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SERVING THE SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY FOR 19 YEARS

Increased enrollment increases trash

■ Parking lots and buildings littered by students

BY JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The current situation of cleanliness on campus could be referred to as "trashed," if talking to Robert Hudson, supervisor/grounds leader, is any indication.

For years, the facilities management team has struggled to keep the campus looking clean for students and visitors. However, every semester; the situation seems to get worse.

Hudson says that one reason for the trash could be a rise in enrollment. Currently, Schoolcraft has 9,013 students enrolled, a 2.5% increase from last year.

"This problem has been ongoing for many years," says Hudson, "It has been very bad the last few years, probably because the enrollment numbers have been on the rise."

According to Hudson, students are mostly to blame for the trash problem. An increase in the total number of students means an increase in garbage.

"They (students) just don't care anymore," says Hudson. "They feel that they pay good money for their education, so they think they can just trash the campus."

The problem not only affects the facilities management team on campus, but students as well. First year Nursing student Amanda Searls says that the litter around campus is a sore sight.

"Everywhere I look— the parking lot, the hallways— I see garbage," says Searls. "I really don't know what compels people to be so lazy. I mean, how hard is it to put garbage in a trash can?"

Hudson says that there are solutions to the problem, and that incoming students need to be properly notified of the situation.

"We need to have the college give out letters to all incoming freshman letting them know that we need their help to keep our college clean and nice," says Hudson. "I know things are not always in great shape around here, but we (facilities management) take our job

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Photo by Gerard Knoph

Michigan State graduate Peter Smith is excited about attending weekend classes at the VisTaTech Center to earn his MBA from Lawrence Tech University. Shown here discussing class options with Education Center manager and fellow MBA student Cori Blanchard.

Lawrence Tech brings popular weekend program to Schoolcraft

■ Fully accredited program offers MBA closer to home

BY RYAN RUSSELL
NEWS EDITOR

For years Schoolcraft has been negotiating arrangements with other schools that continue to prove beneficial to those on the SC campus. That trend continues this year, as SC and Lawrence Technological University have partnered to bring LTU's popular and fully accredited weekend Master of Business Administration degree program to the SC campus.

The two year, seven module program, launched on Sept. 24, features morning and afternoon classes, held in the VisTaTech Center every Saturday. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and from noon to 3 p.m., as well as offering distance learning and online components.

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"From an immediate use standpoint, while some students are eligible, the program has little utility to most SC students," says SC President Conway A. Jeffress. "However, there are many members of the faculty and staff that may enroll in this program and it would be very convenient for them."

The program contains 36 credit hours, including pre-core (introductory) classes. However, non-business undergraduates must take additional pre-core courses, which can be taken either at SC or at the LTU main campus. Pre-core courses include Micro Economics, Macro-Economics, Statistics, Intro to Marketing, Intro to Accounting and Intro to Finance. The program will allow up to 12 credit hours

from another accredited graduate program to be transferred.

Students will be able to enroll in the program until the start of module three in April 2006, and any missed modules can be taken at the main campus or when they are offered in the next cycle.

In addition to the degree program, SC and its students also benefit from the mere presence of another university on campus, as LTU is added to a list that already includes Central Michigan University (CMU is renting space at 7 Mile Crossing), Ferris State, Cleary University and Concordia University (Ferris, Cleary and Concordia all maintain a presence at Radcliff Center).

Allowing other institutions to have a physical presence here at SC gives the college an advantage when developing articulation agreements with those universities. "Being able to negotiate more aggressively on

articulation agreements, we are able to help our students gain an advantage in the transfer process," says Jeffress. "With the agreements we have with these institutions, our students can save between \$5,000 and \$12,000 depending on the cost of the university they are transferring to."

Students at SC, while they may not be immediately affected by the degree program, still recognize the opportunities it represents. "Well, for students who plan to transfer, which includes most SC students, the stronger articulation agreements are great," says Alexander Seizew, a third year student at SC. "And even though most students feel no impact from the degree program now, it's a good thing for the school itself, and in the future, I'm sure a lot of business students will be glad to see a program like that located here."

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Students and faculty need to start doing their part to keep our campus clean.

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very seriously and take pride in the campus.”

Becky Harrison, a facilities management employee, says that she has noticed the changes throughout the years as well.

“I have been working here for about 20 years now, and I’ve noticed that our campus does generate quite a bit of trash” states Harrison. “I think a big part of the problem is that everything is so throw-away. Students eating on campus often get to-go boxes, even if they are eating here.”

Harrison states that empty to-go boxes are often found lying around in buildings such as the VisTaTech Center.

Hudson worries that a dirty campus could deter students of, as well as visitors to, the college, and that everyone needs to make an effort to put trash in the proper place— the garbage can.

“Our dirty campus is everyone’s problem because we all represent this college,” says Hudson. “We all have to be part of the solution. Pick up a candy wrapper or a pop can; don’t just walk by— make a difference.”

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IN OUR OPINION

A campus is a terrible thing to waste

Students need to toss out trash problem

Whether it is sifting through food containers in the student lounge, maneuvering between litter piles in the parking lot, or ignoring scattered paper in the Liberal Arts building, one thing is for certain; this campus gets trashed.

Every day the Facilities Management Department searches the campus for litter, doing an exceptional job keeping it clean. Unfortunately no force would be able to keep up with the rate in which the garbage accumulates. Facilities Management deserves a medal for the work that they do to make this institute of higher learning able to function, along with some cooperation.

At the closing of every day, the VisTaTech Center is layered with trash from the Lower Waterman Wing all the way to Henry's Café. To-go containers can be found throughout the building, along with coffee cups and wrappers. This problem is not of natural consequence, and could be completely avoided, if people were willing to adopt some personal responsibility. It is unfortunate that people are forced to adopt certain clichés like, 'your mother is not here to pick up after you,' however it appears as though nothing could be closer to the truth.

A rise in enrollment may be considered as a factor in the escalating of the problem, given the equation that more students on campus means more garbage on campus, however to write this off as acceptable would be a confirmation of peoples unaccountability.

Every student is expected to have sole responsibility for taking care of their own waste, and not relying on

Facilities Management to pick up after them. According to SC, 'The mission of the college is to provide a transformational learning experience designed to increase the capacity of individuals and groups to achieve intellectual, social, and economic goals.'

The importance found in this excerpt from The Mission and Vision of SC is that it shows what the college strives to achieve; and what it values. This is unfortunately not congruent with that of students who refuse to show integrity in cleaning up after themselves. Students, who lack the insight to adopt a 'leave no trace' policy, fail to increase any capacity to achieve goals. This show of a lack of concern by those among us who would chose to wander around aimlessly leaving evidence of where they have been is not only an insult to Facilities Management, but to other students as well.

A 'pitch in' campaign, where volunteers walk the campus picking up after others, is not going to solve the problem. This problem's roots travel much deeper; into each and every one of us.

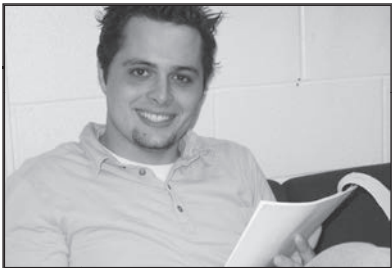
Personal responsibility is necessary in order to stop this problem from inflating even further.

Cutting corners, and looking for the easy way out will no longer be acceptable if we are to strive to reach the values that can be found in our mission. Studens need to clean up their act, this trash problem has to be canned one person at a time.

FROM THE EDITOR'S GARAGE

Bush: 'Withdrawing our troops would make the world more dangerous'

No end to 'war on terror' in sight



JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Thursday Sept. 22, President Bush stated that withdrawing American forces from Iraq would make the world more dangerous and allow terrorists "to claim an historic victory over the United States."

This statement seems absurd to me, seeing as though the terrorist attacks on the United States were never linked directly to Iraq, meaning that a war on terror being fought in Iraq is quite contradicting.

This situation brings forth several very important questions, the first of them

being: "Are we fighting the right battle?"

The actions taken by Saddam Hussein were sadistic and immoral; I will not argue with that fact. However, he is not responsible for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 2001 attacks that caused the buildings to collapse, or the recent attacks on the London Subway systems which killed thousands of innocent people.

After being in Iraq for two and a half years we have done nothing but make a poor attempt at liberating Iraqi citizens, suffered thousands of American casualties and searched for non-existent weapons of mass destruction.

Let's not forget that we have decimated an entire country and killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqi men, women and children.

All this has happened while the real issue, Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations, has been swept under the rug.

If we are truly liberating the people of Iraq from a dictator, why are they rising up against us? If that dictator has been removed, and is in our custody, why are we still there?

More importantly, why are we still there alone? If the liberation of Iraq is so important to a worldwide cease of terrorism; why hasn't the government asked the United Nations to step in?

Another question needing some closure— if there is a so called, "war on terror," taking place; will it ever end? I would like to believe that terror could be non-existent, but I just don't see a war on an idea that transcends nationalism, patriotism and religious beliefs being overcome.

Religious extremists have been a major cause of conflicts worldwide; especially in the instance of terror. People who feel so passionate about a religion that they are willing to strap a bomb to their chest and let it explode are not going to back down no matter how strong of a threat the United States provides.

If the president wants Americans to back him up, he needs to have a definite purpose for what he is doing. However, to state that pulling troops out of Iraq would be a victory for terrorists is to state that Iraq is to blame for terrorism—which is just not true.

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ONE HAND CLAPPING

Progress is needed in conserving American values



MICHAEL SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

A dangerous trend has been growing in this country; one that has been titled socially conservative, but fails to live up to its name. As I sifted through a recent issue of USA Today, I was faced with evidence of the “movement.”

In the article ‘Calif. Governor to veto same-sex marriage bill’ by John Ritter, I was made aware of Arnold Schwarzenegger’s plan to over-ride the California Legislature’s decision to be the first state to approve such a bill. The governor has said that the people or the courts should decide the matter; however it is evident that the people

did, and the courts will never have a chance to. By vetoing the Legislature, the voice for the people, the governor will have taken his own will and applied it to the legislative process. The bill will not become law and therefore never have its day in court.

The article was published in the same week as another from the New York Times involving China’s first offered class on gay and lesbian studies, at Fudan University in Shanghai. The Country, shedding its more conservative skin, has steadily dropped stigmas against homosexuality; where almost a decade ago it was considered hooliganism according to its criminal code, it has now been removed from the Chinese Psychiatric Association’s list of mental illnesses. It is no surprise, as the country has become more progressive socially; it has gained economic progress as well. Though the country has a long way to go with regards to progress in the social and political realm, the developments may be a sign of things to come.

As the United States shifts further toward the goals of this socially conservative movement the gap that once separated our country from the rest of the world is getting smaller. It appears as though the country is no longer putting forth effort toward competing in the areas that we once did. With the subject of science under attack from all angles: global warming being dismissed as shaky science, and not acknowledged as a priority by government officials; federally funded “Abstinence-Only” programs that dispense biologically false information about HIV being transmittable through sweat and tears, and that women who have abortions are more prone to suicide, while ten percent become sterile; and the ongoing assault on evolution by intelligent design theorists.

While this writer, who follows the intelligent design theory, believes that sexual activity has no place outside of a committed relationship and that there needs to be more practical alternatives outside of abortion, can understand the arguments of these so called conservatives, I refuse to subscribe to a belief system that scapegoats members of its society who have alternative lifestyles.

It is the responsibility of all Americans to come to the aid of one another and help with the social issues in an inclusive and healthy manner. We must not lose our values of the truth, education and social responsibility. The fact that you can be moral without necessarily being a member of a certain political party must be recognized once again if we are to continue to grow as a nation.

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OCELOT OPINIONS



Ashley Paul
Age: 17
Year: 1st
Major: Recording Technology

“No. After high school I’m not into it any more. I don’t have as much time, because of a busy schedule.”



Eric Pawlus
Age: 20
Year: 3rd
Major: Secondary Education

“Bowling would be cool. I’ve been playing on a league for a long time. It’s a good social sport, a lot of people might be interested.”



Kelly Svacha
Age: 20
Year: 2nd
Major: Nurse/Practitioner

“Good idea, but I’m not sure how many people would do it. It’s good for the kids who don’t make the NJCAA teams. Indoor teams would be a good start.”



Spencer Gurtner
Age: 17
Year: 1st
Major: Recording Technology

“I would love that. I constantly want to be in competition. It would be a good use of time and the correlation between sports and school, with practicing and studying, will help to keep me organized.”



Tony Pupa
Age: 23
Year: 4th
Major: CIS

“It’s a good idea. Baseball would be good to have. It gives people another opportunity to play.”

“Would you or your friends be interested in intramural sports at Schoolcraft?”



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A proper farewell
from a greeter at
Meijer



TRAVIS GRAND
A & E EDITOR

At the viewing of my grandmother's funeral, I couldn't even begin to estimate the number of mint candies I ate before I noticed the tray of complimentary bagels.

"At least they could put a sign out or something..." I silently criticized.

I often found myself making little remarks and cunning observations in order to hinder my emotions; by omission, I somehow thought I could prevent this day from happening.

I never thought to assign my grandmother an age because she had always been elderly through-

out my entire life and, as a result, became interminable to me.

A few years back, when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, I acted rather blasé about the situation, burying it underneath a list of items far less important. Still, after several years of being on "retreat," my grandmother succumbed to Alzheimer's and passed away.

The feeling was dismally surreal and I felt sad because, during her period of mental ambiguity, as a consequence attributed to lack of valor, I never once inflated myself with the proper endearment to wish her a heartfelt good-bye.

It would not have been the same.

She just wasn't the same woman that I remembered. The grandma I knew owned a shower-cap; she drank prune juice and brushed her teeth with Arm & Hammer baking soda toothpaste, which, by the way, tasted terrible and did not suit my appetite whatsoever, back when I considered toothpaste "cuisine."

Because of the vagueness of my youthful memory, those are all I have left; those tiny idiosyncrasies are all that make up the images of my grandmother now. In a way, adolescence is a lot like senior-citizenship: you can't tie your shoes, you can't control your bladder and your memory is vague.

Now, those leftover memories are deep-rooted into my consciousness and tucked away in my subconscious; I can use and reuse them whenever I want and they'll never spoil or get soggy or disintegrate.

I should be thankful I have anything at all.

Whenever I see a petite, vintage recliner or eat original, sugarless Quaker Oatmeal, I'll think of my grandmother. Whenever I'm at Meijer, I'll think back to how she and my grandfather used to take me and my sister there for fun. I'll think back to how my sister and I used to saunter through the aisles of super savings; keeping in mind that, per chance we did get lost, my grandma and grandpa would be patiently waiting in the fruit section next to the oranges.

Like collectible baseball cards, I will store these remembrances in a shoebox and cherish them forever.

I think my grandmother would be delighted to know that I'm writing a short memoir about her. And to show her gratitude, I'm sure she'd probably give me a hug and a kiss, with her "grandma smell" permeating, while she offered me a Werther's and cautioned me about the potential risk of choking on hard candy.

Regretfully, this is the only way I can give my grandmother the proper farewell that I intended; the proper farewell she deserved. Hopefully, up in the Florida of after-life retirement, there's a Meijer close by, and the greeter at the front door can relay the message.

A LITTLE R & R

Music for the seasons

Change of weather, change of tastes



RYAN RUSSELL
NEWS EDITOR

It happened today. I pulled out my MP3 player, slipped on my headphones, and after five minutes, I turned it off. After three months of summer, the music that set the season's tone has lost its luster. And it's not that I no longer enjoy the songs or appreciate the artists or anything like that. It's just that, for me, the rap and country-laden days of summer have given way to the soothing R&B and insightful rock music of fall.

To me, the time has passed for the gale-force vocals of Twista or the cynical disbelief of this summer's more mature Toby Keith. In my mind,

fall is better embodied by the introspective lyrics of Bob Seger, or the vocal versatility of crooning revivalist Michael Buble.

While Kanye West, 50 Cent and Ludacris held the summer music scene in the palms of their hands, it is time now for the hip hop giants to hand over the reins to artists like Death Cab For Cutie, Eric Clapton and Neil Young. Somehow, summer just seemed to beg for strong hip hop beats, southern accents and twanging guitar, and fall calls just as strongly for emotional ballads, musical experimentation and elaborate melodies.

There's one thing I don't understand, though. What is it that makes me switch out my CD collection when summer moves out and fall rolls in? It's not that I stop enjoying the music. I'll listen to Kanye if he comes on the radio, or sing along with Garth Brooks if my friends play his albums, but my own "summer albums" merely gather dust.

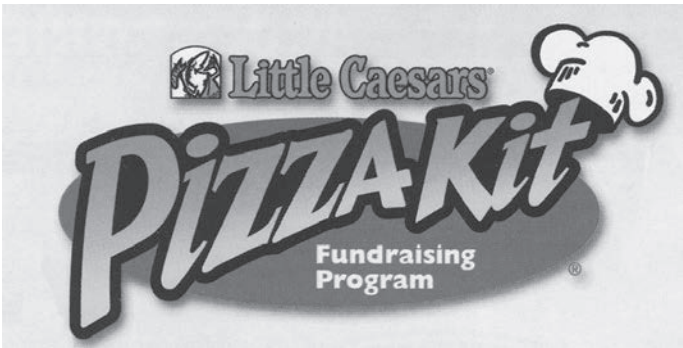
After years of thinking about this situation, I believe I may have the answer. When fall comes around, I tend to choose thoughtful, inventive music, and I think it's simply me choosing the music that matches my mood. During summer, when I'm feeling carefree and relaxed, I tend to go with music that fits that frame of mind. I simply do the same thing in fall.

Perhaps that sounds odd, the idea of not listening to certain music during one season or the other, but I've always done it. There have been times when I've purchased albums in the fall only to have them sit unopened until spring or summer, when the mood of the music felt more appropriate.

And so, a fond farewell to the laid back music of summer and a warm welcome to the cool days and cooler tunes of fall. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to listen to Clapton and do some soul-searching.

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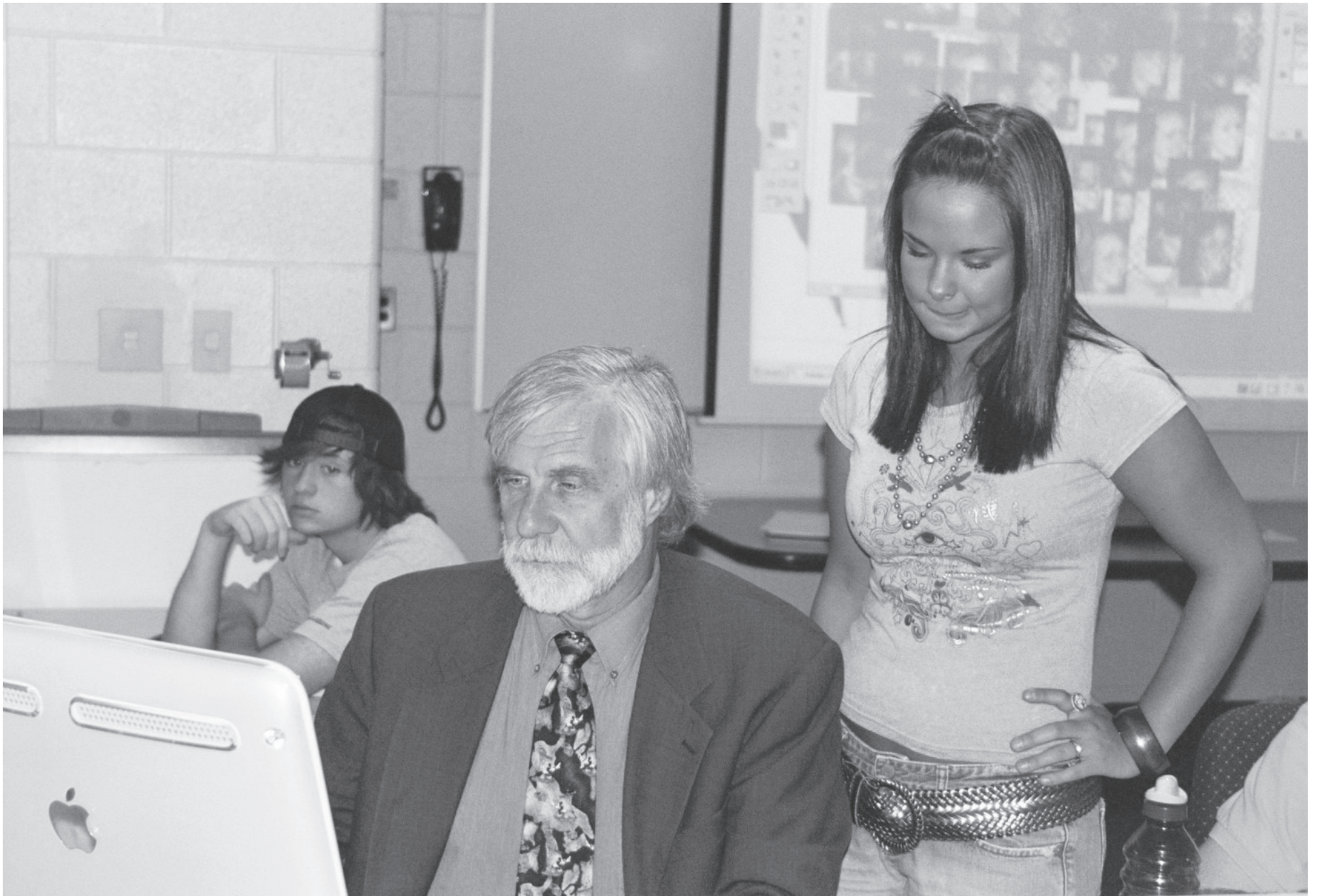
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Jessica Danley receives some Photoshop tips from professor Mike Mehall.

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More than a man with imagination

PROFESSOR PROFILE

■ Professor Michael Mehall does it all

BY ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Seeing Michael Mehall in his everyday conservative school apparel of a suit and tie, you wouldn't expect the energy, creativity and athleticism that makes up this man. He really takes the time to enjoy life, taking pleasure in skiing, backpacking and fencing. An exciting professor, he listens mostly to rock music, cites "Toy Story" as one of his favorite movies and attends a SC weightlifting class two times a week.

Mehall has been instructing advanced technological artwork in the Computer Graphics Department for the last six years. He instructs storyboarding, photography, premiere video editing and has been working with Photoshop since it was only version 1.5 (it is now version 9+).

Sean Rasbury, a second year student describes Mehall as a "very thorough teacher; he knows his material very well and he knows how to teach it. I would definitely recommend him to other students because he's an outstanding teacher—you learn a lot."

A resident of Michigan his whole life, Mehall attended Wayne State University, where he received a Baccalaureate in Fine Arts and a Masters of Art in Industrial Design.

Choosing to stay busy all year round, Mehall can be found coaching women's lacrosse every spring—something he has been doing for over 15 years. Currently, he serves as the President of the Women's Lacrosse Association and Varsity Head Coach for Farmington United, assisting with Junior Varsity and training over 100 girls. Two years ago, his team went to the championships and he coached them to a first place victory.

"It's a good shift in the mindset from the requirements of teaching technology to the requirements of teaching physical skills," explains Mehall.

This man doesn't just like to coach obscure sports, he also plays them. For over twenty years, Mehall has been enjoying fencing as a pastime. This sport has even rubbed off on his son, a lawyer who has fenced all over the world and is now nationally ranked.

Mehall's past work experience includes 13 years of specializing in Business Theater at Michigan Bell, where he ran a presentation facility and received national recognition for his inventive work. Directly prior to teaching at SC, Mehall spent 13 years teaching at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. At CCS, he created the Digital Media Department where he served as manager of it.

"Coming from a four year to a two year college was very different and took adjustments. I found that student skills are just as high here as they were there. The thing I enjoy most here is the diversity of the student population—non traditional students put more demands on you because they need different knowledge and skill sets. I learn from them and they learn from each other. It's a different kind of classroom structure."

Michael Warra, a third year student, comments on his first class with Mehall "He had energy so he kept us all paying attention. No one was dozing off."

Mehall helped bring SEMAFX (Southeast Michigan Animation and Special Effect Group) to SC, an organization which promotes design, 3-D modeling and creativity in the Detroit area. This program provides interactions between the students and industry. "Not only can they see what's happening in the Detroit Metro area, but also meet people that are in the industry; and then hopefully that will segway into them getting jobs," tells Mehall.

Not only has Mehall been successful professionally, but also in life with his family. Married for 14 years, he has a total of six children and three grandchildren. Currently, he resides with his wife and two of their children in Farmington.



Professor Mike Mehall, (middle) is an avid SEMAFX fan, shown here at the 4th annual animation festival joking around with Randy Rockafellow (right) and Vice President of SEMAFX Jacob Pollak.



Photo by Gerard Knoph

New SAB President Leighann Staknis and Vice President Cedric Chin shown here, having a great time working the wheel at this years School Daze.

The education received from being a leader

■ Student learns that to give is to receive

OFFICER PROFILE

BY AMANDA WHITE
STAFF WRITER

President of Student Activities Board, Leighann Staknis is an ambitious student pursuing many different activities from all avenues of life. She tries to learn a lesson from everything that she does.

Although the 2005 school year is Staknis' first as president, she has experience as an SAB member from last year.

"Based on the events she has organized in the past, I'm sure Leighann will make a great president. She's already working hard, planning activities, and recruiting new members. I can't wait for SAB to get started up again," says Dan Mapes, a member of the club.

At first it may not be evident what could be learned from getting involved in school activities, however there are many skills Staknis hopes to obtain from her position. She hopes to grow in areas from strengthening leadership abilities to communication skills and organization while president.

Staknis is currently seeking an associate in computer graphics, while focusing on the more specific area of web design. After Schoolcraft she is planning on transferring and is looking into attending Wayne State University in Detroit, where she feels as though she might change her major to music promotion. "With music promotion I think what I learn from SAB will come in handy," Staknis adds, "I am learning to deal with chaos".

Adding to the chaos Staknis also works here on campus in the Continuing Education Department.

"[Staknis] is willing to help out when needed, even if it imposes on her schedule," says Carol Cichonski, secretary for the dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development.

With the little free time that she has between work, school and the club Staknis enjoys spending time with her boyfriend and going to see movies. Staknis' favorite movie as of late has been the movie "Undiscovered," starring Ashlee Simpson. The story involves two talented young people, who head to California looking for fame, but find love and conflict along the way. One important aspect of her social life is the friendships that she has made through the club.

For those who may not know, SAB is a group of students, who organize activities around the campus. They coordinate events such as concerts and are responsible for the flyers that may be seen around the college for the Spring Break and Halloweekends trips. Staknis' favorite part of the group is meeting new people, however she enjoys the concerts as well. The best part about being president for Staknis is having a say in what happens. She says, "In the end we are just a huge group of friends."

Information about Student Activities may be obtained through Staknis at her e-mail address sraftsab2005@yahoo.com, down in the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center, or as Staknis suggests, by showing up to one of the SAB meetings, which are held on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. in the SAO.

Besides learning to deal with the chaos and being extremely busy, this year has been enjoyable for Staknis so far. She says, "I think it is going to be a real fun and productive year."

CLUB EVENTS



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society-Omicron Iota Chapter

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Please donate new or used winter apparel to those in need. The Omicron Iota Chapter is accepting coats, sweatshirts and other warm clothing at the Student Activities Office starting Sept. 16. Other donations of canned food and children's books are also needed.

Student Activities Board

General Meetings

Students who want to get involved in fun activities around school should join the Student Activities Board. The SAB holds meetings every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Office, located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. All students are invited.

Halloweekends

Join SAB for Halloweekends at Cedar Point on Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$43 and include motorcoach transportation and admission to the park. The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Christian Challenge Club

Attend a bible study and eat free pizza with your fellow students. Christian Challenge meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the student lounge of the Radcliff center and Thursdays at noon in the Livonia campus' Henry's Food Court.

The Schoolcraft Connection

The Schoolcraft Connection invites all those who are interested in journalism or photography to attend staff meetings, which are held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Activities Office. Students will be assigned articles and paid for their contributions. Sports Editor still needed— will receive \$1,100 scholarship per semester.

The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 3.

Edgerunners Ski Club

First Meeting

The Edgerunners Ski Club will provide information on trips they are planning this year and raffle off sporting goods at their first meeting Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech center.

Otaku Anime Club

Attend a social gathering where you can watch anime not yet released in the U.S. on a projector screen. Admission is free and membership is not needed. The Anime club will meet Sept. 27, Oct.10 and Oct. 24 from 5-10 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. On Oct. 24, there will be a Cosplay Contest, where students should dress as their favorite anime character for a chance to win a gift certificate to Comic City.

For all club information, contact the
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Cross country team runs into difficulty

■ Poor tournament performance plagues team

By MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

Two tournaments into the season, the cross country team is down and out, searching for ways to rise above. The Ocelots, handicapped with one injury, have got their work cut out for them.

Sophomore Katie Donzilla (Salem) has a stress fracture in her shin that has made her unable to compete until Oct. 1. The team has felt the loss of one of its strongest returning runners.

Donzilla has continued to help out the team in many ways, from assisting coach Jennifer Furlong, to helping the ladies stretch out before running. Donzilla was present at the University of Detroit- Mercy Invitational Sept. 9, at Hines Park, in Northville. The team, however, did not perform as well as they had hoped, resulting in fifth place. Bucknell University (PA), Wayne State University, U of D- Mercy and Eastern Michigan University all outscored the Ocelots.

Ashley Hoffman (Dearborn) led the way for the team coming

in 32nd with a time of 21:00. Following behind Hoffman were Nicole Widak (Salem) at 40, with a time of 21:44; Kristian Tyler (Franklin) at 43, with a time of 22:11; Melanie Anderle (Stevenson) at 44, just three seconds behind her teammate; Danielle Malone (Salem) at 46, with a time of 22:46; and Kristyn Green (Stevenson) at 53, with a time of 24:36.

"Ashley (Hoffman) put up a good race," says Furlong about the sophomore.

The Ocelots were able to overcome the Macomb Community College Monarchs, the Madonna University Crusaders and the University of Windsor Lancers in the tournament, proving that all was not lost.

"At this point the team is learning what we need to do. I think that we will continue to get better as the season goes on," says Hoffman.

The Ocelots, led once again by Hoffman, came in 2nd at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational on Sept. 2. The team overcame the Mott Community College Bears; however, they could not topple the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals at their own tournament. The Ocelots were able to succeed in their goal of pack



Photo by Gerard Knoph

(From left to right) Nicole Widak, Danielle Malone, Ashley Hoffmann and Melanie Anderle shown here doing some practice sprints before the race.

running, and therefore took eighth through 12th place in the individual results. However, this proved not enough, and the team fell to the Cardinals with a team score of 15-45.

Not far behind Hoffman's time

of 27:28 was Widak with 27:33, Malone in at 27:42, Tyler at 27:42, Green at 27:48 and Anderle at 27:53.

"We have a lot of work to do," states Furlong.

Though the scores may not show

that this Ocelot team is committed to success; the actions of the players, both healthy and injured do. Rest assured that a little hard work is not enough to deter the cross country team from overcoming a little difficulty.



Photo by Rena Lavery

Schoolcraft defender Cortney Brandy (left) tries to fend off a Cincinnati State player in pursuit of the ball.

Women's Soccer team moves to the head of the class

■ Ocelots take notes...and names

By MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

The Ocelots have turned a potentially crippling start into an educational experience, resulting in fresh victories and a wave of momentum. The team, who tied their first game of the season and lost the second, has started a rally, toppling some powerhouse teams.

"With all the effort we've put in, it is nice to win games," states freshman midfielder Sarah Davies.

On Sept. 10, the Ocelots faced off against the Cincinnati State Surge (OH) at SC. The team earned another victory for the home crowd with a final score of 3-1. Scoring the three goals for the Ocelots were LeighAnne Myers (Fenton), Jessica Saba (Dearborn Heights) and Shari Trandell (Sterling Heights).

The Labor Day holiday weekend saw the Ocelots travel across the river to an invitational at the University of Windsor (ON). The team took the tournament with two victories and one tie. Head coach Bill Tolstedt experimented with a few new positions, and it paid off big.

"We haven't quite found ourselves," said Tolstedt, "We are on a rediscovery mission."

They must have found something, because the Ocelots silenced the University of Michigan's club team on Sept. 2, the first day of the

tournament, with a shutout. The flawless net coverage can be credited to the team's dual goalkeepers, Meagan Farrell (Livonia), and Jenna Cataldi (Fair Haven).

Returning to the field after the first half the Ocelots wasted no time putting points on the scoreboard with a goal from Nicole Saigh (Macomb). After assisting her teammate with the first goal of the game, Annie Gabriel (Farmington Hills) drove the ball into the Wolverines' net.

The following day, Sept. 3, the Ocelots faced off against the University of Windsor (ON) club team in an all out war. Saigh came to the aid of her team yet again with a well placed penalty-kick, which found its way into the back of the net, allowing the team to tie the Lancers with a score of 1-1.

The Ocelots faced off against the Buckeyes on Sept. 4, the final day of the tournament. The team was able to overcome the Buckeyes with a 1-0 victory. Cataldi was in net the entire game for the Ocelots, allowing for her second shutout of the weekend, and clenching the tournament. Saigh scored for the Ocelots yet again, yielding the only goal of this battle.

The team came to the tournament with determination, a relent-

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LEFT:
Schoolcraft forward Richard Godfrey, left, winds up to kick the ball past Cuyahoga Community College goal keeper. Godfrey went on to score three goals helping his team to a 12-0 victory over Cuyahoga.

BELOW:
Schoolcraft defender Sean Williams (5) battles his way past his opponent to regain possession of the ball.

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Ocelots find their stride after an unsure preseason

■Men's Soccer team picks up key victories

By MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

Leaving behind a loss and tie, the men's soccer team earned three straight shutouts, giving them the confidence to start the season off right. As the team grows more familiar with each other, the evidence is shown in the numbers and on the field.

The Ocelots faced off against the Cuyahoga Community College Challengers on Sept. 11 with a home field advantage. The team came out aggressive from the first kick off, scoring five goals before the end of the first half. Scoring a hat trick for the Ocelots was returning forward Richard Godfrey (Anchory High School). The team came out with equal force in the second, sending the Challengers home scoreless with a 12-0 defeat.

"I think we played pretty good, but we are always pushing ourselves no matter what the

score," states freshman midfielder Navarda Heath (Anchory High School).

The team was riding high on the momentum carried over from the week prior where they pulled off two more shutouts against Delta College and Illinois Central College. The Ocelots overcame the Delta Pioneers on Sept. 7, with an uncontested four goals. The teams goal keeper, Luke Paneccasio (Sydney, AU), can be given credit for holding all three teams scoreless.

"The team has been working hard, and we are finally gelling together," says Godfrey.

This successful new-found cohesive style of play has not come free of charge though.

Sept. 2 saw the Ocelots crossing the mighty Mississippi as they headed to the Missouri Junior Invitational. The team faced off against



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Volleyball team starting with young talent

■Ocelots enter season with a rookie squad of eleven freshmen

By KELLY M. KIRSCH
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 season is looking very promising for the Ocelots. The team is excited and looking forward to a very productive season. Coach Tom Teeters, who is in his 17th year, is getting the team ready to work hard.

"The ladies had a very good scrimmage and work well together," says Teeters.

The team consists of eleven freshmen and two sophomores. The returning players, Ashley Cecil and

Teneika Fellows, are the team captains sharing their experience with the rest of the team who consist of all freshmen.

"We are the experience on the team, however, I think that the incoming freshmen are far more mature than was expected," offers Fellows.

Amy Golem, Roni Juszczuk, and Marcie Hill are coming from Dearborn High School where they also played together. Mindy Shannon is transferring from Wayne State University, whereas Liz Primeau is joining the team

after high school in Berkley. Stephenie Manning is coming to play at Schoolcraft from Ortonville where she graduated from Brandon High School last year. Also joining the team are Brittney Phillips from Truman High School in Taylor, Nicole Brandt (Novi), Amanda VanGemert from Northville High School, Chelsey Weber from Cabrini High School in Melvindale and Danielle Sergison from Hartland High School.

"I've made a lot of good friends. We have bonded well and have

good chemistry on the court," says Manning.

Assistant coach Debby Betts says that the team "consists of very talented athletes with great, positive attitudes."

Many expect an intense season this year with all out battles. The games will include surveying contests that will give free t-shirts to the winners, however students have to bring their I.D. cards to get in.

"We would love to have the fans come out," says Betts.

"Our main competition is going to be St. Clair," says coach Teeters,

"They were national champions last year. Our regional competition will be Owens and Mott Community College."

On Sept. 6, the Ocelots faced off against the Wayne County Community College Wildcats. The team overcame the Wildcats in both matches. The score of the first being 30-25, 30-22, 30-19; and the second 30-17, 30-15, 30-26.

"Wayne improved from last year,

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Photo by Rena Lavery

Jessica Saba (15), Shari Trandell (9) and Annie Gabriel (16) congratulate each other after scoring a goal.

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less offense and a defense that did not let up. It is because of this combination that the Lady Ocelots held their opponents to one combined goal the entire tournament.

“It is fun to play hard and win games. We have earned these victories,” states freshman defender Lauren DeRoo.

The team has shown an ability to learn from mistakes and apply the lessons learned toward the future. With this mentality, Tolstedt’s team is a force to be reckoned with.

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Navarda Heach (7) high fives teammate Simon Zahra (18) after a scoring a goal.

the San Jacinto College Coyotes (TX) in their first and only loss thus far. The Coyotes overcame the Ocelots with a 3-1 victory. The Marshalltown Community College Tigers (IA) held the team to a tie score of 2-2 the following day. The Illinois Central Cougars were overcome by the Ocelots on Sept. 4 by a score of 2-0. The shutout began the teams' winning streak, allowing the Ocelots to take the last two games.

“We definitely have some momentum kicking forward,” states captain Tim Oswalt (Plymouth Christian).

The team is lead by captains Patrick Kolodziejczak (Livonia Stevenson) and Oswalt, along with returning sophomores Lew Tripp (Plymouth Christian), Renato Susnja (Edsel Ford), Godfrey and Devon Stenrose (Churchill). The leaders have their work cut out for them with seventeen first year teammates.

The freshman class consists of Jarod Cartmell (Bloomington North), Simon Zahra (Sydney, AU), Chris Conlisk (Salem), Sean Williams (Salem), Louie Djokic (Stevenson), David Ujick (Northville), Nick Dordeski (Stevenson), Keith Sied (Stevenson), Michael Georgy (Patrician Brothers), Paneccasio, Thiago Harris (Salem), Nchina Nulenge (St. John Convent), Heath, Gabe Hernandez (South Lyon), Ryo Nishijima (Jiyuu No Mori), Xhensil Korcqri (John Glenn) and Peter Mitev (Redford Union).

This young team has turned the tide early on, and has done so one game at a time.

“Rome wasn’t built in a day, but we have just got done with a huge chunk of it,” says head coach Dominic Scicluna.

Scicluna will be assisted this year by his brother Mario Scicluna, and Chris King, who will help the team to come, see and conquer this fall season.

One thing is for certain; the coaching staff has built a team that has the potential to take a first place title.

Says Scicluna, “We are just thankful and happy about the opportunity to achieve the next level.”



LEFT: Outside Hitters Tamika Fellows (7) and Amy Golem (13) jump up to make a solid block on their opponent.

BELOW: Schoolcraft's Nicole Brandt (5) extends vertically for the spike.

Photos by Rena Lavery

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however, once we got into the flow, we exceeded our expectations,” says Fellows.

The Ocelots traveled to Ohio on Sept. 2 to compete in the Owens Community College Tournament. The team was overcome by the Grand Rapids Community College Raiders in two games with a score of 30-28 and 30-17 on the first day of the tournament. However, the team bounced back later on to defeat the Columbus State Community College Cougars (OH) with a score of 30-19 and 31-29. The following day, the Ocelots were defeated by the Parkland College Cobras (IL) by a score of 30-25, 30-23 and 15-9. Getting back on their feet, the team beat the Lansing Community College Stars in three games with scores of 26-30, 30-28 and 15-11. The Ocelots concluded the day with a win against the St. Clair County Community College Skippers in an all out battle. The ladies triumphed over the Skipper’s in three games with scores of 17-30, 30-17 and 15-13.

They will be playing their biggest competition, Mott College, on Sept. 29 at Mott. They will also be playing their rivals at St. Clair County Community College, where the Skippers will have a chance to even the score.





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The honeymoon is over

■Ambitious athletic director settles in

By Mike Siegrist
MANAGING EDITOR

It has been just over a half year since Sidney Fox was named the Schoolcraft athletic director. He relieved women's soccer coach and interim director Bill Tolsted of the position last year, becoming a permanent fixture in the department.



SID FOX

Fox has many fresh ideas about what can be done to add to the athletic program here at SC. Unwilling to commit to any drastic changes, the conservative director affirms that he will continue to monitor the department, looking for openings for new activities.

"My primary focus this year is to assess the entire inter-collegiate athletics program. Part of the assessment will be whether we should delete, maintain, or upgrade the number of sports we offer," says Fox.

The two sports that the director is at least exploring are men's cross country and men's and women's bowling.

"When you have such a strong women's cross country team, and with all the high school teams, it seems only logical to provide a comparable sport for men," says Fox. "There is a resurgence of bowling in the United States. It is the fastest growing High School sport."

Both sports are ideal for the school, because they are inexpensive and will offer a new opportunity for students. The department does not have to jump into a varsity sport, as there are club levels for new sports.

Sports clubs do not have an educational requirement, and offer more freedom for student athletes as the team matures.

"It is the easiest way to get some interest built up amongst the students," says Fox.

Another area of change is in the broadcasting department where SC has made important movements in the way of allowing for televised broadcasts of certain games.

"There are some schools that we will televise, because of a traditional rivalry. That would be a lot of fun," Fox elaborates, saying, "We are going to try and rally a number of students around campus that may have an interest in this area, to help put on production."

Fox expressed an interest in putting on international sporting events. He has had experience in the past, putting together international basketball events with former SC athletic director Marvin Gans. However, the director is not in a position to focus direct energy on this issue.

"It involves a great deal of logistics to put on an international event. There will be possibilities to host them, and we will just have to allow that to evolve over the year," says Fox.

The topic of intramural sports has been on the tips of many students' tongues over the past couple of weeks. Many have expressed a desire to participate in such events as roller hockey, wrestling, basketball and numerous other sports. Unfortunately, the SC facilities are used by a number of community events and the continuing education program. When asked about the issue Fox replied, "Am I motivated in that area? The answer is yes; I think that it should be a part of our offerings for students, however I have to get a better feel for availability of the facilities. I am certainly beyond my honeymoon as far as working at SC, however I am not at a point where I can actively make a decision about these areas."

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Clapton’s new record is musically nostalgic

‘Back Home’ completes rock legend’s musical journey

 MUSIC REVIEW

By TRAVIS GRAND
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



Keeping the era of classic rock thriving with the release of his new album “Back Home,” Grammy award-winning musician Eric Clapton answers the door to his beckoning blues roots of which he began, turning the compass needle of his musical career directly where it was over thirty years ago.

In “Back Home,” Clapton succeeds in the attempt to reconnect with his bluesy roots, combining an eclectic mix of good-natured blues, reggae and pop rock that is both contemporary and fresh.

Although the music has shifted more firmly back into the place it once was, the focus of the content provides more of a domestic vibe, which brings more meaning to the album title as well.

For instance, on the first track, “So Tired,” one can only guess what the meaning is behind the song. The first lyric, “Get up in the morning/Already yawning/And I’m so tired,” followed by the conclusion of the song, which ends with

the sound of a baby crying, provides reasonable evidence to assume Clapton is hinting at the caretaking of his children.

The fourth track, titled “Love Don’t Love Nobody,” has a soothing affinity to a Ray Charles ballad; the hoarse vocal shouts, accompanied by the reflective piano play just might ensure Clapton a future offer to star in his own Diet Pepsi commercials.

Nevertheless, the seven plus minute song incorporates a two-minute slide guitar performance that gives the song Clapton’s own personality.

In terms of flaws, Clapton fans may be a little unimpressed with track ten, titled “One Track Mind,” a single from the album. Granted, the song is not terrible; it has a strong beat and a rhythm that could compel listeners to dance. However, for a single, it sounds a little too close to “Change The World,” a previous hit of Clapton’s back in the late 90s.

While the album allures the listeners’ ear with honest lyrics, accompanied by Clapton’s quintessential guitar

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Vacationing has never been so morbid

Vowell takes a holiday with death in ‘Assassination Vacation’

By TRAVIS GRAND
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As a hobby, traveling around the east coast and visiting the gravesites of three former Presidents and their assassins may sound like the endeavors of any compensating Satanist pining for Devil’s Night to roll back around, but it is not.

To most people, Sarah Vowell is well-known for lending her voice to the character of teenage superhero Violet Parr in Pixar Animation Studios’ “The Incredibles.” Now, with her latest book titled “Assassination Vacation,” lending her literary voice, Vowell is speaking out about her life-long obsession with death, meanwhile imparting provocative wit and insight on politics and cold-blooded murder.

Though a seemingly antagonistic title at first glance, “Assassination Vacation” provides a satirical outlook on American politics, both now and then, while, at the same time, disseminating a remarkably inclusive report on the assassination of presidential martyrs Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, accompanied by their respective assassins, John Wilkes Booth, Charles Guiteau and Leon Czolgosz.

In the preface alone, Vowell lassos the reader’s attention by revealing her fascination with presidents and presidential assassins, as well as pointing out the similarity between the two, stating purely, “These are people who have the gall to believe they can fix us—us and our deficit, our fossil fuels, our racism, poverty, our potholes and public schools. The egomania required to be president or a presidential assassin makes the two types brothers of sorts.”

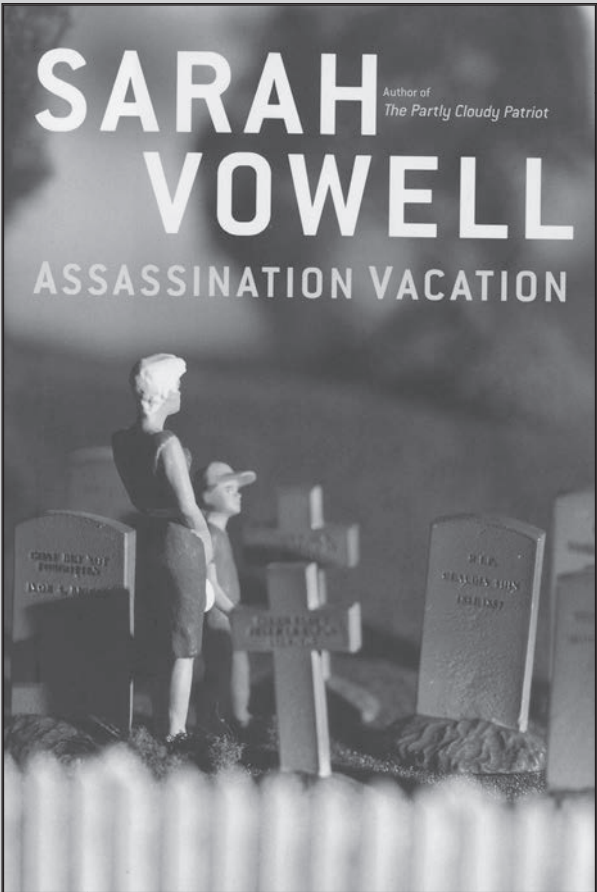
Vowell, throughout her diplomatic adventures, acquires the kind of knowledge that will never be found in a high school history textbook; by paying visit to a museum in Washington D.C., it is discovered that Lincoln’s drain pipe was dug out and put on display.

More poignantly, while on the topic of President McKinley and his administration, Vowell points out how America has gone full circle in terms of war; from the interventionist war in Cuba during the nineteenth century, to the current interventionist war in Iraq, history seems to be repeating itself.

Embarking upon her journey of homicidal enlightenment, Vowell finds out that John Wilkes Booth was “really cute,” Garfield’s assassin (Charles Guiteau) had been ostracized from a “swingers” community and Leon Czolgosz (McKinley’s assassin) was hanged by the thumbs for shooting the president at a public rally.

From cover to cover, “Assassination Vacation” is a riot. Vowell has an endearing craze for politics, and her political knowledge, although at times could easily make a person feel inferior about their educational up-bringing, discerns no limitations.

On account of her fanaticism for death, as the book presses on, Vowell experiences great reluctance from her friends when attempting to recruit companionship for her “vacations.” This quickly becomes a very funny game, and Vowell eventually learns how to bilk her friends into coming along by taking them to places nearby her targeted assassination landmarks, such as a Foo Fighters concert, or Disney Land.



Out of all the presidents and assassins, Vowell spends the least time talking about President Garfield. In the Garfield chapter of the book, however, the first sentence explains every possible justification for why this is: “The most famous thing ever said about President James A. Garfield is about how nobody has any idea who the hell he was.”

“Assassination Vacation” carries enough biting political satire and frivolous eccentricity to keep readers laughing and thinking until the last page is turned. Anyone uninterested or not amused by this book will at least be satisfied with the knowledge they will have obtained.



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The Second City is located on 42705 Grand River Rd. in Novi.

Tickets cost \$15-20 and can be purchased at the door.

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The White Stripes

Detroit-based rock group “The White Stripes” roll into town Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, live at The Masonic Temple. The concert gets underway at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$43 and can be purchased online at <http://www.olympiaentertainment.com>.

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playing, “Back Home” also equips itself with a catalog of talented guest musicians like John Mayer, Steve Winwood and Vince Gill. In addition to that, Clapton covers songs by Stevie Wonder and George Harrison, which both do the originals equal justice.

Eric Clapton manifests an authentic quality in the music he plays and, even though his new album is primarily blues-oriented, nothing is blue about “Back Home.” Fans who have an ear for timeless classic rock will not hesitate to start snapping their fingers to this album.

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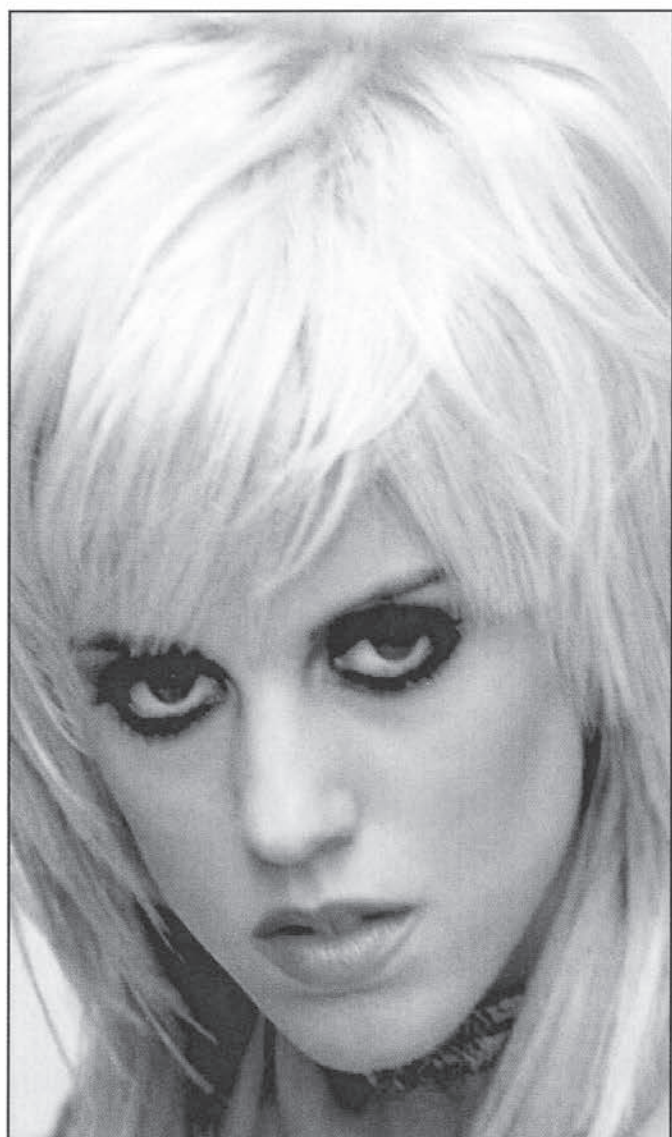
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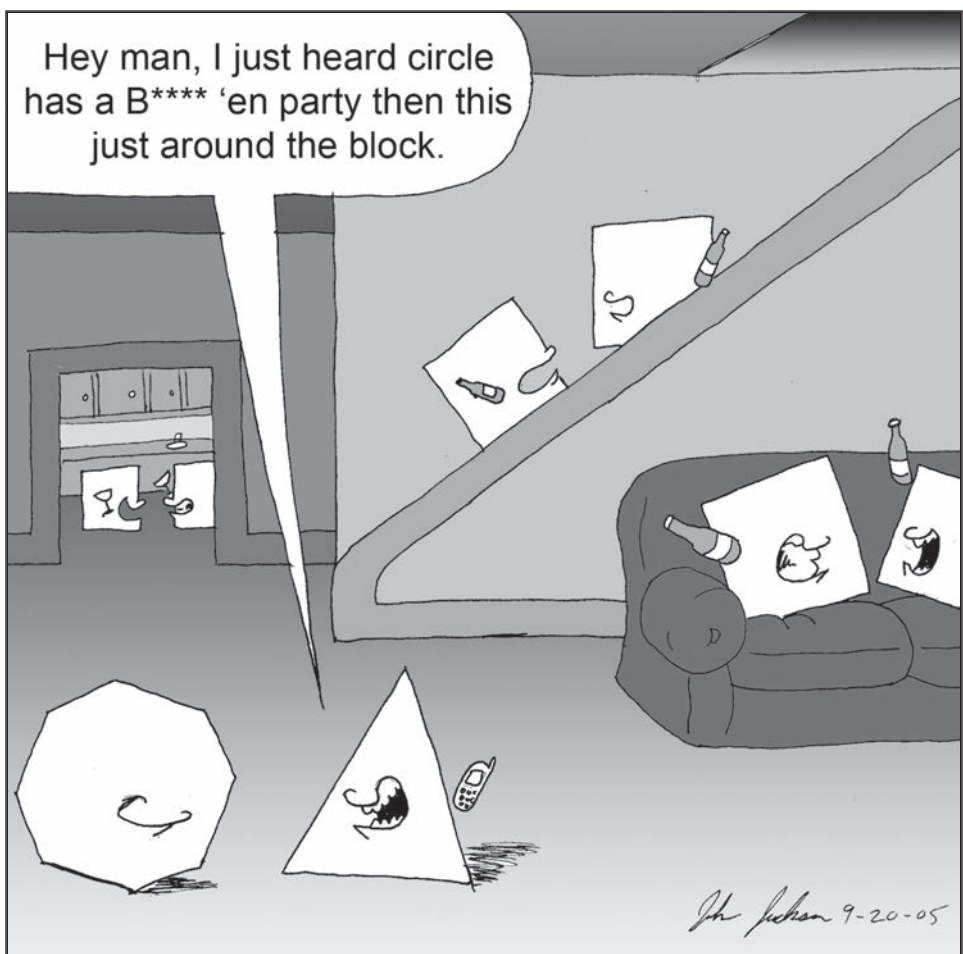
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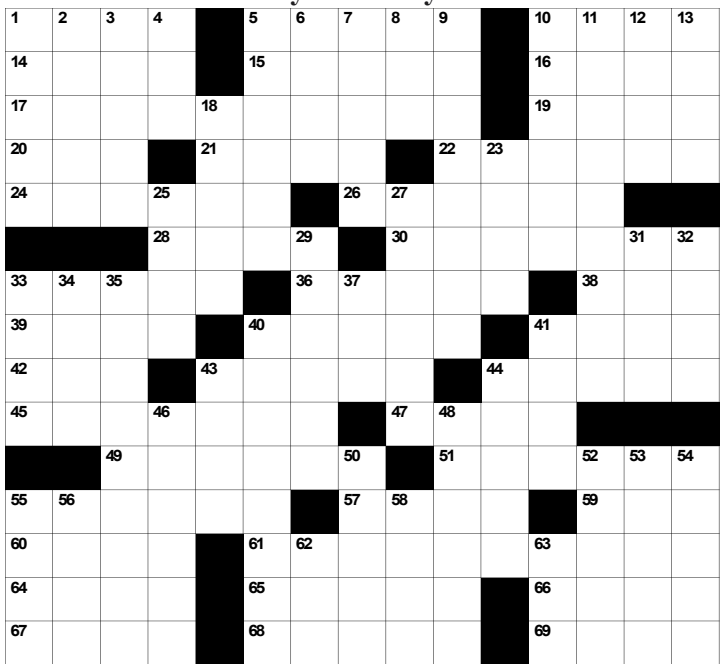
By Ed Canty

Across

- 1 Opera treat
- 5 ____ Day
- 10 Start of Shakespearian line
- 14 Sphagnum
- 15 More of Shakespearian line
- 16 Concluded
- 17 Mercy killing
- 19 Deteriorate
- 20 ____ degree
- 21 Part
- 22 Finds out
- 24 More profound
- 26 Tall, slender structures
- 28 Orient
- 30 Losing hair
- 33 Sings jazz
- 36 Scents
- 38 "Go right dobbin"
- 39 More of Shakespearian line
- 40 Game equipment
- 41 Talk casually
- 42 Precedes mode or carte
- 43 Corrodes
- 44 Units of energy
- 45 Upper-crust
- 47 More of Shakespearian line
- 49 Thicker
- 51 Help
- 55 Storage space
- 57 Leave out
- 59 Expire
- 60 Smallest in the litter
- 61 Enrolled a jury
- 64 Away from the wind
- 65 Weighty
- 66 Take care of
- 67 Former CBS news correspondent
- 68 Informers
- 69 6 June 1944

Down

- 1 Revise
- 2 Queen Elizabeth Way, e.g.
- 3 More of Shakespearian line



- 4 Cigar residue
- 5 Benefactors
- 6 Comes before exam or surgeon
- 7 Start
- 8 Me in Quebec
- 9 Loyalist
- 10 On the road to
- 11 Unintentional omission
- 12 Pod resident
- 13 Slips
- 18 Subjects
- 23 Morays
- 25 Ottawa Senators' Schaefer
- 27 Orchestra member
- 29 Disarrange the hair
- 31 Groovy
- 32 Acquires
- 33 Bachelor party
- 34 Singer Natalie
- 35 Deserted
- 37 Pinpoint
- 40 End of Shakespearian line
- 41 Long-run on Broadway
- 43 Actress Russo
- 44 Garbage
- 46 Examined
- 48 Baseball Hall of Famer Jesse
- 50 Cowboy, at times
- 52 Ran at a slow speed
- 53 City in Italy
- 54 Pooh Bear to some
- 55 Study intensively for an exam
- 56 Beauty
- 58 False face
- 62 Harvard Deg.
- 63 Ford model

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Libra
Sep 23- Oct 22
You may find yourself given an assignment that you have absolutely no idea how to do. Instead of struggling on your own check with your peers. You do not want to have to do it all over again, now do you?



Taurus
Apr 20- May 20
The beginning of the new school year has you all geeked up and ready to learn. You may find yourself full of ideas, so be ready and willing to take anything on.



Scorpio
Oct 23- Nov 21
Although you are used to pulling the weight in your relationships, now is not the time to stubbornly ignore another's point of view. It might be hard, but swallow your pride and let someone else take the lead for once.



Gemini
May 21- Jun 21
Lately life has made you want to hole up for a while and not be around anyone. While most people hate to be alone, you will find that a little time to yourself will give you room to breathe and do some self-reflecting.



Sagittarius
Nov 22- Dec 21
You may have a problem deciding which part of your life should get first priority. Take heart and don't waver on the decisions you have made and you will find that things will eventually get back on track.



Cancer
Jun 22- Jul 22
You may have been thinking about making a big change in your life. Remember that change is good and stop being hesitant about finally making up your mind. Go for it and you will not regret it.



Capricorn
Dec 22- Jan 19
Opportunities seem to be crawling out of the wood-work for you right now. Success is easily within your grasp, so reach out and take it.



Leo
Jul 23- Aug 22
Be careful about your eagerness to take on every single project that comes your way. Do not give in and take on too much. The assignments that you do take on will have more work involved than you originally anticipated.



Aquarius
Jan 20- Feb 18
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Virgo
Aug 23- Sep 22
The stars are shining brightly for you right now and you have been given the chance to accomplish many things that you have not been able to before. Just remember that you need to take care of yourself as well as others.



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Feb 19- Mar 20
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School Daze 2005

Photos By Gerard Knoph



Rachael Dilley fills out a Connection application with support from her Twin sister Rebecca who say's that "the Connection booth was by far her favorite booth at this years School Daze!"



Ryan Hanstad, (left) Ryan Sturing (middle) and Dan Salzano (right) are enjoying a little friendly competition, to see who can throw the foot ball with more accuracy at the Navy target set up outside the tent.



Ski Club Vice President Jason Zykowski (left) and President Steve Schlick (Right) are having a blast getting into character hanging out at their booth meeting new people and promoting the Ski Club.



Danielle Sergison (left) and Nicole Barndt (right) chill outside on the sidewalk enjoying the beautiful weather and fun scene that school dazes set up on campus this year.