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College closes coach's contract

■ Scicluna dismissed amid allegations

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The college declared in a Nov. 10 press release issued by the marketing department, Dominic Scicluna, the men's head soccer coach for the past five years, will not be returning next season.



Dominic
Scicluna

During an interview with the Observer, Scicluna stated that he was told at a meeting "the only reason I was given is that I don't fit the mission of the school."

A mission, found in the Intercollegiate

Athletics Handbook which states the programs should provide student-athletes an opportunity to participate in an athletic experience, leading to an understanding that becomes an integral and valued part of their educational experience at the college. A mission the men's soccer coach apparently failed to meet.

This couldn't come at a worse time, as the National Junior College Athletic Association informed the school's athletic department in October that a number of allegations had been made against the team by fellow members in the region. A department-run self-audit was then requested by the NJCAA as a result.

The audit includes information regarding

where players live while they attend college, their high school graduation dates, transcripts and diplomas; the college will be focusing on foreign players in particular and whether or not they have documentation.

"They must request this information on behalf of the alleging schools. Obviously there are a number of schools either we played against or maybe didn't play against who knew us and felt that there wasn't something right about our team," says Director of Athletics Sid Fox. "The NJCAA asked us to do a self-audit. We responded the first time in October and I just recently responded to a second set of questions they had."

Scicluna mentioned that he received letters in his human resources folder regarding certain issues where the college felt as though he acted unprofessionally. According to Scicluna, he was unaware of the file's existence until the meeting with Fox, Dean of Student Services Cheryl Wright, and

Executive Director of Human Resources, Cindy Champnella.

The first complaint was the placing of the Waza name on the back of soccer shirts, which Scicluna says has been done for the past two years with no complaints. "To say the word 'Waza' is to say, basically, to be in the perfect relationship with everything. It's translated as 'technique'," says Scicluna.

The second complaint concerned a trip to Brazil that Scicluna put together for a number of people, some of whom then enrolled at SC as members of the soccer team. "At one point, Sid said 'show me how it can fit in the budget,' and I did," states Scicluna. "I didn't ask for anything except food and lodging, the guys were going to pay for the plane tickets and for all the extra stuff, and they [the college] said no."

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Creating a culture of integrity

■ Writing Fellows share technique of combating plagiarism

By MICHAEL SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

Along with giving students step by step instructions on how to write a research paper, the Writing Fellows' website offers information for students and faculty on avoiding academic dishonesty. Under the section "Preventing Plagiarism," the group of students and faculty, who assist Schoolcraft students with written assignments, have attempted to combat the trend.

"There is a tremendous temptation to cheat, as more information is available through electronic resources," says Wayne Pricer, librarian at the Bradner Library.

The website defines plagiarism as "the taking of words, thoughts, ideas, or writings of another and presenting them as one's own," however, it goes on to describe the various ways it can manifest itself in the process of writing an assignment.

A few of the methods of plagiarism described are using another's work as an outline for your own, using a term coined by another without giving the author credit, and "using someone else's method of solving a problem, idea for an experiment, or interpretation of data, without attribution."

The section— though not expected to function completely until next semester— will offer the ability to learn about plagiarism and other forms of academic integrity through three links.

The first, "Resources Concerning Plagiarism," will offer tutorials, links to other sites concerning the issue, handouts, a list of books, articles, Writing Fellows materials and an annotated bibliography related to academic integrity. The collection of links and resources will allow a student to gather as much information as possible to help avoid the act of plagiarism.

"I think this is a great idea," states third year Education major Doug Reitzel. "Students can learn how to write a paper without having to resort to plagiarism and will have a stronger paper as well."

The second, "Resources on Academic Integrity," gives a link to the SC mission and offers a selection stating, "We pledge to follow ethical practices in the classroom, boardroom, business operations, and all other areas of the College." The section also focuses on "Academic Honesty," stating that the Writing Fellows believe it is better to create an environment that focuses on honesty as opposed to punishing students for cheating. The "Academic Dishonesty" link makes students aware of why certain activities are considered dishonest. The section also links students to SC policy, copyright law and the FAIR use act, helping to educate on the legality of the issue.

"The most effective way to deal with

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Photo by Rena Lavery

Schoolcraft Sports Network Media Technician Mike Issac gives viewers an up close look at the action on the ice during a recent Plymouth Whalers home game. The Schoolcraft Sports Network provides services to 13 Whalers home games that can be seen on a tape delayed basis on the Brighthouse Cable system, Southwest Oakland County system and Comcast-Garden City and Comcast-Downriver.

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Service learning projects give students life experience

Community gets much needed help

BY HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

For four years, the college has been a part of the state wide service learning organization, the Michigan Campus Compact. According to English professor and faculty director of the college's Honors Program, Dr. Faye Schuett, service learning is a way for students to give back to the community by applying what they are being taught in the classroom.

"Service learning links academic learning with practical learning," says Schuett, who was chosen by the MCC to train other faculty from Michigan to do service learning.

Students currently have 25 class offerings that have a service learning component in the disciplines of the 25 classes which offer the program are accounting, elementary math, environmental science, child and family service classes and the nursing program.

The accounting class students participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Run by the Internal Revenue Service, VITA certifies trained student volunteers to file income tax returns for people

who make \$36,000 or less a year and do not own a business.

"The VITA program is a very good service learning project for students in accounting because it directly relates to what they're learning," says Schuett.

LaVonda Ramey, accounting professor whose students participate in the program along with Gerard Mellnick's and Michelle Randall's accounting students, believes the program, entering its fourth year, provides a win win situation for the college.

"It helps everybody," says Ramey. "Students get real life, hands on experience and clients get their taxes filed for free."

The environmental classes participate in fall and winter bug hunts, frog and toad surveys and water monitoring. The information that they collect goes to the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge to help in the prevention of water pollution.

Child and family services classes take part by helping elementary school students participate in projects to raise money for different causes. Last year they raised funds to put together comfort bags for Vista Maria, a non-profit residential and community-based

treatment agency for abused and neglected girls located in Dearborn Heights.

Elementary Math students, going into teaching, volunteer to work at Reality Stores at all Plymouth middle schools and Novi and Clarenceville High Schools. The Reality Store is a career and life simulation. Students chose a career, receive a realistic paycheck as if they were 25 years old in that field and discover what their family situation might be, whether they are married and have kids or single. Then they are expected to try and care for their families on that one paycheck for a month.

In addition, the math students help the younger students by teaching them how to use checkbooks and offering suggestions about spending and saving money.

"College students can tell the eighth graders what it's like to pay bills and what they need to know about spending money," says Schuett. "It comes off stronger that way then it would having us (teachers) tell them."

The nursing program has teamed up with the Red Cross this year and according to Schuett, Schoolcraft is the first college in the nation to do so.

"The nursing program's partnership with the Red Cross is the newest and maybe the

most expansive service learning partnership yet," says Schuett.

The nursing students are trained to work at bloodmobiles, helping blood drives in their first year. Second year students are prepared for disaster training and are on call one day a month in case of disaster. Students also go to schools and talk to children about what to do during an emergency.

At the end of the service projects, students are asked to assess what they have learned from the experience. According to Schuett, they try to track six skills that the students will gain and improve upon through participating; communication, collaboration, solving problems, using new technology, systems thinking and personal development. According to Schuett, skills gained from service learning are very useful.

Schuett is a firm believer in the linkage of academics and the community. "It is a really big advantage when it comes to service learning, because you are applying things that you learn in the classroom to the real world and it opens your eyes to a lot of people's situations that you may have never thought about before."



Photo by John Parsell

Nursing student Kristen Fujiwara thinks that plagiarism has become a problem largely because of the ease of cutting and pasting documents from the internet. "You can cut 12 different paragraphs from 12 different sources," says Fujiwara. "Teachers need to start monitoring this more effectively."

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cheating is before it takes place," states Dr. Steve Berg, Assistant Professor of English and History and Coordinator of Writing Fellows.

The third link, "Discipline Specific Information on Academic Integrity," attempts to gravitate away from the general application of honesty in academics and move toward issues that are specific for separate disciplines of study.

"We are attempting to take a more integrated role at the college, so that everyone can help students; write at a college level, think at a college level and leave the school fully prepared," states Dr. Debra Daiek, Associate Dean of Academic and Assessment Services.

The website does not focus solely on the

student, as there is an entire section dedicated to faculty resources for preventing dishonesty. The section offers information on how to plagiarize proof an assignment in step by step instructions, and how to promote academic integrity at the classroom level. The ways to promote honesty may range from creating a culture of integrity and implementing specific procedures, to supporting other faculty in their responsibilities.

"Faculty should develop assignments where students are less likely to cheat," states Berg. "Academic integrity and mutual respect between scholars will guide the classroom community."

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Boomtown Bill



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The Philadelphia Lawyer

SHOULD RUNNING A CITY BE LEFT UP TO AN 18 YEAR OLD ?

Boomtown Bill: The official election results for the mayoral race in Hillsdale, MI have just recently been published, leaving many across the country stunned that a high school student won the election by a mere two votes. I think this is an excellent sign of the increased involvement of the country's youth in politics. Scott Sessions may prove to be an example for other motivated students and young people throughout the county, to hear their communities call for civic duty. It is about time that cobwebs be cleaned out of stagnant politics in smaller communities where the big names rarely change.

The Philadelphia Lawyer: Are you kidding me? Someone as politically enlightened as you cannot seriously believe that this is a good thing. This kid was on CNN stuttering like a little boy. He missed a council meeting because he was in school. He says that he will be able to perform his mayoral functions from 3-6 p.m., after class gets out. If we were talking about some precocious young man, the situation would be a little different. This is an ignorant kid who lost his high school student council presidency election, and decided to write himself in as a mayoral candidate. The fact that citizens actually voted for him is just pathetic.

Boomtown Bill: I am not kidding you, and I hope you are not suggesting the mayor play hooky from school. I can only imagine the headlines as they tell of an irresponsible student and incapable mayor who is unable to attend class. However, I am not surprised to see that the city council is not fully cooperating with Sessions. I wouldn't want to reach the middle of my life in a town where I had invested the majority of my time and effort in building contacts, only to be bossed around by some "kid." There is no reason why the meeting schedule couldn't be placed at a more adequate time. I hope you are not suggesting that a mayor of any city only works during their office hours. That is one of the most absurd notions I have ever heard. I am sure that many officials throughout the country have obligations during the day, and are forced to take their work home with them. I don't see why this case should be any different.

The Philadelphia Lawyer: Obviously, when it comes to Sessions' situation, there are extenuating circumstances regarding his office hours, and maybe I went a little overboard when I called him ignorant. I am not suggesting anything against his ability to govern the city of Hillsdale; however, the

fact that he is only 18 could prove an inconvenience for other city officials when scheduling meetings, as Sessions could be in class. Furthermore, you cannot argue the fact that he is inexperienced in the field of politics. I can't see how an 18 year old kid with no political background is qualified to be the mayor of any city. I guess I should be more concerned with the citizens who voted for him.

Boomtown Bill: Inexperience can be a great asset and apparently the 670 people who wrote his name on the ballot thought so as well. The problem is that in Hillsdale, less than 15% of the population participated in the election. This has undoubtedly been counted on for electoral success in the past. When the same people make the same decisions for a long time some begin to get suspicious. Is an 18 year old mayor the answer to the city's problems? Probably not. While I believe this is an opportunity for other young people to get involved, I do not think Sessions will change a traditional system that has survived for decades.

The Philadelphia Lawyer: Didn't I just basically say that? You always have to have the last word, don't you?

CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

Blanket Days for the Homeless

Second year nursing students, along with members of the Omicron Iota chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Scholars Honors Program are asking for students, faculty and staff to donate new twin-sized blankets in their original wrappers, which will be used by the Red Cross to provide comfort and warmth to the homeless and disaster victims. Collection boxes will continue to be on campus in every building until Dec. 9.

Women's Resource Center

Divorce Support Group

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

Money Matters in Divorce

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

appropriate day. Clients will be served on a first come, first served basis.

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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 served on a first come, first serve basis.

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

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 tickers 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) 462-4596.

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER VISITS

For students planning on transferring to a four year university, there are many questions about the procedures, plans, scholarships and agreements between Schoolcraft and their school of choice. The following universities will have a representative on campus in the near future to help students answer some of their questions.

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



University of Michigan-Dearborn

Denae Malinowski, representative for U of M-Dearborn, will be available to meet with students on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building. There will be information about the Phi Theta Kappa and Transfer Student Scholarships.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Property Damage

On Nov. 9 between the time of 10 a.m. and 11:55 a.m., a man discovered that someone had bent and broken the rear window wiper of his car and removed a red/black cross and skull decal. The cost of the repairs is unknown at this time.

Vandalism

On Nov. 14 between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., after returning to his car from class,

a man discovered that someone had made multiple scratches running the entire length of the car on the passenger side of his vehicle. There was also one scratch on the hood of the car just above the right wheel well. Public Safety officer Richard Lounsbury advised him to file a report with the Livonia Police.

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IN OUR OPINION

Soccer program stands to gain

The release of men's soccer coach Dominic Scicluna's contract for the 2006-07 year has provided a win/win solution for the college and coach. Amidst outside allegations of ineligible players, the program has seen recent attention resulting in an article in the Observer. Two colleges in the region made complaints to the National Junior College Athletic Association about the team. Scicluna has made it apart of his team's style, or waza, to incorporate as diverse factors as possible. Recruiting overseas, untraditional training techniques and rhythmic drum beats are just a few of the revolutionary components of the coach's approach. Scicluna makes many good points about the significance of having a varied line-up. He takes from many of the world's great soccer traditions, and gives the players the freedom to add and take away from the waza style. Unfortunately, Scicluna and the school are not on the same page. The college has expressed a desire to offer more opportunities to local players who come from the communities that support it. To be a competitive team does not mean obsessing over a national title, and bringing in star players from around the globe to capture it. If the school wants to incorporate players from local high schools and Scicluna claims that an internationally diverse team is needed, then it is better that the two are no longer working together. Scicluna, committed to waza, has said it best, "if it [my goal] doesn't flow with the mission of the school, then maybe it's best that I don't work here." Regardless of past behavior, the school is better off developing a program that fits its goal, while Scicluna will have the ability to "share peace, clarity and wisdom through soccer" in other avenues. Both the school and coach offer a "no hard feelings" response, thanking each other for the program's success over the recent years. The split may prove to be a beneficial stepping stone for the school's soccer program and Scicluna.

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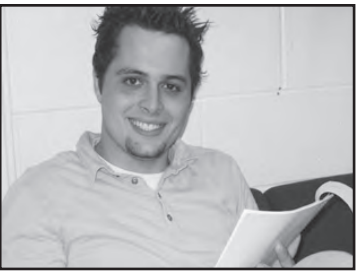
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FROM THE EDITOR'S GARAGE

Mayor of Detroit runs cynical campaign

Kilpatrick hides real problems facing the city



JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Driving through Detroit, it's easy to see why anyone could be compelled to turn their car around and head back to their cozy home in the suburbs. While Detroit is improving—a project which is long overdue—it is still a city littered with drugs, crime and hundreds of homeless people. The person who should be concerned the most with these problems— the mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick— instead turns a blind eye, playing the race card. “What is it with you white people? You love your drug wars. We don't have a drug war going on. You constantly want to scare the suburbs,” said Kilpatrick during a radio broadcast of a round-table discussion at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Big Four meeting on Mackinac Island in late May. While this seems rather profound vocabulary for a man of such high political rank, the more important issue here is that whether or not there is an evident drug problem; the city is far from safe. Recently, I drove down Woodward Ave. heading downtown with a friend for lunch and ice skating at Campus Martius. On my journey, a large woman ran out from the sidewalk, swinging her walking cane in fury at my friend's car. During the remainder of the day— yes, this was in the afternoon— I was harassed by three different men, and one woman, for spare change. Some first date huh? “In Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and all these places they do more (methamphetamine), they do more ecstasy and they do more acid than all the schools in Detroit put together,” said Kilpatrick during the latest mayoral debate. While I cannot disagree with him as I have not seen statistics or reports on this topic, I can express a couple of interesting pieces of information, as I am a suburbanite that has visited the cities mentioned by the mayor. In Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, my car has never been accosted by a woman with a cane, and nobody has ever harassed me for change under the façade of a downtown shopping center. Ironically enough, while this is visible by anyone who has visited both the city as well as the suburbs, Kilpatrick continues to play the race card, sending Detroit down the same spiral that was started with the white flight of the 1950s. “I've been stereotyped my whole life,” said Kilpatrick recently. “It's actually not driven by Detroiters only. It's driven by the media. It's driven by the entire region. The ‘us against them,’ the ‘black and white thing’ is getting old.” I strongly believe that the time has long since passed that the problems facing the city can be attributed to racial matters. While race plays an important factor in a city where eight out of ten people are black and six out of seven suburbanites are white, according to an article in the Chicago Tribune, more ubiquitous troubles exist. According to a recent article in the Detroit News, the city is running out of money— spending \$15 million more a month than it brings in— and will not be able to pay its bills if major changes aren't made. This information is based on a report released by Detroit Auditor General Joe Harris. “The truth is that Detroit's treasury is hemorrhaging,” said Harris. “Insolvency is certain. The only question is the timing.” Insolvency would mean that Detroit would not be able to pay workers and contractors on time. If payroll, medical benefit or bond payments are late, the state government would have to consider appointing a financial manager to oversee the city's finances, as Michigan has done in Hamtramck and Ecorse, according to the Detroit News. So what is being done? Detroit is undergoing a facelift including the fixing of roads, construction of new buildings and a city-wide clean-up. Most importantly, however, may be the renovation of historic buildings to create luxury condos and lofts in the city. There is just one small problem. While Kilpatrick states that the suburbs may have more of a drug problem than Detroit, the fact still remains that people generally feel safer in the suburbs than in the city. This is the reason suburbanites aren't prevalent throughout Detroit. Basically what is happening is Detroit is dumping millions of dollars into creating luxury living spaces, and the only people that can afford these extravagant homes— suburbanites— aren't interested in living there. I guess it seems like a little more than a small problem. I think it's time for the mayor to put his race cards back in the deck, and deal with the real issues that face this city.

ONE HAND CLAPPING

Moderate ground gained in Alaska

House Republicans rally to support refuge



MICHAEL SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

President Bush's top energy priority, the drilling of oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was recently dealt a devastating blow by fellow party members. The almost 20 year old battle for access to the area rages on after this surprising opposition.

The House, in an attempt to pass a unified budget, dropped both the proposal to open the ANWR and lift a moratorium on oil drilling off the coasts of Atlantic and Pacific states.

After receiving a letter from 25 republicans— led by Rep. Charles Bass (R-NH), which asked that the Alaskan drilling provision to be cut from the bill— the House Rules Committee formalized the changes.

The moderates knew they had leverage, as the narrow margin of control in the House makes it only necessary for 14 Republican defections to block a bill if every democrat is opposed. The significant number of signatures helped to make sure that even mild support on behalf of the democrats would not allow the bill to pass.

However, the opposing party has shown disapproval of the Budget Reconciliation Bill, as in attempts to counter irresponsible government spending, it will cut funding to many social programs the party has supported.

The removal of the ANWR drilling proposal reduced the size of the package from \$54 to \$51 billion.

This comes at a crucial time, as the overall bill is a top republican priority. The week prior the Senate passed a version of the bill to slow the automatic growth of federal spending by \$35 billion in a tight 51-48 vote.

In a brilliant show of maneuvering, the budget bill, which is immune from filibuster, was shoved through the Senate, where the party knew it would be impossible to win the necessary 60 votes to avoid the political tactic. Because they did not have enough support to pass the proposal into law without a filibuster, the ANWR proposal was placed in the budget bill as a rider.

The same was attempted in the House, but drilling supporters found it impossible to get the measure accepted by enough Representatives. This is in part because democrats oppose the incredible cuts of the budget bill, offering republican opponents of the measure enough leverage to kill the proposal.

Both budgets will be incorporated into a single bill that will be presented to the President to sign. It is here that the next battle over the Wildlife Refuge will take place.

The administration has constantly tried to drudge up support for the proposal by making a number of outrageous claims. Most recently White House Spokesman Scott McClellan said, "We continue to urge passage of that initiative. It's vital to helping us reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy and helping to reduce high energy prices."

According to a USA Today article titled, "Senate endorses oil drilling in Alaska wildlife refuge," by Al Grillo, there is an estimated 10.5 billion barrels of oil believed to lie beneath the Refuge. The article also claims that the U.S. uses 7.3 billion barrels of oil a year. The arguments of drilling supporters seem absurd when looking at these two very basic figures. While over half the oil used in this country is imported, I cannot see what this proposal will due to solve this problem.

How can a year and a half supply relieve any dependence on foreign oil?

In fact, according to a report by the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration, drilling in the refuge would only slightly affect gasoline prices and lower the increase of imports marginally in a decade, at a time when imported oil is expected to account for 64% of U.S. demand instead of 68% without the Alaskan oil.

Only a four percent decrease.

The White House, oil executives and other supporters of the ANWR provision need to make a better argument if they are to convince moderate republicans to support their ambitious undertakings.

Personally, it is clear to me that these companies— already recording record sales at a time when the rest of the country is reeling from the devastation in the Gulf-Coast— and their supporters are out for one thing only; higher dividends for themselves and their stockholders.

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TRAVIS GRAND
A & E EDITOR

One of the things I like about the Amish is that they never skip out on breakfast. As it happens, they really can't afford to miss breakfast because they work very long days. They're primarily farmers, and farmers do not skip out on breakfast, why would they? They've got all of those chickens, and I presume they come with eggs. Unless they have all boy chickens, but then what's the point of being a farmer if your chickens are all male?

Throughout my life I've been told that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

However, I have not eaten breakfast consistently in over three years— consistently meaning that I have awoken past the hours of daybreak and eaten breakfast food outside of its allotted time frame. I don't count that.

Who even has time for breakfast? I certainly don't. It cuts into my sleep schedule; I try to get at least eight hours of sleep every night. I never do, and as a consequence, I'm one of the many Americans who have fallen victim to sleep-deprivation. Maybe if breakfast wasn't so early I'd have time for it and I wouldn't be so sleep-deprived.

There was a period in which I used to eat breakfast, but then my mother stopped making it for me. On occasion, if my mom happens to offer me breakfast and it's within the proper time coordinates, I'll happily accept, because my mom is a maestro in the kitchen. So is my father, although he tends to cook more dinner meals. I never miss dinner, and if I do, there's usually a tinfoil-wrapped plate waiting for me when I get home. People don't do that with breakfast.

Besides, is breakfast really the most important meal of the day?

Goldilocks thought so; she even went to the extreme of breaking and entering, tasting each bear's porridge just so she could get a jump start on the day. Humpty Dumpty knew all too well that breakfast was the most important meal of the day, too. That's what drove him to his suicidal death; he kept being preyed upon by the King's horses and the King's men, until he could hide no longer. He took a fatal jump from the wall, and I bet the King's horses and the King's men feasted on eggs that morning.

For me, if there are pop-tarts waiting inside of my cupboard, then yes, I consider breakfast to be the most important meal of the day. They're irresistible. In fact, sometimes just knowing I have pop-tarts in my cupboard provides me all the incentive I need to wake up in the morning.

Cereal used to have the same effect on me, but not anymore. More times than not, my emotions were taunted every time I poured a bowl, and the box dispensed two or three full-sized squares of wheat while the rest was just crumbs.

I don't need that.

There's also way too much variety with cereal. Choosing a cereal now is like a Bomb Squad official trying to decide if he should cut either the red or blue wire first.

And nobody trusts the knock-off cereal brands. They sit on the bottom shelf, aging in staleness, while everyone goes for the high-end cereals with well-known mascots.

Long ago I decided to forsake cereal, lest people look upon me as a cereal elitist.

However, the Amish are not cereal elitists; they are open and welcoming to all people in spite of their different lifestyles, and even allow outsiders to convert over to their standard of living. That's another thing I like about the Amish. Maybe if I were Amish, breakfast would be the most important meal of my day.

Henceforth, after weighing my options to get back on track to consuming that all-important meal, I guess you can just hand me a plate of eggs and call me Jebediah.

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FROM ANGELA'S ANGLE

Medical commercials waste time advertising to the wrong consumer

Commercials for prescription pills are making me sick



ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

“Do you worry too much? Do you sweat in the middle of the night? Are you always tired?” Your favorite program is interrupted by yet another commercial for prescription pills. I’m sick of all of the commercials telling me which medication I should take for the many diseases I apparently have symptoms of. Even if this is more than paranoia and I actually have these ailments— considering the fact that I do not have a medical degree —what qualifies me to decide which medicine I need? Pharmaceutical companies should only be allowed to advertise directly to the doctors. They are the only ones who can make the educated decision about what is right for their patients. According to Nielsen Media Research, Americans tune into an average of 8 hours and 11 minutes of television each day. With each commercial break featuring an advertisement attempting to persuade you to take a new medication, its easy to see why there are so many hypochondriacs. In addition to causing paranoia about symptoms and diseases, there is also an embarrassment factor. Watching TV with your parents becomes awkward when the new Viagra commercial comes on. “If your erection lasts more than four hours, contact a doctor.” After briefly giving a description of the many wonders this miracle drug can work for you, it then goes in to the long list of side effects, which sound so harsh it makes me wonder why someone would trade in their simple disorder for nightsweats, hotflashes, chronic fatigue, nasuea, seizures and potential heart failure. The commercial always ends with a fast-talker stating, “Do not use this medication if you have heart problems, problems breathing, are a smoker, have a family history of cancer, kidney failure, or are currently breathing at this moment as this could potentially cause serious risks and fatality.” I just don’t understand why we are forced to watch commercial after commerical for prescription pills. Pharmacuetial companies have no business advertising to the consumer. They need to bring their marketing back to where it belongs; the medial community.

A LITTLE R & R

Eddie Guerrero: 1967-2005



RYAN RUSSELL
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the world of professional wrestling and the family, friends and fans of Eddie Guerrero were shocked by the heartbreaking news that the living legend had been found dead in his Minneapolis hotel room. An autopsy later revealed that the cause of death was heart failure. His passing is tragic news for his family and friends, of course, but it’s almost as sad a moment for Eddie’s fans. This man was an icon, a member of one of wrestling’s first families and a man that I myself admired, in the same way that other people my age look up to Michael Jordan or Barry Sanders. Ever since his American pro-wrestling debut in Extreme Championship Wrestling, I have been a fan, making sure to watch every one of his matches and reading the play-by-play of those that I couldn’t. I have followed his career though 13 championship runs, watching him perform in some of the best matches in wrestling history. Those matches are probably the same Eddie favorites that all his fans remember; but that’s exactly why he was so amazing. The only way I can think of to describe it is that he will be remembered by his fans the same way Hulk Hogan is thought of by his. The nostalgia you see when a life-long fan talks about Hogan slamming Andre the Giant will also be on the faces of Eddie fans when they talk about his last ECW match against Dean Malenko or his Wrestlemania XX match against Kurt Angle. Words will escape them, much as they escape me, when they try to describe the awe inspired by his rivalry with Rey Mysterio. Those matches with Rey, including one of the greatest ladder matches in WWE history, showcased both athletes at their best. Even during his turns as a heel, fans loved him as much as the babyfaces he battled. When he fought Mysterio, fans still loved him; they wouldn’t admit it, but they did. And how could you not? Even outside the ring, he won the battles he fought, struggling with addiction and his personal demons until he proved stronger than both. And unlike some other sports stars, who would sweep those kinds of things under the rug, Eddie made it no secret. He was open and honest, and he was a great role model for anyone else combating drugs or alcohol. The thing is, every time he entered the ring, you could tell that he was simply a nice guy. Fans left, right and center have talked about meeting him, about how he seemed more excited than they were, how he loved his fans and his life. One of the main things I will miss about Eddie is that I never got the chance to attend any events where I could have met him myself. All I have left, I suppose, is to offer my deepest condolences to his wife, three children and all of his family and friends. And, for all the great matches, all the inspiration and all the fun, thank you, Eddie Guerrero.

WE WISH ALL OF OUR READERS A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
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OCELOT OPINIONS



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Age: 18
Year: 1st
Major: Hospitality Business
“In order to prevent plagiarism a teacher should force students to site all their sources and then look through the listed sources to make sure the students work wasn’t copied.”



Isaiah Bryant
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Year: 2nd
Major: Communications
“I don’t really know. I guess I would ask the source for permission.”



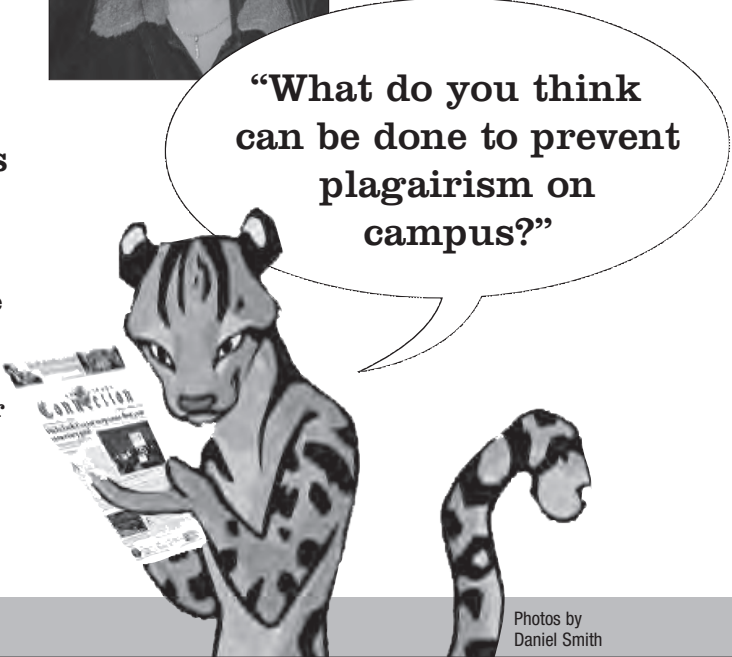
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Age: 20
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Major: Nursing
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Photos by Daniel Smith

MY MEANDERINGS

Congress must renew
Section 203 of the Voting
Rights Act

Bilingual ballot requirements needed in the U.S. today



HEATHER HYATT
NEWS EDITOR

In 2007, part of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section 203, will expire if Congress does not take any action to renew the amendment. Section 203 states that all jurisdictions are required to provide bilingual ballots and election materials if more than five-percent of their voting population or 10,000 citizens fall into a language minority group. However, without action, the 2008 presidential election might not have language translations on voting ballots in major multicultural cities. This would be an abomination in today's society.

There have been countless names used to describe the U.S.'s ethnic population, including the "melting pot" and the "mixed salad." With all of the different ethnicities and cultures represented by people of the U.S., how can members of Congress let this section lapse? Possibly millions of people would not be able to vote simply because they are of a Hispanic or Asian or Indian culture and can not read English.

In an article published at MSNBC.com, Margaret Fung, the executive director of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund— who is in favor of Section 203 being renewed— says that the law is so effective that it should be expanded by lowering the minimum from 10,000 citizens in the jurisdictions to 7,500, allowing for thousands of more people to cast votes.

The overseer of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, says that voting participation among ethnic groups has increased greatly over the recent years. Hispanic voting registration is up by 24%.

However, the cost of printing bilingual ballots is not cheap. Los Angeles County itself spent over 3 million dollars in bilingual materials used for elections. However, if that money was not spent on bilingual materials, it is safe to say that nearly half the population of Los Angeles County would have a hard time participating in elections.

The amount of people depending on this material is almost a majority in some cities.

It can be argued that once an immigrant becomes a United States citizen, they are expected to know the English language and have the ability to read it. The case here is not whether or not people are able to read English but rather are they able to read and understand the complex voting ballots written in English.

Voting ballots are confusing enough to a natural born, English speaking United States citizen. Someone who speaks English as a second language would not only have to deal with trying to understand the voting ballot but also understanding it in English, a language they most likely do not know that well.

I agree with Representative Mel Watt of North Carolina when he says that all American citizens have the right to vote. The Voting Rights Act, Section 203 helps make that possible.

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Experience gained in Communication Arts competition

■ Students awarded for their ability to speak

By JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Speaking on some of the most compelling topics facing this country today, seven students gathered in room 200 in the Liberal Arts building on Saturday Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. for the 2005 Communication Arts Scholarship Competition.

The event, created by Dr. JuJuan C. Taylor, professor/department chair in the department of communication arts, awarded a \$500 scholarship to the winner, Colleen Baidon, for her speech on Domestic Violence and Proposals for Solutions.

"Winning this Scholarship means a lot to me," says Baidon. "My education is very important and anything to help my financial situation is great."

More important, however, is the experience gained from speaking in front of an audience. It is an experience that Dr. Taylor says polishes public speaking skills, staying with students forever.

"Communication is performing arts," says Taylor. "The goal of this competition is to make students feel comfortable in delivering a speech."

This year's contestants included Baidon, Leandra Edwards, Joel T. Hays, Shawn Salvaggio-Hurley, Teresa Lavigne, runner-up Rachel Roughley and Marcia B. Wilson, all of which have either taken, or are presently enrolled in the Communication Arts 103 class at SC.

The event allowed students to compose a speech on a topic of their choice, and perform it in front of a panel of judges, which were selected not only for their professional ability to evaluate a speech presentation's excellence, but equally because they are perfect role models for Schoolcraft College students, according to Taylor.

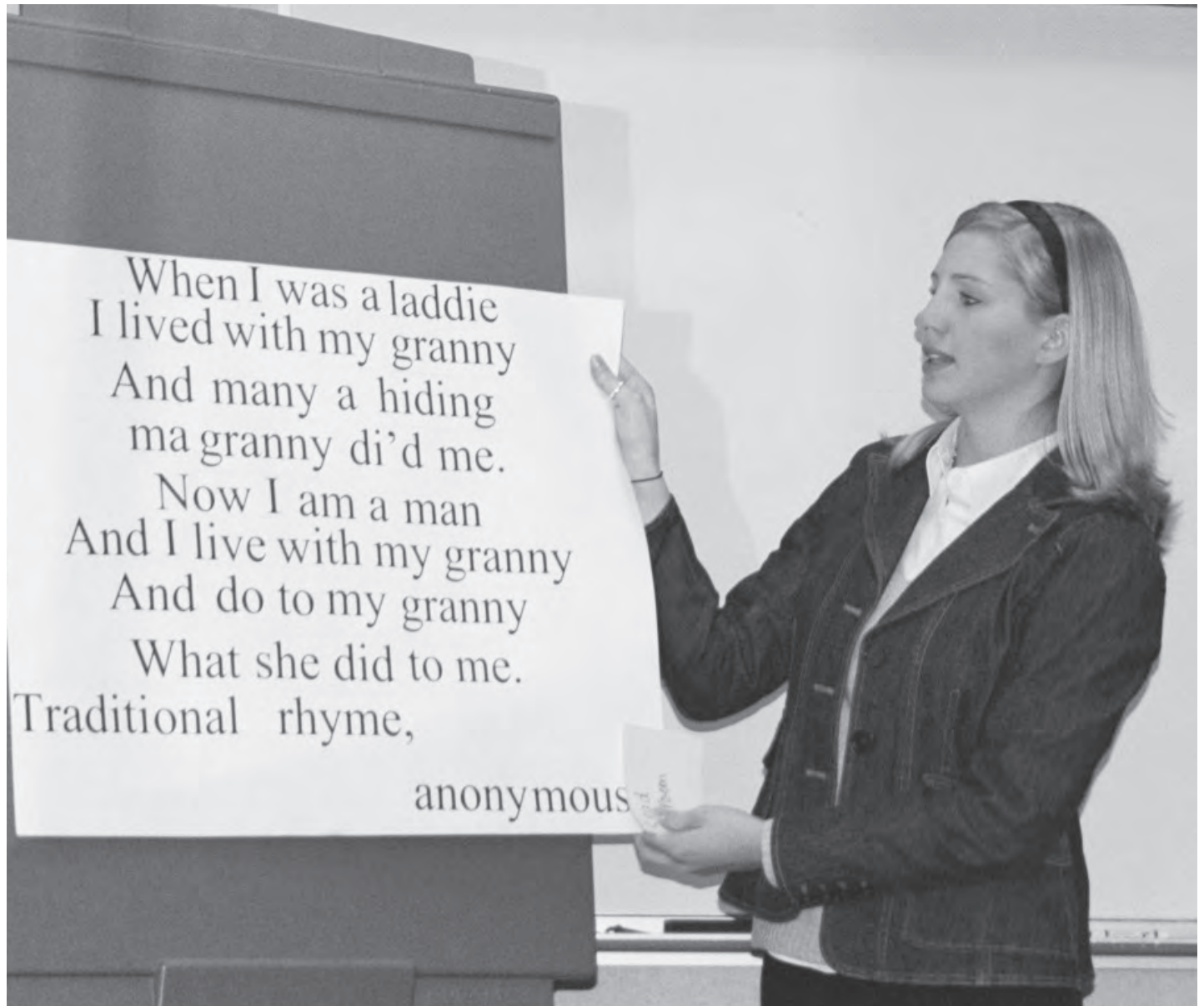
The judges included Detroit Free Press Columnist Margarita Bauza, Schoolcraft's Assistant to the Dean of Instruction, Bernice A. Brown, Director of Communications for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Trevor W. Coleman, 100.3 Morning Personality and Media Communications Professional Christopher Edmonds, SC Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, Kathleen Frame, State Board Certified Educator, Virginia J. Jeffress, 35th District Court Judge, the Honorable Ronald Lowe and Professor in the SC Department of Mathematics, Randy Schwartz.

Students are given the option of conducting an informative or persuasive speech. They are required to utilize at least four testimonial research sources, as well as actually going out into the field for research, according to Taylor.

Furthermore, they must provide two visual aids for supplemental support, as well as demonstrate an ability to effectively deliver a speech.

"I personally believe that the delivery of a speech is of equal importance as the actual content within the speech," says Taylor. "[Students are] also judged on their use of eye contact, level of professional voice projection, voice colors [enthusiasm], their professional posture and stage presence and their ability to professional smile share."

These traits can be very important to a well-rounded educational experience as well as helpful in everyday situations, according to the Honorable Judge Lowe.



Photos by John Parsell

Colleen Baidon presents her speech Domestic Abuse—Proposals for Solutions to the judges. Baidon made an impact, as she won the competition and a \$500 scholarship to be used at Schoolcraft College.



The Honorable Judge Ronald Lowe (left), State of Michigan Board Certified Educator Virginia J. Jeffress (center), and Media Communications Professional Christopher Edmonds listen to students present their speeches at the 2005 Communication Arts Scholarship Competition on Nov. 19, 2005.

"As an attorney, and now judge, it has been my experience that most disputes begin with poor communication," says Lowe. "If more people would take note of this, and invest a few more minutes in effective communications at the beginning of a problem, these matters would not end in the courtroom."

Jeffress agrees, stating that the ability to communicate effectively is essential to the maintenance of human social structure.

"The words we use, whether written or spoken and how we use them, can begin or end conflict, soothe or inflame, clarify or confuse."

"This competition is very important because we as future leaders have to deal with public speaking in a business world," says Lavigne, who spoke on the topic of America's senior citizens. "It is important to have finesse, polish and proper articulation

in order to be a better educator on whatever it is you're going into."

Lavigne says this competition is a great way to practice her public speaking skills, and that if it had not been for Dr. Taylor, she would never have tackled it.

"I am so happy to be passing on such crucial and fundamental elements within communication arts 103," says Taylor, adding, "to America's future leaders."

Edgerunner Ski Club prepares for snowfall

■Officer Dustin Toll gets ready to hit the hills

OFFICER PROFILE

BY ANGELA BELCHER
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

After seeing the need for new officers on a flyer, Dustin Toll got involved in the EdgeRunner Ski Club at the annual fall festival, School Daze. Although he has never tried skiing, he is an avid snowboarder and assists people in learning.

As the new Secretary of the club, Toll has been working hard to get students psyched about the trips and snowboarding. After finding this winter sport, he actually has a reason to look forward to the season.

“Sometimes winter is depressing. Once you find snowboarding and skiing your whole view of winter changes. You get excited when it snows instead of dreading wiping off your car,” says Toll.

The Ski Club arranges both national and local trips. Their upcoming schedule includes Steamboat, CO, Jan 2 -7, Boyne Highlands, Feb 10 -12, and White Water Rafting in West Virginia in June.

Dustin keeps himself busy going out everyday and gaining new experiences. “I think life gets boring at times and I like to surprise myself by trying new things,” says Toll.

His advice to anyone who is considering joining EdgeRunner is, “keep your weekends open and get your own equipment if you’re serious about it because renting equipment gets very expensive.”

Toll hopes to personally contribute to the club this year by getting more members to join and keeping existing members excited and involved.

“Dustin is a hard worker and gets along with everyone,” says Steve Schlick, president of the ski club. “We can always count on him to get the job done.”

Toll is studying Fire Technology with plans of becoming a firefighter. At 19, this is his second year at Schoolcraft. He plans to get a job with HVA or a private ambulance company until he gets hired as a firefighter. After finding a job in his field, he would like to attend more classes in order to specialize in high angle rescue. This involves learning to tie ropes, repel down and stabilize people at high altitudes.

For the last two years, Toll has

been working at UPS loading and unloading packages.

In his free time, he enjoys attending hardcore rock shows in Detroit, snowboarding, boxing and hanging out with his friends.

“I have a group of friends and we hang out and have fun by pulling pranks and doing crazy stuff.”

To relax, he plays the guitar, listens to music, and takes pleasure in reading books. He recently finished “1984,” by George Orwell and appreciates humorous books such as the “Urban Dictionary.”

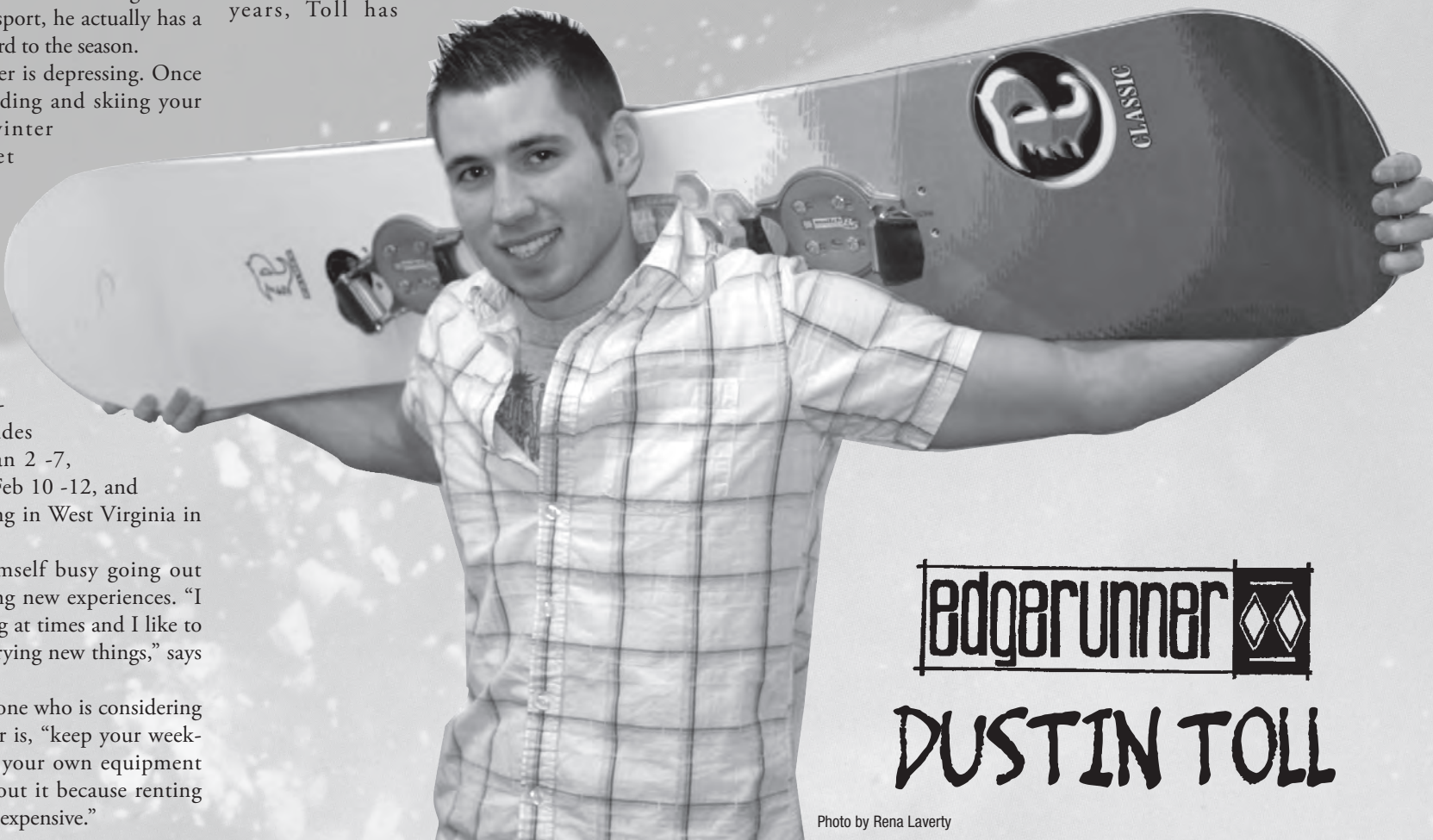
A native of Livonia, he attended Franklin High School and currently, he resides with his mom, best friend Josh and younger brother. Dustin is most proud of the responsibility he has in his 13 year old younger brother’s life as a role model and enjoys being there

for him. Their dad lives in Clearwater Beach, FL.

He enjoys movies such as “Monster Squad,” “Blues Brothers” and “Henry Rollins Spoken Word.” His favorite TV shows are “Lost” and “Ultimate Boxing.” He listens to mostly hardcore music and his favorite song is “Teenage Wasteland” by The Who.

“It reminds me of early high school when I used to hang out with all of my skateboard buddies and we always listened to that song,” says Toll.

Dustin looks up to and admires people who enjoy what they do in life regardless of money. He will always consider the firefighters of Sept. 11 as role models. Toll says, “Those guys are my heroes. They were really brave.”



Spring for a break from the cold weather

■Student Activities Board offers unbeatable trip

BY JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Like many students, Brandon Modisett hates the bitter temperatures that are sure to plague Michigan residents in the following months.

“This weather is awful,” says Modisett. “The only thing I like about winter is school closings, and we don’t get many of them in college.”

Fortunately, the Student Activietes Board has once again planned a spring break trip that will provide some “sunshine” on this otherwise gloomy season.

“This is going to be one of the best trips yet,” says Leighann Staknis, president of the club. “We’re going back to Panama City Beach, FL this year, which should be awesome.”

The trip to Panama City, which will take place from March 3-11, 2006, includes seven nights accomodations at the four star Holiday Inn Sunspree hotel, as well as Luxury Transportation. The best part about the trip however—the \$375 pricetag.

“I was able to negotiate a real sweet deal for students this year” says Director of Student

Activities Sherry Springer. “With a price this low, more students will be allowed to fit spring break into their budgets.”

In addition to the price, Panama City is famous for its variety of restaurants, night clubs and celebrity appearances.

“There are so many things to do down there,” says Secretary of SAB Savanna Ridge. “I guarantee everyone who goes will have a blast.”

“I met Vivica A. Fox and Joe Santana at a club,” adds Modisett. “And I walked by David Spade on the street. There are so many celebrities down there for spring break.”

Another perk of the trip is that there are several other colleges going to Panama City Beach for spring break as well, offering a great chance for students to meet a lot of new people.

“I went last year and there were so many college students,” says Modisett. “I even hang out with some of them still. They are my party buddies.”

Benefits of the trip will include daily pool parties, giveaways from sponsors, discounts at local merchants and more, according to Vice President of SAB Cedric Chin.

“Everybody needs to sign up for this trip,”



The Holiday Inn Sunspree of Panama City Beach, FL.

says Chin. “For the price that we’re offering it, people would be crazy not to go.”

For more information on the trip, contact the Student Activities Office at (734) 462-

4422 or stop by the VisTaTech Center-Lower Waterman Wing to sign up.

CLUB EVENTS



Student Activities Board

Spring Break

Join SAB on March 3-11, 2006 for spring break in Panama City Beach, Florida. This all inclusive trip is selling for the unbelievable price of \$375, and includes seven nights accommodations, luxury motorcoach transportation and a four star hotel on the beach.

The first deposit of \$100 was due on Dec. 2; however, there is still time to reserve your spot. Stop by the Student Activities Office, or call (734) 462-4422 for more information.

General Meetings

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

Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. All students are invited to join.

Holiday Heckfest

Come to a free concert show comprised of local bands. The SAB will sponsor Holiday Heckfest, the second show in their free concert series. Everybody is welcome and admission is free. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Holiday Heckfest will take place Friday, Dec. 9 from 7 -10:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

Help the SAB and PTK feed the less fortunate at St. Leo's Church in Detroit. All volunteers should meet on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8 a.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. This special weekend will feature a Christmas party for the children of the soup kitchen. Donations of gifts will be accepted for the Giving Tree.

Video Production Club

Students interested in working in media should take advantage of the

hands-on opportunities that are available through the new Video Production Club, where gaining real world experience is a major feature of the group. Members will be trained to work with editing, sound, computer graphics, camera work and production. Interested students should contact the Student Activities Office at (734) 462- 4422 for more information.

EdgeRunner Ski Club

Steamboat Trip

Time is running out to reserve your spot for the EdgeRunner's annual trip to Steamboat, CO, which will take place Jan. 2-7, 2006. This trip will include hotel accommodations, four lift tickets and bus or flight transportation. The cost is \$529 for the bus package (\$559 for non-students), and \$769 for the flight package (\$799 for non-students). For more information, or to reserve your spot, call the SAO.

Boyne Highlands Trip

Sign up now for a weekend of skiing or snowboarding in Boyne Highlands. This trip

will take place Feb. 10-12 and costs \$179 for students and \$209 for non-students. This price includes two nights of lodging at Heather Highlands hotel, breakfast and 21 hours worth of lift tickets to Boyne Highlands and Boyne Mountain. For more information contact the SAO.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society-Omicron Iota Chapter

Reptiles of Michigan

Phi Theta Kappa presents Reptiles of Michigan, the next show in their wildlife science series. This event will feature live turtles, salamanders, lizards, snakes and frogs accompanied by educational discussion of these cold blooded vertebras. "Reptiles of Michigan" is free of charge and will take place on Monday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

Giving Tree

Help spread holiday cheer to those who cannot afford the basic necessities we take for granted. The Omicron Iota chapter has set up two Giving Trees—one in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center and the other at the Radcliff Center. Each tree will feature paper ornaments with specific items or gifts written on them. If you would like to donate these items to families in need, simply remove the ornament of the gift you would like to contribute and bring the gift unwrapped

to the SAO, located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Contributions are greatly appreciated.

Breakfast With Santa

Treat your children to a pancake breakfast with Santa on Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Kids can play games, win prizes, enter coloring contests and receive gifts. Tickets sell out fast and are \$16 per child and \$13 per adult. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the SAO.

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MUSIC REVIEW

White Separatist band, Prussian Blue, sparks controversy



Blonde haired, blue eyed duo goes into hiding

BY BRIAN CRANDALL
STAFF WRITER

Just when everyone thought teen pop bands had gone too far, something new and radical takes the over-tapped genre to a whole new, strange level.

For years, many harsh critics of the entertainment industry have chastised popular teen stars such as the Olson twins, Lindsay Lohan and Hillary Duff not only for their shallow music style, but also for their revealing wardrobes.

However, very few critical comments have been concentrated on the content of pop music. Now, Prussian Blue, an openly racist pop band, has prompted many to analyze the lyrics of this increasingly popular music style.

On the surface, Lamb and Lynx of Prussian Blue seem like everyday American teenagers. They act and dress just like anyone would expect from thirteen year old girls.

Therefore, under most circumstances, it is surprising to many that these German girls promote such unpopular ideas with such popular music. Both Lamb and Lynx claim to be "White Separatists." Perhaps even self proclaimed racists have adopted a form of political correctness.

In Prussian Blue's lyrics, old historical passions from the Nazi age are reborn with lines such as "Aryan man awake, how much more will you take? Turn that fear to hate, Aryan man awake."

There is a certain stigma that is immediately attached to lyrics like this when it is brought into the public sphere. It is similar to the reaction of the public amidst flag burning.

However, one must not forget that the defense of this racist duo has issued many valid points against the negative criticism that Prussian Blue has received.

In addition to being "White Separatists," they are also self proclaimed "Defensive Racists." Perhaps this term is simply another way of saying neo-Nazi; however, most people do not even put the meager effort into understanding this controversial issue.

Prussian Blue proclaims that they hold pride in white culture. At certain concerts, they show off this pride by wearing traditional German clothing.

These girls are not the only group that has proclaimed pride in a certain race. There are currently thousands of untargeted groups that are technically separatists in regards to culture (and unofficially, race).

The Amish, for example, are a form of separat-

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Jamie Palamino (Amy Smart) and Chris Brander (Ryan Reynolds) exchange a "friendly" glance.

'Just Friends' provides genuine laughter

New Ryan Reynolds movie is corny, but enjoyable

BY TRAVIS GRAND
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the hilarious new comedy "Just Friends," directed by Roger Kumble, hope is given to all young men who have a "best friend" position with a woman of interest and would like to be more than "just friends."

The movie stars Ryan Reynolds as Chris Brander, a massively rotund high school senior on his way to a graduation party being held at Jamie Palamino's (Amy Smart) house, the girl who just so happens to be his "best friend forever" and long time secret crush.

After years of silence, he has finally worked up enough courage to profess his feelings for Jamie, and plans to do so at the party by way of a yearbook message, but instead, accidentally swaps books with a drunken member of the football team. Consequently, the drunken jock reads the romantic confession aloud to the entire party, triggering an uproar of mocking laughter while sending the love-sick heavyweight home sobbing, vowing to some day show everybody up.

Ten years later, the audience catches back up with Brander only to observe his transformation from plump "dweeb" into an athletically toned Hollywood big shot.

Just before the holidays, under his boss' duress, Brander is put on a plane to Paris with a wildly promiscuous pop singer named Samantha James (Anna Faris) in order to recruit her to the record label he works for. However, because of a minor altercation (Samantha cooks tinfoil in the microwave), the plane is forced to make an emergency landing just outside Brander's hometown in New Jersey.

Because of his new and more attractive veneer, Brander goes about pursuing Jamie

in all the wrong ways; the only thing he desires from her is a physical relationship so that he may rectify the years of unrequited love. He tries a "badguy" persona, thinking Jamie will fall for it, considering she did back in high school.

Of course, Brander's plan backfires, and Jamie meets another geek turned super-hunk from high school named Dusty Dinkleman (Chris Klein), who portrays the "nice guy" role Brander once had back when he and Jamie were "best friends forever." The two quickly become each other's foe and fight over Jamie; Dusty only wants to sleep with her in an act of punishment for keeping him in the "friend zone" for years, whereas Brander begins to feel for her again and aims to rehash their old friendship at all costs.

The premise of "Just Friends" is quite clever in that it deals with a virtually universal topic: can men and women coexist as just friends? Unfortunately, the film answers this question in the corniest fashion, leaving little surprise to the viewer in its attempt to achieve a Hollywood happy ending.

Be that as it may, the one thing this movie does accomplish is making the audience laugh. Though corny at times, the comedy, written by Adam Davis, is smart

and well thought-out. For instance, Brander gets drunk at a bar and tries to rationalize with Jamie; soon thereafter, he causes a scene and gets thrown out. As the bartender throws Brander out, he utters one of the most over-used and corniest lines in movie history: "...and stay out!" The bartender retreats back inside the bar, and is heard murmuring to himself, "I always wanted to say that..."

Playing jokes off of cliches may come across as sloppy and flaccid; however, this is what gives the film its flavor.

Aside from the writing, the performances were delightful as well. Reynolds always plays his standard comedic role great; and this time audiences will get an even bigger kick out of seeing a fat "Van Wilder."

Faris' portrayal of the outrageous female pop star is done perfectly. Her ridiculously extreme and over-exaggerated behavior suggests that the research for the role may have consisted of following around Ashlee Simpson for a couple of months.

With its genuine comedy and holiday undertones, "Just Friends" maintains a decent standard that moviegoers will appreciate. It is the perfect movie to go see with a "friend."



Hip-Hop icons fail to display lyrical creativity



Blackalicious 'Crafts' a disappointing release

By JOHN PARSELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since the early 1990s, the Gift of Gab (Tim Parker) and Chief Xcel (Xavier Mosley) have been an ambiguous yet dominant force in the world of hip-hop music. As the duo branded "Blackalicious," the two friends have been working at capitalizing their fame for nearly 16 years.

Unfortunately, their new album, "The Craft" does not help them in their quest for recognition, as the overproduced and underperformed

disc falls short of expectation, especially when compared to past albums such as "Nia" (2000) and "Blazing Arrow" (2002).

"The Craft" begins with the song "World of Vibrations," conducting itself in a style that can be properly attributed to the duo. Starting as though addressing an audience, they quickly make a beautiful transition into a solid hip-hop track which sounds similar to that of their predecessors "Outkast."

While this track works nicely as the introduction to the album, it may have worked better placed somewhere later on, as it is probably the strongest on the disc. And although experienced listeners will immediately think, "Blackalicious," the droning sound of a screaming woman at the end of the track does not create a rightful closing to the song.

Drifting away from the boring and monotonous attempts at an "Outkast-esque" album, the track titled "Your Move" brings an old-school feel to the table. This song blends a thick drum beat, piano and an electric guitar to create a piece

that might be considered one of Blackalicious' best yet.

Gab's assonance can be heard clearly in this song, as he uses his impeccable vocabulary to spit out some of the most indelible lyrics this album has to offer. The enunciation is perfectly polished, giving listeners a great example of how a Blackalicious track should sound.

The album closes with the suitably named track, "The Craft" which secures the disc as a near decent example of hip-hop music. The lyrics on this track are almost spiritual, giving the listener the impression that Gab nearly considers his alliteration a responsibility.

The production quality of the album is unbelievable as there is noticeably more work put into each of these songs than on any Blackalicious album yet. However, the disc lacks lyrical stability, almost as if the duo didn't know how to handle their new found sound.

While the album is far from terrible, there are only a few tracks worthy of being on a Blackalicious album. New listeners may be intrigued by the catchy and fast-



paced rhythms, however, devoted fans of Blackalicious are advised to pass up this obvious disappoint-

ment and stick with their previous releases.

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ists. Nobody questions their intentions, so why must these two pop divas be constantly chastised by the public? The duo recently went into hiding amid aggressive attacks from an irate public.

Both the media attention they have received and the indignity of being exploited are absurd. They do not even claim to be neo-Nazis nor have they ever said themselves to be against any particular race.

However, they do speak out (or sing out) against inter-racial marriage, which to some is taboo. Nevertheless, they should be entitled freedom of expression, just like everyone else.

Overall, from a music listener's perspective, their music isn't very enjoyable. It seems to mimic the style of the norm and there is no

melodic aspect of their music that differentiates them from every other teen pop band. The only thing groundbreaking about Prussian Blue's music is their lyrics.

Perhaps, a controversial band like Prussian Blue is what is needed to return integrity to the entertainment industry. This controversial event has caused critics and the

public to inspect the content of a piece of art rather than the style of what the musician is wearing.

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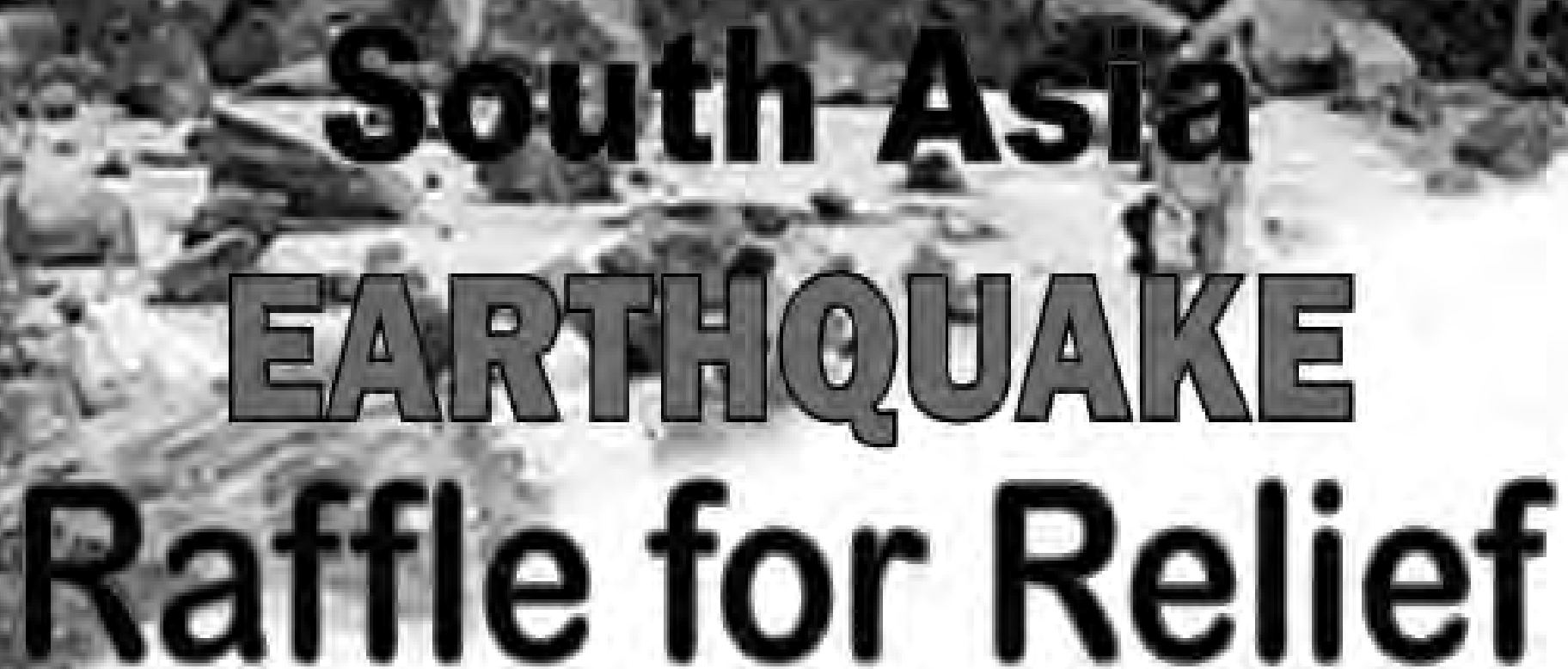


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Ocelots come up one kick short

■ Sudden-death loss upsets team

By **MIKE SIEGRIST**
MANAGING EDITOR

The women's soccer team returned home from Phoenix, AZ with a 5th place national rank, earning two victories after losing to the tournament champions. The first round loss to Monroe Community College erased any hope of taking the coveted title.

The Ocelots faced off against the Monroe Tribunes in their first of two sudden-death overtime shootouts of the tournament. The team has been to the National tournament five out of the last six years, only to be beaten in the first round by the championship team. The only teams to overcome the Ocelots in the first round have gone on to win the tournament.

The team started off slow against the Tribunes, as their opponents scored within the first minute of the game. Holding on to the 1-0 lead for the majority of the first half, the Tribunes were disappointed when forward Nicole Saigh, assisted by Annie Gabriel, scored to tie the game at 1-1. The Ocelots dominated the rest of the game, but were unable to find the Tribune net. Both teams entered overtime with a point apiece, and remained scoreless for the two extra periods.

"When I saw that we were heading into penalty kicks I thought it was a great opportunity for us. We had practiced this situation all year," states head coach Bill Tolstedt.

Both teams managed to capitalize on each penalty shot, scoring a total of five each. The quarter-final match was decided when the Ocelots failed to find the Tribune net and Monroe gained the advantage, with a well-placed follow up kick behind the Schoolcraft goaltender.

"Everybody was working so hard that we didn't really feel tired until after the game, but we definitely were," states co-captain Jessica Saba.

The following day, the Ocelots were placed in a position which mirrored the previous day. In the semifinal match of the loser's bracket the team faced off against Iowa Central Community College in another all out battle. The team overcame the Tritons with a score of 2-1 in a sudden-death overtime situation similar to the game against Monroe. A goal by Saigh placed the Ocelots at a one point advantage over Iowa Central at the half. Midway through the second, the Tritons were able to even it up with a penalty kick, sending both teams into overtime with a point each. This time, the Ocelots were able to claim a victory, proving the hard work during the season was not in vain.

"I think we set a record for the most minutes played in a National tournament after the Monroe and Iowa Central games," states Tolstedt.

Because of the win, the Ocelots advanced to the finals of the loser's bracket, where they defeated the Navarro Bulldogs. The team won with a single shot from LeighAnne Myers that found its way to the upper right corner of the net, from 30 yards out, clenching 5th place.

"I was so proud of the team about the win. We dominated the game, and it was awesome considering we lost to them earlier this year," states Saba.

The Ocelots gained praise yet again when the 2005 All Region Team was announced, and the team had six players nominated to fill over half its ranks. The six are Saba, Myers, Saigh, Stephanie Squires, Stacey Potrykus and Sarah Davies.

Adding to the esteem of the school,



Photo by Rena Lavery

Schoolcraft midfielder Annie Gabriel (left) focuses sharply on the ball in an effort to regain control against a Loyola player.

Davies earned the NJCAA's 2005 Region XII Division I Women's Soccer Player of the Year Award, and Tolstedt earned the Division I Coach of the Year honors.

The team has received praise in every area possible outside of winning the National Title, which eluded them by a mere sudden-death penalty kick.

Volleyball's Ocelots give it their all

■ Season ends at district tournament

By **RYAN RUSSELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

With the intensity demonstrated by the volleyball team at the National Junior College Athletic Association district championship tournament, they made it clear to everyone that a shot at nationals was exactly what they were after.

Unfortunately, in a five game rematch with the Macomb Community College on Saturday, Nov. 5, even the offensive muscle provided by co-captain Teneika Fellows and freshman Amy Golem wasn't able to overcome the Monarchs. Despite both players' nomination to the all-tournament team, the two-person offense did not prove to be enough.

"Teneika and Amy carried our offense, over 90 percent of the time," states head coach Tom Teeters. "It's what was working, so we went with it, but there is the fatigue factor, as well as the lack of surprise factor. But I am incredibly proud of both of them with the all-tournament nomination."

The Ocelots were playing Macomb for the second time, having just been knocked out by the Monarchs in four games the previous day. The team had made it to the semifinals of the winner's bracket with a three game sweep of St. Clair Community College.

Following their first loss to Macomb (1-3), the team fought their way back, battling through Delta College (3-0), Owens Community College (3-1) and Mott Community College (3-0) for one more shot at the District E title.

"I think the fact that we lost our second match, then worked our way back to the winner's bracket to go to the finals is a great accomplishment," says freshman Chelsey Weber.

After taking the first game 30-26, the Ocelots were overwhelmed by the Monarchs' high-powered offense, losing the next two games 14-30 and 26-30. After the Ocelots mounted a comeback for a slim 30-28 victory in game four, the Monarchs rallied once again to keep them from seizing the championship, taking the final game 15-6.

"Regionals was long and exhausting," states middle blocker Stephenie Manning. "I guess they [Macomb] just had a little bit more on us. I thought we did good overall though, both at regionals and throughout the season. I think next year we'll have a good chance at winning the league and going to nationals."

The Ocelots also came off of a tough battle with Mott prior to the finals. "We beat them in three games, and the scores were like 30-15, but they really made us work for every single point," says Weber. "And Macomb was able to get in a good warm up and watch how we were playing that day."

Regardless of the outcome, the team per-

formed well, with Fellows and Golem standing out with a tournament total of 150 and 129 kills respectively. The team's other co-captain, Ashley Cecil, was also a key player, tallying 135 assists and 28 digs through the two days of play.

The second place finish at districts brought an end to an excellent season; earlier on this year, the Ocelots started out as strong as they finished, winning 12 of 17 matches in September. Although the first half of October saw the ladies lose six of nine matches, they fought back valiantly, with five victories in eight matches during the second part of the month.

The season was marked by several key, hard fought victories, including regular season wins over Macomb on Oct. 4 and Mott on Oct. 22. A 3-0 win over Owens on Nov. 1 helped the team build momentum for the district tournament.

A few of the ladies also received honors from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, with Fellows and Golem being named all-region, all-conference and all-state; Cecil, along with freshman Nicole Brandt, Roni Juszczuk and Marcie Hill, received an all-conference honorable mention.

"Amy was actually one of the top vote-getters for all-conference," says Teeters.

Overall, it was an outstanding season, one which saw the lady Ocelots build up a 12-2 conference record and an overall 23-18



Photo by Rena Lavery

Tamika Fellows gets ready to serve the ball to an opponent.

record. And they are prepared to do even better next season.

"Most likely, we [freshman players] will be returning next season, and I look forward to playing with all the same girls," says Danielle Sergison. "We all work really well together, so we won't have to make too many changes. We won't have to start all over; we can just build on what we learned this season."

"I was pleased with the end of the season," said Teeters. "We beat some teams we lost to earlier, and we even beat Kalamazoo, who were the District D champions. Next season, we have 12 of the girls who helped earn those victories returning, not to mention new recruits. We will just be looking to improve overall."



Photos by Rena Lavery

Schoolcraft center James Davis (54) slam dunks the ball on a Fanshawe player.

Dominance

■ Ocelots waste no time

BY MIKE SIEGRIST
MANAGING EDITOR

With a starting record of 4-0, the men's basketball team is setting a steady pace to follow for the rest of the season. The team has barreled through the first four teams placed before them, creating a pattern of dominance.

The team faced off against the Kellogg Community College Bruins on Nov. 19, in the most recent of its victories. The Bruins were unable to mount a formidable defense against the determined Ocelot offense, resulting in a final score of 98-84. Kellogg was sent home with their third loss of the year, giving the Ocelots their fourth victory.

"Some people happen to take success the wrong way and need humility," states head coach Carlos Briggs about the win.

In one of the team's steepest landslide victories, the Rochester College JV Warriors were dealt a devastating blow at Schoolcraft on Nov. 16. The Ocelots were slow to find their groove, scoring only 20 points to the Warriors nine in the first ten minutes of play. However, the team ran the court, scoring 15 uncontested points in four minutes.

A technical penalty against the team, as a result of forward D'Mario Curry hanging on the rim after a dunk, was the Warriors first addition to the score board after their drought. Two three-pointers by Darryl Garrett in the last minute of the first half catapulted the score to the lofty 50-14 at the break.

The teams returned to the floor, the Warriors plagued by a 36 point deficit, only for the momentum to continue in the Ocelots favor. A dunk by Derrick Coleman and a behind the back pass from fellow guard Marcus Crenshaw to Antonio Bonds showcased the talent and fluid movement of the team. The Ocelots sent the Warriors home with an overwhelming 98-45 defeat.

"We have a talented team with championship caliber. But, we need to work together; talent won't win it alone," states Coleman.

The team faced off against the Fanshawe College Falcons on Nov. 12, in one of the two victories where they accumulated twice the score of their opponents. The Falcons were sent home to London, Ontario with a devastating 115-51 loss, failing to reach even half the score of their opponents.

"When we face teams that are not as challenging as others, we are able to work on our strengths and weaknesses. We can prepare ourselves for better teams," says sophomore guard Donnell Patterson.

The team's first victim of the season was St. Francis College JV of Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Nov. 9. The Cougars were disappointed by a 109-77 loss, and the Ocelots were able to overcome the team by a 32-point spread, showing early on that they are a team to be reckoned with.

"We have gotten better from game one and want to keep improving," states Briggs.

The Ocelots' undefeated entrance into the season is setting the stage for a dominant year, leaving plenty of regional competitors in their wake.



Schoolcraft guard Cedric Sims (right) puts defensive pressure on an opponent.

Ocelots run over Owens, OSU in Season opener

■ Women's basketball begins season undefeated

BY SARAH DZAGULONES
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 season is looking very promising for the Women's basketball team. The Ocelots returned victorious from their season opener at Owens Community College in Toledo Ohio, finishing the weekend 2-0, winning the Owens Tip-Off Classic.

Prior to the start of their season, Coach Karen Lafata remarked, "We are really hopeful; the team is looking good and ready to go."

The first game of their season was against the Ohio State University Club team on Nov. 11, where the Ocelots defeated the OSU Ballstars 95-53 in a landslide victory. "Our intensity started before the game. We stayed focused and it showed in the game," says sophomore Tomica Hodge.

The following day, they faced off against Owens Community College. According to Lafata, the Owens team is typically one of Schoolcraft's biggest competitors. That didn't seem to be the case this year, as the Ocelots defeated the Express by a score of 100-70.

The experienced Express boasts a team of six sophomores and five freshmen, while the Ocelot team has only four sophomores and eight freshmen. The experience of their rivals didn't seem to phase the Ocelots one bit. "The whole team contributed to the wins; it was a great weekend we were unstoppable," says Lafata.

The successful weekend was a result of a collective team effort, with four players in double figures during the first game. The scoring leaders of the weekend were sophomore Mikiko Williams and LaShonda Thomas.

Lafata accredits the triumph of the weekend to "quick defense causing turnovers" and "outstanding play on both ends of the court."

Although this year was supposed to be a

rebuilding year for the Ocelots, it is looking to be another winning season for Lafata and the ladies. Last year, the team was the state champions and this year's team looks to repeat and improve on last year's record.

Lafata says she hates to "compare teams but so far this [year's] team [makes her] very optimistic, has great attitude and work ethic and is great already."

This year's team is led by two above average athletes. The captains, as chosen by Lafata, are sophomores Charlese Greer and Tracey Winkler. "They are leaders on and off the court; academically they are great students," says Lafata.

The other sophomores on this year's team are Williams, Renita Price and transfer student Tomica Hodge (Walters State). Lafata says, "They bring experience to the table."

The freshmen of the team made their presence felt on the court. Thomas (Detroit City) and Amanda Crouse (Clawson) had an outstanding weekend according to Lafata. Maricka Seay (Detroit CMA) also played a key role with her starting center position.

Other freshmen on the team include, Jessica Collins (Willow Run), Alisha June (Garden City), Lauren Braun (Fowlerville), Amanda Griffin (Bay City Central) and Ericka Brewer (Belleville). These newcomers proved they are ready for collegiate competition at the Owens Tip-Off. "I think we will have a great season, we just need to pay attention and listen," says Seay.

The Ocelots have a demanding schedule this year, playing their first six games on the road. Their first home game is on Friday, Dec. 2 against Sinclair College. Captain Greer says, "I'm really excited for the team, it [the team] has excellent work ethic and everyone is improving."

With one of their major competitors defeated, the team has about one and a half months to prepare for their other rival—Mott Community College. Until then, the Ocelots intend on continuing their hard work to achieve their goal of winning the State Championship.



Whalers lose to Peterborough in 6-5 shootout; gain a point on second place Saginaw



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Whalers goaltender Ryan Nie keeps an eye on the play, while teammate Ryan McGinnis(10) tries to fend off Peterborough Petes player Patrick Kaleta.

It's fair to say the Plymouth Whalers gave the top rated Peterborough Petes all they could handle in a 6-5 shootout loss in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,647 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

In winning the shootout, Peterborough – the OHL's top team with a record of 20-2-1-0 – has now won 15 games in a row. In losing the shootout, Plymouth (now 13-8-1-3) remains in first place in the OHL's West Division and picked up a point on Saginaw, who lost 8-2 to Owen Sound on Saturday night.

In spite of the ten goals through 65 minutes of play, there was never

more than a one-goal differential the entire game.

Peterborough's Dan Ryder and Steve Downie scored in the shootout to decide the game. Earlier, Patrick Kaleta (10 on the season) scored a pair of goals to pace the Peterborough attack, while Aaron Dawson (2), Jordan Morrison (14) and Fredrik Naslund (penalty shot and fifth of the year) scored singles.

Plymouth got single goals from John Vigilante (penalty shot and 11th of the year), Vaclav Meidl (6th), Jared Boll (8th), James Neal (8th) and Andrew Fournier (8th). Evan Brophey contributed three assists and Ryan McGinnis two for Plymouth.

Two penalty shots in one game is a first for the Compuware Sports Arena since the arena opened in 1996.

The teams traded seven goals in a wild first place that saw Plymouth leading, 4-3, after twenty minutes of play. Vigilante (penalty shot at 1:01), Meidl (5:58), Boll (9:58) and Neal (19:22) scored goals for Plymouth, sandwiched around Peterborough goals by Aaron Dawson (3:58), Kaleta (9:45) and Morrison (15:19).

Naslund tied the game at 4-4 on a penalty shot at 5:51 of the second period, but Fournier gave the Whalers a 5-4 lead when he scored on a shorthanded breakaway

with 22 seconds left in the second period.

Kaleta tied the game at 5-5 with 5:17 in regulation when he scored in the middle of scramble in front of the Plymouth goal. Whalers' goaltender Ryan Nie got a piece of the shot, but it trickled over the line to tie the game.

That set the stage for the shootout.

Plymouth outshot Peterborough, 44-39.

Peterborough's 15-game winning streak is approaching existing league records. The 1984-84 Kitchener Rangers won 25 straight games from Jan. 11, 1984 through Mar. 16, 1984; the 2004-05 London Knights won 18 straight games from Oct. 23, 2004 through Dec. 8, 2004; the 1999-00 Plymouth Whalers won 17 straight games from Feb. 4, 2000 through Mar. 12, 2000; and the 1987-88 Windsor Spitfires won 16 straight games from Jan. 18, 1988 through Mar. 3, 1988.

WHALERS' COMEBACK NETS 4-3 OT WIN OVER SARNIA AND FIRST PLACE IN DIVISION

Dan Collins' team-leading 19th goal at 2:05 of overtime capped a comeback for the Plymouth Whalers, as they defeated the Sarnia Sting, 4-3 in overtime, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Wednesday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth (now 13-7-1-2) rallied from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1 to come all the way back for the victory.

The Whalers' victory – coupled with Saginaw's 4-1 loss to London Wednesday night - moves Plymouth into sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division, one

point ahead of Saginaw. Sarnia has lost six in a row and is 10-13-0-0, third place in the OHL West.

John Vigilante (9th) and James Neal (7th) scored a goal and an assist apiece for Plymouth. Steve Ward (3rd) scored the other Whalers' goal, while Vaclav Meidl chipped in with three assists. Richard Clune (7th), Jamie Fraser (10th) and Chad Painchaud (15th) scored single goals for Sarnia.

After a scoreless first period, Sarnia got goals 1:34 apart in the second period from Clune (left wing in tight at 10:08) and Fraser (snap shot from the slot at 11:42). The Sting led 2-0 after forty minutes.

Vigilante cut the Sarnia lead to 2-1 at 1:18 of the third period, but Painchaud scored on a short-handed breakaway at 5:39 to bring the Sting back to a 3-1 lead. Neal cut the Sarnia lead to 3-2 when he roofed a shot from the right wing doorstep of the Sting goal at 9:09 and Ward scored 1:41 later at 10:50 of the third period when he wristed a loose puck through traffic in front of the Sarnia goal to tie the game at 3-3.

Collins gave Plymouth their only lead at 2:05 of overtime when he took Meidl's pass on the left wing in the Sarnia zone and beat Sting goaltender Parker VanBuskirk with a shot from the lower rim of the left circle.

The game marked the debut of two new Whalers – center Evan Brophey and defenseman Wes Cunningham – acquired earlier today from Belleville along with a fourth round draft choice in 2006 in exchange for center Cory Tanaka and two second round draft choices. Brophey and Cunningham played regular shifts and did not score.

Press release courtesy the Plymouth Whalers

“Scicluna” continued from PAGE 1

In a third instance, Scicluna claims that he was written up simply for promoting SC's soccer camps. “They wrote me up for putting an ad in a Michigan soccer magazine, marketing the camp program to the community to help bring in money and people,” he says. “I’ve been doing it for seven years. They said I continued to show poor judgment in that decision, because I didn’t approach Sid to get it okayed.”

Despite the NJCAA probes, Fox claims that the judgment to terminate Scicluna's job was an unrelated instance.

“It did not play a role in our decision, it could have. I think there was a decision prior to the allegations that we would not offer a renewed contract.”

Regarding the options for a new head coach, Fox says that there are certain changes that he would like to see in the program as a whole.

“We would like to see whoever accepts the job recruit far more heavily in our service area. There is a lot of good high school soccer in our area, and I would like to see

more student athletes come from here,” states Fox. “I don’t think we have to be obsessed with the need to win a national championship. We need someone with a great deal of academic integrity, and compliance to all the rules and regulations.”

Scicluna states that while he may have made some mistakes, he was not given the opportunity to correct his “unprofessional behavior.”

“I take full responsibilities for my actions,” states Scicluna. “But until now, I had gone five years without a letter in my file. Give me the behavior you want changed, and then give me the chance to change it so that I can improve; then I can understand if I don’t make changes, you release me. But when you just write up these letters and stick them in my file, and tell me that you’re going to terminate my job...”

“A lot of the team is upset about the schools decision. I doubt many of the freshman players will return next year,” says captain Tim Oswald.

Despite having his doubts about



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Dominic Scicluna's unconventional coaching style included activities such as firing up the team by beating bongo drums on the sidelines during games.

the reasons behind it all, Scicluna says there are no hard feelings on his part.

“My mission is to share peace, clarity and wisdom through soccer. Schoolcraft was the vehicle for

that, an amazing stepping stone for people to find their groove, to get to where they need to go in life and help manifest their destiny. If that doesn't flow with the mission of the school, then maybe it's best that I

don't work here; I have nothing against anybody. The last thing I want to say is simply thank you, to everyone in the SC community.”

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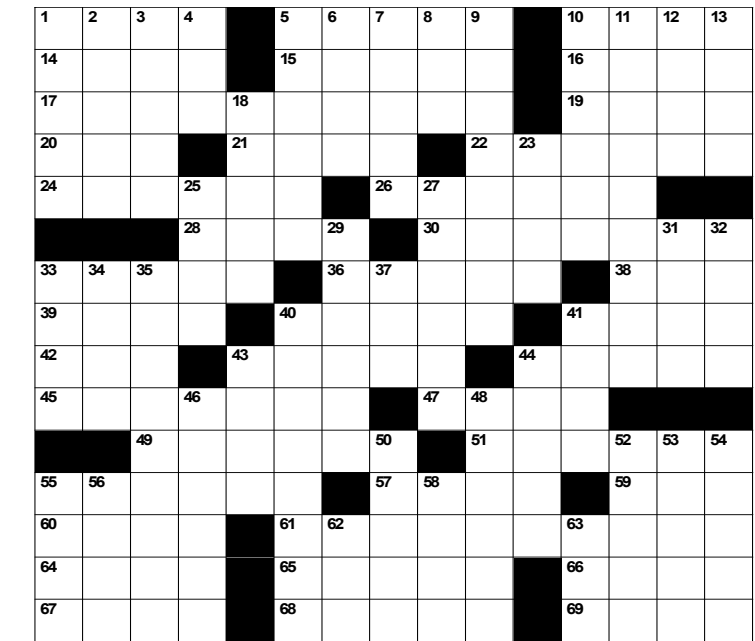
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Aries

Mar 21- Apr 19

If your life seems incomplete right now, it's probably just the change in the weather. There is no reason to get upset over small things, so make sure to keep your head up. Everything will work itself out if you let it.



Taurus

Apr 20- May 20

This will be a very romantic period in your life. Ironically enough, it will happen between yourself and someone very close to you. Keep a close eye on your friends, as they may develop a, "more than friends" mentality in the near future.



Gemini

May 21- Jun 21

You are already busy enough. There is no time to sweat the small stuff. Make sure you remember to breathe, and give yourself a little time to relax. Nothing is greater than the personal satisfaction after a good night's rest.



Cancer

Jun 22- Jul 22

Nobody told you it would be easy, but worth it. Not only will this point in your life bring you good fortune, your hard work will not go unnoticed. Get ready for a promotion at work and some serious dividends.



Leo

Jul 23- Aug 22

Your love life will spark new interests as well as old. Expect old friends to reappear; and get ready for some long romantic evenings. This will be a special time in your life, so cherish every moment of it.



Virgo

Aug 23- Sep 22

What is the point of wasting time? You've done enough of it in the past few weeks, and now you're going to have to play catch up. Procrastination is not an option here, remember, diligence is the mother of good fortune.



Libra

Sep 23- Oct 22

You may have hurt someone in the recent past, and you should feel guilty for it. However, it's no reason to create drama. Don't be hypocritical and unsympathetic towards an old friend. Words you said in the past may still linger in that certain someone's head.



Scorpio

Oct 23- Nov 21

Don't get too wrapped up in your love life. You shouldn't have to worry about pleasing someone else when it's you who needs to be pleased. Relationships are fun while they last, unfortunately for you, they don't all last forever.



Sagittarius

Nov 22- Dec 21

Life is not a staring contest. Sometimes the best way to do things is to just do them. Creating lists and being too organized leads to procrastination. Live on the edge for awhile, you might be surprised to find a new you.



Capricorn

Dec 22- Jan 19

You may come into some hard times with money in the near future. Don't get discouraged though, as it will not last very long. Remember that everyone learns from bad experiences.



Aquarius

Jan 20- Feb 18

Don't be afraid to tell that special someone how you feel. Chances are, they're feeling just as frustrated as you are. Once you express your true feelings, you'll feel much better about yourself. And who knows, you may gain a new relationship as a reward for your honesty.



Pisces

Feb 19- Mar 20

Be original. Read a book or do something you don't usually do. A monotonous life leads to a boring afterlife. Don't be afraid to try something new. This will give you a new perspective on life, and help change you for the better.

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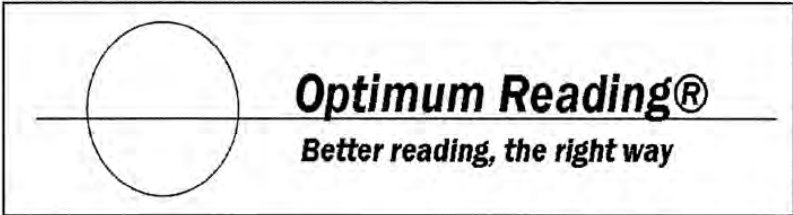
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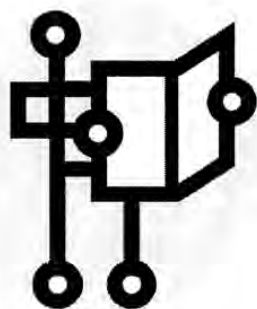
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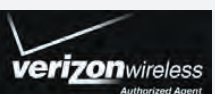
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A VIEW OF THE ACTION
Schoolcraft consumed section 109 in the arena which provided a great view of all the action on the ice.

Photos by Rena Lavery

SCHOOLCRAFT NIGHT *at* THE WHALERS

On Friday, Nov 18, Schoolcraft College teamed up with the Plymouth Whalers for a night of fun. Students showed their support for the college as well as the Whalers, cheering on the team in their Limited Edition Schoolcraft College shirts. The tickets— provided by the college's media department— were given to 100 students and their families.



SHOWING SPIRIT
Members of SAB show their school spirit at the Whalers hockey game, one of their many events that students can get involved in.



SCHOOLCRAFT SPORTS NETWORK
Media Technician Kim Kracke-Reimke mans camera 1 during the game.



CAMPUS PROMOTION
Schoolcraft Student Ambassadors worked at an information table, set up in an effort to promote the many choices the college has to offer.