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College chooses new vice president

■ Dr. Camille L. Colatosti
will take over March 13

BY KATIE RUDOLPH
STAFF WRITER

The school has finally named a new executive vice president and chief academic officer, months after the position opened last fall. Dr. Camille L. Colatosti began her new duties on March 13.

Highly qualified for this position, Colatosti leaves Davenport University as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. She also held such positions as department coordinator for the English, humanities and speech department at Davenport University's Warren campus; curriculum coordinator for University School; and also was a professor of speech, humanities and English. She had responsibilities on all of Davenport's 20 campuses.

Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress thinks highly of the new executive vice president. "I found the range of her experience, her intellect and her sense of focused purpose to be assets of value to the college," says Jeffress.

Colatosti's education speaks for itself, as she has a doctorate and master's degree in English Literature from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

In addition to her position at Davenport, Colatosti has been an adjunct faculty member at both Wayne State University and Henry Ford Community College. She has also worked for Operation ABLE of Michigan. Her duties included directing literacy, basic skills and the computer learning center for the operation. In addition, She served on the Hamtramck Board of Education from 2000-2004.

While it was unusual for the college to take so long in hiring a new executive vice president, "we were not satisfied with the first



Photo by Constance Johnson

Dr. Camille L. Colatosti is getting comfortable in her new office. Dr. Colatosti officially began her new duties on March 13

group of applicants," says Jeffress. "The entire process took longer than usual."

The college decided to hire a search firm to find a new executive vice president. The number of candidates found by the company was narrowed down to five, and four were interviewed. Of the two considered after that point, Colatosti was the one who, according to Jeffress, "was stronger academically, had significant administrative skills and had a lot of specific skill experience that we needed." Faculty and staff then reviewed Colatosti,

who was subsequently offered the position as executive vice president.

Colatosti is anticipating having a lot more to learn about the college. "I am very impressed with everything I have learned about SC, so I want to learn as much as I can," says Colatosti, "then I'll be taking a look at where there might be some opportunities for growth and improvement." She also says that she might look into some new programs, changes in the curriculum or more honors opportunities.

She joins the SC community at a critical time, when many changes are taking place. "There are many changes being made in the world beyond SC's borders," says Jeffress. "We need leadership in touch with these changes; someone who can generate creative responses to these changes and perhaps more importantly, who can anticipate change and be ahead of the curve. This is what I expect from a chief academic officer."

SMART buses end routes this fall

■ Students may need to find new means of transportation

BY HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

In January, the Livonia City Council voted to put an end to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation or SMART System, this fall, and in its place, create a new local city transit service. Livonia residents voted "yes" in November on the proposal to discontinue the service.

The last day that SMART buses will be offered in Livonia is Nov. 30, 2006 and,

according to Council members, there will be a smooth transition to a local public transportation system.

"We will ensure the citizens will be well served," Councilman Don Knapp told The Detroit News.

The specifics of the public transport service have not been laid out and it is undetermined whether the route will service the Schoolcraft community as the SMART route does. Some students and faculty may find it harder to

get to the campus and might have to develop a different way of getting to the college.

"I ride the SMART bus and I like it," says Dartanyan Winston. "If they weren't replacing it with a new service then I'd have to find a ride to get to school."

Even though a transportation service will eventually take the SMART system's place, it is a local service and will not go outside of Livonia into areas such as Detroit, Redford or even Westland. This could affect the diver-

sity of the student population at the college, and the fact that the new system's routes have not been developed yet could possibly mean students who reside in Livonia may not be able to get to the college.

Student and SMART rider Bill Smythe says that the new system is for the senior citizens and not the workers. "Factories and businesses are going to end up shutting down. This will affect Livonia a lot."

With the city suspending SMART, Livonia will eliminate a \$2.7 million annual tax subsidy; a new \$500,000 tax will be imposed to cover the local system.

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New lamps to be installed on campus

Upgrades in technology inspire college to replace outdated lights

BY HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

The college's campus is not only expanding with the addition of the Biomedical Technology Center but it is also upgrading the outside lighting. Throughout the spring and summer, 40 new light poles will be erected in place of the current mushroom lights that were installed when the college was first established in 1961.

"The new lamps are more efficient and do a lot better job of emitting light," says Bob Wielechowski, executive director of facilities management.

Maintenance has recently begun to install the light poles.

"We have already replaced the lamps by the VisTaTech and in the courtyard between the Forum Building and the Administration Building," says Jill O'Sullivan, vice president and chief financial officer of the college. "The rest will be installed between the Liberal Arts Building, the Forum and the Library."

The Board of Trustees approved of the lamp project and its cost of \$80,320, which

were budgeted under the Major Maintenance category. The Wyandotte Electric Supply Company will be supplying the light poles.

The new lamps that are made of metal halide will, according to O'Sullivan, "disburse light in a wider pattern and provide true white light."

Metal halide lights are made of mercury, sodium/scandium iodide and sometimes halogens. They have become popular in business installations, such as warehouses, schools, hospitals and office buildings. On average, a single metal halide light lasts 10,000-12,000 hours.

The brighter lighting will improve the campus by making it safer for students and staff after dark and maintenance will not have to put as much of an effort into changing the bulbs and cleaning the lamps as they are hinged and can be folded down.

"The guys won't have to get up on ladders to change parts of the lights," says Wielechowski.



Photo by Keith Dotson

Replacement lamps such as the one photographed in the courtyard, between the Forum Building and the Administration Building, are being installed all over campus.



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Students who currently use the SMART bus as a mode of transportation to campus will be forced to look for alternate means of transportation.

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According to the Detroit News, this means that city residents who own \$200,000 homes will save about \$10 a year.

Farmington Hills is also contemplating eliminating the SMART system. Mayor Vicki Barnett said that SMART does not provide the opportunities that a public transit offers and residents of Farmington Hills have complained about empty buses. The city is looking into the system to determine whether or not it is efficient and if they

could save money as well. Barnett says that if the city decides not to drop SMART this fall, they will most likely continue with the system for four more years before opting out for good.

The reasoning behind Livonia's decision to cut SMART is a controversial one which Smythe believes is part of a racial issue. "They don't want the people from Detroit to come out here."

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CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Arrest

An out of town visitor entered the South Parking Lot on Feb. 15 at approximately 3:15 a.m., in a rented blue Pontiac. After driving recklessly and hitting snow embankments causing front end damage and blowing out the right front tire, Public Safety Officer Robert Chatham, who was checking the doors at the Child Care Center, approached the vehicle to make sure the driver was not injured. At this time a Northville Police Officer, who had been following the Pontiac on Haggerty Road, entered the parking lot and took over the situation. The Livonia Police were called and the driver was arrested and charged with a DUI.

Larceny

A brown leather wallet was found in the Liberal Arts Building 100 hallway on Feb. 6. The owner of the wallet was located in the Applied Science Building. After an inspection of the returned wallet, it was discovered that \$20 was missing.

Stalking

On Feb. 1, a female student reported that she was being stalked from Radcliff to the Livonia campus between 8:40 and 9 p.m. She stated that it was not the first time the suspect had stalked her and he had been

violent with her many times over the last year, going as far as forcing her into his car. She was advised to contact authorities to make a criminal complaint and request a restraining order. The suspect is 5'10" and approximately 150 lbs. with a fair complexion. He drives a dark colored car with a black car bra on the front grille.

Vandalism

On Jan. 9, an instructor noticed her color printer was not working and after an inspection by Information Technology staff, the belt was discovered to be cut and a cable was missing. The printer cannot be repaired and was purchased for \$200 three years ago.

Missing Property

On Nov. 21, 2005, an instructor realized that an envelope with \$20 was missing from her desk. She had left her office door unlocked because an IT staff member was coming to fix her computer. The instructor suspects that the IT staff member may have left the door unlocked after he left the office. A search of the area did not reveal the envelope.

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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.

CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

Ask an Attorney

An attorney from the firm of Woll and Woll will be available 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 served basis.

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African Presentation Series

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Immaculate Heart of Mary will be giving a lecture on the AIDS pandemic in Africa. The lecture is on Wednesday, March 22, from 12-1:00 p.m., located in LA 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 also be purchased for 40% off retail price at the Student

Activities Office. Discussion will take place on Tuesday March 21, from 12-1 p.m. in the Library Conference Room 105, Wednesday, March 22, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in LA 130, and Thursday, March 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Radcliff Center 645.

Multicultural Fair

More than two dozen country displays where students actively share their culture and answer questions, performances that feature dance, music, art and poetry, demonstrations of languages, as well as origami, henna painting and yoga, among other events. This event takes place on Wednesday, March

29, from 10:00-3:00 p.m. in the DiPonio room in the VisTaTech center. This is free of charge and open to the public.

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.

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IN OUR OPINION

Livonians make less than 'Smart' decision

Mass transit system becoming obsolete

In a November 2005 millage vote, Livonia residents opted out of the SMART bus system by a majority of 10,690 to 8,740. This appears to be a suitable choice, given the low numbers of residents in the communities that actually utilize the services of the system.

The city has instead decided to opt for an "inner-city" transportation system, which not only will eliminate riders from Detroit, Pontiac, Royal Oak and Inkster; but from Westland, Garden City, Canton and all other surrounding cities.

However, the people affected most by the decision are commuters from other cities who work and go to school in Livonia.

Many students at the college live in other areas and use the SMART bus to travel to and from school. Eliminating this program will not only hurt them, but the college as well, as enrollment numbers are at an all-time high.

According to a comment on the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Website, "The vast majority of businesses would not be affected by having bus service discontinued." This statement made in large bold letters on the webpage gives the illusion that the elimination of the SMART program is monetarily and logically efficient.

However, under the large bold comment—in a much smaller font—it stated that 30 percent of the top 20 employers in Livonia would be affected by opting out of the system. While this is not a vast majority, it sure demonstrates a significant impact.

40 percent of SMART bus riders do not have their own vehicles. In order for businesses to properly function, it is critical that their workforce—which often comes from surrounding areas—have reliable transportation to work.

Terminating the SMART program is not the answer; instead, the city should focus on how the program is attracting riders. If SMART would accommodate more business professionals in the community and attract this portion of the population, public transportation would thrive in this area as communities would be more enthusiastic to support it.

Sequentially, this would help students that cannot provide their own means of transportation and allow for a more diverse population at the college, which is needed for a solid educational community.

While taxpayers may find it unnecessary to continue supporting this system, the elimination of the SMART program is only going to hurt businesses and non-resident students in the Livonia area—this should not be overlooked.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S GARAGE

Outsourcing America

Bush defends pushing of jobs overseas



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President Bush made remarks praising the outsourcing of Michigan jobs to India, calling it a great benefit to India's middle-class, and that the loss of U.S. jobs to foreign countries helped create markets for American business on Feb. 24.

According to Michigan House Democratic Leader Dianne Byrum (Onondaga), "the president and his fellow Republicans are out of touch with reality, and the reality is that outsourcing is devastating our working families and hammering Michigan's economy."

During his speech, Bush claimed, "it's true that a number of Americans have lost jobs because companies have shifted operations to India. We must also recognize that India's growth is creating new opportunities for our businesses and farmers and workers."

Lest we forget that just last year, the United States had a \$10.8 billion trade deficit with India. And while U.S. exports to India have been increasing, imports from India have risen.

To put it simply, we're buying more from them than they're buying from us, and at higher costs. I would question the president's statement, asking "how exactly is this helping our economy?"

Bush also added that "younger Indians are acquiring a taste for pizzas from Dominoes and Pizza Hut."

I am far from a political expert; however, I find it hard to believe that Indians stuffing their faces full of fast food is going to strengthen any economy. Byrum shares this view, stating, "Indian workers may want our pizzas, but they also want our jobs. If outsourcing is the president's recipe for economic success, he should keep his policies out of Michigan."

According to Bush, "India's middle class is now estimated at 300 million people, that's greater than the entire population of the United States."

I suppose that maybe the president desires some sort of recognition for "creating" a middle class in India, however, has he forgotten about the problems faced everyday by middle class Americans?

According to an Associated Press Report, more than 25 million Americans turned to America's Second Harvest—the nation's largest network of food banks, soup kitchens and shelters—for meals last year.

The organization said it interviewed 52,000 people last year, and the network represents almost 39,000 hunger-relief organizations, or about 80 percent of those in the United States.

The surveys found that 36 percent of people seeking food came from households in which at least one person had a job. About 35 percent came from households that received food stamps.

According to Executive Vice President of the group, Ertharin Cousin, "The benefits they are receiving are not enough."

A mere two years ago, former presidential candidate John Kerry proposed a plan to eliminate all of the tax breaks that encourage companies to move jobs overseas and use the savings to encourage companies to create jobs in America.

Kerry's plan would have used a New Jobs Tax Credit, paid for by a one-year tax holiday to encourage companies to reinvest their foreign earnings in America.

In a 30-second television spot, Kerry lashed out at Bush claiming that "jobs are leaving our country in record numbers," and that Bush's top economic advisors say "moving American jobs to low cost countries is a plus for the U.S."

While these remarks made by N. Gregory Mankiw were eventually retracted, actions speak louder than words. Bush's current stance on outsourcing suggests that there was probably more than just a little truth to what Mankiw originally said.

Even though Kerry's plan never went into effect, his "detailed economic agenda" to create 10 million jobs in four years may have worked better than any of the measures the president is currently taking, which are non-existent.

At least Bush cares about one country's middle class. Hopefully, the Indian people continue to thrive on American jobs because it is evident that workers in this country are not going to.

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Unfair and unbalanced

Partisan bias and the media



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tial campaign for President Nixon, was a consultant to President Reagan and helped as a media consultant for Bush senior. There is no question where his loyalties lie.

In a 1998 Columbia Journalism Review article titled, "Is Fox News Fair?," a number of FOX employees complained about "management sticking their fingers in the writing and editing of stories to cook the facts to make a story more palatable to right-wing tastes."

Former six-year FOX producer Charles Reina wrote many letters on a website maintained by the Poynter Institute—an organization created to provide "Everything you need to be a better journalist"—stating the partisan pressure from management. In a piece on an environmental issue he was instructed to "give both sides, but make sure the pro-environmentalists don't get the last word."

Sounds pretty "fair and balanced" to me.

According to Reina, the media giant's method of controlling the conservative slant is via memo. Each day executives send out an e-mail telling their producers and reporters what stories will be covered and, often, suggesting how they should be written. Reina has claimed that the "memo was born with the Bush Administration early in 2001, and intentionally or not, has ensured that the administration's point of view consistently comes across on FNC."

Commenting in further depth on the memo policy at the right-wing attack machine is Matt Gross, former website employee. Gross tells of being directed to "seek stories that cater to angry, middle-aged white men who listen to talk radio and yell at their televisions."

During the recent Vice President fiasco in Texas, FOX news attacked the "liberal media" for pushing for answers on specific discrepancies. While the real media was seeking answers to questions about inadequate procedures and inconsistent statements regarding the use of alcohol, FOX commentators went to work. The team began attempts to shift the focus claiming the American public is not interested in the story and that other networks need to focus on more newsworthy stories.

Leave it to Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" to hold the networks feet to the fire, on their boisterous proclamations. Stewart rhetorically asks the audience what story could possibly be more important than the vice president shooting a man in the face. He continues, showing clips of the network focusing on the extradition of murder suspect Neil Entwistle, whom no one knows.

Viewers should not be surprised at the over-publicizing of an empirical and unimportant case, used to draw attention away from actual news, as this is not uncommon with the corporation. A person can turn on the station and expect to see any number of stories regarding a blonde teenage girl found missing in a Latin American country, Mexican border disputes and immigration problems or an out-of-control liberal district judge who over-steps his boundaries.

Not surprisingly, these are exactly the kind of stories that would make the average angry, middle-aged white man yell at his television.

Unfortunately, while they are busy focusing on unimportant local news to broadcast to a national audience and spinning political issues to have a right-wing slant, the network is failing to adequately cover the actual news.

In October of 2003 the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland released a study on public misrepresentations of the war in Iraq. It found that not only were FOX viewers the least-informed, but they were the worst-informed. While 80 percent of them were likely to hold at least one false belief about the war, only 55 percent of CNN viewers did and a mere 23 percent of NPR and PBS patrons were as ill-informed.

The polling organization lacks bias, as on the board of advisors sits John Ashcroft's pollster, Fred Steeper, and former Michigan republican congressman Bill Frenzel.

Perhaps they are involved in a vast left-wing conspiracy.

While the network, whose motto "We report, you decide" has helped viewers conclude myths and fantasies about the world around them, facts remain un-spinnable. Until the corporation publishes actual news, with unbiased motives, I will refer to them as FOX Opinion.

FROM ANGELA'S ANGLE

Professors cry about invasion through emails

Students rely on it to better their education



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A recent article published by the New York Times, stated that email has "made [professors] too accessible, erasing boundaries that traditionally kept students at a healthy distance."

I see things differently. Email has made it possible for shy students to communicate with professors, clear up ambiguous instructions given for assignments and overall, made student life more convenient.

Apparently, the reason why teachers have problems with emails is because students are talking about inappropriate subject matter, having a demanding demeanor and asking stupid questions.

I can understand why professors would not welcome emails which are unrelated to the subject matter, but the response is simple. Either write the student a quick email back to let them know they aren't acting appropriately, or specify in the beginning of the semester what the email address should be used for.

The New York Times article states "Many professors said they were often uncertain how to react. Professor Schultens, who was asked about buying a notebook, said she debated whether to tell the student that this was not a query that should be directed to her, but worried that 'such a message could be pretty scary.'"

"I decided not to respond at all," she said.

It is a little childish for a professor to be afraid to email a student back and let them know they are acting inappropriately or misusing their email address. We look up to the professors to mold us into the professional people we strive to be. Maybe part of the problem is we do not know that the email is wrong, and could use a little guidance from the people that we learn from.

Many students have the attitude that this is part of what they pay for. College is a business, much like any other. We pay good money, and we expect a good education in return. Although it is inappropriate to be mailing your teacher excessively or tastelessly, I don't think that it's too much to ask that we be able to clear up situations and better our education through one of the easiest forms of communication.

"It's a real fine balance to accommodate what they need and at the same time maintain a level of legitimacy as an instructor and someone who is institutionally authorized to make demands on them, and not the other way round," says Michael J. Kessler, an assistant dean and a lecturer in theology at Georgetown University.

Well, for someone who is "institutionally authorized to make demands," why are they afraid to continue to give demands, orders and instructions? That's what we expect out of them anyways. The solution sounds pretty simple to me, certainly something that somebody with a PhD should be able to figure out.

Teachers could altogether avoid this "hassle" if they set forth guidelines for emails along with the syllabus in the beginning of each semester. They should make it clear exactly what their email address should be utilized for. If the teachers set no guidelines, how should we know what is and is not appropriate to send?

As a student, I know that a lot of professors are impossible to get in touch with. I am not the only one who shares this view, as I hear students complaining about it all of the time. Email seems to be the most reliable and convenient way to get a hold of them, and if professors have a problem with it, they need to take charge of the situation. I, however, will continue to email my professors if needed.

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From the months of September to December 2005, Terence Braxton, gym teacher at Ernest Ward Middle School, collected possibly thousands of dollars from his 250 students, said Escambia County sheriff Sgt. Mike Ward. Only six students pursued charges against him, claiming that he took \$230.

Being a teacher means you are supposed to teach children the difference between right and wrong and what is moral and immoral. What Braxton did was just the opposite while he also deprived his students of a vital part of their life.

There is no doubt that after school, kids go home and either sit down in front of the television to play video games or watch MTV, or they sit at their computers all afternoon. Today's children are not getting their needed amount of exercise, causing them to be overweight and unhealthy.

The AOA agrees, saying that "today's youth are considered the most inactive generation in history." They go on to say it is "caused in part by reductions in school physical education programs."

For Braxton to have taken it upon himself to cut the school's PE program by giving the students an opportunity to bail out of maybe the only true exercise they receive, he has only made the problem worse.

Braxton ended up turning himself in to police on bribery charges and was released without bail. He also resigned from his position before the School Board could fire him.

Braxton should never be allowed to teach again. Once a teacher pulls a stunt like taking kickbacks from students, they are no longer seen by parents and students to have the integrity and responsibility that teachers are supposed to have. In Braxton's case, he stole children's right to developing healthy lifestyles. Because of this incident, these children will never learn the importance of exercise in their life and end up having a coronary at 30.

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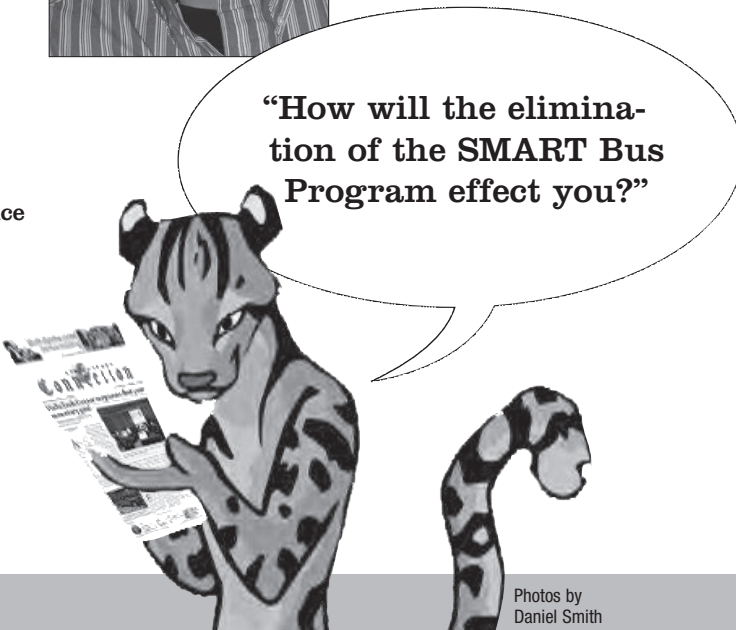


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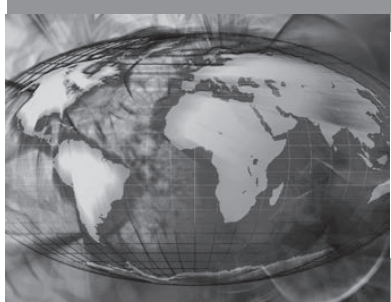
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Focus: AFRICA

College continues 'Focus' project



Photo by Keith Dotson

Schoolcraft Adjunct Assistant Professor of Geography, Ernest Ndukwe, speaks about water resources in Africa during the Focus Africa Series.

■ Spotlight on Africa for Winter 2006

BY RYAN RUSSELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the rousing successes of both the "Focus Middle East" and "Focus Latin America" projects, the International Institute is continuing to deliver cultural diversity to the students, staff and faculty of the college.

Sponsored by the SCII, "Focus Africa" is designed to increase understanding and awareness of the cultures of Africa. The project encourages instructors to incorporate

Africa-related materials into their coursework, as well as offering a number of presentations on the region through the SCII's Winter 2006 presentation series.

The first presentation for "Focus Africa" was held in November 2005, sponsored by the SCII and the Season for Non-Violence.

"The International Institute and Season for Non-Violence co-sponsored a day-long continuous showing of the movie "Hotel Rwanda," says Josselyn Moore, faculty chair of the SCII. The movie focused on 1994's attempted genocide in the South African

country of Rwanda, where approximately one million people were killed.

Moore says that the SCII hopes to provide information about the people, land and history of each "Focus" region, as well as current issues involving the area.

"Our perception of Africa is riddled with stereotypes," states Moore. "The media tends to overemphasize disease, poverty and genocide, creating an image of a hopeless land filled with desperation and devastation."

"I never really noticed how my impressions of Africa contradicted each other," says second year student Becky Nickels, who attended John Metzler's Feb. 15 presentation, "Imagining Africa: The Construction of a Dark Continent."

"There's the starving people and dying children in those charity commercials, and then there's the beautiful scenery and wildlife parks on Animal Planet and in the movies."

"As Metzler noted, Westerners changed their perception of Africa from the 12th century, when the Portuguese first described Africa and Africans as being equally sophisticated and on a par with the Europeans," says Moore. "In a mere 200 years, Westerners had 're-imagined' Africa as a continent virtually empty of civilization, devoid of any 'significant' religion, with no history and somehow in need of the improvements that the Western world had to offer."

"Which is the real Africa? The reality is that there are many Africas," states Moore. "Africa, the second largest continent in the world—both in land mass and population—is a land of many faces and diverse environments."

According to Moore, the SCII hopes to explore the complexity of the region over the next year, in order to provide a more evenly balanced perception of Africa.

Moore says students can expect the presentations in the 2006 series to be of the same high caliber witnessed over the previous two years. "Our speakers this year include prominent scholars from MSU and U of M, as well as one of our own faculty members," states Moore.

The topics covered in the series range from environment to global economics, from Yoruba art to Western images of Africa. A

Catholic nun will be talking about her experiences working to develop a coordinated response to the AIDS outbreak in Uganda and South Africa over the past 16 years.

That presentation, "AIDS Pandemic in Africa," will take place on Wed., March 22, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in LA 200. Sister Joan Mumaw will be returning from South Africa to speak about the global AIDS crisis' impact on Africa.

On Wed., April 5, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in LA 200, David Doris, Assistant Professor of the Center for Afro-American and African Studies at U of M, will be presenting "Yoruba Art and Culture." The Yoruba have a rich artistic heritage dating back as far as 1,000 years.

The final presentation of the series will take place on Tues., April 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. in LA 200, where the International Film Festival will be showing "Their Eyes Were Watching God." The Golden Globe-nominated film was aired on NBC in 2005 and stars Halle Berry and Ruben Santiago-Hudson.

"The key to the Focus series is learning," emphasizes Moore. "It is our hope to benefit both students and our community by offering the chance to explore the world by creating opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom."

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Nursing student overcomes odds

■ Stem cell transplant creates second chance

BY MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

Biology department scholarship recipient Katherine Hammons has made quite a name for herself over the past few years. Appearing in the July 2005 issue of National Geographic Magazine's cover story on stem cell research, People Magazine and Journal of American Medical Association's Feb. 2 issue are just three examples.

Hammons, a recovering lupus patient, is one of the first five patients in the world to receive a stem cell transplant. Diagnosed in with systemic lupus thematosis when she was 19-years-old, Hammons experienced its gradual progression for over 20 years, resulting in two strokes and vasculitis on the brain— when the immune system attacks areas of the body.

"With Systemic Lupus white blood cells are unable to tell the difference between healthy living tissue," says Hammons. "Systemic means it can attack anywhere in the body, without pattern."

As a combined result of the strokes, Hammons' entire right side of her body

was affected, leading to problems with speech, memory and basic cognitive functions. Unfortunately, she was faced with the necessary decision to discontinue her career in court reporting, the field in which she received an associate degree from Schoolcraft in 1988.

After two years of intravenous chemotherapy treatment at the University of Michigan Hammons was no better off, having gained substantial amounts of weight as a reaction to the steroids and no longer responded to the treatment. She eventually had to be placed on oxygen and given new forms of treatment, which failed to give results.

The disease had caused a drop in her IQ

to 80 points, and she was not able to engage in certain activities. "I was unable to read a simple paragraph and recall what was on the page," states Hammons.

Diagnosed with 90 days to live, she was not about to give up. After a friend from a Lupus support group found information about experimental research being conducted at Northwestern University in Chicago, they contacted the hospital and Hammons was accepted immediately.

"I had exhausted all of the conventional therapy, so I decided to search out for

“Second Chance”

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what else was out there,” says Hammons. “At the time I wanted to make an important contribution to the world whether I survived or not.”

The experimental procedure, which donated stem cells from her hip, took four months and her insurance would not cover it.

Fortunately, her friends raised the money to fund the operation and Hammons was able to undergo the procedure.

“A friend, Bob Thorne, organized a fund raising team which came up with the \$175,000 needed in 90 days,” states Hammons. “My brother, Mom, Dad and Husband were all involved.”

After the cells were extracted from her hip, they were frozen while she prepared for the transplant, resulting in the complete destruction of her immune system. All blood cells had to be killed, leaving only plasma in her blood stream. The researchers then unfroze the blood cells and placed them into her blood stream. After 20 days, the first signs that the cells had successfully taken were available.

“I made a commitment for the rest of my life when I decided to go through the operation,” says Hammons. “They have to follow the side effects and report those findings.”

She had to rebuild her immune system from scratch, and was therefore kept in a sterile environment for six months.

“It was like the movie ‘The Boy in the Plastic Bubble’ with John Travolta,” says Hammons. “They don’t have a plastic wall, but the environment is the same. Everything that entered into my room had to be sterilized.”

A year after the operation, Hammons noticed she began regaining more and more brain function. In spite of the fact, that researchers did not expect the operation to restore her mental faculties, it slowly began to happen.

Hammons began to embark on a journey of mental exercises and memory training. She continued her involvement at Northwestern, helping other patients as well.

“She is a great speaker, and very willing to educate students about the controversial issue of stem cell transplants,” says Biology Instructor Dr. Carolyn Steffen. “Many people don’t know that patients can use their own stem cells. Everyone should have a chance to hear her, as this is not just a science issue.”



Katherine Hammons

Hammons is now in the nursing program at SC, and wishes to go into research. She has gotten involved with giving speeches on campus, and recently earned the highest GPA in the entire biology department.

According to Ashley Johnson, a biology student, “she talked about her disease, and gave me a lot of information, because my god-sister has the illness. I recommend her to speak to classes in the future.”

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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 25, from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Lower Waterman student lounge.

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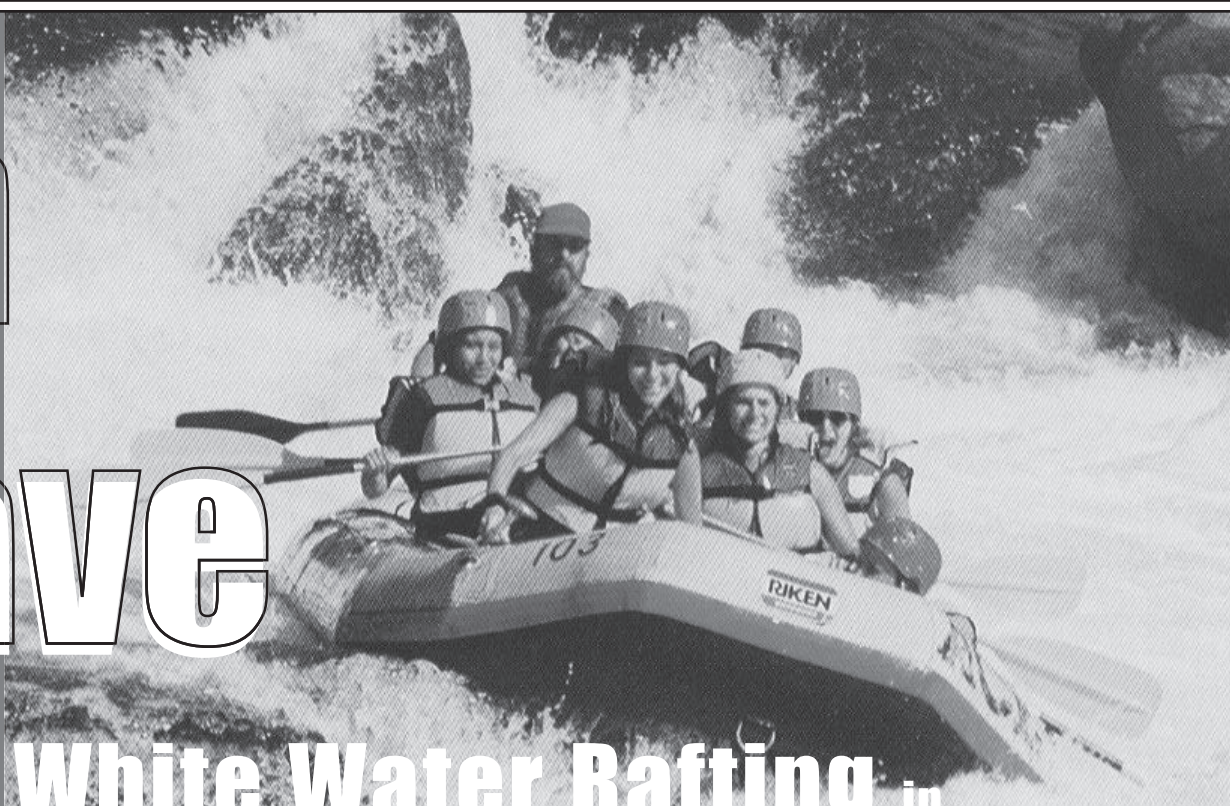
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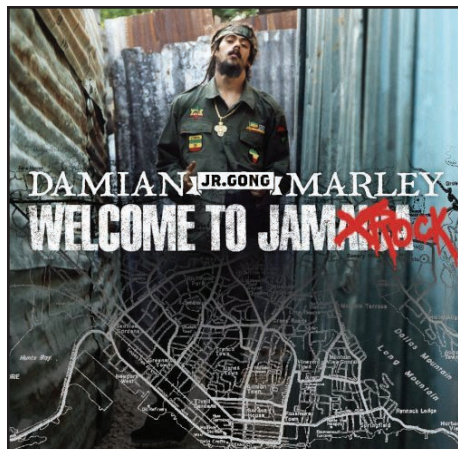
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MUSIC REVIEW

The rebirth of reggae



'Welcome to Jamrock' blends several genres of music

By JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since his release of "Mr. Marley" in 1996, Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley has made a name for himself in the genre of Reggae/Rap music. While the youngest son of the legendary reggae singer may not yet be at the level of his father, he is certainly on his way.

Marley's September 2005 release, "Welcome to Jamrock" blends the styles of reggae, jazz, hip-hop and even rock to create an album so versatile it could possibly be considered the best album released by any of the Marley sons to date.

The album opens with the track "Confrontation," which grabs the listeners' attention with dialogue from Bunny Wailer—the original Wailers. An obvious tribute to Rastafarian peace, Wailer expresses his opinion stating, "Since the beginning of modern civilization / Generations have witnessed and inherited the only conflicts of world wars."

The entrance of strings on top of a Rastafarian royal drum brings forth a chant from Wailer, Isaac Haile Selassie and Marcus Garvey as they prophesize, "And Babylon a gamble they youth dem life like racehorse / And gi dem a uniform and shave dem head with razors / And now the clock a strike war, don't be amazed cause / inna dem churches trying to save...saviours."

The album then shifts towards a more classic reggae style as the title track blends the sound of steel drums with that of modern synthesizers. While the catchy lyrics are enough to have kept this track on top of the pop charts in 2005, — "Welcome to Jamrock / Camp whe' the thugs dem damp at / Two pound a weed inna van back / It inna yuh handbag yuh nap sack / It inna yuh back pack / the smell a give yah girlfriend contact"—it does not take away from the powerful meaning.

Marley encompasses the problems faced in the ghettos of Jamaica and delivers it in a message that is too dominant to be ignored as he states, "Di thugs dem wi' do whe' dem got to / And wont think twice to shot you / Don't mek dem spot you / Unless you carry guns alot too / A bear tuff thing come at you."

Other tracks offer examples of a throwback

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'Date Movie' flops

New spoof comedy fails to surpass its predecessors

By TRAVIS GRAND
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



Writer/directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer, the two men who helped co-write the "Scary Movie" films, have

teamed up once again for another crack at the spoof genre in the new comedy titled "Date Movie."

The movie stars Alyson Hannigan ("American Pie") as Julia Jones, an excessively plump waitress obsessed with love and desperately trying to find the man of her dreams.

Throughout her entire life, Julia has gone loveless, yet she determines to remain optimistic in thinking that, eventually, a young prince will come sweep her off of her feet. However, Julia's father, Frank, played by Eddie Griffin ("Undercover Brother," "Deuce Bigalow"), does not have high hopes in his daughter finding true love, and insists that she get married to any guy that is willing to make an exception.

In order to speed up the process of finding her special someone, under the guidance of her midget relationship doctor, Hitch, played by Tony Cox ("Me, Myself & Irene"), Julia decides to undergo a makeover.

After shedding a few pounds—a few hundred pounds—Julia acquires a new sexy appeal, which inevitably leads to the encounter between her and a handsome British lad named Grant Funkyerdoder (Adam Campbell).

Like all cheesy romance tales, serendipity inspires this couples' first tryst, and soon the two fall madly in love with one another and get engaged.

From there on, situational hijinks ensue, which leads to the lampooning of such films as "The Wedding Planner," "Meet the Parents," "Meet the Fockers," "Wedding Crashers" and "My Best Friend's Wedding."

Although "Date Movie" carries on in the same vein as former spoof movies like "Scary



Movie" and "Not Another Teen Movie," in comparison to its predecessors, it is far from transcendent. While it relies mostly on silly pratfalls and tasteless juvenile humor, the writing comes off as sloppy and flaccid, which may leave audiences wondering what happened to such spoof classics as "Young Frankenstein" and "The Naked Gun."

Aside from the poor writing, many of the scenes are vague in telling which movies are being parodied, while other scenes just do not fit in. For instance, one such scene satirizes Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill," whereas another makes fun of Paris Hilton and the risqué advertisement she did for the burger joint Hardee's.

Because both scenes are thrown in arbitrarily as fillers, the joke is lost on the viewer

completely since they offer no correlation with dating whatsoever.

Probably the only highlight of the movie is the appearances by Fred Willard ("A Mighty Wind," "Anchorman") and Jennifer Coolidge ("Best in Show," "Legally Blonde"). Willard and Coolidge portray Bernie and Roz Funkyerdoder, offering uncanny impersonations of the characters of Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand in the comedy "Meet the Fockers."

As a whole, "Date Movie" is not worth the theater expenses for anyone who is even remotely amused by the spoof genre. Although, hopefully something can be gained from its failure, and perhaps, a new film will come out dedicated to spoofing bad spoofs.

A total 360

Microsoft transcends gaming

By JOHN PARSELL | EDITOR IN CHIEF



Madden NFL 06

The introduction of “Next-Generation” video game systems has created quite a stir in the entertainment industry. Sony’s third PlayStation— scheduled for release spring 2006— boasts flash cards and Blue Ray technology while Nintendo’s “Revolution,” arriving just in time for turkey day, has “revolutionized” the way controllers are used.

Then there is Xbox. The new entertainment system— created by Bill Gates and his cronies over in Richmond, VA— dubbed “360,” has given gamers a new perspective on how “Next-gen” video games should look and perform.

The new Xbox features a triple-core



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PowerPC processor, running at an astonishing 3.2 GHz, HD-capable ATI video hardware and support for multi-channel surround sound, all of which suggests that the 360 was designed to be more than just a video-game system.

The most notable difference in hardware is the size. While the new Xbox weighs almost the same as its predecessor, it is more compact and sleek as the standard pearl white system is far more appealing than the original bulky black Xbox.

The 360 also has the ability to support up to four wireless controllers, making together’s for multiplayer games such as “Call Of Duty 2” and “Perfect Dark Zero” a little safer for the system. For those friends who feel left out, USB ports will allow the addition of three wired controllers.

However, these may not be needed as [just as its predecessor] the online capability is flawless. With a dynamic user friendly interface, gamers can easily battle against players around the world, as well as download many addicting games such as “Marble Blast Ultra” and “Geometry Wars.”

Since the release of the original Xbox in 2001, Microsoft has been at the forefront of online capability when it comes to console gaming. The 360 is no exception, with the addition of the “dashboard,” an interface

similar to windows that utilizes “blades” to create a very user friendly environment.

There are a few faults in the new system however, most notably the high price point. For \$299.99, gamers can get the core system which includes one controller, no games and no hard drive; warranting it pretty much useless.

The regular 360 package costs \$399.99 and includes everything the core system offers, adding only a headset, Ethernet cable, an Xbox Live Silver membership and a 20GB hard drive.

Still no game.

A \$400 pricetag may seem steep for gamers, however, this price is nothing compared to several packages, such as the “Xbox Ultimate Premium Gold Pack,” which retails for a whopping \$1,500 and tacks on a faceplate, an Xbox Live Gold 30-day trial membership, High Definition cables and three games.

Another downside to the system is that in order to take full advantage of the graphical improvements with the 360 gamers must own an HD television.

While there are inevitably some flaws with



Tomb Raider

the new Xbox, gaming on the system is genuinely fun, which is what playing video games is all about in the first place. Anybody who has a love for console games— and a lot of extra money lying around— should pick up an Xbox 360.

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reggae beats, as well. On “All Night,” Marley teams up with brother Stephen to provide an excellent example of a good Marley song. The fusion of reggae and hip hop break beats makes a perfect song for romance as Marley sings, “Now she call me on the phone and she said she’s home alone / And she want me to come over and make her house a home.”

Fortunately, Stephen Marley, as well as several other accomplished musicians, provides Damian with cameos on his tracks as his accent is so thick and raspy that sometimes it is hard to understand what he is saying.

This is not to say he doesn’t have his moments. On the gloomy, yet brilliant, duet with Nas, “Road to Zion,” his voice sounds tired and isolated as he sings, “In this world of calamity / Dirty looks and grudges and jealousy / And police weh abuse dem authority / Media clowns weh nuh know ‘bout variety.”

The large variety of genres on this album creates an interesting approach to reggae music and makes “Welcome to Jamrock” an

instant classic. While the sporadic switches in music style restrain it from ever building a peak, the record is full of high-points and definitely worth purchasing. Any fan of Reggae— especially that from the Marley family— should pick this album up.

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Jamie Cullum

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An abrupt end to an unbelievable season

■Semifinal upset sends women's basketball home early

By MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

After returning from a ten day hiatus and knocking out Owens Community College in a quarterfinal match of the Division II-District H tournament at Delta College on March 3, things were looking up for the women's basketball team. However, all hopes of claiming the national title in Arizona this season were smashed by Mott Community College's five point victory over the Ocelots in the semifinals.

The Owens Express were overcome in a 67-61 victory on the second day of the tournament, with the Ocelots' captain, Charlese Greer, scoring a game-high 26 points.

Adding to the two-tiered onslaught were Greer with eight rebounds, guard Maricka Seay with 15 points and 15 rebounds and forward LaShanda Thomas with 11 points.

"This was our third time playing Owens, and it always makes me nervous playing a team three times," says head coach Karen Lafata. "They are very talented and I expected a tough game."

This was the Ocelots' first appearance since the Feb. 21 victory over St. Claire County Community College. The team had a week-and-a-half disruption after not qualifying for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Playoffs.

The 68-73 Mott upset came down to the wire, with the Bear's guard Candace Ward clenching

the victory in the last 30 seconds of play.

The March 4 semifinal match-up, which had six lead changes, was an all out battle. The Bears came out ready to play, taking the lead in the first half-minute with a three-pointer from guard Micaella Weekes. Mott reached its largest score margin of 10 points at 11 minutes into play, resulting in a score of 11-21.

Greer, who earned 22 points and 12 rebounds, was able to bring the lead down to within one in just over three minutes of play. The teams battled back and forth—Mott remaining in the lead—and finished the first-half, the Ocelots trailing by two, with a score of 27-29.

With both teams returning to the floor, the war raged on, as the lead changed for the first time at just over a minute into play. Seay, who would amass 24 points and 15 rebounds, tied the score, and Greer was able to sink a basket, giving the Ocelots a two point cushion. Both teams volleyed for the lead, resulting in an equal three gains apiece.

The Bears were able to secure a tie at 17:02, with a score of 33-33, and hold the leverage for nine minutes. The Ocelots were able to close the gap, bringing the score to 68-70 with 30 seconds left. Unfortunately, with Ward's steal at 27 seconds and four free throws, the Ocelots' dreams of competing for the title were crushed.

"I have no regrets from this season," states Seay. "I am glad we didn't lose against the conference



Photos by Rena Laverty

LaShanda Thomas presses hard to the net against St. Clair Community College. Thomas recorded 11 points in the game.

champs. Mott is definitely a rival team."

The Ocelots finished off the season 27-3 overall, while the Bears, who went on to defeat Delta 82-79 at home for the district championship, entered the national tournament with a 25-7 record.

"I am upset we didn't go to Arizona, but all in all, we had a great season," says Greer. "27-3 is

the best season in SC history. I am definitely proud of that."

Greer, Seay and Thomas were all nominated to compete in the MCCA Women's All-Star game at Lansing Community College on March 12.

Greer offered an offensive edge as the second highest scorer for the Eastern squad with 13 points and seven rebounds. Seay lead the team

with 13 rebounds, collecting more than any other player. All three players allowed the Eastern Women All-Stars to defeat the Western team by a score of 80-73.

"You know how your opponents play after competing against them for a season," says Greer. "It was nice to be on the same team as some of the players for a change."



Schoolcraft co-captain Charlese Greer (40) helped her team to a 27-3 record this season, the best season in Schoolcraft history.

Ocelots left out in the cold

■Team has no say in conference

By MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

The women's basketball team has been denied the opportunity to defend last year's state title this season against challengers due to circumstances outside of their control.

Opponents Wayne County Community College and Kirtland Community College failed to run the minimum number of sports required to stay in good standing with the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"It has long been in the MCCA Constitution that teams on probation games do not count in the conference standings, much as Schoolcraft's men did not count last season," says MCCA Information Director Tod Hess.

Schoolcraft defeated St. Claire County Community College on Feb. 21 by a score of 81-58. The 23 point victory over the Skippers sent the Ocelots into a tie with Delta Community College for second place.

Because Delta defeated the team during their only meeting on Feb. 1, in a 70-75 victory, the Pioneers advanced to the conference tournament while the Ocelots were to remain inactive for 10 days.

"They should have had a tie-breaker," says freshman LaShanda Thomas.

The Ocelots both lost and won one game against Mott Community College, resulting in a tied competition record. The team, however, with the victories over Kirtland and Wayne discarded, fell short and was unable to make the three-way tie. Because the Ocelots faced the probationary teams one time too many, they fell short of the win that would have evened the record.

Critics complain that the decision should have been developed in a more fair and equitable manor, and that teams should be scheduled the same to compete against the probationary teams.

"I am sure there will be discussions at future AD's [Athletic Director's] meetings on making changes to the constitution," says Hess.

"It is too late now," says sophomore guard Tracey Winkler. "It has been our overall goal to make it to the National Tournament and we won't let this stop us."

Lafata was happy about the team's conference play regardless of the tie-breaking decision. She says she did not anticipate such a successful season. "With almost an all-freshman team I never would have expected a 26-2 season record," says Lafata. "I knew we would do well; we have Char [Greer]."

The Ocelots hold the strongest overall record in the conference, with 26 wins and two losses. The MCCA conference champion Mott Monarchs fell short with a 22-7 overall record, while the second place Delta Pioneers trailed with a mere 18 wins and 9 losses.

The conference decision will not affect the Ocelot's post-season play on the district and national level. The NJCAA third ranked Division II school would have been able to compete for the title had they won the semifinal game on March 4.

Team ‘would have done some damage’

■Ocelots finish interrupted season early

By **MIKE SIEGRIST**
MANAGING EDITOR

The men’s basketball team went out in a blaze of glory, when they played their last game of the season on Feb. 21, overcoming St. Clair County Community College in a landslide victory.

“The kids played hard,” states head coach Carlos Briggs. “They ended the year the way they started it.”

The Ocelots took to the court with a hunger that would not be denied. The team lit up the scoreboard first when center James Davis connected with the hoop in the first minute of play, followed closely by a three-pointer from sophomore guard Jarred Axon.

The Ocelots continued to press on the Skippers with the defensive and offensive threat of Davis and Axon, earning a 24-13 lead, and forcing a St. Clair time-out at 9:43.

The brief regrouping did nothing to stop the Ocelot’s offensive onslaught, as Darryl Garrett returned to the floor collecting a basket and a foul. He finished out both free-throws and wasted no time getting the first dunk of the game. Garrett’s habit of getting his own rebounds sent the score to 30-17.

Within the final minutes of play, Axon caught fire scoring his second three-pointer of the night and a short field goal from inside. The Skippers reacted by hitting two three-pointers in a row, giving the Schoolcraft coaches and crowd some worry. However, Garrett recovered the momentum for his team, sneaking in a three-pointer at the buzzer to end the half. The teams returned to the bench with a first-half score of 45-30.

The Ocelots hit the floor ready to do some damage, with Davis making a basket and a dunk and forward Brandon Toliver collecting two field goals. Axon hit his second three-pointer of the night giving the team a 16 point lead.

A block by Davis led to a break-away lay-up by Toliver, adding to the baskets by Axon and Davis, which gave the Ocelots their largest lead of the night and a score of 66-47.

Twin dunks by Toliver and Davis increased the already growing spread, while getting the team and crowd worked into a frenzy. Two free-throws and a dunk by Donnell Patterson brought the score to 82-51.

An offensive rebound on his own shot, plus a field goal from Garrett shot the Ocelot lead even higher, giving the team a 36 point cushion.

In the last few minutes of the game Andre Brown sealed the deal on the Skippers, scoring four points and an additional dunk at the buzzer. The finishing effort brought the final score to a whopping 99-57.

“It was a good game and we played team ball,” states assistant coach Derrick Owens. Alluding to the team’s lack of scouting coverage, because of the ban, Owens states the team will have to put all their effort into studying. “They have to be students now.”

As a result of a failure to meet National Junior College Athletic Association filing deadlines for reports regarding the suspension of Briggs on Nov. 24 and Jan. 28 and former player Antonio Bonds on Nov. 26 the team has been banned from post-season play.

“I am disappointed that we aren’t going to the playoffs,” says Garrett. “It is tough, because we worked hard to get where we have. We will just have to accept it and move on.”

The team ended the season with a 24-4 record, boasting the best overall record in the conference.

“I feel pretty good about the team this year,” states Davis. “I wish we could have gone to the playoffs; we would have done some damage.”



Photos by Rena Lavery

ABOVE:

Schoolcraft guard Donnell Patterson (30) soars above a St. Clair County Community College player for a slam dunk.

FAR LEFT:

Schoolcraft guard Cedric Simms (11) pushes himself around a St. Clair defender enroute to the net.

LEFT:

Marcus Crenshaw (10) takes a few moments to strategize with teammate James Davis (54) during a timeout against St. Clair. Both players were playing in their final game.



Seven swept away

Men's soccer team forfeits games

By Mike Siegrist
MANAGING EDITOR

The enrollment status of three players, which started later in the semester, has caused the athletes to be considered ineligible and has resulted in the forfeiture of seven games this season.

In an effort to accommodate the needs of all students, Schoolcraft offers a multitude of classes. The college boasts seven and 12-week classes giving students more options on creating a schedule.

The courses, brought into question during the investigation, use longer or more frequent class sessions to compress a normal 15 weeks of instruction into a shorter 12-week format.

The fall semester began Sept. 1, while the 12-week courses the student-athletes were registered in started Sept. 22. The National Junior College Athletic Association requires members of every team to be registered and attending a full 12 credit hour schedule when the season begins.

“The class can conclude before the end of the season,” says Athletic Director Sidney Fox. “But, for soccer, volleyball and cross country the kids have to make sure the class starts at the front of the semester. If they finish it while the season is going on, that is fine.”

It is because of this rule that the players were deemed ineligible for the seven games which fall between the dates in question.

“It is a little tricky, because naturally we were in a hurry looking for hours, and it

shows up as 12 credits on the transcripts,” states Fox. “We have to be very careful where they start and where they finish.”

The team’s pre-season 1-3 loss to the fifth ranked San Jacinto College Coyotes and sixth ranked Illinois Central College Cougars 0-1 defeat, were forfeited, along with a 2-2 draw against Marshalltown Community College.

The 4-0 shut-out over the conference champion Delta Pioneers on Sept. 7 was also forfeited, along with an 11 point shut-out over Cuyahoga Community College, an eight point shut-out over Macomb Community College and an 11 point shut-out over Kellogg Community College.

The team, which was defeated at the Region 12 semifinals by Owens Community College in a penalty kick tie breaker, had their season ended abruptly.

The allegations of ineligibility, raised by member schools in the region, prompted a self-audit of the athletic department records. It was during the audit that the administration was made aware of the inconsistency of the three player’s schedules.

The previous season’s head coach Dominic Scicluna was notified of the school’s decision to terminate his contract prior to the allegations and probe. The coach was said “not to fit” with the schools mission, according to Fox. The director of athletics has said that the probe and the decision to terminate Scicluna were unrelated.

Scicluna could not be reached for comment.

The vacant position was recently filled



Photo by Rena Lavery

Schoolcraft midfielder Dave Hernandez (16) looks to pass the ball to a teammate during a game against Cuyahoga Community College this past season. The game against Cuyahoga was one of the games forfeited.

by Livonia’s own Rick Larson shortly after the marketing department declared in a November press release that Scicluna would not be returning for the 2006-07 season.

The college has discussed a program with the counseling center, meant to remove the possibility of similar scheduling discrepancies in the future.

“I have already brought it up at a student services meeting and I am going to have a meeting with some of the people on the athletics committee that are involved in advising and counseling,” says Fox. “We will have to monitor that closer next year.”

Whalers dig down, move back into first place all alone with 4-3 shootout win



Although the Plymouth Whalers dug down as a team to beat the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 4-3, in a shootout, they relied on their Shootout Specialist to get the two points in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers have won three games this season in a shootout, and in each win, rookie Chris Terry has provided the winning goal. He scored the only goal in a shootout Sunday afternoon as the Whalers (now 33-27-1-4) moved back into sole possession of first place in the OHL West Division with 71 points. Saginaw (now 34-30-1-0) is two points behind Plymouth after losing, 2-1, today in Windsor against the Spitfires.

Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters stopped 26 of 29 Sault Ste. Marie shots through 65 minutes, then stopped Cody Thornton, Ryan Kitchen and Scott Restoule in the shootout phase to contribute in the victory. Before the shootout, Jared Boll scored twice for the Whalers and now has 19 goals on the season; James Neal scored the other goal, his 18th of the season. Thornton scored twice for the Soo and now has 25 goals on the season; Jacob Lalonde scored the other Soo goal, his fifth of the season.

Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski



Photo by Rena Lavery

Chris Terry has provided the winning goal in each of the three shootouts Plymouth has faced this season.

stopped 39 of 42 Plymouth shots through 65 minutes and stopped Andrew Fournier during the shootout.

There was never more than a one-goal differential in this playoff-style game. Boll’s second goal of the game – a deflection of a Wes Cunningham shot from the left point – tied the game at 3-3 with five seconds left in the second period.

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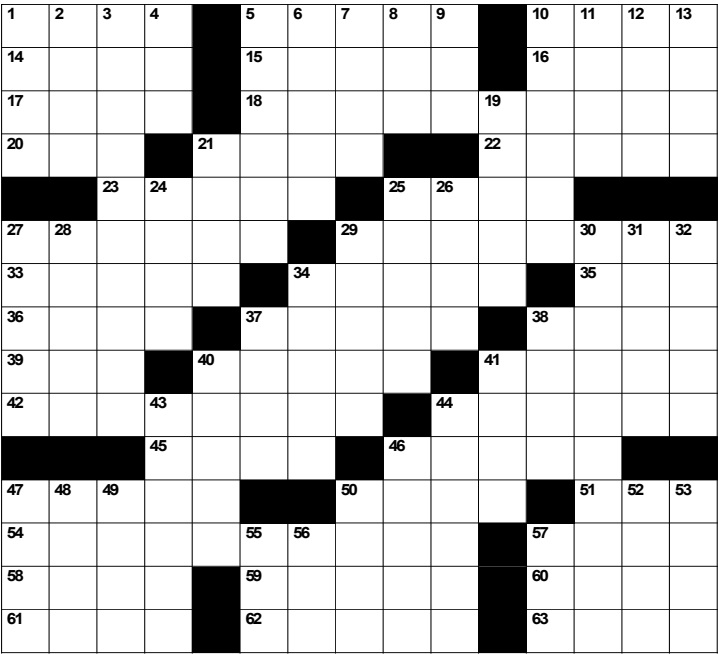
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 - 34 Tuba, e.g.
 - 35 Lyric poem
 - 36 Blackthorn
 - 37 Rope's end, at times
 - 38 FBI Agent
 - 39 "_____ the season"
 - 40 Resting place
 - 41 Sleeps outside
 - 42 Play beginning
 - 44 A famous Truman
 - 45 Teen's concern
 - 46 Actress Sophia _____
 - 47 Phi Beta _____
 - 50 Charlie's creator
 - 51 Clown or stock follower
 - 54 Symptom of 30 Down
 - 57 Crazy in Cancun
 - 58 Half twice
 - 59 More pleasant
 - 60 Shade providers
 - 61 _____ off (drove)
 - 62 John of the lawn
 - 63 What's the big _____?
- Down
- 1 Common clown name
 - 2 _____ code
 - 3 Symptom of 30 Down
 - 4 Start starter?



- 5 Sitting for a portrait
- 6 Zap
- 7 Listen attentively
- 8 "Where _____ we?"
- 9 Suit or cell starter
- 10 Let it ride, in Vegas
- 11 Soothing ointment
- 12 Shakespearean King
- 13 Ex-Cowboy Leon
- 19 Detests
- 21 Canned fish
- 24 Bud _____
- 25 Explosion
- 26 Other
- 27 Unseen growths
- 28 Artifact
- 29 Got up
- 30 Cureless sickness
- 31 Modify
- 32 On edge
- 34 Famous baseball family
- 37 Midday
- 38 Stare
- 40 Summarize
- 41 Poet Sandburg

- 43 Dozed
- 44 Hold together
- 46 "See ya' _____"
- 47 Square, for one
- 48 Top-notch
- 49 Walk back and forth
- 50 They're rolled
- 52 Summit
- 53 Famous Parks
- 55 Finish
- 56 Dead heat
- 57 Hawaiian accessory

Quotable Quote

Weather forecast for
tonight: dark. Continued
dark overnight, with
widely scattered light by
morning.

• • • George Carlin

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Aries
Mar 21- Apr 19
The best thing to do dur-
ing these difficult days is
get a good night's sleep.

Do not dwell on events that are unim-
portant. Focus on the present instead
of falling over the past.



Taurus
Apr 20- May 20
Although it may not
seem to be a good period
in your life; be patient,

especially with family members. Take
a small trip, just to get away from it
all. It might help.



Gemini
May 21- Jun 21
Your imagination is send-
ing you further off than
you expected. Keep your

feet on the ground and follow the
golden rule. If it is good enough for
you it should be good enough for
others, too.



Cancer
Jun 22- Jul 22
The person who first
said, "You can pick your
friends, but you can't

pick your family," saw deep into life.
The only thing you can do about
family problems is to work through
them.



Leo
Jul 23- Aug 22
Life is getting too hectic
and you need to find
time for yourself. Do not

be afraid to take a timeout. You may
find a small rest spells more time and
energy for later.



Virgo
Aug 23- Sep 22
Don't listen to the advice
of others (except here).
Follow your heart and

have the courage to walk your own
path. You are responsible for your
decisions; why not take responsibility
for your joy as well?



Libra
Sep 23- Oct 22
Trying to see only the
things you want to and
ignoring what you don't

like, will only cause you suffering and
grief. Be realistic and accept all that
life sends your way.



Scorpio
Oct 23- Nov 21
Seems to be a great time
to connect even closer to
those around you. Take

some valuable time to call friends and
family, and listen to what they have to
say. You never know when you might
reach someone, or hear something
that helps you.



Sagittarius
Nov 22- Dec 21
If all you see these days
are obstacles and barriers
do not worry; getting

overwhelmed will not help get over
the obstacles. Focus on what little you
have control over, and do what you
need to.



Capricorn
Dec 22- Jan 19
Romance is knocking on
your door, and you are
advised to open up and

let it in. Do not let fear force you to
miss out on this great opportunity.
Take whatever steps are needed to
pursue that desired someone.



Aquarius
Jan 20- Feb 18
This is a favorable time
to tell people what you
think and get your feel-

ings out. It might not be easy, but
resisting will not make you feel any
better. If you have good intentions
you may end up helping someone
more than hurting them.



Pisces
Feb 19- Mar 20
The work you have done
until now is starting to
yield results. You are not

far from your goal, so don't quit. It is
true that Rome was not built in a day,
and the same goes for whatever you
are trying to create.

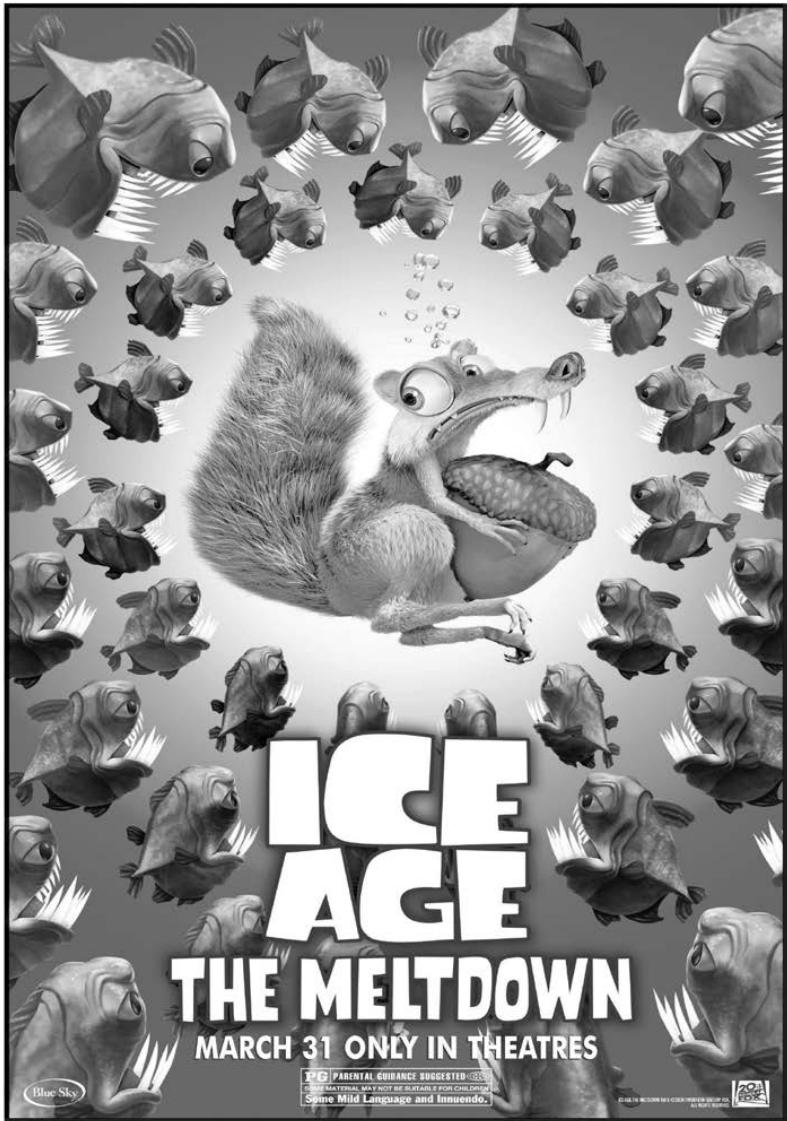
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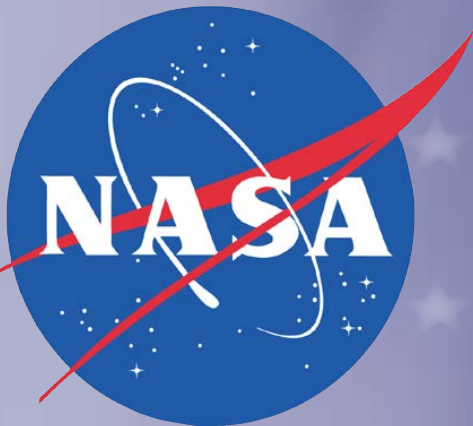
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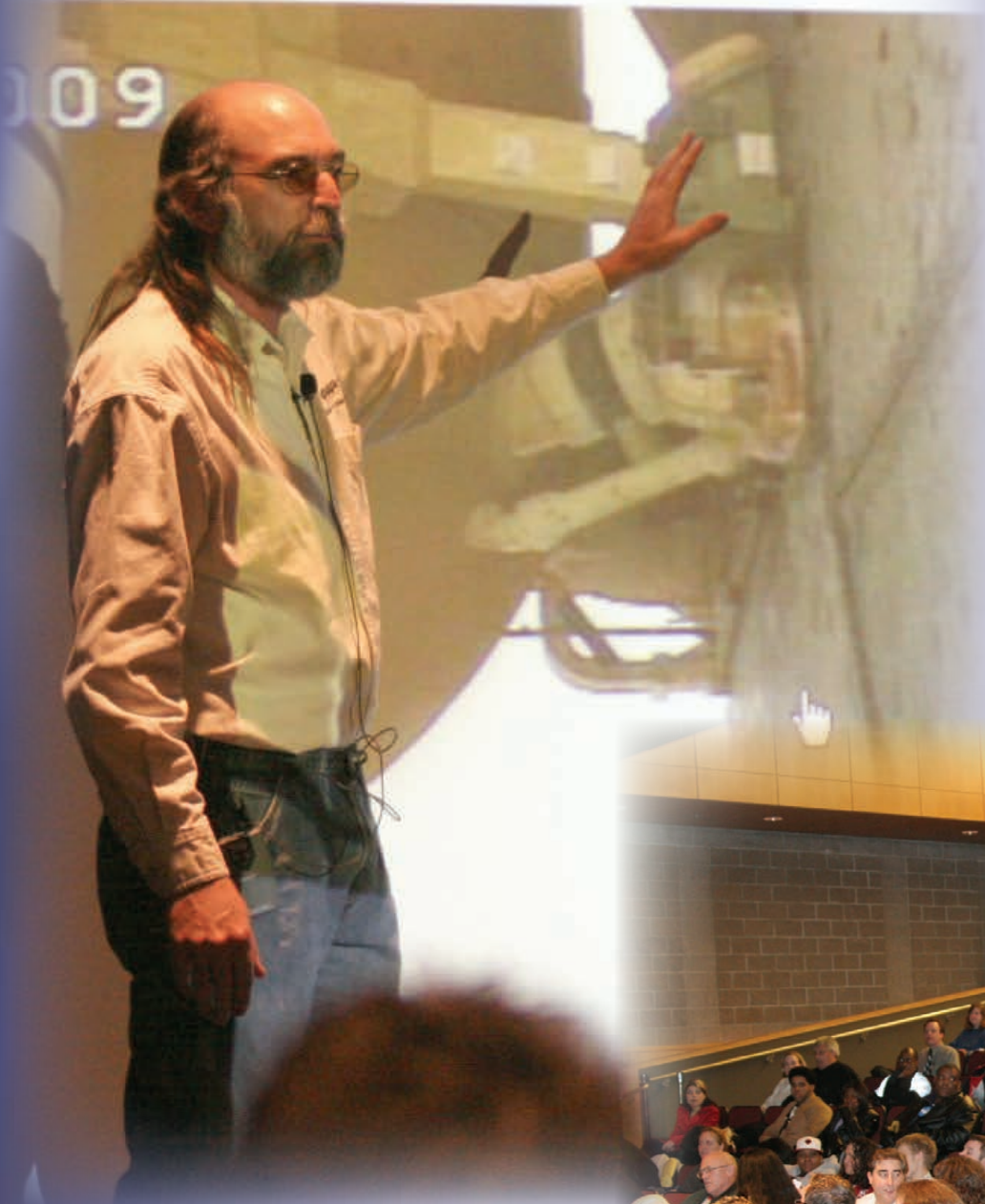
An Evening with

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Event attendees mingle outside the Presentation room before the start of the event.

On Tuesday, March 14, SemaFx and Media Communications Association International teamed up to present An Evening With Nasa, featuring guest speaker Brad Lawrence. Nearly one hundred students, staff, community members and industry professionals attended the presentation which was held in the VisTaTech Center's Presentation room. A preshow was held by Right Hemisphere, which showed a demo for Deep Exploration 4 and how NASA uses Right Hemisphere products. The event was sponsored by Maxium Throughput, Right Hemisphere, Schoolcraft College and the Computer Graphics Technolgy Department.



Brad Lawrence explains how NASA integrates high definition film and cutting-edge film analysis system to analyze shuttle launches.



Schoolcraft 3D Animation Instructor and SemaFx President Randy Rockafellow (right) speaks with some attendees about what SemaFx has to offer its members.



Attendees filled the Presentation room to capacity for the event.