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Carlos Briggs and assistant coach Michael Brown bring the team together to strategize during a time out.

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Men's basketball placed on probation, again

BY JOHN PARSELL & MICHAEL SIEGRIST
EDITOR IN CHIEF MANAGING EDITOR

After failing to file paperwork in a timely manor, the men's basketball team has been placed on probation, making it ineligible for post-season play.

According to a college press release, The National Junior College Athletic Association penalized the program for failing to file timely reports when a coach or player is ejected from a game. The rule, in its first season of existence, requires programs to file a report by noon on the first business day following the ejection.

The college missed the deadline following the ejection of head coach Carlos Briggs on Jan. 28 in an 87-76 loss against Mott Community College in Flint, after Briggs was removed for receiving two technical fouls.

Earlier this season, the college failed to file timely ejection

reports for Briggs, on Nov. 24, and former guard Antonio Bonds, on Nov. 26, during a tournament at Daytona Beach, Florida. Briggs did not sit out the following game, forcing the Ocelots to forfeit a win against— at the time— number two ranked Indian Hills (Iowa).

Executive Director of the NJCAA, Wayne Baker, would not comment on the specifics of the subject, as it involves certain issues of confidentiality that he can not discuss. However, he did say, "the penalty of probation was mandated within the bylaws, due to the number of offenses in the same area, within the same program and the same season."

The Director of Athletics, Sidney Fox claims ultimate responsibility for filing the reports, however would not comment on when he was made aware of the ejections. "That, I am not going to reveal. I really do not want to discuss it."

According to the Dean of Student Services, Cheryl Wright, the three ejections occurred during road games at which the athletic director was not present. "In that case, it's up to the coach to notify the director of the ejection right away so that the director can notify the NJCAA by noon of the following business day."

Briggs claims he called Fox the night of Nov. 24, informing him of the ejection. "The first time it happened I had no knowledge of the rule," says Briggs. "The second time, I didn't know everything about the rule, all I knew was that you had to sit out the next game. I didn't know it had to

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Board approves new articulations with four year schools

Students can get two more degrees without leaving Schoolcraft

BY KATIE RUDOLPH
STAFF WRITER

The college has recently entered into two new articulation agreements that will allow students to stay on campus to get their Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering through Lawrence Technological University and Medical Records Administration through Ferris State University.

The new articulation agreement with LTU is the first for any degree with the university, and will begin this Spring semester. Students with an Associate in Engineering will be able to use their degree to transfer to LTU's Mechanical Engineering program. Classes for this program will be held at the Livonia campus.

LTU is offering a tuition discount for students under the new agreement, but the amount remains undecided. Additionally, LTU will accept over one hundred credits for transfer, however students will have to take three lab courses at the LTU campus in order to complete their degree.

The agreement with FSU joins a preexisting articulation with the university for a B.S. in Criminal Justice, and will be implemented into SC's program this fall. Students with an Applied Science associate degree in Health Information Technology from the college will be able to work toward their B.S. in Medical Records Administration at the Radcliff campus.

So what exactly is an articulation?

"An articulation is an agreement between a community college and a four year college," explains Information Specialist Jan Munday of the Counseling Department. According to Munday, an articulation would allow a four year college to accept a certain Associate in Applied Science, which is not designed to be transferable. "The articulation, then, is the bridge making it (the degree) transferable to a four year school," says Munday.

Articulation agreements with four year colleges are nothing new to the college. "We've always had articulations with various four year schools," says Munday. "This is different, because they are offering classes on our campus."

Although the school has articulation agreements with many different four year colleges, few actually offer classes on the college's campus.

There are also plans for articulation agreements with more four year colleges and universities. According to Munday, there are always plans up in the air for different articulations. Right now, the college is in the beginning stages of arranging an articulation with Northwood University for a Bachelor of Business Administration, as well as one with Walsh College for a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Masters of Business Administration.

In addition to articulations with different four year colleges, the school has articulations with several different high schools in the area. Under these articulations, students take classes at their school, and SC agrees to grant them college credit for those courses. "For the Livonia Career Technical Center, we

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New Homeland Security Program offered

Associate Degree available for students who seek employment at the federal level

BY HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

This fall, a new program will be offered that will "provide a degree to students which will keep pace with a changing geo-political environment," says Robert Pearce, associate dean of college centers. The Homeland Security Program, consisting of five new online classes, will give students a basis for private and homeland security knowledge and prepare them for employment in that field.

Students who are interested in careers at the county, state or federal levels of government will benefit from participation in this curriculum.

"There are literally hundreds of examples (of jobs)," says Pearce. "Just a few are the National

Security Agency, FBI, Secret Service, Federal Protective Service, U.S. Customs, INTERPOL and Immigration and Naturalization."

According to Pearce, after the tragedy of 9-11 the security industry has grown to over 180,000 employees throughout the United States Department of Homeland Security. As time goes by and the department expands, more people will be taking jobs as national security personnel and will need to have the proper background knowledge and training needed for the trade.

"It's my belief that although SC is not the first institution to respond to this need post 9-11, we are one of the very first," says Pearce. "We have a huge advantage over schools who are still pondering the efficacy of such a degree."

According to students, the program is an excellent idea.

"The more knowledge today's students have on security the more secure we will be in the future," says Ping Zhou, second year psychology major.

The degree is also beneficial to students who plan to transfer to a four-year university and according to Pearce, "we intend to pursue articulation agreements with four-year institutions offering Homeland Security Baccalaureate degrees; the most notable would be Michigan State University."

According to Todd Scott, the law enforcement in-service coordinator, the new courses that are offered are not solely restricted to the program.

"A student can study information security,

study a language, architecture or business," says Scott. "If you think about it, homeland security is an integral part of an increasing number of professions, not simply law enforcement, fire service or emergency management."

The new classes that have been developed are: Introduction to Homeland Security, Understanding Terrorism, Organizational and Facility Security, Introduction to Emergency Management and Intelligence Gathering.

The program was developed with input from local police and fire officials and it has been supported by the SC Advisory Boards.

Pearce says of the program, "I believe that it will be hugely successful and offer students a new and different way of approaching their objectives in the field of Criminal Justice."

Moving toward a stronger Michigan

Governor calls for education improvement

BY JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Governor Jennifer Granholm expressed a need for college graduates to help strengthen the Michigan economy at her recent State of the State address. In order to fill this need, she, along with state Senate leaders, has created a plan to help students that finish two years of college with a 2.5 grade point average or better.

This plan would change the current Michigan Merit Scholarship and increase the amount of money available for college-bound students from \$2,500 to \$4,000, giving half of the money during the first two years of college and the rest afterwards.

High school students in the class of 2008 would be the first affected by the proposed changes, and funds would only be available to those attending public or private colleges throughout the state.

"Higher education has never been more important to our state than it is today," said Governor Granholm. "As we continue the critical work of developing a high-tech, 21st Century economy in Michigan, we must also develop a high-tech, forward-thinking workforce, that will help lead us to future economic successes."

According to a Sept. 7, 2004 broadcast on Michigan Public Radio, "Governor Granholm has set a goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan within the next 10 years..." She says this would make Michigan the most-highly educated state in the country, and says it is necessary for the state to compete for jobs that pay well.

Due to Michigan's strong manufacturing background, most adult residents have never attended college. Therefore, high school students with a leg-up on tuition could be more likely to attend college, breaking the state's trend.

"I wish this would have been around when I was in High School," says nursing student Amanda Searls. "At least my younger brother will be able to take advantage of it when he is older."

The new scholarship would award \$1,000 to both college freshmen and sophomores who pass the state assessment test while in high school. After receiving an associate degree, or reaching junior year at a four-year

university with at least a 2.5 GPA, they would be rewarded another \$2,000.

Students unqualified through the high school assessment test would be awarded the full \$4,000 dollars after finishing two years of community college or reaching junior year at a four-year university. Granholm thinks that students are more likely to attend college if they have the money to do so.

This new program would eliminate the \$500 extra given to students who do well on the MEAP tests in middle school. This extra money is added to the \$2,500 that is awarded for the Michigan Merit Scholarship. However, those who have been awarded money already would still receive it.

"This new change would be great for me," says Eric Fredriksen, a freshman at Salem High School. "I haven't looked into colleges yet, but from what I hear, they're very expensive. Anything to help me afford school would be great."

However, the new program has flaws as well.

The Merit Scholarship program came about in 1999, using part of the money awarded to Michigan annually from a lawsuit settlement with tobacco companies. This year, the program cost \$126 million.

The new program would still use the tobacco settlement money, which could cost more if students attend college—there is no plan on how the state would fund that increased cost.

According to the President of Schoolcraft, Dr. Conway Jeffress, every leader needs to have, and maintain, a consistent set of priorities, and in the case of the Governor of Michigan a position has been taken that education is the key to the economic survival of the state.

Therefore, according to Jeffress, if the Merit Award Scholarship program is advancing the state toward that goal, it needs to be sustained even if it is at the expense of other programs.

"If for some reason this program was to run out of money, I would expect that they would grandfather all students in the program at the time, but not allow any new students to participate," says Jeffress. "If the issue is purely money, then I would expect any truly committed leader to 'find' the cash somewhere in the state's projected \$40 billion dollar budget."



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Governor Jennifer Granholm speaks during a Michigan Press Association conference at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.

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Graduation to be held at Compuware Arena

Time changed to accommodate students

All-campus graduation ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, May 6, will again be held at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. However, there is one big change this year; the ceremony will take place at 4 p.m.

According to Kathy Hulik, public relations media coordinator for the college, the graduation committee took into consideration that the former 6 p.m. ceremony did not allow students and parents enough time to plan their own celebrations. The new earlier time will accommodate dinner plans as well as graduation parties.

"I think it's a great plan," says Owais Nadeem, a spring graduate. "It will give my family a chance to get together that night."

Students intending to walk at the ceremony will need to order caps and gowns. The college has organized a Grad Fair for March 13 and 14 at the Livonia campus bookstore and on March 15 at the Radcliff campus bookstore. Both fairs will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"The fair allows for one-stop shopping," says Gail Szukielowicz, graduation coordi-

nator. "We want to do everything we can to make the process as easy as possible for the grads."

At that time students can place orders for caps and gowns, graduation announcements, thank you notes, class rings, gown pressing service, commencement videos, diploma frames and Phi Theta Kappa honors regalia.

Although the caps and gowns are free, all other services will have nominal fees. Students ordering caps and gowns after March 24 will be charged a \$25 service fee.

Graduates will receive six tickets for guests to attend the ceremony. Those who would like additional tickets may get on a waiting list by contacting the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Students who have filed an Intent to Graduate form will receive a packet of information complete with order forms to be able to place orders by mail. Students with special needs or who require assistance are asked to contact the Registrar's Office at 734-462-4677. Handicapped seating and parking will be available at Compuware.

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have articulations in computer graphics technology, child care, law enforcement, medical assisting," says Munday, naming just a few.

The recent additions to the already existing articulations further prove that the school is

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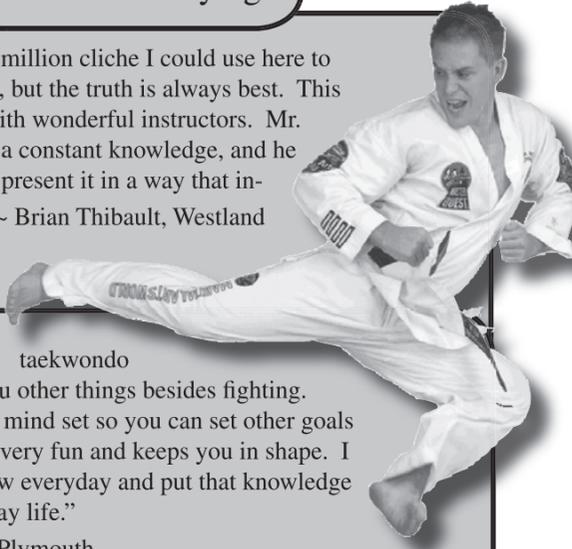
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"What I like about taekwondo is that it teaches you other things besides fighting. It gives you a good mind set so you can set other goals and feel good. It's very fun and keeps you in shape. I learn something new everyday and put that knowledge towards my everyday life."
~ Mike Moncrion, Plymouth



Hello! My name is Dan Vigil, the owner of the Academy of Taekwondo. Tae Kwon Do has impacted my life powerfully, and I know it can impact yours as well. I first began studying martial arts as a kid, and it's fair to say I started because I was "the picked on" kid at school. Originally my thinking was that I would learn some deadly Karate moves and kick the butts of the big bullies that were antagonizing me. Turns out something else entirely happened - as I became more comfortable with my techniques I gained CONFIDENCE. Those bullies were just feeding off my lack of confidence in myself, and once I had it, I didn't ever have to use the techniques.

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Well, despite my original intentions for coming I ended up LOVING the martial arts. To continue my training I went to Master Han Lee who was training for the Olympic team (where he got a silver medal at the 1988 Olympics) His classes were tougher than I could imagine (probably why he went on to coach our 1992, 1996, and 2000 Olympic Team) and having to fight my way through them taught me the next secret power - DISCIPLINE.

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After training under Master Lee I began to dream of winning competitions. I decided then that I wanted to be a champion, and began training with master J. Kim, and later Master Yong Suk Jung. These two guys are both famous Korean national champions, and Master Jung was the first ever Middleweight Champion of the world. Under their instruction I became a Collegiate Nation Champion, 7 time Michigan State Champion, and won 5 international open championships. This is how I learned the third secret to true power - GOAL SETTING.

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A divorce support group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. The support group is free of charge and meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, between 7-9 p.m. in the WRC.

Money Matters in Divorce

A certified divorce financial planner from the Center for Financial Planning will be available on the first Monday of each month, from 5-7 p.m., through May 1. Anyone worried about their financial concerns relative to divorce may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the appropriate day. Clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

Ask an Attorney

An attorney from the firm of Woll and Woll will be avail-

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able on the third Monday of each month from 5-7 p.m., through May 15. Anyone interested in asking about divorce and family law may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the appropriate day. Clients will be seen on a first come, first serve basis.

For further information about any WRC events, call (734) 462-4443, or visit the WRC in the McDowell Center, Room 225.

International Film Festival

Out of Africa

The most acclaimed motion picture of 1985 will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 1-3 p.m. in LA 200.

The story features Meryl Streep as a strong willed woman who runs a coffee plantation in Kenya with her

philandering husband circa 1914. She soon falls in love with the land, its people and a mysterious white hunter (Robert Redford).

Roots

The first segment of one of television's landmark programs will be shown on Monday, March 13, from 8-10 a.m. in LA 200.

Roots, the miniseries, follows several generations in the lives of a slave family. In this segment, Kunta Kinte, a West African youth, is captured by slave raiders and shipped to America in the 1700's.

African Presentation Series

On Wednesday, March 1, from 9-10 a.m., Ernest Ndukwe, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Geography at

Schoolcraft College, will be giving a lecture on Water Resources in Africa: availability, challenges and improving efficient and sustainable use. The lecture will take place in MC 200.

Pageturners Africa Book Selection

Pageturners is the college book discussion group. Students facilitate each informal discussion; faculty often attend and give students partial course credit for reading a selection, attending a discussion and writing up a short assessment. This month's book selection is "Things Fall Apart," by Chinua Achebe. Pageturner selections can be purchased for 40% off retail price at the Student Activities Office. Discussions will take place

on Monday, March 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing, and Tuesday March 21, from 12-1 p.m. in the Library Conference Room 105.

Winter Play tickets on sale

Tickets for the Theater Department's production of Thornton Wilder's American classic "Our Town" are on sale now and selling fast. Dinner theater tickets are \$24, while tickets for the theater performance are only \$12.

Dinner Theater performances of "Our Town" will be on March 24, 25 and 31 and on April 1, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m. Theater performances will be on April 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the main campus Bookstore or by phone at (734) 452-4596.

Intoxicated Instructor

On Jan. 31, at 7:25 p.m., an instructor was accused of possibly being under the influence of alcohol. A strong odor of alcohol was on the instructor's breath. Public Safety asked the instructor if they would consent to a breath alcohol test. The instructor agreed but upon arrival at Concentra testing center, the instructor refused to

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take the test. Public Safety officials advised them that they were being directed by a college official to take the test but the instructor still refused. The instructor was asked to go home by way of taxi, Public Safety transport or someone coming to pick them up. The instructor

was driven home by a Public Safety officer.

Larceny

A pair of brown suede slip on loafers, valued at \$50, was stolen from the women's locker room of the Physical Education Building on Jan. 30, sometime between 5:45

and 7:10 p.m. The complainant said she left them on the floor in front of her locker and upon returning to the locker room they were gone.

Welding instructor Rodney Johnson discovered that three boxes of Tungsten Electrodes were missing from his storeroom. The

Harris-Welco brand electrodes, valued at \$35.28 per box with ten electrodes per box, were last seen by Johnson on Jan. 26. Sometime between then and Feb. 1, the electrodes were taken from the store room.

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For more information regarding transfer visits, contact the counseling office at (734) 462-4429.

University of Michigan-Dearborn
The University of Michigan Dearborn will have a representative visit Schoolcraft on Wednesday, March 15, from 10-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. and also on Tuesday, March 21 from 10-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. located across from the student lounge at the Radcliff Campus.

Lawrence Technological University
Lawrence Technological University will have a representative visiting Schoolcraft on Tuesday, March 21, from 10-12:30 p.m. in the NW front hallway of the Forum Building on the Livonia Campus.

Marygrove College
Marygrove College will have a representative visiting Schoolcraft on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 11-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. across from the student lounge at the Radcliff Campus, and Tuesday, March 14, from 11-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building at the Livonia Campus.



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IN OUR OPINION

Who is to blame?

Students made victims of miscommunication

When the men's basketball team was placed on probation by the National Junior College Athletics Association for the second consecutive season, the fingers immediately started pointing.

Some say head coach Carlos Briggs is to blame for not calling the athletic director immediately following his ejection on Jan. 28, 2006. Conversely, some say Athletic Director Sidney Fox is at fault for not filing the reports in a timely manner.

The truth is it does not really matter whose fault it is, but rather who will be hurt the most by this mess.

Coach Briggs is in his last season—a decision made in the spring of last year when, under pressure from the administration, he announced his resignation. Fox will have a fresh new team and coach to work with when the Fall 2006 semester begins.

So it seems the only people hurt by this "miscommunication," are the student athletes on the men's basketball team. The players will miss out on post-season play; and quite possibly, their only chance at recruitment.

The students in Briggs' program have

worked hard to excel in the sport as well as the classroom this season. It is obvious, by the sanctions placed on the team, they have worked harder this year than both the coach and the athletic director.

If this was an honest mistake, then hopefully we can learn from it. Unfortunately, the damage has already been done, and the Ocelot team will be forced to watch the championship from the sidelines.

In an ironic twist of fate, the Region 12 Tournament was scheduled to take place at Schoolcraft. As a result of the ban, the school will no longer host the tournament.

At times like these, it is important to remember that the students come first. If they can do their job then the stewards of the program should do theirs. However, to put students, who have worked hard all year, at risk over something as trivial as paperwork is just irresponsible.

After two consecutive seasons of probation with no post-season play, which student in their right mind is going to want to play basketball at SC? Not only is the history of the program scarred, but the future is marked as well.

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Granholm picks on bullies

New bill proposal is useless



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“Michigan requires all students to go to school for one-hundred and eighty days, but we don't require that they are safe,” says Representative Buzz Thomas in reference to Governor Jennifer Granholm's new proposal for what is commonly known as the “anti-bullying legislation.”

The proposed House Bill 4957 states that “the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall adopt a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying at school.”

However, how is bullying defined?

The proposed bill states that “harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any gesture or written, verbal, or physical act that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know will have the effect of harming a pupil...”

This includes, but is not limited to, a “gesture or written, verbal, or physical act described in this subdivision that is reasonably perceived as being motivated by a pupil's religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, height, weight, or socioeconomic status, or by any other distinguishing characteristic.”

Reasonably perceived by whom?

Teachers and students think much differently. Therefore, while the actions described in this proposed bill might be considered bullying by teachers; to children, they could just be seen as things other children do. To say that there will be an adopted policy at school for something so trivial is just absurd.

There is a definition that reads “the unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons.”

Sound familiar?

This definition for terrorism is nearly the same one attributed to bullying, according to the proposed House Bill 4957. If I knock Timmy's books on the floor and call him a name, am I a terrorist, a bully or just a child.

According to Kevin Epling, whose son Matthew killed himself after a hazing incident in East Lansing, says that a law such as this is long overdue.

Epling has been working with Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), as well as the East Lansing School District resulting in community forums and training programs for teachers and staff in order to pass this legislation.

While I do not condone the death of Matthew Epling, I find it over-dramatic to try and prompt school districts to adopt stern policy against bullying in school. I'm sure that there are a significant number of deaths around the country every year relating to school bullies.

However, having been through elementary, junior-high and high school—experiencing bullying first hand—I can attest that the majority of these problems do not result in death.

Children will be children, and bullying is just something children do. Life is tough and even children must learn to just “deal with it.” Saying that Michigan must act to protect students from being “picked on” is just plain ignorant.

This is not to say that students should not feel safe at school. However, a simple phone call to mom or dad from the teacher can work much better than any proposed legislation could suggest.

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ONE HAND CLAPPING

The battle behind the war

How suits, not uniforms, control our armed forces



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It is no news that the United States military has been engaged in post-war activity in both Afghanistan and Iraq in what are claimed to be the main fronts in the war on terror. The lesser known, and perhaps more significant battle, has taken place on American soil, and what little insurgency remains has almost been crushed.

The Vietnam-reminiscent struggle to beat the uniformed leaders of the pentagon into a state of blind bureaucratic submission is seen to be almost complete. On Thursday, Feb. 2, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld delivered yet another speech on his goal to reform the military.

The billion dollar enterprise designed to defend the nation has been in almost complete control of the active, uniformed military in the years after Vietnam. The war, which ended in the 1975 pull-out, found civilian officials micromanaging decisions, choosing bombing targets from the White House. According to Brig. Gen. and former Secretary of the Army Thomas White, "we had basically destroyed the United States Army." White continued, "we needed a complete rebuilding of the force from the bottom to the top."

As a result of the disaster, officers like Colin Powell, who served two terms in Vietnam, began to reshape the way the business was done. There was a shift to an all-volunteer, heavy tank, 600 ship Navy and increased bombers and planes. The leaders began to study historical military strategy writings, quickly building the most powerful and efficient military in the world. "This intellectual renaissance quickly spread through all the militaries," says Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper.

The military adopted a new strategy, named after its author. The Powell Doctrine was designed to "keep the military out of un-winnable quagmires and bring decisive force to bear." This policy meant not counterinsurgencies, clearly defined missions, enough forces to do the job and an exit strategy. The doctrine received its first test in the Gulf War, allowing Powell and Gen. Schwarzkof to vindicate the stigma set by the collapse after Vietnam.

But the administration has had a different idea in mind, evident when Vice President Dick Cheney claimed, "I am sure that Don (Rumsfeld) will do what is necessary to get the pentagon in the right direction."

And he did, seizing military appointments and beginning his goal of a smaller, nimbler and more networked military under the name of "Transformation."

This is the man who ignored then chairman of the Joint Chiefs Gen. Shelton, who wanted lots of troops in Iraq. Rumsfeld found the old war plans to be cumbersome and outdated, choosing to ignore Gen. Shinseki who called for several hundred thousand troops, eerily predicting "post-hostility control over a piece of geography that is fairly significant with kinds of ethnic tensions could result in other problems."

Rumsfeld even chose to ignore Sec. of the Army, White, who reiterated Shinseki's claims one week later. After three weeks of fighting, Baghdad fell and the real fight began. The 140,000 troops in the country were unprepared to deal with the "other problems" Shinseki warned about, and hence we find ourselves in the debacle we are now in.

Rumsfeld's Doctrine of Transformation is unsound and has been opposed by countless military geniuses. Director of Central Command during the Desert Storm Gen. Joseph Hoar has been quoted in a PBS documentary titled "Rumsfeld's War" claiming, "The men in uniform think very seriously about having one American soldier or Marine killed, and the way you limit casualties is you fight aggressively and with overwhelming force."

Unfortunately, the Secretary of Defense has chosen to ignore these competent leaders, and wage his own war inside and outside of U.S. borders.

With President Bush requesting an addition to the "defense" budget, raising it 439.3 billion dollars, there have been scandals with a lack of proper equipment and military base closings all year. Instead of supporting the troops, the administration has decided, according to the top commander in Iraq Gen. George Casey, to stretch them thinly.

While Rumsfeld continues to deny this fact, as in a late January press conference where he called the authors of the report, ill-informed about America's troops, it does not change reality. Perhaps he should have held his tongue a few weeks, as he has just called his own commander in Iraq "ill-informed."

The administration should have stuck with the Powell Doctrine and avoided a counterinsurgent quagmire with adequate forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, Rumsfeld has remained committed to this idea of committing inadequate amounts of troops to demanding operations, and the true test will be how this new preemptive Transformational policy effects the troops now beginning their fourth term in Iraq, and future conflicts the world over.

MY MEANDERINGS

Animal cruelty taken to the next level

Puppies used as drug couriers



HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

There are a lot of things that leave me disappointed with the human race and animal cruelty is at the top of the list. It bothers me so much that I cannot watch television shows like "Animal Cops" and "Animal Precinct." If I had the money, the living space and the time, I would probably go to the Humane Society and adopt as many dogs and cats as I could.

This being my emotional state when it comes to animals, it is only imaginable how sickened I was when I heard about the Colombian drug dealers who attempted to use six puppies to

smuggle heroin into the United States on commercial flights to New York City. Back on a farm in Columbia, a veterinarian had inserted a total of 3 kilograms of liquid heroin into the puppies' stomachs. According to the police, the traffickers planned to retrieve the drugs after the animals had passed through customs.

These men and women who were part of the drug ring must have been really desperate to get that heroin to the U.S. to use six innocent dogs, three of which died after the drugs were removed, as packaging materials.



Photos shown on www.aol.com

A total of 3 kilograms of liquid heroin was surgically inserted into the puppies.

I do not condone drug smuggling, but if there are people out there who choose to make a life by doing so, they should restrict their immoral behavior to the human race and not involve animals. The purebred puppies they cut open could have had a warm and loving home with a family.

It is mind boggling that someone is capable of hurting animals in such a way. This instance may not be the worst case of animal cruelty compared to those of animal starvation or constant inflicted physical punishment. However, it is one

of the sickest, both in reasoning and in action. The entire drug ring contained nearly \$20 million worth of heroin and a large amount of that was lodged in the dogs' bodies. Their motivation for doing this was money.

Even though three of the puppies died, three others were adopted by the Colombian police and one of them is going to be trained to sniff out drugs.

This story is unusual in that it has a somewhat happy ending with justice having been served. According to an article published on AOL.com, 20 people in Columbia were arrested and ten other suspects were found in New York, Florida and North Carolina.

The thing about this situation is that the only reason it reached the media is because the criminals were caught. What about all the other drug dealers who use animals in similar ways? They are most certainly out there; they just haven't been caught yet.



The purebred puppies found on the Colombian farm that were used in the attempted drug smuggling.

When they do, they too will be faced with accusations and possible prison sentences. It's only fair that those who cause the innocent to suffer, suffer themselves.

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FROM ANGELA'S ANGLE

Stop polluting my lungs

Smoking should be banned from public places



ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Cigarette smoke is something that I absolutely loathe and find disgusting. However, it seems that no matter where I go, secondhand smoke is something that I cannot escape. Many of my friends, family and strangers chain-smoke one after another. This pollutes my lungs, makes my clothes reek and me feel nauseous. I don't understand why I should have to suffer and my health should be in danger because somebody else chooses to have no self-control.

According to the American Lung Association, secondhand smoke is proven to have a wide range

of adverse health effects, including cancer, respiratory infections and asthma.

In fact, it is so harmful that the Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a group A carcinogen.

States such as New York, California, Massachusetts and Florida have chosen to adopt policies in which smoking is banned from public areas, such as restaurants, stores and bars. While in Michigan, we have policies against smoking in most stores, it has not been banned from bars or restaurants.

As a server at a restaurant, I know that many times, the smoking section is the last one to fill-up and often the slowest. The smokers also spend a longer time sitting at the table, always getting in "a smoke" after the meal is finished. If smoking was simply banned, restaurants would run more smoothly, have less of a wait time to be seated, and keep the patrons healthier.

Furthermore, banning smoking would soon change people's attitude about it. If smoking was less socially acceptable, maybe people wouldn't be as likely to start smoking or become hesitant to light one up and blow carcinogens in the face of a non-smoker. This could only contribute to a healthier society.

The opposition claims that the ban of smoking would be bad for businesses. However, states who have adopted these policies are proof that while business may slow down at first, it does not have a permanent negative effect. People still want to go out in public and dine out.

Banning smoking from public places does not only make sense, but it protects citizens. Every year in the United States, secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease related deaths in adult nonsmokers. This should be reason enough for Michigan to follow in the foot steps of those states who feel it is their responsibility to protect all citizens.

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Brandon Aldridge
Age: 20
Year: 1st
Major: Special Education
"A class on homeland security would seem wise. It would give American citizens the knowledge, of what our country is under siege from."



Ivan Reynolds
Age: 18
Year: 1st
Major: Culinary Arts
"Homeland security should be taught at Schoolcraft because I'm pretty sure everyone wants to know how well this country is protected."



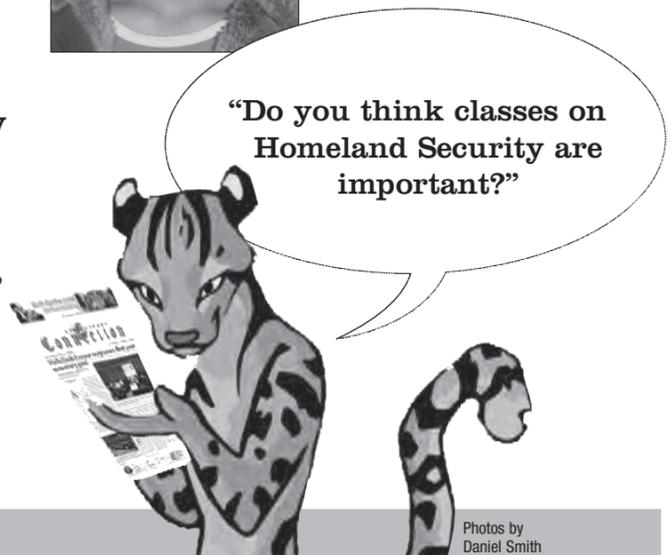
Jessica Saba
Age: 19
Year: 2nd
Major: Journalism
"Yes, so people will be more informed of their rights."



Kristine Bridges
Age: 18
Year: 1st
Major: Undecided
"Yes, homeland security discussed in schools should be allowed because it is something that affects me and my family and our safety."



Cortney Brady
Age: 20
Year: 2nd
Major: Pre-Med
"Yes I believe it's important for the safety of everyone."



"Do you think classes on Homeland Security are important?"

Photos by Daniel Smith

Campus minister leaves school to take a sabbatical

■ Students and faculty say goodbye and good luck

By **ANGELA BELCHER**
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Sister Joan Kusack has been the Campus Minister for the past six and a half years.

She will now take a sabbatical, which is a three month leave taken every seventh year by people of faith in order to refuel and obtain fresh ideas. During the month of February she will focus on studying cosmology; in March, spirituality and in April, she will concentrate on creativity. After these three months are over, she will continue her work with the poor.

"I'll be able to bring the tools and skills that I get to my next ministry," says Kusack. "I don't know what that's going to be, or where it will be, but I won't think about it until April."

In the time that she has served as the "In House Minister," she has encouraged people to volunteer and make the campus a giving community.

Some of her accomplishments include assisting in the development of the Season for Non-Violence Committee on campus. This group, composed of students and staff, examines ways in which people can use non-violence to heal, empower and transform lives. In the past years, they have hosted art and essay contests, created a peace pole on campus, awarded Peacemaker awards and brought speakers to share their knowledge of non-violence.

Sister Joan has also been involved in bringing volunteers to St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit. Every month, members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Student Activities Board and other volunteers serve lunch to the poor and homeless. "I hope the students have experienced a great awareness for the poor and people who are less fortunate," says Kusack.

President of Phi Theta Kappa, Nicole Nader, who has worked with Sister Joan in numerous charity projects says, "She is like a fingerprint, touching and inspiring all our lives with a unique impression that can never be washed away."

Sister Joan was also involved in the Empty Bowl Project, which raised \$1,600 in two



hours with the organization, Students For Hunger. This project brought together art students who created ceramic bowls, culinary students who donated soup and bread and students who wanted to help the hungry. The proceeds of this endeavor were split by the Crossroads and St. Leo's soup kitchens.

"Those are powerful experiences. God was very much alive and it was in the people, in the faculty, students and leadership. It's who Schoolcraft is, an incredible family with incredible people," says Kusack.

Along with being involved in various organizations and projects, Sister Joan has also been a person for many to talk to. SC's President Dr. Jeffress says "Because of Joan's sincerity and sympathy, regardless of situation, when you talk to her, she always makes you feel better after your conversations over."

Sister Joan will be missed by many, but she will leave behind many great contributions.

"I'm glad to have done whatever I could have done to make a difference, but my hope is in the future. I hope that as students grow in awareness, they want to make a difference."



ABOVE:

Sister Joan Kusack thanks the students and staff for a joyful and wonderful experience during her farewell party.

LEFT:

English professor Ms. Mary Alice Palm poses with Sister Joan on her special day.

Winter enrollment spikes with seven percent increase

■ Number of students reaches all time high

By **HEATHER HYATT**
NEWS EDITOR

Enrollment numbers at the college have increased this semester, reaching 10,609, which according to Registrar Kim Sanders, is the college's record high for a winter semester and a seven percent increase from winter 2005.

There are 9,466 returning students this winter semester and 1,143 additionally enrolled.

"Our returning students feel that SC is a great place to receive a quality education along with exceptional customer service," says Sanders.

Recent increases in unemployment and economic stagnation are a few factors that play a part in the heightening numbers.

Recent layoffs and plant closings have prompted many people out-of-work into a decision to go back to school and develop a new trade. While it plays a part in the increased enrollment, according to President Conway Jeffress, it is not solely responsible for the raise.

"It has always been common wisdom that an inverse relationship exists between enrollment and the economy," says Jeffress. "While that

trend accounts for some of our increase it does not account for all of it."

Sanders says it is also due to "increased recruiting efforts by strengthening our relationships with our local high schools," and the option for high school students to participate in dual enrollment contributes as well. On-campus tours are another aspect that has helped bring more students to the college.

"The on-campus tours have been phenomenal," says Sanders. "Studies show that students who visit campuses are more likely to enroll."

Also, better financial aid oppor-

tunities have made it possible for more students to attend the college. The Return to Learn Scholarship for example, which encourages those with some college credit and are 25 years and older to come back and work towards their degree. A total of 94 Return to Learn Scholarships were awarded for the winter semester.

According to Jeffress, higher enrollment does "three interdependent things: it can result in increased revenue; it can increase pressure on facilities and/or it can permit the expansion of course offerings or sections, thus giving students more choices."

Increased revenue permits the college to develop the campus. With higher revenue the college is able to "do more for the students," according to Sanders. Doing more for the students includes expanding the campus by building new facilities, such as the Technical Service Facility, upgrading technology so students are able to get the most out of their college courses and keeping the campus safe, clean and beautiful.

According to Jeffress, his outlook on enrollment is, "the more students, the better."



Photo by Keith Dotson

SAB secretary, Mary Huff, (left) puts together sandwich boards to promote the Spring Break Trip to Panama City Beach, FL.

Secretary of the Student Activities Board anticipates Spring Break

■ Energetic officer could use a break from her busy schedule

OFFICER PROFILE

BY ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Mary Huff is a twenty-one year old student, officer of the Student Activities Board, and positive influence in the lives of many children.

She has been involved with SAB since last year, however, this year she serves as the secretary.

"Mary holds a lot of things together. She goes above and beyond her secretarial work, organizing things and checking back on them, making sure everything runs smoothly," says Todd Stowell, Student Activities Technician.

SAB President, Leighann Staknis agrees, "Mary really stepped up a lot and pushed us to get stuff done. She's been a really positive influence on the group."

Huff is really looking forward to their upcoming annual Spring break trip to Panama City Beach, FL. They will spend a week soaking up the sun and fun, while staying in the Holiday Inn Sunspree, located right on the beach.

"I am excited for a week off from real life and having great times with great friends," says Huff.

Outside of school, Mary has been working for the last five years for the Wayne Dance, Gymnastics and Cheerleading program and is now the supervisor. A talented dancer, she instructs hip hop, tap, jazz, ballet and gymnastics.

"My favorite class to teach is the three year old ballet," said Mary. "I'm very proud of the program and couldn't ask for a better job."

Huff works with around 175 kids ranging from 3-15 each week.

"It gets very stressful at times. But then seeing the kids smile always makes me keep going." Mary says of her young pupils, "When I see the kids perform at the end of the year recital, it makes me very proud to know that I'm the one behind the scenes putting it together."

Mary currently resides in Wayne, with her parents and two sisters and has lived in the same house her entire life. She attended Wayne Memorial High School, where she was very involved serving as Public Relations Manager for her senior class. She was also a member of the student senate, soccer player, co-captain of the dance team, vice president of the ski club and a mentor to freshmen.

"I always tried to make the best of having to be there," explains Huff.

Mary also figure skated from the age of three until eighteen,

competing both individually and with a team.

"Skating was a huge part of my life growing up. Many of my coaches helped mold me into who I am today," says Huff. Her dedication meant as many as 10-15 hours each week in the arena and team practices on Saturday mornings at 6 a.m.

In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and going to the movies, bowling, snowboarding and iceskating. She also likes to spend time with her relatives.

"Nothing beats a warm summer day out on the boat with my family," says Huff.

Not only is Mary a dedicated hard worker, she has overcome tough obstacles throughout life. When Mary was in third grade, she was diagnosed with dyslexia.

"Having dyslexia has most definitely made me a strong person, and has also proven to me that I can do anything I desire as long as I put my mind to it," says Huff.

She is currently enrolled in 11 credit hours with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Huff plans to major in elementary education and would like to teach either kindergarten or first grade. In the fall, she will transfer to Concordia University of Ann Arbor.

"I can't wait until I become a teacher and have my own classroom," says Huff.

CLUB EVENTS



Student Activities Board

Spring Break

A third bus has been added for spring break fun in Panama City Beach, Florida. This trip will take place March 3-11, 2006, and students can attend for the unbelievable price of \$375. This includes accommodations for seven nights at a four star hotel on the beach and luxury motorcoach transportation. Get your tickets before it's too late.

Stop by the Student Activities Office, or call (734) 462-4422 for more information.

General Meetings

Students who would like to expand their leadership skills and become actively involved in the college community should join SAB. Meetings are held every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the SAO, located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. All students are invited to join.

Video Production Club

Students interested in working in media should take advantage of the hands-on opportunities that are available through the new Video Production Club, where gaining real world experience is a major feature of the group. Members will be trained to work with editing, sound, computer graphics, camera work and production. Interested students should attend a meeting in the Media Center of the Bradner Library at 5 p.m. on March 16. Call (734) 462-4422 for more details.

Honors Society-Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Iota Chapter

Join a prestigious group of dedicated students who enjoy giving back to their schools and communities while also enjoying scholarship opportunities. Students must have completed at least 12 credit hours with a cumulative 3.5 GPA to join. General

membership meetings are held twice monthly to fit all schedules. Choose between Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the Lower Waterman and discussion will include new and upcoming events, more ways to get involved, time with your officers and a chance to let your opinion be heard.

St. Leos Soup Kitchen

Help PTK and the SAB feed the less fortunate at St. Leo's Church in Detroit. All volunteers should meet on Sat, March 25 at 8 a.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

Christian Challenge Club

Attend a Bible study and eat free pizza with your fellow students. Christian Challenge meets every Thursday at noon in the Livonia campus' Henry's Food Court.

The Schoolcraft Connection

The Schoolcraft Connection is looking for writers and photographers to work on this semester's staff. All those interested should attend a meeting, which are held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Students will be paid for their contributions.

Otaku Anime Club

Attend a social gathering where you can watch anime (some which are not yet released in the U.S.) on a projector screen. Admission is free and membership is not needed. The anime club will meet March 11, from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Lower Waterman student lounge.

For all club information, contact the STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

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WINTER BLAST IS A SPECTACLE OF EVENTS

Super Bowl weekend a huge success

By TRAVIS GRAND
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the surrounding festivities brought upon by Super Bowl XL as well as the Second Annual Motown Winter Blast, the city of Detroit has never been so alive and thriving (at least not since the 1920s).

Last year, the inaugural Winter Blast kicked off the official countdown for Super Bowl XL. The event was a success bringing over 200,000 people downtown to see the action.

This year, the festival took place in an expanded layout that was three times the size of last year and covered more than 14 city blocks. The Winter Blast featured some of the same great activities that were exhibited in 2005, including snowshoeing, ice skating, Model-T rides, a 200-foot long snow slide, handcrafted ice sculptures representing each NFL team's logo, dog sledding and the best local music and restaurants in the greater metro-Detroit area.

New additions were present at the festival as well, including an outdoor music stage with top national entertainers, such as Motown recording artist and Detroit native KEM, a marketplace of artists and vendors selling great-tasting food and quality goods, more lanes on the popular snow slide and snow boarding demonstrations.

However, most of the success of this year's Winter Blast was due in part to the excitement and hype of Super Bowl XL. There were many hometown pessimists questioning if Detroit could pull off hosting the most watched sporting event, and at times, it did not look like it would be possible. Fortunately, the citizens united by cleaning up and polishing the city so that it looked brand new.

During Super Bowl weekend, Detroit was home to a handful of celebrities including Diddy, Snoop Dogg, rocker Tommy Lee, and ABC's late night front man Jimmy Kimmel, who, after making a scathing remark about Detroit during the 2004 NBA playoffs, set things right by packing up his show in Los Angeles and hosting a week in the Motor City.

The Motown Winter Blast was a huge success and it provided even more incentive for tourists to travel back to Detroit. With numerous celebrity events as well as a city uniting together to throw one heck of a party, people who came to Motown for Super Bowl XL will be talking about it for years to come.



ABOVE: Actor and Birmingham native, David Spade was one of many celebrities on hand to enjoy the Super Bowl festivities.

LEFT: The Ren Cen atrium was transformed into media row where radio and television broadcasts were aired live throughout the week.



LEFT: Ice sculptors creatively decorated the streets of downtown with ice sculptures reflecting Motown and the NFL.



LEFT: A birds eye view of the excitement surrounding Campus Martius.

Photos by Keith Dotson

Match Point serves up a hit

Woody Allen delivers a thriller

By ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

In his latest movie, Hollywood legend Woody Allen directs his first film to be shot outside of New York. Although this dramatic suspense story which takes place in Britain is not a typical Allen creation, his clear talent for writing and directing remain undeniable.

The viewer may get the impression that with the title "Match Point," the movie would focus a lot on the game of tennis. However it is more about an analogy between life and tennis. An intense back and forth struggle in an attempt to keep control of the ball, or life.

"Match Point" has a running theme, exploring the notion of luck. It begins and ends with the question of how much luck depends on the ball making it over the net or coming back.

"The man who said, 'I'd rather be lucky than good' saw deeply into life," states the main character, Chris Wilton, played by Jonathon Rhys-Meyers ("Vanity Fair," "Bend it like Beckham") as the movie opens.

An ex tennis-pro from Ireland, who makes his way to an upper class London country club to teach lessons, Chris is introduced to his friend's sister, Chloe Hewett, played by Emily Mortimer ("A Foreign Affair," "Notting Hill") and they begin a courtship leading to marriage. Although their situation seems to make sense, sparks fail to fly between the two. Settling for what seems to make sense; Wilton takes a job offered by Hewett's successful father and becomes accustomed to the upper-class British society, making himself at home.

His easy plan turns complicated when Wilton meets his soon-to-be brother-in-law's fiancé, Nola Rice, played by the saucy Scarlett

Johanssen ("Lost in Translation," "In Good Company"). Rice is a struggling American actress with an indisputable power over the opposite sex and Wilton soon falls victim to her spell, noticeably pursuing her. She warns him that he will ruin things for himself, but he can not resist.

The film turns into a scandalous story of seduction, lies and pure luck. It throws unexpected twists, and forces the viewer to build resentment against every character. It is not a battle between good and evil, but rather the lesser of the two.

Wilton becomes an unbearable character that viewers love to hate. He takes dangerous risks, almost appearing as though he is begging to be caught acting unfaithful. He wants it all and is willing to take what he is not allowed, even if it means ruining the lives of anyone who stands in his way.

The two ladies in his life, Hewett and Rice, take turns complicating his grand scheme. One constantly causes him stress while the other becomes more attractive, then they switch roles. Wilton wants the best of both worlds and none of the complication that comes with his schemes. He becomes torn when forced to choose between the two.

This movie can be enjoyed and appreciated by both sexes. Not only does it possess a suspenseful plot, but it also keeps the viewers visually interested with attractive characters and exotic accents.

"Match Point" will leave viewers satisfied, raising questions of life and coming to a dramatic conclusion. When the movie is over, the viewer is left with feelings of surprise, anger and a final understanding of the complete picture.



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"Did anyone ever tell you that you play a very aggressive game?"

- Nola Rice (Scarlett Johanssen)



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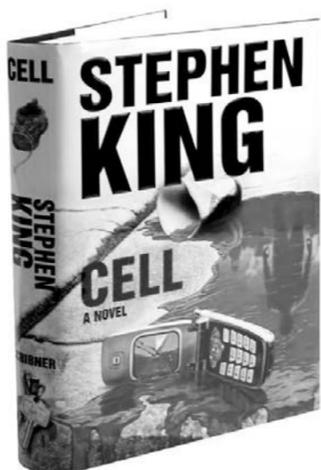
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Horror's reigning King returns to his roots with 'Cell'



By RYAN RUSSELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The premise of Stephen King's latest novel, "Cell," is so improbable, so inane, that some may wonder if the popular sitcom "Family Guy" was hitting close to home with their gag about his latest novel featuring a "lamp monster."

Until they start reading.

After completing his "Dark Tower" series and offering up "The Colorado Kid" in an effort to help bring back the pulp crime novel, King has returned to the land of horror. With "Cell," King twists the phrase "can you hear me now?" into more than mere annoyance. He makes it terrifying.

The basic idea behind the novel is simple. At precisely 3:03 p.m. on Oct. 1, anyone with

the misfortune to be using their cell phone is transformed into a homicidal lunatic by a mysterious signal that becomes known as "The Pulse."

Naturally, as chaos breaks out, people use their cell phones to seek help, adding themselves to the ranks of the "phone crazies." It isn't long before the world is cut in two; it takes even less time for the "normies" to be outnumbered.

In the middle of it all is graphic novelist Clay Riddell, who has just made a major deal when the entire world suddenly falls apart around him. Clay, along with a small group of survivors, soon realizes that the Pulse simply wipes the "hard drive" of the mind, returning everyone who hears it to their violent, aggressive base instincts.

As Clay and his fellow normies head north, where Clay hopes to find his wife and son unharmed, they also realize something far more terrifying: the phone crazies are evolving. They become less chaotic, more methodical. They begin to display signs of telepathy and, most frightening of all, purpose.

There is no call to divulge more of the plot. "Cell" sets its own brisk pace; the Pulse has occurred by page six and King has established his core group of survivors by the end of chapter one.

With typical brilliance, King never reveals who caused the Pulse. The closest we see to such knowledge is speculation by the main characters that it was an act of terrorism.

"Cell" isn't about how it happened. It is about the people he has chosen and how they deal with the devastation. As in his good versus evil masterpiece "The Stand," this is a

personal story told against the backdrop of an all-encompassing catastrophe.

Unlike "The Stand," however, "Cell" abstains from moralizing; not once does it draw a line between good and evil or label the phone crazies "the bad guys." A skill he mastered on the "Dark Tower" novels, King sets his readers free to draw their own conclusions, to decide what they feel for themselves.

King presents the reader with a story reminiscent of his earliest novels, complete with all the best characteristics of his work: clever pop-culture references, perfect imitation of true human conversation and the startling ease with which he manipulates readers' emotions.

It is a welcome change to the formula, however, that King has replaced the overwriting of his younger days with the more mature prose of a seasoned writer.

That's not to say "Cell" is perfect, however. The characters seem a bit insubstantial, an unfortunate consequence of such a quick paced novel, and even diehard fans must realize that the story would have gained from less dependence on old themes.

But in the end, "Cell" is what it is. It is his most horrific, swiftest moving tale in years. Leaving behind his love of elaborate history and extended build-up to the climax, King sucks you in and refuses to let go until he's done. This is the author's return to the genre that made him famous.

"Cell" is King's triumphant, blood-soaked homecoming.

Temptation's New CD isn't so tempting

Reflections disappoints

By MOIRA BRYAN
STAFF WRITER

Since 1960, The Temptations have gone through 20 members, 50 albums and countless hits. Unfortunately, their latest album, "Reflections" is quite a miss. The tracks are classic Motown styled Temptations' songs with an added modern mix.

"Reflections" starts out with one of their many classic hits, "Can I Get a Witness" but this time, with the traditional Temptations sound in the background. Otis Williams charming, ageless voice still chimes through on lead vocals, as the only remaining original member.

The third track, "How Sweet It Is," starts out with an opening very reminiscent of the song, "I'll Cover You" from the musical "Rent." While the lyrics and beat remain the same, the classic sense is long gone, being replaced by a tasteless sound with no feeling to it.

"Don't Leave Me This Way" has more of a disco Donna Summer sound, which takes away from the Motown soul of the song itself.

Fortunately, after the first eight tracks, the album starts to pick up and show some of the oldies flair that The Temptations are known for.

Throughout the album, there are too few traces of the band's original Motown sound, which is a real disappointment. Die-hard and new Temptation fans alike will be let down by this CD, due to the bland remakes of the songs that are already well-known and loved.

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'Rabbit Fur Coat' keeps listeners cozy

Indie star shines in the country sky

By JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For years, Jenny Lewis has entertained fans of indie-rock music as the lead vocalist of the Los Angeles based band "Rilo Kiley." But on her solo debut, "Rabbit Fur Coat,"— with a little help from the Watson Twins— Lewis strays from her indie roots and finds a comfortable setting in the country/folk genre.

The album— which is based on the 1971 album, "It's Gonna Take a Miracle," recorded by Laura Nyro— begins with the gospel-esque track, "Run Devil Run," a hymn which strongly resembles Nyro's "I Met Him On a Sunday."

Lewis then transitions into the frenzied sound of "Big Guns," as her gentle voice reflects on the contradictions that people are faced with everyday. The soft tone in her words tells a deep story, as she sings "Then you kiss his lips / He forgives you for it / He forgives you for all you've done / But not me / I'm still angry."

The next track, "Rise Up With Fists!" shows that Lewis is less than hopeful, as she preaches a paradigm, asking "What are you changing? / Who do you think you're changing? / You can't change things / We're all stuck in our ways."

The lyrics in this song are nearly bitter, as she presses the question of what she is fighting for when everything is gone, singing "Like when you wake up behind the bar / Trying to remember where you are / Having crushed all the pretty things."

The title track is the high-point of the album from a story-telling point of view, as

Lewis describes the travels of her mother's rabbit fur coat. The exposed Lewis uses her weaknesses to reveal a message to listeners— being that one significant event can stay with a person forever.

This message is displayed perfectly, as Lewis states, "I was of poor folk / But my mother had a rabbit fur coat... When I was old enough to realize, wiped the dust from my mother's eyes / It's all this for that rabbit fur coat... Where my ma is now? I don't know / She was living in her car, I was living on the road / And I hear she's putting that stuff up her nose / And still wearing that rabbit fur coat."

From here, the album takes a more encouraging turn, with a beautiful cover of the Traveling Wilburys' "Handle With Care." Lewis plays a great George Harrison, as some friends of hers— M. Ward, Ben Gibbard (Postal Service/ Death Cab for Cutie) and Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes)— play the other members of this popular folk band.

Lewis' influences of Aretha Franklin and Patsy Cline shine through in this album as they have in the past on Rilo Kiley tracks as well. Therefore, it is easy to see why she finds such comfort in singing more of a country style on "Rabbit Fur Coat."

Fans of classic country/folk music should purchase this album, as the influence of Nyro as well as other great folk musicians is present throughout the disc. Fans of Rilo Kiley will also be happy with the purchase, as Jenny Lewis is unmistakably, Jenny Lewis.

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New coach, new vision

■ Men's soccer team finds new leader

BY MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

The vacant position as head coach of the men's soccer team has recently been filled by Livonia's own Rick Larson, who has enthusiastically jumped into the role.

The position was filled shortly after the marketing department declared in a November press release that former head coach Dominic Scicluna would not be returning for the 2006-07 season. The college began accepting applications Nov. 10 to replace the five year veteran amid allegations of league rule violations.

But fans of the Ocelots men's soccer team do not have to worry, as the new head coach reaffirms, "change is vital for progress."

The 36-year-old Northville resident lives with his wife Kari—who played volleyball at MSU and is now on the legal staff at General Motors, 16-month-old son Kellen and the family's golden retriever, Gibsyn and border collie, Jordan.

"He has a great passion for the game of soccer and a good feel for the college culture," states Director of Athletics Sid Fox. "We are very excited to start working with him."

Larson is not new to the area, having spent a significant amount of time coaching the men's varsity soccer and basketball teams at Clarenceville High School, where he graduated from.

"To this day I have had many excellent experiences, but that was special," states Larson. "High school sports are such a great thing to be a part of, and to bring back experiences and try to make things better than when I played there was great."

Larson coached Madonna University's men's soccer team as an assistant for six years and then head coached the women's for three. He also assisted with Oakland University's women's team and won five state championships in six finals appearances in his seven years as head coach at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"I have always been involved in athletics and to be able to coach and teach and share my experiences with young players is my passion," he says. "To be able to do these things in and around the area where I grew up is a dream come true."

Fox has confidence in Larson, stating that he has got excellent coaching credentials. "He was head and shoulders above the other people we interviewed for the position."

When not coaching on the field, he is on the road, traveling.

"I love to travel. I have been to Germany, Scotland and Norway," States Larson. "Up north is where we spend most of our vacation time." He also enjoys golf and fishing, however, he does not get to do either as much as he would like.

Larson has begun meeting with the pre-



Photo by Rena Laverty

New Schoolcraft Men's Soccer coach Rick Larson brings experience and passion for the game to Schoolcraft.

vious season's players, stating that 15 will be returning to compete next year. He is focusing on compiling a team and is open to anyone who is interested in playing for him next year.

"There are people that I grew up playing with or against, now coaching high school

and club teams in and around the area. That kind of networking is important,' says Larson. "Former Schoolcraft players coach teams and know players looking to play after high school and their input is very valuable. I am working on increasing the amount of alumni involvement."



Photo by Rena Laverty

Schoolcraft center Lauren Braun (34) battles her way for an open shot against a Henry Ford Community College player.

Weathering the storm

■ Ocelots rebound from second loss with three wins

BY RYAN RUSSELL
SPORTS EDITOR

In the middle of a long stretch of road games, the members of the women's basketball team have seen themselves rise to first place in their division, only to fall to third after a near-miss against Delta Community College. Despite the setback, the ladies recovered almost immediately, earning victories over Henry Ford, Wayne County, St. Clair County, and Oakland Community Colleges.

While the Ocelots' loss to Delta left them tied for third place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, their subsequent victories have the ladies now tied for first. Schoolcraft, Delta and Mott Community College all currently boast an 8-2 conference record.

"I think we are very talented and have great captains," says head coach Karen Lafata. "We have easily the best inside game in the league."

The latest match-up, against Henry Ford on Feb. 11, ended in a 94-61 victory for the Ocelots.

Prior to their defeat of the Hawks, the Ocelots faced off against Wayne County for an 80-63 victory on Feb. 8. The ladies played well throughout the game, out-shooting the Wildcats in field goals, three pointers and free throws.

Leading the team were forward Maricka

Seay with 22 points and 12 rebounds and forward Charlese Greer with 25 points and seven rebounds. Forward LaShaunda Thomas was also a major player, with 15 points and nine rebounds of her own.

"We are starting to develop the bench," says Lafata. "We have a strong team, though there is still a lot to work on."

Prior to the Wildcats' defeat, the Ocelots went up against St. Clair on Feb. 6. SC put on a dominating performance in the first half, at one point leading the Skippers 31-7.

"St. Claire is a good team," says Greer. "We just came out ready to play and shut them down."

Their momentum continued throughout the game, as the Ocelots came out on top with an 80-54 victory.

This time around, Thomas led the charge, contributing 24 points and 10 rebounds. Also in double figures were Seay with 12 points, guard Tomica Hodge with 17 points and Greer, whose 15 points added to an already impressive total as she reached 1,000 career points.

In their first game after the disappointing loss to Delta, the Ocelots took on Oakland on Feb. 4, defeating the Raiders 66-49. Once again, the ladies out-shot their opponents throughout the game, shooting 48 percent to Oakland's 23 percent. While Oakland was able to out-shoot the Ocelots in free throws, the six percent advantage there was not enough to win the game.

With 19 points and 11 defensive rebounds, Greer contributed largely to both the team's offensive and defensive efforts. Other big

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Ocelots play well regardless of setback



■ Team collects victories while facing bad news

By RYAN RUSSELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Even with a 22-4 overall season record, as of Feb. 1, Schoolcraft's men's basketball team is on probation from both the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, barring them from any post-season play.

Despite this fact, the Ocelots have continued to earn impressive victories, most recently in a 77-69 triumph over Wayne County Community College on Feb. 8. It was a close call, however, as the team was forced to fight their way back from a 12-point deficit in the second half before going on to the win.

Leading the team both offensively and defensively was center James Davis, with 19 points, 12 rebounds, and six blocks. Also reaching double digits was Darryl Garrett with 18 points, including a 6-for-6 performance from the foul line.

Before their win over the Wildcats, the Ocelots earned a 108-78 victory over Oakland Community College on Feb. 4. They also triumphed over Delta Community College, ending their Feb. 1 showdown with a final score of 95-82.

Before this three-game streak, the Ocelots suffered a disappointing loss to Mott Community College. In spite of Davis' 40 points, the team was defeated 87-76 after struggling throughout the game. Wallace Hall was the only other Ocelot to reach double digits, scoring 11 points of his own.

Although SC trailed by a mere one point at the half (32-33), and only by four late in the second, they were unable to stop the Bears' strong team offense.

Prior to the match-up against Mott, the Ocelots continued to dominate opponents, as they easily earned a 91-78 win over Macomb Community College on Jan. 25. Ryan Williams led the charge with 20 points; also in double figures were Davis with 18, DeMario Curry with 14 and Hall with 13.

The Ocelots' final game will be on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. against St. Clair County Community College.



FAR LEFT:

Schoolcraft guard Jared Axon (24) goes in for the layup as his opponents can do nothing but watch.

LEFT:

Schoolcraft guard Wallace Hall puts pressure on his opponent.

Photos by Rena Laverty

DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NJCAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

LaShanda Thomas
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LaShanda Thomas, a 5-7 guard is the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Week for Feb. 15, 2006. Thomas led third-ranked Schoolcraft to a 3-0 record last week that included wins over St. Clair County (80-63), and Henry Ford (94-61). On the week she averaged 21.0 points, 9.7 rebounds, 7.0 assists, 2.1 steals and 3.0 blocks per game.



Photo by Rena Laverty

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be filed with the national office by noon on Monday."

However, Wright claims the notifications from the coach came after the deadline in both instances. "Even though the director forwarded them [the notifications] to the NJCAA immediately they were still past the deadline."

The school appealed the decision and received notification that the Executive Committee voted unanimously to uphold the probation. The teams last regular season game was on Feb. 21.

"It is disappointing to be finished," states center James Davis. "We had a good year, and worked hard together."

According to Briggs the punishment does not fit the crime. "This is a paper work issue, and it doesn't make sense to take kids' post-season play. If I was the athletic director, I would definitely get some people together to see how they could fix that rule."

SC was slated to host the regional tournament on March 7 however, do to the recent infraction it will be held elsewhere. "A lot of scouts have called and made reservations to set up times to come to those games for the simple fact that you play better guys," says Briggs. "In my nine years we have went to the national tournament three times and our kids had scholarship offers on the table for the simple fact that they made it to the tournament. I am not the one trying to get a scholarship, they are. It hurts the kids more

than anyone else, and the committee should know that."

When asked if there was a developing bias against the school as a result of the teams history, Briggs says "there are people that say no. Over the last few years I know there is a bias against us."

The basketball team was placed on probation during the 2004-05 season, preventing them from taking part in any post season play. This was a result of using a college-owned vehicle to transport nine players to the JUCO All-American Challenge at Indianapolis, IN, on July 7-9 2004.

Fox says that a new team next year will give the college a fresh new look, and thinks the basketball program is headed in the right direction.

"Hopefully we will adhere to what we are supposed to do, because we are going to be scrutinized," says Fox. "There is no question about it. That is just human nature based on past performance."

The major concern of all parties is the current players, which will not be able to compete for a national title and will lose important recruiting opportunities.

"The people I care about are the student athletes. Unfortunately, they are the ones catching the brunt of it," says Fox. "I am proud of them, it is just sad they won't have the opportunity for post-season play."

Whalers explode for five in the third period, beat Guelph, 6-4, to remain in first place in OHL West



The Plymouth Whalers snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat and in doing so, remain in first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Chris Terry's seventh goal of the season with 3:15 left snapped a 4-4 tie and the Whalers went on to defeat the Guelph Storm, 6-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,066 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth (now 28-24-1-3 for

60 points) needed the victory to stay in the first place in the OHL West. Saginaw (now 29-25-1-0 for 59 points) defeated Windsor (now 26-24-3-3 for 58 points), 7-3, on Saturday night as the OHL West Division continues to be tight.

Trailing 3-0 at one point in the second period and 3-1 after forty minutes of play, the Whalers tied the game in the third period on power play goals by John Armstrong (11th of the year at 1:42) and Mike Letizia (12th of the year at 3:53). Plymouth then took their first lead of the game on

another power play goal, this time by Steve Ward (12th of the year at 7:26). Guelph tied the game on a power play goal by Ryan Parent at 13:42, but Terry scored the game-winning goal 3:03 later when he skated in to Guelph zone on the right wing and snapped a shot by Storm goaltender Jason Guy.

Guelph head coach Dave Barr pulled Guy with in the final minute of play for the extra attacker and Guelph's Rafael Rotter rang a shot off the cross bar. But Letizia picked up a loose puck at the hash marks in his own zone and scored



Chris Terry (right) celebrates with teammates James Neal (middle) and Mike Letizia (left) after his goal. Terry's goal snapped a 4-4 tie.

Photo by Rena Laverly

on the empty net to give Plymouth a two-goal cushion.

After a scoreless first period, Guelph led 3-1 in the second period on goals by Jason Pitton (26th of the year at 1:18), Matt D'Agostini (23rd of the year at 5:13) and Ryan Callahan (power play goal and team-leading 43rd of the year at 7:05). Andrew Fournier started the Plymouth comeback by scoring his 15th goal of the

season at 8:43 of the second period.

That set the stage for the third period and the Plymouth victory.

The top of the OHL West Division could change again Sunday. The Whalers are idle, but Saginaw hosts London at 2:00 pm and Windsor plays in Mississauga against the IceDogs.

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players for the Ocelots were Seay with 18 points and Thomas with 12.

Prior to their four latest victories, the Ocelots went up against the Delta Pioneers on Feb. 1. Despite the team's determination and resolve, they were unable to stop the Pioneers, suffering a 70-75 upset. A large problem for the team was their inability to stop the Pioneers' three-pointers, as the opposition connected 10 times from outside the arc.

The score notwithstanding, the Ocelots displayed excellent teamwork and skill, particularly

the dominant pairing of Seay (21 points, 17 rebounds) and Greer (20 points, six steals). Also playing big for the Ocelots, Hodge contributed 10 points and four assists of her own.

“The team is doing good,” states sophomore guard Tomica Hodge. “We need to come together as a team, because we have big stuff coming up. We are going to Arizona.”

The Ocelots final game will take place at home on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. against the St. Clair Skippers.

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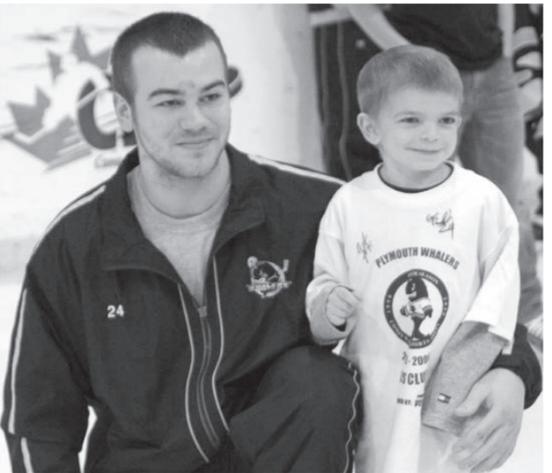
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Schoolcraft student takes center-ice

Pisellini skates through class

By MIKE SIEGRIST | MANAGING EDITOR



Photos by Rena Laverly



Plymouth Whaler's bad boy, Gino Pisellini can always be counted on to work the home crowd into a frenzy. The third year player is famously known for his trademark bumping of an opponent, which invariably leads to an all out brawl.

Born Aug. 5, 1986, 19-year-old Gino spent his first year in Michigan on the Whalers at Northville High School. After graduating, he commenced taking classes at Schoolcraft and is now in his second year. Although he has taken mostly core classes like Eng 101-102 and biology, Gino speculates he will focus on business. He has joked, "I would like to do culinary arts more than anything, though."

Gino moved from Itasca, Illinois, at the age of 16 and has been in the area ever since. "It was rough leaving friends and family, but I didn't really get homesick my rookie year," says Gino. "Some guys do, but I didn't have it too bad." He has continued a long distance relationship with his high school sweetheart, who remains in the suburb just north of Chicago. She comes to visit Gino at his home in Canton every couple of weeks.

When Gino is not on the ice or on campus, he is hanging out with his teammates and playing poker. "I see the same guys every day, and we are a pretty tight group," says Gino.

The 6'1" right-wing is on his third year with the Whalers and has made quite a name for himself. He was named #2 Star of the Game verse Kitchener on Jan. 14, #1 Star of the Game verse the Soo on Jan. 7, scored four goals against Owen on Dec. 10 and #1 Star of the Game verse Windsor on Nov. 3.

Gino entered the NHL Entry Draft in 2004 and was picked up by the Philadelphia Flyers and hopes they will offer him a contract. "If I stay on pace I am hoping to sign," says Gino. "If I do not sign I will come back."

He has a reputation for being a tough guy on the ice and is currently ranked fifth on the Whalers all-time penalty minutes list with 486. Gino constantly finds himself clashing with opponents. In joking with a fan, who congratulated him on a fight he won the week prior and asked if he was even hit, Gino said, "If he did hit me, I don't know. He didn't even leave a mark."

Gino wants to pursue a career in professional hockey, and would like to have a degree to fall back on just in case.

One thing is for certain, Gino's hard work has paid off both in the arena and on campus. Whether he heads to Philadelphia next season or not, he has made a name for himself and accomplished great things while at the college.

"Schoolcraft is very understanding and flexible. They are willing to work with me and my hockey schedule," says Gino. "That is why so many Whalers have and will continue to go here."

GINO PISELLINI

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

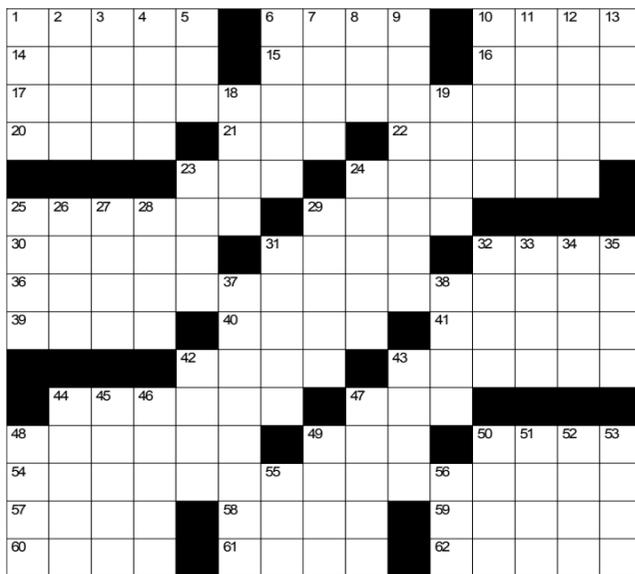
Nursery Rhyme Trivia

Across

- 1 Gallows feature
- 6 Computer keys
- 10 Rootless plant
- 14 Actor Flynn
- 15 Fertilizer ingredient
- 16 Hippocratic _____
- 17 Nursery-rhyme Nightgown wearer
- 20 Fling
- 21 College help
- 22 Temporary residences
- 23 Greenspan's measure: Abbr.
- 24 Strong
- 25 Five iron
- 29 Prefix for legal or medic
- 30 Tracy, e.g.
- 31 Heroes
- 32 Take the initiative
- 36 Nursery-rhyme toe counter
- 39 This place
- 40 International org.
- 41 Debate
- 42 Deviate
- 43 Error remover
- 44 Picture
- 47 Ed Bradley's home
- 48 Village
- 49 Shed tears
- 50 NYC, for one
- 54 Nursery-rhyme spout climber
- 57 Hinge
- 58 Butcher offering
- 59 Repent
- 60 Peeping Tom
- 61 Spooky
- 62 Late

Down

- 1 Mr. Gingrich
- 2 Lunch box treat
- 3 Minerals
- 4 Sty residents
- 5 Whitney, for one
- 6 Holland sight



- 7 Like a desert
- 8 Quilter's gathering
- 9 Carpenter's helper
- 10 Carlo lead in
- 11 Like the bucket of song
- 12 One of a pair
- 13 _____ so beautiful
- 18 Swimmer's path
- 19 Smidgeon
- 23 Daughter, e.g.
- 24 Cellist Casals
- 25 H.S. course
- 26 Have a yen for
- 27 Poky
- 28 Stockings
- 29 Painter's need
- 31 Commence
- 32 Italian moola
- 33 Nest items
- 34 Chills and fever
- 35 Mill worker
- 37 Dormant
- 38 Golfers' quests
- 42 Opinion
- 43 Wanes
- 44 Actor Glover
- 45 Tonight host, e.g.
- 46 One who practices a trade
- 47 In a shy manner
- 48 Salary increase
- 49 Blemish
- 50 Pocket bread
- 51 Scent
- 52 Rip
- 53 Playing card
- 55 Obit word
- 56 Singer Benatar

Quotable Quote

I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.

... Harry S Truman

For Answers see PAGE 18

HOROSCOPES:



Aries
Mar 21- Apr 19
Stop thinking about the people around you and focus more on yourself. Catch every opportunity that comes up. Open the door as soon as you hear footsteps; don't wait to hear someone knocking.



Taurus
Apr 20- May 20
This is a period full of changes, and you should see them all through. If you feel alone, just follow your heart, and you will get the right rhythm of life.



Gemini
May 21- Jun 21
Your spirit of adventure needs to rest for a while because you may have a hard time finding time for everything. Don't let unimportant things get in your way. It's up to you to choose what's significant in your life.



Cancer
Jun 22- Jul 22
People that you have not seen for a while may show up in your life. Live this experience as it happens and enjoy the company of your past, for they may be out of your life sooner than expected.



Leo
Jul 23- Aug 22
Your words may hurt someone, so be careful what you say so that you avoid hurting the ones who are closest to you. Don't let every little thing get to you. Give yourself a break and enjoy life.



Virgo
Aug 23- Sep 22
You should try staying away from unknown groups of people. It may be difficult for you to talk while other people around you are not listening. Just listen to everyone, and try to get close to people that you might think are similar to you.



Libra
Sep 23- Oct 22
The winter may not be your favorite season. However, keep up a positive attitude and don't let the bitter cold weather get you down. Just remember that the summer is on its way.



Scorpio
Oct 23- Nov 21
Stay focused with your school work and don't slack off. Although you might be taking a vacation in the next couple of weeks, keep pushing forward with your studies. The results will be rewarding.



Sagittarius
Nov 22- Dec 21
Discipline is what you need right now. Someone is interfering in your life, and is destroying that sense of control you always had. Get it back by shutting the door to old feelings and matters.



Capricorn
Dec 22- Jan 19
Start doing things you have always wanted to do. Try to add new hobbies to your list and find new interests. The only way to feel better is to go out and have fun.



Aquarius
Jan 20- Feb 18
The worst is over, now open your eyes and live your life. You do not need anyone to make you feel better, you are the one that can do that. Find yourself and get back to your life, the one you have been living wasn't yours.



Pisces
Feb 19- Mar 20
Your bank account may be depleting and it may be time to start watching your finances closer. Although a lot of shopping is going on, you need to be sure to keep your hands out of your wallet.

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On Feb. 17, 2006 Schoolcraft's Student Activities Board, Axis Music and Guitar Center hosted ScraftStock, one of the annual concert events. The show featured a mixture of musical performances including hip hop/rap, acoustics and rock. The free concert was held in the VisTaTech Center -Lower Waterman Wing and had a turnout of neary seventy people.

ILLIQUATION

Illiquation is a rap group consisting of Schoolcraft students, Gerard Atilo, Brandon Modisett, Jamil Pascual and "Omar". They knew of each other in high school, but Gerard was the link that brought them all together. They used the name iLLiquation (which is a real word, meaning the melting or dissolving of one into another). With 2 Filipino's, an African American and a Dominican/ Puerto Rican singer, they make some iLLmusic.



Illiquation member Gerard Atilo breaks out into a rap solo in front of some members of the audience.

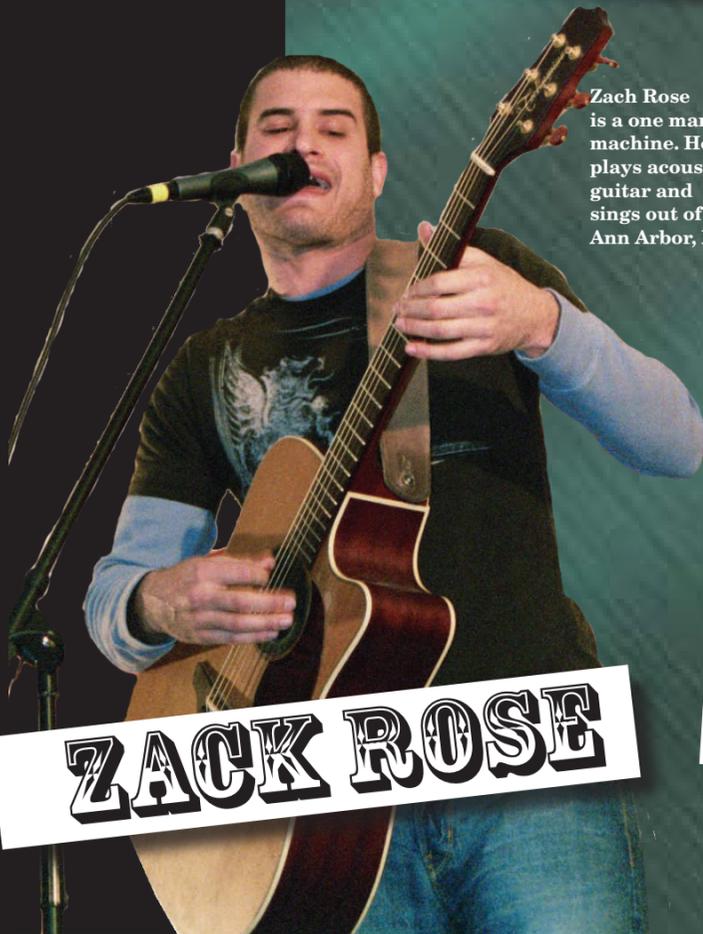


RYAN BRAKE VINCE EVERITT

Ryan Brake and Vince Everitt are both Livonia natives. Ryan used to play guitar in the band Until Sunday, but now he just rocks out with his friend Vince Everitt. The two combine their solo acts to play as a duo live. They just released a split cd on Peddler Records entitled "Home is Good for Good/ An Hour too Far".



Lead singer-Justin Smith from Auto Reverse rocks the Waterman with his bandmates during their performance.



Zach Rose is a one man machine. He plays acoustic guitar and sings out of Ann Arbor, MI.

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AUTO REVERSE

Hailing from just minutes outside of Detroit, Auto Reverse is a four piece alternative rock band consisting of Justin Smith, Bub Smith, Brandon Smith, and Joe Docsavage.