will have a booth available on Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, where students can trade in their cigarettes and receive helpful tips on quitting smoking.

#### Thanksgiving/Christmas Giving Tree

Each year Phi Theta Kappa adopts needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Starting in November, they will have two giving trees displayed for that purpose. One will be in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing, on the Livonia campus and the other will be at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. The trees are decorated with various ornaments containing gift ideas on each ornament. To help, simply remove a gift suggestion (ornament) from the tree and return the gifts, unwrapped, to the Student Activities Office.

The next Phi Theta Kappa meetings will be on Dec. 4 at 10 a.m., in the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing and the same meeting will be repeated on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the same location.

Members generally discuss upcoming activities as well as plan future events at the meetings. All members are invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to join Phi Theta Kappa must fill out an application, available in the SAO.

### The Schoolcraft Connection

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

All students interested in journalism or photography are encouraged to attend and will be paid for their contributions to the Connection.

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During Act I of 'Plaza Suite,' Jason Brooks, as Sam Nash, and Joy A. Holloway, who plays Sam's wife Karen, have a heated exchange as they "celebrate" their 24th anniversary.

## A 'suite' performance

BY GRANT P. HUKILL  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

On Friday, Oct. 22, the Theater Department performed their first of six sold out showings of Neil Simon's classic comedy "Plaza Suite", under the direction and tutelage of Professor of Theater James R. Hartman.

Following what has now become tradition, Hartman and the rest of the crew have once again put together a great production and the performances seem to have gone off without a hitch, providing plenty of laughs for those who were able to get tickets.

"Plaza Suite" is three stories in one, that all take place in suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in 1968 New York City.

The first act shows the audience a couple that is going through the doldrums of a long marriage and cannot even agree upon what anniversary they are celebrating, much less anything else.

One of the highlights of the act is

Jason Brooks, whose onstage character Steven Nash, cannot seem to stop obsessing about the way he looks. Brooks pulls off the preoccupation well as his co-thespian, Joy A. Holloway, portraying Nash's wife Karen, attempts to seduce her husband.

Linda Pelliccioni adds an interesting dynamic in her portrayal of the beautiful Ms. Jean McCormack, Nash's secretary, who drops by for some "business" of her own.

The second act shows Jesse

Kiplinger, played by a remarkably Chris Cooper-like Larry Pelliccioni, attempting to use his new found fame, and vodka stingers, to seduce an old high school sweetheart, Muriel Tate.

Lisa Brawley plays the starry eyed Tate who, despite marriage and children, is still in awe of the famous Hollywood producer Kiplinger.

Although temptation wins in the play, it is really the audience who come out winners, for getting to witness some great on stage chemistry that is both engrossing and entertaining.



Photo by Gerard Knoph

Larry Pelliccioni, in character as famous Hollywood producer Jesse Kiplinger, attempts to seduce his old high school sweetheart Muriel Tate, played by fellow actress Lisa Brawley, during Act II of "Plaza Suite."

The final act seems to get the most laughs as the audience is treated to a maniacal performance by Joseph Fournier, who plays Roy Hubley, the father of a bride that has locked herself in the bathroom of the suite, just minutes before her marriage.

Carol Lipinski lends her acting skills as the mother of the bride, Norma Hubley, and is the perfect compliment to Fournier's performance, which could only be compared to something from a Jack Nicholson

movie. Not even Walter Matthau, who portrayed Roy in the movie adaptation of the story, attained the level of lunacy that Fournier emits onstage.

Judging by the smiles in the crowd and the frequent laughter heard throughout the play, it appears that the direction of Hartman, the hard work of the cast and the ambience created by the recently renovated auditorium, all paid off.

## 'Othello' to utilize new renovations, auditions coming soon

Tickets are currently on sale for the winter 2005 presentation of William Shakespeare's "Othello," which has been edited by Hartman himself and has yet to be cast.

Exact dates have not been set for the auditions, but they will be some time in January, according to Joe Fournier. Details about auditions for "Othello" will be printed as they become available.

Fournier, who will be auditioning for the play, points out that the auditions are open to anyone in the community, not just students, and notes that there are about 25-30 roles to be filled for "Othello." He encourages anyone with an interest in acting to come try out.

The theater in which the plays are performed, located in the Liberal Arts building, has recently undergone an overhaul in an effort to enhance the theater-goer experience. The theater received new seats, new carpeting, a new curtain, a new sound system and

new lighting. Fournier thinks it enhances the total experience and notes the new possibilities presented by the overhaul.

"We're really excited about it. We're able to use more of the stage now since they replaced the old lights, because now certain areas, particularly stage left and right, are illuminated. We were somewhat limited by that in past plays," he says. "Professor Hartman has a lot of unique lighting planned for 'Othello,' that wasn't possible before the renovation."

The performance dates for "Othello" are March 25 and 26, and April 1, 2, 8 and 9.

Tickets for "Othello" are \$24 for the first four performances, which include a pre-dinner at Henry's in the VisTaTech Center, or \$12 for the final two performances, which include the performance only.

Anyone wishing to attend "Othello" can purchase tickets at the campus bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596.





## MUSIC FEATURE:

# The Pixies reunite

## Influential alternative group stuns fans

By ZACH NORTON  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Often credited for their influence on the alternative rock of 1990's bands, most notably Nirvana, and even modern day acts like Radiohead, the Pixies were perhaps one of the most influential bands of the '80s.

Even now, their sound is distinctive and fresh. They can swing seamlessly between hyper punk rock songs and acoustic guitar-based sing-alongs. Their signature quiet-loud, start-stop rhythms and searing guitars give way to the catchiest of pop hooks.

Twelve years after their nasty split, guitarist/vocalist Black Francis (real name Charles Thompson, who released post-Pixies solo albums as Frank Black), bassist/vocalist Kim Deal (who had a hit with her group the Breeders), guitarist Joey Santiago and drummer David Lovering are reuniting for a world tour, and possibly a new studio album.

It all started when Thompson mentioned in a radio interview that he and his former bandmates often get together for informal jam sessions.

Though made in jest, the comment was taken seriously and soon a rumor spread (by CNN and the New York Post, of all sources) that a Pixies reunion was imminent.

The attention spurred Thompson, and soon enough phone calls were being made.

News of their reunion tour has started a frenzy. Shows began selling out, and then second dates were added, then third dates. About now, it is a full-blown phenomenon.

Though the reunion was unexpected (the band broke up via a fax sent by Thompson), the buzz is well justified.

Early shows have received rave reviews across the board. A short warm-up tour took them through select dates across the U.S. in April, ending on May 1, at the Coachella Festival in Indio, California, where 50,000 people were awed by their performance.

After spending the summer in Europe playing festivals and opening for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Pixies are currently touring the U.S., supporting their recently released "Wave of Mutilation: Best of Pixies."

Looking back on their five albums,



The Pixies, (left to right) bassist/vocalist Kim Deal, guitarist Joey Santiago, drummer David Lovering and vocalist/guitarist Frank Black, have reunited after 12 years for a world tour and possibly a new album.

within the context of that time period (1986-1992), these were cutting edge recordings. There is such a sense of the band just doing whatever they wanted, a fearlessness that is rarely seen these days, especially on any major label release.

From the Dada-influenced lyrics, to the severe, passionate screams, the Pixies ran the gamut. Their quietness

gave way to intense choruses, only to be swallowed up in melody.

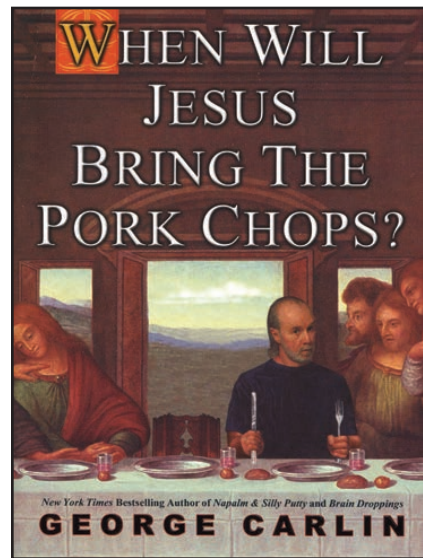
A recently added Nov. 22 show puts the total at three in Detroit. Playing Thursday, Nov. 18 at the State Theatre, the Pixies follow-up Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Fox Theatre, before returning to the State on Monday, Nov. 22. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.



## BOOK REVIEW:

# Carlin brings laughter to the table with new book

*'When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops' is sure to amuse, offend*



By TRAVIS GRAND  
STAFF WRITER

From the author that brought readers the New York Times best selling books "Brain Droppings" and "Napalm & Silly Putty," George Carlin has released his

latest volume of irreverent and off-beat observational comedy titled "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" And as the title may already suggest, this riotous book is not for the easily offended.

In the preface of "Brain Droppings," Carlin gives the reader an accurate viewpoint of where his sense of humor comes from by expressing his apathy and emotional detachment from all political, social, and cultural issues; claiming he just doesn't fit in and never has. This attitude is carried over into the preface in "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?," only it is summed up in less than 60 words, and offers a little piece of advice: "just keep moving straight ahead. Every now and then you find yourself in a different place."

Before the book officially gets underway, there is a special holiday note. Any admirer of Carlin knows that he can be cynical, which is why it is to no surprise that the holiday message he offers to the readers is far from the standard seasons greet-

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## MUSIC REVIEW:

# Elliott Smith releases a fond farewell

*Final album from late singer/songwriter feels unfinished*



By ZACH NORTON  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Elliott Smith died last October of two stab wounds to his heart. Though originally thought to be a suicide, autopsy reports leave it at "undetermined."

It was widely known that Smith had a long battle with drug abuse, had attempted suicide and, listening to his often self-deprecating music,

he seemed almost destined for an early ending.

Although death can do a lot for an artist's album sales and legacy, Smith's death likely will not catapult him to any greater level of success, only because he has already gained that spot in the hearts of his fans.

Even before "From a Basement on a Hill" became Smith's final album, it was causing a stir.

Smith reportedly recorded several versions of the album. His label, DreamWorks, thought it too unprofitable to release and instead licensed it to indie label Anti, an offshoot of the independent punk giant Epitaph records.

Long before its release date, hodge-podge versions were leaked on the Internet, with demo and live versions of songs. His death only added to the speculation about the album, which Smith had not fully completed. Instead his family hired Rob Schnapf (producer of "Either/Or" and "Figure 8") and Smith's ex-girlfriend, musician Joanna Bolme, to mix and flesh-out the recordings.

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E.S.T. and The Bad Plus play at Michigan Theater

University Musical Society (UMS) hosts E.S.T. and The Bad Plus at the Michigan Theater on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m.

Sweden’s E.S.T. (Esbjörn Svensson Trio) sees itself as a pop band playing jazz. Within that context they have won a wide variety of fans, ranging from classic jazz aficionados to young hip hop fans.

The Bad Plus, who will be opening the show, have made a name for themselves with their jazz piano covers of bands like Nirvana, Blondie and Aphex Twin.

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

Tickets range from \$16 to \$36, and can be purchased from the UMS ticket office, by phone at (734) 764-2538 or online at <http://www.ums.org>.

For more information, visit UMS online at <http://www.ums.org>.

WHAT’S THE BUZZ?

Compiled by Zach Norton

City Theatre hosts ‘Duck Hunter Shoots Angel!’

Mitch Albom’s comedy, “Duck Hunter Shoots Angel!” will be at the City Theatre for a seven-week run, from Nov. 17 to Jan. 2, 2005. Tuesday through Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m., Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

A story of a tabloid reporter sent to find a pair of hunters who believe they shot an angel, this hilarious adventure finds the cynical reporter forced to challenge his own beliefs. The show will feature the majority of the original cast from its summer run at the Purple Rose Theatre, in Chelsea, MI.

The City Theatre (formerly Second City) is located at 2301 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$40, and can be purchased

at the Fisher Theatre and City Theatre box offices, all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (248) 645-6666.

For additional information, call the City Theatre at (313) 872-1000.

‘The Radio City Christmas Spectacular’ hits the Fox Theatre

Returning for its eighth consecutive season at the Fox Theatre, “The Radio City Christmas Spectacular” will run from Nov. 26 to Dec. 26. Call for show times.

Featuring the world-famous, high-kicking Rockettes, this family-friendly event is sure to amaze people of all ages.

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

Tickets range from \$20.50 to \$65.50 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 further information, call the Fox Theatre at (313) 471-6611.

‘Late Nite Catechism II’ at the Max

The Max M. Fisher Music Center will host its first theater production, “Late Nite Catechism II,” now through Dec. 5. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, with 2 p.m. performances on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Building on the spectacular success of the original, “Late Nite Catechism II: Sometimes We Feel Guilty Because We Are Guilty” follows in its footsteps by continuing to poke fun at the Catholic school experience.

The Max is located at 3711 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$38, and are available at the Max box office.

For more information, or to

order tickets, call the Max at (313) 576-5111 or visit <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>.

Wayne State University Department of Theatre presents student matinee series

“The Merry Wives of Windsor” will be showing at the Hilberry Theatre now through Dec. 18. Call for show times.

William Shakespeare’s comedy, “The Merry Wives of Windsor” is the story of the boisterous Falstaff who schemes to seduce the married women of Windsor for their money. However, when the women find out, the tables are turned.

The Hilberry Theatre is located at 4743 Cass in Detroit.

Tickets are \$8 for Tuesday student matinees, \$17 for matinees and Thursday evenings, \$20 for Friday evenings and \$22 for Saturday evenings, and can be purchased from the Hilberry Theatre box office.

For additional information, call the Hilberry Theatre box office at (313) 577-2972.

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ings and best wishes. In his message, he acknowledges the fact that not everyone is going to have happy holidays; some people will die next year, while others will be maimed in accidents, stricken with diseases that cannot be cured, or robbed. Since many people will not get to enjoy the holidays, Carlin wishes for people to “just try to do the best they can.”

From cover to cover, “When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?” is hilarious. The book takes on dozens of topics that are looked at from different angles, which give off many different moods. Carlin gives readers no shortage of his infallible ear for American speech and his open-handed views on American values.

Some of his pieces that go in depth about American speech include “Politician Talk,” “Societal Clichés” and “13 sections on Euphemisms;” a section devoted to the exposing of euphemistic words and phrases used to “conceal the truth.”

Other topics express wry views on the values of America such as, God, zero tolerance, “Tired of the Handi-Crap” and “The Two Commandments;” a piece that takes the original Ten Commandments and condenses it into a list more workable and logical.

Carlin’s more outlandish pieces include “Tips for Serial Killers,” “Too many Thank-Yous” and “Message from a Cockroach.”

One of the best parts in the book is the section called “Bits and Pieces,” a section dedicated to short little

quips and amusing anecdotes. Most of them are so silly, they have to be laughed at, such as, “I’ve never seen a homeless guy with a bottle of Gatorade,” “People who see life as anything more than pure entertainment are missing the point,” or “I wonder if a person who comes out of a coma feels refreshed and well rested.” There are many more of these spread throughout the book, most of which contain obscene and profane language, making them all the more funny.

Reading Carlin’s book is like listening to him on stage. His unique New York cadence is even apparent when it is written on paper. And even though, in his book, he cannot be seen to express his traditional anger, his articulation makes it clear for the reader.

Although at times Carlin’s comedy can be considered rude, offensive and mouthy, behind all of the dirty words is an extremely intelligent man. To be an intelligent social commentator and humorist at the same time is a difficult task, but Carlin has been doing it for over a quarter of a century.

“When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?” is a laugh-out-loud book that people will enjoy reading (even in today’s TV generation). George Carlin has taken the test of time and passed it; proving to his audience that he still has the comedic edge that dazzled people over three decades ago.

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And now, finally, “From a Basement...” is released.

“Coast to Coast” opens, with drums and electric guitar, reminiscent of his more fleshed-out, later work on his previous album “Figure 8,” but dirtier, rougher than his previous work.

However, the tuneful “Let’s Get Lost” follows with his stripped-down signature sound, his voice and guitar alone.

The album highlight comes at track three. A mid-tempo, fully accompanied tune, “Pretty (Ugly Before)” is unquestionably, fully-realized, with impeccable instrumentation and harmonies.

Smith’s soft voice is haunting over the guitar-only intro, and remains poignant throughout the track. His former bandmate in Heatmiser and current Quasi frontman, Sam Coomes’ backing harmonies give the chorus a beautiful hook, while the piano melody adds texture in the background.

Considering his earlier works, it is not surprising that there are several forecasts of his demise. The aptly-titled “A Fond Farewell,” as well as the closer, “A Distorted Reality is

now a Necessity to be Free,” which features the chilling, telling lyrics “Shine on me baby/ ‘Cause it’s raining in my heart,” are two of the more obvious selections.

Throughout the album, tracks like “Shooting Star,” “Don’t Go Down” and “Strung Out Again” stand out with unusually (for Smith) heavy, whirling, border-line psychedelic guitars. According to producer David McConnell, who worked with Smith on the album before his death, these tracks have the rough-sound that Smith was going for.

McConnell told Kimberly Chun of the San Francisco Bay Guardian that Smith’s family who oversaw the finalization of the album, made changes to songs that he and Smith had considered final.

Given the nature of the album’s release, speculation and debate are inevitable.

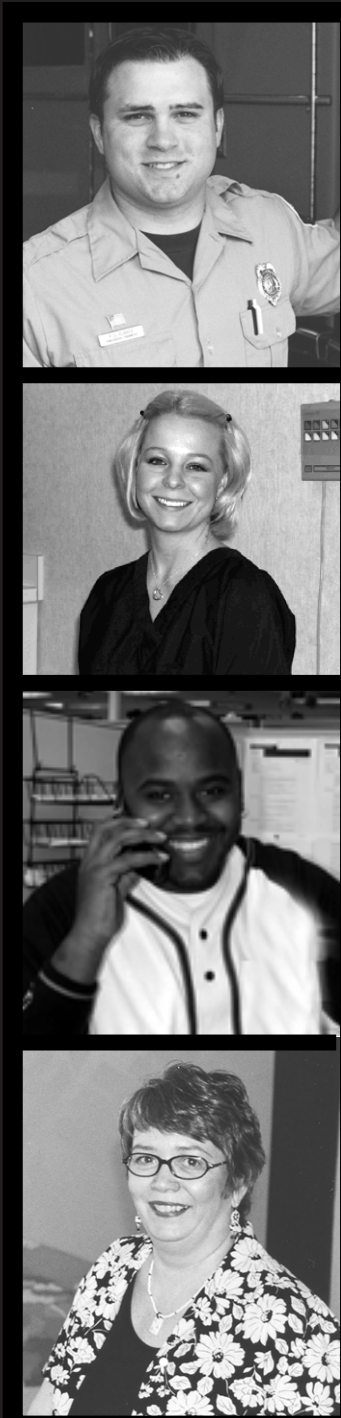
As a whole, “From a Basement...” does not seem to sound as significant as it could. Surely, it will leave fans wondering what it would have sounded like if Smith had been around to see its completion.

BANDS WANTED FOR HOLIDAY HECK FEST

Local bands looking to play at the Student Activities Board's winter concert, scheduled for December 10, 2004, should drop off demos to the Student Activities Office by November 22, 2004.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Ocelots spring back

## Team recovers from four game losing streak

By MICHAEL SIEGRIST  
STAFF WRITER

Following up their less than fulfilling performance at the Jefferson College Tournament, escaping with a 1-3 record, the volleyball team has rebounded with renewed vigor and enthusiasm, taking win after win.

The girls captured all three games against the Henry Ford Hawks at home, with ease, while accomplishing the same feat at Macomb Community College. The MCC Monarchs proved to be more of a challenge, but were still unable to take a game.

The team traveled to Florida to take part in the Jacksonville Tournament from Oct. 14-17. The girls were able to put Brevard Community College (Florida) and Pensacola Community College (Florida) away in three games with relentless attacks from Mayssa Bazzi, who had 14 kills against Brevard and dominated in serves against Pensacola. However, Florida Community College proved to be a more formidable opponent by taking the Ocelots to five games.

Kathleen Knutson proved coach Tom Teeters correct, when he said, "(Knutson) is hot, and on the attack and is becoming a main go-to player,"

by completing 16 kills and dominating with 41 attempts and only three errors. Jessica Wise came striding off the bench completing serves needed to create the momentum used to clench the victory.

However, the girls were upset by Manatee Community College (Florida), the only team they submitted a loss to during the entire tournament. Winning the first game with a score of 30-17 proved not enough in gaining the necessary momentum to capture the remaining two. After Manatee slipped by in the second game with a 30-26 victory, the Ocelots appeared unable to recover. Regardless of the efforts of Knutson, Bazzi and Naoko Ninomiya, they lost the last two games, both by scores of 30-22.

Rebounding yet again, the team earned uncontested wins over Oakland Community College on Oct. 19, Mott on Oct. 20, and Delta on Oct. 21.

As of press date, the Ocelots were preparing for their worst rival, St. Clair Michigan Community College, who can be attributed with the team's single league loss, on Oct. 26 and the Community College Athletic Association State Tournament at Muskegon on Oct. 30.

With Knutson proving to be the new "go-to player," Wise and Ashley Cecil coming off the bench and step-



Photo by Grant P. Hukill

Fellow Ocelots, Mayssa Bazzi (far left), Kelly Sines (10), and Gillian Brooks (13) get into position as they attempt to continue their winning record against a tough opponent.

ping up to compete with some of the best, and the three staple players, Caitlin O'Hara, Bazzi and Ninomiya, keeping the serving and receiving strong, one is quick to agree with O'Hare in saying, "If we play like we know we can, nothing can stop us."

With their talent and the 14-1 league record that this Ocelot team possesses, it is not a matter of how to win Nationals, rather how long until Nationals.



## MEN'S SOCCER

# Ocelots knock off Bryant Stratton

## Men's team geared for Nationals despite college sanctions

By CHRIS JACKETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Even with the setback of a seven game forfeit imposed by the college for using ineligible goalkeeper Anthony Santilli and waiting to hear from the National Junior College Athletic Association to see if they concur with the college's punishment, the mighty Ocelots are forging on to Nationals after victories over Delta Community College, Kellogg Community College and nationally ranked powerhouse Bryant Stratton Business Institute (New York).

The guys are ready for the

national tournament in Tyler, Texas, which will run from Nov. 18-21 and the 6-0 defeat of Kellogg and the 3-1 defeat of Delta were just stepping stones along the Ocelots path to Nationals.

"We could've played a lot better than we did," states Patrick "Buzz" Kolodziejczak (Livonia Stevenson) in regards to the Delta game. "It seems like when we play like that we drop down a level."

The Bryant Stratton game was a completely different story however. Stratton, being ranked third in the NJCAA polls, had defeated the Ocelots last season, aiding in their shortfall along the route to Nationals.

"Bryant Stratton was probably



Photo by Chantel Cooley

Michael Bennett aggressively steals the ball from a Cincinnati State defender in efforts to move the ball up field.

the best game of the season. We all played together as a team," states Kolodziejczak. "I think a lot of people thought we'd be intimidated by them because they're ranked third in the nation, but I think we

kind of used it to our advantage because (we felt) we're the underdogs, and we went in there with nothing to lose."

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The first half was close, but the Ocelots started off the second half by taking a 2-0 lead in the first 10 minutes off of goals by Rodenc Asllani (Albania) and Shannon Cole (St. Patrick's of Sydney, Australia).

“We knew we were playing a good team and we stuck to what we were told, the game plan, and it worked,” says Cole. “We mastered the strength and balanced the skill.”

The Bobcats came back in the last 10 minutes however, scoring two quick goals off of lapses in the Ocelot defense, sending the game into over-time. The Ocelots changed their formation and, in the end, it was a

Cole corner kick to Rob Marinkoski that clinched the game 3-2 in Schoolcraft's favor.

“It was a great performance by the boys; a very gutsy effort,” states second-year goalkeeper and Co-Captain Liam Curran (Rorebank College in Australia).

Cole adds, “We knew they were a better (opponent), but we wanted it more.”

With a win over Bryant Stratton under their belt, the Ocelots are ready to take on the national competition, which may include a rematch with Stratton.

“I think that after beating one

of the best teams in the country, we know that we can make it to Nationals and win it,” Curran states.

The team, in general, agrees that the Ocelots look like they may have what it takes to take it to Nationals for a shot at the title.

“If we play how we can play, there's no question in my mind we can win Nationals. It's just a question of how we play,” says Kolodziejczak.

Despite their prospective outlook, some team members try to remain humble regarding their chances.

“Everyone's a human being, just wearing a different colored shirt,” states Cole.

Due to Santilli having played on a Canadian professional team in the past, the Ocelots forfeits took their

13-3-0 record down to a 7-9-0 record. The Ocelots still hold a 3-3-0 conference record however, which is good for the second seed in the Regional playoffs, just barely edging out Delta's 2-4-0 record.

If the Ocelots make it through to Nationals, they will have to fend off powerhouses such as Yavapai College (Arizona), Mercer County Community College (New Jersey), Monroe College (New York) and Bryant Stratton in order to win their title.

“We're coming to the end of our season and we're starting to peak at the right time,” states Curran. “It's crunch time.”

## WOMEN'S SOCCER



**Ocelot midfielder Natalie Thomas drives the ball past a Grand Valley State player along the road to a 4-0 victory, improving the team's already unblemished record.**

Photo by Chantel Cooley

# Still undefeated, untied *Season drawing to a close*

**BY CHRIS JACKETT**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team's regular season is drawing towards its end and the girls are ready to put the icing on the cake. With only the national tournament left to play, the Ocelots have kicked their way through every opponent they have faced this season. Continuing to dominate the entire league, they have an impressive and overpowering 18-0-0 record as of press date. Their most recent victory was a 2-0 decision over Valparaiso University (Indiana) on Oct. 23.

“The defense continues to shine. This team has a flaming knack for winning,” states head coach Bill Tolstedt. “There's a certain intan-

gible element that some teams have, that they don't know how to lose.”

Prior to the Valparaiso victory, the Ocelots defeated Central Michigan University 2-0. Fully knowing that they had the upper hand, based on prior matches, the Ocelots underestimated CMU and their defensive ability.

“I think we really need to work on our finishing and playing together,” states second-year defensemen Tiffani Tuzzolino (Sterling Heights Stevenson). “If we work on that then we should be good. We should make it to Nationals. We didn't do as good as we could have. We had a ton of opportunities but really couldn't finish.”

The Ocelots took the CMU team for granted because CMU had been defeated by Albion College, whom

the Ocelots just tromped 6-0 three days before, on Oct. 14. The game started off with four quick goals by freshman forward Nicole Saigh (Henry Ford II).

“I just had an on-game, I guess,” says Saigh.

After the four goals, the Ocelots decided to show mercy and pulled Saigh off the field. The team continued to play smoothly as the game progressed.

“Our offense had crisp passes and really good movement, but the weather really affected our game so we didn't play our best game,” states freshman Rachel Myers (Dearborn). “Just being positive at all times, being strong and knowing that we're the better team (helps us win).”

The last few games have been a successful effort by the team. They feel as though they are just about where they want to be as Nationals approach.

“We didn't really let down too often or much,” says Tolstedt, “But when you don't really have a focus, or your focus is diminished where you think you're going to take it over easily, that's a lesson we need to learn. We can't afford to take someone lightly and then get knocked off.”

Having already claimed their rights by securing the Regional crown, the Ocelots head to Phoenix, Arizona, from Nov. 18-21, for the National tournament, where they will be the only undefeated, untied team playing for the National title. Last year they finished third with an 18-1-0 record. This year they hope to improve on that by bringing their highly ranked skill and playing experience to Phoenix.

“We're looking good,” states Tolstedt. “I like us. We've got a couple players knicked up. Overall, we're pretty healthy and I like our chances.”



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ing in the game logs) and they (the goalkeepers) switched jerseys” Dominic Scicluna told the Observer. According to Scicluna, Santilli was suspended as soon as the allegations were made.

In the course of his investigation, Tolstedt says he “found the Border Stars to be less than forthright.” Tolstedt instead went straight to the CPSL, where it was discovered that Santilli had played for the Border Stars on Sept. 6, 11 and 19. NJCAA regulations maintain that, during a regular season, scholar athletes may not participate in the same sport for more than one team.

Tolstedt has notified both the NJCAA and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association of his findings. While

the college is awaiting an official ruling from the NJCAA regarding the violation and the college’s actions in addressing the violation, he says he expects no further action or sanctions as a result of this incident.

“I was told that they (the NJCAA) feel the issue has been resolved,” states Tolstedt. The NJCAA was unavailable for comment.

This is the athletic program’s second rules violation this year, despite the college’s long-standing clean record.

“I don’t know what he was thinking or why he did this. I don’t follow my players around in their free time. All I can do now is keep an eye on these guys (the players) more than I already was,” says Scicluna.



### CROSS COUNTRY



Photo by Gerard Knoph

The women's cross country team, led by 2nd in region Kirstian Tyler (left), 7th in state Kristyn Green (right) and captain Jessica Frendo (middle), had a strong showing, taking second place at the 2004 Region XII women's cross country event.

## Ocelots claim second in Region XII

*Runners gallop by four of five teams at Lansing race*

By CHRIS JACKETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Beating back injuries and intimidation, the cross country team overcame the competition at the Region XII and State race on Oct. 23, claiming the runner-up position for both. One could feel the excitement in the air as the team finished with a score of 54, second only to Lansing Community College’s 22, as the Ocelots met a goal they had made prior to the season.

“They worked hard all summer long, all since school has started, and we geared everything for this meet,” says coach Sonny Gavoar. “Our goal

was to come in second and that’s exactly what we did. The kids performed well. They overcame adversity with injuries, with colds and sicknesses.”

Two of the most impressive finishes on the day were by Kristian Tyler and Kirstian Green, whom both finished in the top 10 and were both named All Region and All State runners.

“Lansing we knew was going to beat us,” says Green. “They moved up in the end, but we picked them off. We picked off the people in front of us, so that helped.”

The entire team rose to the occasion, with Tyler and Green leading the way. Tyler ran the 5 kilometer (3.1 miles) race in 19 minutes and 26

## Player Profile



POSITION:  
Forward

AGE:  
18

YEARS WITH TEAM:  
1



### WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Nicole Saigh

# #19

By BRIAN TITUS  
STAFF WRITER

First year student, Nicole Saigh, forward for the women’s soccer team, brings her youth to the team chemistry. Saigh has been playing soccer since third grade, when a group of her best friends sparked her interest in the sport.

Being a new member of the team, Saigh has been active making the sport she loves a priority in her life.

“We practice two and a half hours (a day), Monday through Thursday,” exclaims Saigh.

When she is not practicing with her team, Saigh practices by herself. As a dedicated athlete, she clears her schedule to make time for the team and her studies.

Saigh explains, “I don’t have time for anything else anymore, but I used to play basketball, volleyball and I ran track.”

All that practicing must have paid off on Oct. 14, when the Albion women’s soccer team met the Ocelots on Schoolcraft home turf. Saigh scored the first four goals of the game and her team finished the game with a 6-0 victory.

According to head coach Bill

Tolstedt, Saigh is an accomplished player. “She brings speed and overall tactical knowledge of the game.”

When it comes to academics, Saigh already has a goal to shoot for. She plans on carrying her healthy traits as an athlete into the Nursing field and, in five years, sees herself working as a Registered Nurse.

Everybody has an idol or someone they look up to. For Saigh, those inspiring individuals happen to be none other than NBA Champions Chauncey Billups and Ben Wallace. With fame and phenomenal athletic ability, it is easy to see why Saigh is taken by these two Detroit bad boys.

When Saigh is not scoring goals on the field, she enjoys all genres of music and is not particular on any one type. If she is not listening to music, she is most likely watching a funny movie. “I like ‘Dodgeball’ and ‘Elf,’” she admits.

Overall, Nicole Saigh spends most of her time focusing on the game of soccer. Since the season is drawing to a close, it looks like Saigh will have to find something new to occupy her time.

seconds, good for second place behind Lansing’s Megan Swick, who ran it in 17:58. Green followed in seventh place at 20:01. Ashley Hoffmann finished third for the Ocelots, 14th overall, with a time of 21:03. Captain Jessica Frendo followed her at 21:11 for 15th place, Julie Murphy at 21:27 for 16th place, Chirstiane Seewald at 22:58 for 25th and Claire Czaplicki at 24:25 for 26th.

“We were actually a team on Saturday,” says Tyler. “We all ran consistently and moved well together.”

With a great performance at Regionals, the Ocelots are looking forward to Nationals in El Paso, Texas, which they will have run after press deadline on Nov. 6. The

competition will be much stiffer, but the team is ready for the challenge.

“We’ll be there and we’ll compete,” states Gavoar. “We feel that if we’re in the top 10 (of over 40 teams) we’ll be very happy.”

The runners are looking forward to the opportunity to run in Texas, despite the hardened outlook of opponents.

“I’m excited. I want to see what I can do on that course,” says Tyler. “There will be more competition there than at Regionals. I’m kind of nervous about the competition.”

Coming in second in the state, the Ocelots hope that they can fare as well among the larger schools and should put up a formidable effort.



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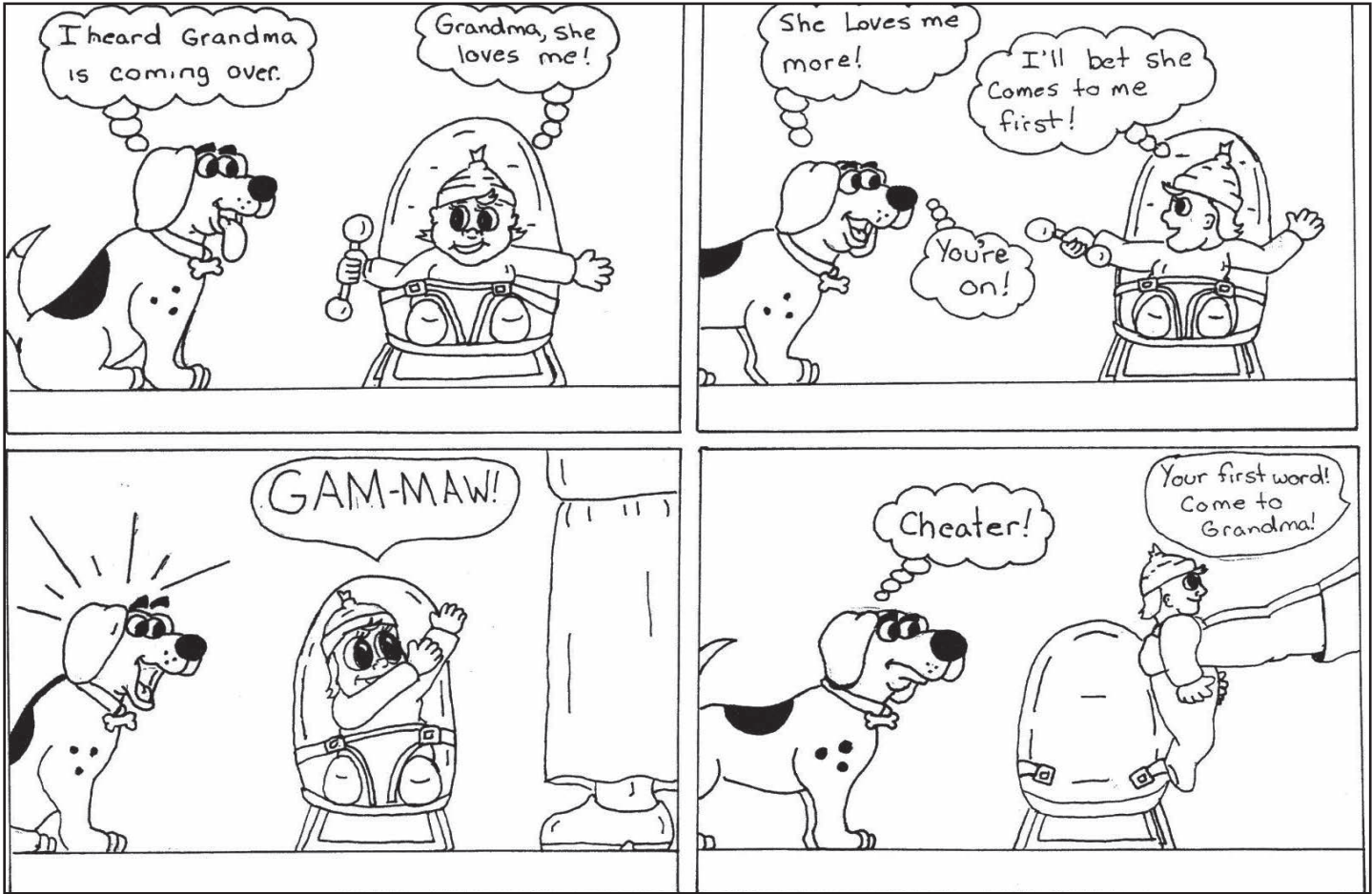
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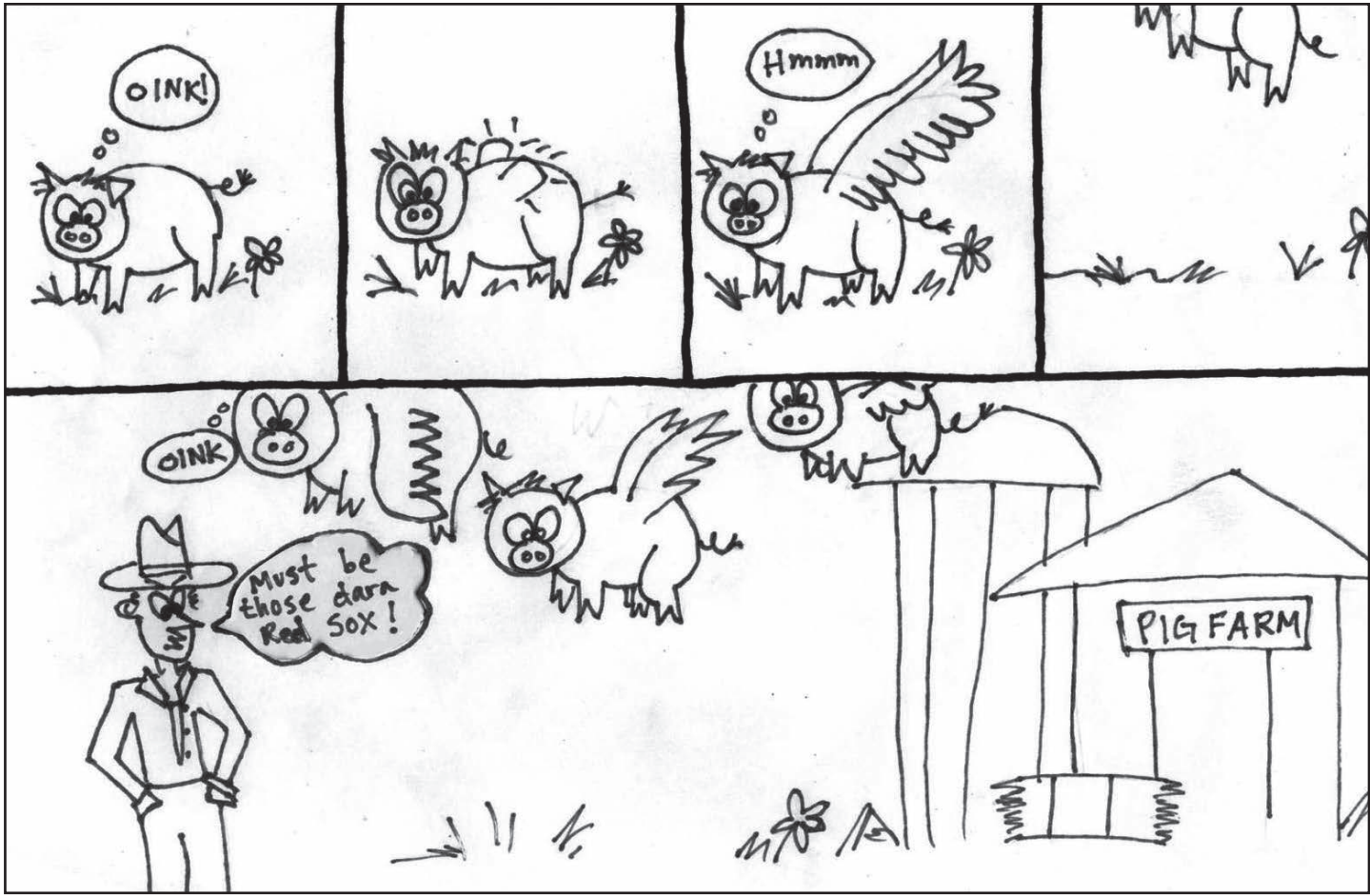
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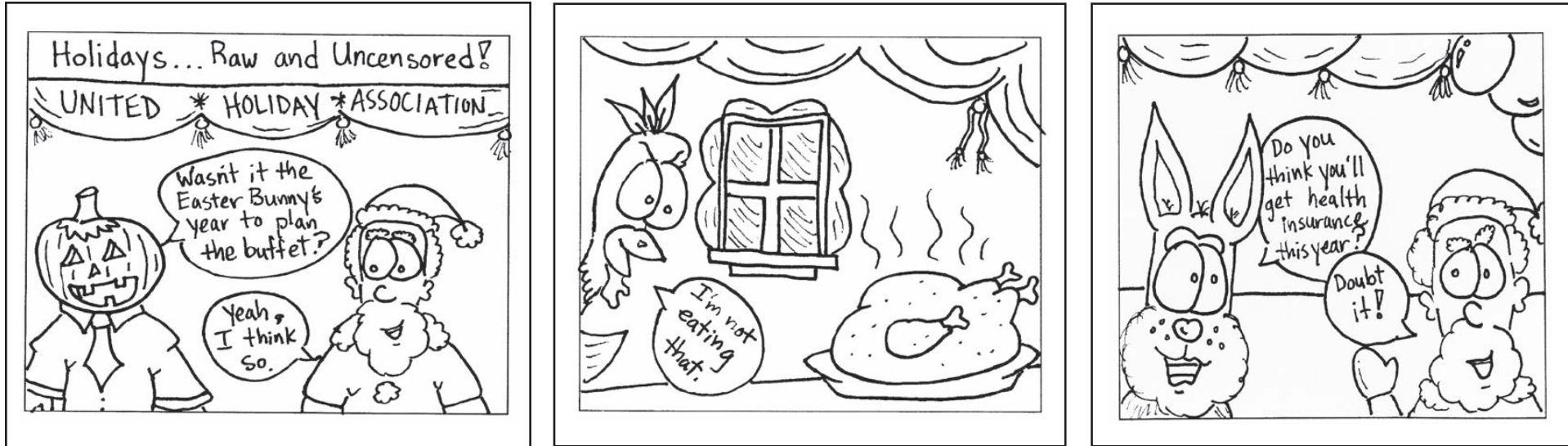
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**Across**

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- 5 Venetian blind part
- 9 Bump off
- 13 Found in pits
- 14 Prison term
- 15 Ripped
- 16 Singer merged with Corp. exec.
- 20 Comes before chart or bank
- 21 Deserve
- 22 Religious community
- 23 Capital of West Germany
- 24 Military installation
- 25 Type of chalet
- 28 Tipper, for one
- 29 Groovy
- 32 Sphere
- 33 Coagulate
- 34 Ms. Teasdale
- 35 Trumpeter merged with actor
- 38 Periods
- 39 Impulse
- 40 Loosen
- 41 Fless fish
- 42 Goody Two-shoes
- 43 First name of 24 Down
- 44 Society gals
- 45 Feel sorry for
- 46 Vegas attraction
- 49 Layer
- 50 Flow's partner
- 53 Singer merged with singer
- 56 Mild exclamation
- 57 Change
- 58 Angler's excitement
- 59 Emeril's need
- 60 Large bills
- 61 Bird's foot

**Down**

- 1 Karol Wojtyla for one
- 2 Conform
- 3 Theater area
- 4 Frat party staple
- 5 Strict
- 6 Security interest
- 7 Parisian friend
- 8 Boston 1773 event
- 9 Lowe's, for one
- 10 Scenes
- 11 Rainbows, e.g.
- 12 OK
- 17 Beefeaters
- 18 Bowling alley
- 19 Container
- 23 Rum cakes
- 24 American pioneer
- 25 Harmonize
- 26 Warning light
- 27 Kinglike
- 28 Scandinavian punch
- 29 Island in the West Indies
- 30 Bert's friend
- 31 Steering committee, e.g.
- 33 Comedian Rock
- 34 Weatherman 's welcomed word
- 36 Fleet need
- 37 Four in Paris
- 42 Actor Sean
- 43 Expired
- 44 Electronic device
- 45 Liquor store staples
- 46 Average grades
- 47 Aquatic organism
- 48 Bachelor party, e.g.
- 49 Scrawny
- 50 Wicked
- 51 Greek letter
- 52 Make ale
- 54 \_\_\_\_ To Joy
- 55 Jay Leno's home

### Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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... Ronald Reagan

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Mar 21- Apr 19  
You have recently started something new and are just getting into the swing of things. Whether it is a new job or a new lifestyle, take stride and make the best of it. This will create a very big change for you, and it's best if you are ready for it.

**Libra**  
Sep 23- Oct 22  
Try and avoid drama this month. Spend some time with yourself, avoiding gossip and rumors. If you get too involved, you may turn a good friend into an enemy.

**Taurus**  
Apr 20- May 20  
Do not be surprised if it seems like there is a lot going on for you this month. Do not forget to take some time out for yourself. Relax a little bit and you should get thorough the month just fine.

**Scorpio**  
Oct 23- Nov 21  
You will make a new friend this month. While it may seem hard at first, avoid complicating things by bringing intimacy into your relationship. You may find a friend for life.

**Gemini**  
May 21- Jun 21  
You are ready for a change this month. Don't be afraid to try something new. Getting out of the same old routine will make you a much more open-minded person.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov 22- Dec 21  
This will be a hectic month for you. Don't get discouraged though. Take your time and get everything done right. It will really pay off in the end.

**Cancer**  
Jun 22- Jul 22  
Watch your spending this month. Something unexpected may come up, and you may need some extra money. If you can stay on a strict budget this month, everything will turn out okay.

**Capricorn**  
Dec 22- Jan 19  
Though you may face several challenges this month, do not get discouraged. Take each one as a learning experience and make the best of it. In the end, it will turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

**Leo**  
Jul 23- Aug 22  
This month will be a test for you. A new situation will arise that will take you by surprise. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Your friends and family will be there to support you.

**Aquarius**  
Jan 20- Feb 18  
You will need your family more than ever this month. Take some time out of your busy schedule to spend some time with them, and when the time comes, they will be right by your side.

**Virgo**  
Aug 23- Sept 22  
You will be forced to make a seemingly difficult decision this month. However, if you look past the surface, you will find that the answer is easier than you expected. Trust your instinct and you will come out of it all right.

**Pisces**  
Feb 19- Mar 20  
This month is all about finding yourself. You may have been struggling with some problems recently. Relax, they will work themselves out. If you approach it in this way, it will turn out to be one of the best things you've ever done.



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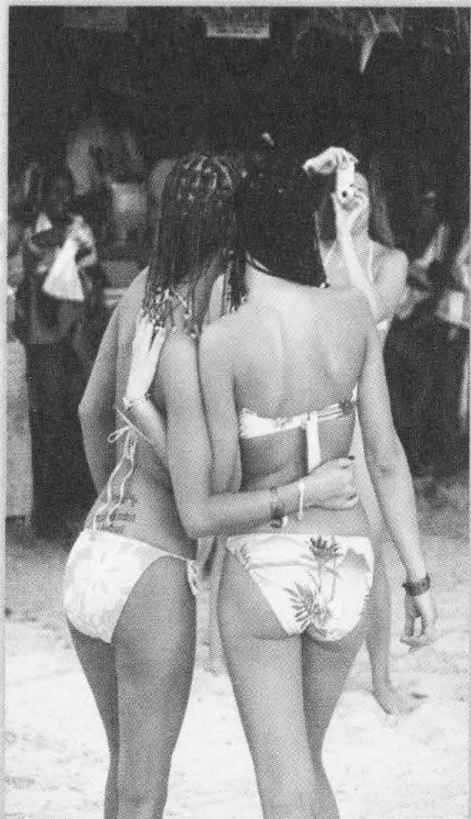


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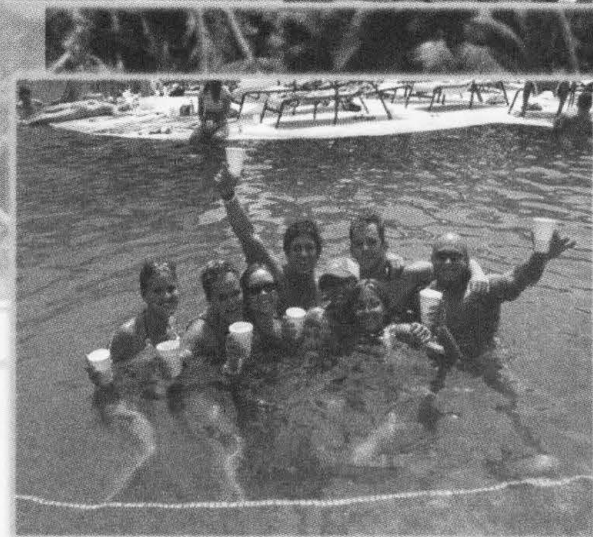
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