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## Party like it's 1773

Conservatives come to the College

BY MARK BENJAMIN  
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Schoolcraft College was home to one of the largest tea party rallies in Southeast Michigan featuring eight prominent, Republican candidates. The rally, while not officially hosted by the College, turned Schoolcraft into the center of attention for one weekend afternoon.

The mass of people walking into the Physical Education Building holding enormous flags were eager to share their political feelings with the assembled candidates. Flags that read "Taxed Enough Already," "Who is John Galt?" and "Don't tread on me." Passing through the doors of Schoolcraft's gym was to leave the normal world and become immersed in the political spectacle that is an American tea party.

This particular rally was called S.O.S. (Save Our State) and was organized by The Tea Parties of Brighton, Lakes Area, Let Freedom Reign, Rattle With Us, RetakeOurGov and Patriots of West Oakland County. This particular event was held to make sure that all these tea party groups knew who to vote for the coming up election on November 2. It was held at Schoolcraft do to its location roughly in the center of these prominent, local tea party groups.

Alex Steward former co-chair of the College Republicans of Schoolcraft College said, "The tea party was filled



Tea Party organizers brought music and a message to Schoolcraft on Oct. 16.

with people who were passionate about getting our state back on the right track."

The hallway from the entrance to the gym was teeming with citizens,

activists, statesmen and pundits. The bleachers were packed with attendees. It seemed the building had turned from a gym into a melting pot of conservative ideology objectivists, constitu-

tionalists, libertarians and anyone else right-of-center on the political spectrum.

The ceremony started with the

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## Hit but don't run

Increased criminal conduct

BY ASHLEY CARLEY  
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Hit-and-run accidents are seemingly on the rise on campus this year. With two strikes occurring in one week, Public Safety has released case information on the parking lot accidents and offered a warning in an attempt to promote cautious driving.

While running late for class, the driver of a Jeep with extra wide buffer tires pulled into a parking spot too quickly causing extensive damage to a parked car. The perpetrator was pulling in to park and misjudged the spot. After they had hit the car, the driver of the Jeep fled to the South lot to park and proceeded to class as if nothing had happened. The damage to the driver's own vehicle was minor.

Public Safety used their resources to identify the per-

petrator, removed the individual from class and issued a violation. The offender was surprised to be pulled out of class.

"We have cameras that monitor all the parking lots on campus and students see things and extend the effort," Director of Security and Campus Police John Monge said.

After being questioned about the event, the perpetrator admitted responsibility and said they "just freaked."

Although it seems that there have been several accidents recently, as a whole the numbers are average. Many of the parking lot accidents tend to happen near the beginning of the semesters. "It is a combination of beginning drivers being unsure of where to go and overconfident with their vehicles," Monge said.



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Accidents like this are happening more often around campus.

According to the records provided by Public Safety, in Oct. 2009, the total year-to-date number of accidents was at 38. Up mid-October of this year, the number is a very comparable 41. For the month of October in 2009 there were six total accidents and

October 2010 had six as well. It seems this year is no worse than last.

"Students should take ownership for their mistakes. Generally most accidents are insured and students can get in more trouble by not calling

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# "\$20 on two, and a six-pack of Smirnoff, please"

Authorities cracking down on stations ability to sell alcohol

By CONOR BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

There is a battle brewing between liquor store and gas station owners in Farmington Hills over who should be permitted to sell beer and wine. When the politicians are done weighing in, it might be consumers that end up losing out.

Liquor store owners are upset that gas stations are acquiring licenses to sell beer and wine. They complain that it is unfair for them to have to invest so much money into stocking their store and gaining the license to sell their goods, only to have their business taken from them by smaller gas stations. However, the liquor stores are fighting back by getting local policy makers on their side.

Gas station owners believe they should be allowed to sell beer, wine and liquor if they please. They have to go through the state of Michigan to obtain the proper licenses, which require them to have at least \$250,000 in other merchandise in the store. More importantly, they are usually open much later than their liquor store counterparts.

"I think it's great, like a one-stop shop. Although I heard they wanted to raise taxes on beer and liquor sold at gas stations, so that would turn me away," said SC student Jeff Valentine.

Most liquor stores close at 10 p.m. or 11 p.m., leaving late night drinkers out of luck. Gas stations get a lot of business from people who purchase alcohol between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Also, most gas stations sell only beer and wine, leaving the monopoly on liquor to specialty stores.

However, not everyone agrees that making alcohol more easily accessible is a good thing. "Gas stations should not be allowed to sell any alcoholic beverage because most people who buy something to eat, drink or even smoke, do so in the car on the way home, and I believe selling alcohol at gas stations promotes drinking and driving," said SC student Don Gurka.

City council members of Farmington Hills seem to be siding with liquor store owners. The city is now trying to change their zoning laws to keep any more gas stations from selling alcohol. They cite increased robbery as a reason, although Farmington Hills ranks as one of the safest cities in the state, having only 24 robberies last year. Another reason given is that it is easier to sell to minors at a gas station rather than a liquor store. Gas stations already selling alcohol will be allowed to continue business as usual but will likely face tighter scrutiny by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. It is entirely possible that a few of these gas stations will lose their license for not meeting the requirements, as most do not possess \$250,000 in candy, chips and cigarettes.

Zoning laws in Farmington Hills try to eliminate competition by only allowing one liquor store for a determined zone. Since gas stations do not



PHOTO BY ALEX MARIETTI

Soon, beer and gas may not be a one-stop purchase in Farmington Hills.

sell liquor, they do not fall under these zoning restrictions. Liquor stores have to follow much tighter regulations than gas stations selling beer and the owners

of the stores say that this affects their sales negatively.

Whatever the verdict is, someone is

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"Oh, I thought today's lesson was on Facebook. ..."

## Technological repression?

Laptops in the classroom are coming under fire

By CHARLOTTE A. LAWRIE  
STAFF WRITER

Just as emerging technologies are making their way into the classroom, some instructors and schools are prohibiting laptops and other media devices from their classrooms. While technology is often embraced on campuses, there are instances when institutions of higher learning are finding it to be more of a burden than a benefit.

It is not uncommon to see today's college students flip open their laptops at the beginning of a class and stay buried in it throughout a professor's lecture. While some students are taking notes or working on class proj-

ects, others are busy shopping, checking their emails, stopping by their Facebook page or simply surfing the Web.

At some of the larger universities, laptops are being banned from classrooms altogether. Signs outside of classrooms now warn students that no cell phones, iPods, laptops or other electronic devices are allowed because professors feel there is no need for them during lectures. However, students argue that they need them for taking notes and working on assignments.

The banning of laptops seems to be growing larger amongst most law

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## In Our News

By CARMEN BOJANOWSKI  
NEWS EDITOR

### World News

On Oct. 19, some savvy, bilingual, jewelry thieves made their way out of a Cartier store in Rome, Italy with Cartier's most expensive ring. One man distracted the saleswoman while the other snuck away with the ring. The store was located in a heavily populated shopping district so, once the thieves left the store, they blended in with the large crowd of shoppers. Surveillance tapes are being analyzed, but there are no leads yet. The diamond encrusted ring is valued at \$693,000.

On a small Hawaiian island, high schools are being forced to play their football games on Saturday afternoons instead of Friday nights. The Newell shearwater, an endangered bird migrates this time of year, but the Friday night lights have been disorienting the fowl, increasing fatalities to the birds. The football teams are upset by this, saying that it's too hot to play football during the day.

### National News

Three students at Georgetown University in Washington have been arrested after a supposed meth lab in their dorm room expelled noxious chemicals, requiring about 400 students to evacuate the building. Seven students were exposed to the

chemicals but nobody was sent to the hospital. The building remained evacuated for two days while federal agents investigated.

An escaped chimpanzee went "Donkey Kong" all over a Kansas City neighborhood. The 300-pound monkey destroyed gates, fences and police cars with her bare hands. After a tranquilizer dart failed to knock her out and she climbed a tree, she was finally coaxed into her cage and sent to an animal refuge. It was also reported that she seemed to give the animal control officers the finger, proving that monkeys really are pretty smart.

### Local News

The Dearborn Animal Shelter is organizing "Pup-cat-sos," paintings done by animals. They will be auctioned off at the annual Black Tie and Tails fundraiser at Dearborn Inn. Volunteers worked with the animals using non-toxic and water soluble products to ensure the safety of our four-legged friends.

With Michigan's \$1.6 billion deficit, the state is trying to think of a quick way to solve the problem. Three speculations were the sale of the state freeway system, the state lottery and the Mackinac Bridge. The sale of any of these may be a quick fix for a problem but could lose the state money in the long run. Experts are still unsure who the buyers would be.

## Shoved out of the closet

String of recent student suicides raises concern

By ANITA MISHRA  
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At Rutgers University, on Sept. 22, 2010, freshman Tyler Clementi posted a note on Facebook stating "Jumping off the gw bridge sorry." The day after his suicide, his lifeless body was found near the George Washington Bridge. It is always shocking to hear about a suicide but it is further disturbing to hear how and why it happened. His roommate, Dharun Ravi, was asked to give Clementi privacy in their dorm room for a few of hours on Sept. 19 and 20. Little did Clementi know that Ravi and his friend, Molly Wei, were playing around with a webcam in another room that was set to view Clementi's room. After Ravi and Wei spied on Clementi being intimate with another man, they proceeded to broadcast this act online as a joke. This occurred not only once but two days in a row. The day after these incidents, Clementi killed himself.

Richard L. McCormick, president of Rutgers said in a public statement, "In order to hear directly from our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, I am arranging to meet with student leaders of the LGBT community. Let me also urge your participation in Project Civility, a conversation on our New Brunswick campus about the meaning of respect and how we treat each other."

The Gay Straight Alliance, a Schoolcraft student organization, has brought the conversation to the College. The group was founded by Josh Allen in the fall of 2009 with the

goal of giving other LGBT students a support system and a place they can't find elsewhere. After hearing about these suicide reports, other students of this group had much to talk about. "I reacted with remorse," one member said shaking his head disappointedly. "It shows that there is still a lot of work to be done to change the community's perception of the LGBT community. It's extremely sad knowing that there are kids and teens that struggle every day with who they are."

"I felt shocked and saddened by his death and the same about the other deaths," another GSA member said.

It comes with little surprise that GSA members are reluctant to share their identities publicly.

"Social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube allow students to post any message, no matter how hurtful, for their peers to see. I think we've moved forward in recent years when it comes to acceptance of the LGBT community but 'cyber-bullying' is an added obstacle for high school students these days. I think it's made it even harder for some students to come out," said a GSA student.

Preventing bullying and suicides from happening is the next solution. One student laughed nervously and said we would need "a complete overhaul of current society, which is damn near impossible."

Another member agreed, saying, "They need support from parents, friends and social institutions. Parents don't realize that avoiding the topic

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If you're a law-abiding smoker, you'll take that cigarette outside.

## What happened to "smoke free?"

Recent law change is sometimes disregarded by bar patrons

BY TONYA BROXHOLM  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the fact that the Michigan smoke free law went into effect on May 1, 2010, there are still many people who are failing to comply with these new regulations. The law prohibits smoking in public places. This includes, but isn't limited to: restaurants, bars, shopping malls, bowling alleys, concert halls, arenas, museums, mechanic shops, health facilities, nursing homes, educational facilities and child care centers. In simple terms, if you're inside of a building other than a private residence, you can't smoke.

"I agree with the smoke free law because I feel that any nonsmoker should not have to forcefully be subjected to being around secondhand smoke in a public place. I do feel that it has been effective for the most part. I see more people following the law than not," Rachel Knorp, a student at Schoolcraft said.

Most people would agree that it is a reasonable law but not everyone is convinced. Even though the smoking ban went into effect months ago, local health departments have been receiving complaints about patrons in bars and restaurants smoking anyway. Smoking violations are reported by phone or fax to the health department of the county in which the violation takes place. Citations can result in a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for any offense after that.

Why are many people choosing to ignore the law? "Since the casinos allow smoking, I think businesses should be able to decide for themselves whether or not they want to allow smoking in their establishments," Jenn

Thompson, a SC student said, "I follow it just because I don't want the ticket."

The new law affected many businesses, over 37,000 food service establishments alone are under the jurisdiction of 45 health departments dispersed across the state. Local health departments have received over 583 complaints of businesses disregarding this law and five businesses in the state were temporarily shut down until they complied.

"The law does prevent me from smoking in restaurants that I previously would have but I smoke the same amount as I did before the law was in effect," nursing major, Alyse Anderson said, "I agree with the smoke-free law. I think it's pretty fair to nonsmokers. It's especially fair to families who go out to eat with their young children."

Restaurants, for the most part, are complying with the smoke free law. Bars and clubs are where patrons are having the hardest time adjusting. "About two weeks ago, I saw a bunch of people smoking at the bar," continued Thompson. If there are a lot of people who are still smoking in public places, it encourages others to join in. It's a classic case of the "If they can do it, so can I" mentality. Many people smoke while they drink and the prime places to drink are bars and clubs. Ann Arbor's Necto even has an outdoor room attached to the building where smoking is still allowed in order to accommodate their smoking club goers.

The smoking ban in Michigan is still in its beta phase, with some patrons still thinking they can disregard it. However, with 26 states having these bans in effect, the U.S. may very well be on its way to becoming a smoke-free country. Smokers are going to have to learn to comply or be ready to face the consequences.

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pledge, a prayer, a salute to the troops and then the national anthem. An American flag provided the backdrop for the stage. After a bit of trouble with the microphone, conservative talk radio commentator Thayrone X began explaining the mission and objectives for those gathered.

Before any candidates could take the stage, two local singers each performed an original song about America. One entitled "Don't Tread On Me" seemed to inspire the crowd.

Then one candidate after another came on stage and lobbied for the crowd's support in the upcoming election. Bill Schette, running for Attorney General, spoke about how he would be "on duty" for the people of Michigan's rights and would not be the puppet of liberal icon Gorge Soros like his opponent. Dr. Rob Steele, who is running for Federal Congressmen of the 15<sup>th</sup> district, mentioned that his opponent had been in office longer than Fidel Castro was dictator of Cuba and it is time for a change. Judge Mike Young, a

candidate for the state's highest court, talked about how both he and Judge Mary Beth Kelly must win the open seats on the court to stop the Michigan Supreme Court from being an ATM for trial lawyers. Republican hopeful for Schoolcraft's State Senate district (the 6<sup>th</sup>) John Pastor also asked the tea partiers to vote for him on Nov. 2. Ruth Johnson Secretary of State hopeful, Tim Walberg 7<sup>th</sup> district candidate and Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski 9<sup>th</sup> district nominee also spoke.

The crowd thinned as the speeches continued but the enthusiasm for the event remained throughout the afternoon. John Dalton current co-chair of the Schoolcraft collage republicans said "the tea party movement stands for fiscal responsibility and transparency in government." Whether these tea parties are truly a grassroots movement or simply a vocal, fringe group of citizens, it's apparent they will play a significant role in the 2010 political races.

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and keeping positive gay role models away from their children won't keep them from becoming gay or coming out. It will cause more pain when they do."

There is hope for students. They just need to understand that there are people willing to help them and that they are not alone. For students at the College that are not yet ready to seek

out the Gay Straight Alliance, there are other support outlets for those who feel uncomfortable talking to parents or therapists which includes the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (www.suicidepreventionlifeline.com) or call 800-273-8255 and Ruth Ellis Center (www.ruthelliscenter.com).

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schools, but at other schools, laptops are more than welcome. Schools like Lawrence Technological University in Southfield even supply laptops to their students.

Here at Schoolcraft, computer graphics technology (CGT) instructor Cathy Begle insists computer screens be turned off and all eyes remain on her during lectures on typography. However, for up-and-coming graphic designers and Web specialists, she feels laptops are an asset. Begle says students like the convenience of bringing their laptops with them and having their personal licensed font collections, preferred software and favorite operating system right at their fingertips. Transferring fonts and large files from one machine to another can be a hassle, especially in CGT classes.

On the other hand, the average classroom is not always equipped with a computer at every seat, like those in the CGT classrooms. Brad Stetson, a full-time math instructor at Schoolcraft said, "I do actually allow laptops in the classroom, as I require my homework to be done online. Many students will attempt a few problems in class while I'm lecturing, and others like to bring their laptop to class to ask questions from the homework."

If one student is busy surfing or playing a game on their laptop, is it distracting to the students seated nearby? Freshman Megan Zuccaro thinks it is. When asked what her

thoughts were on the banning of laptops, she said, "Yes, I think laptops should be banned. I look around the class and half the people are on Facebook. It's very distracting."

Not all students share Zuccaro's sentiment. Sophomore Joshua Stothers said, "Personally, I think it's stupid to come to class and not pay attention. Seems like a waste of money to me. But it's their money to waste. I haven't been distracted. In fact, I find that if the teacher is not keeping my interest, I can go to my laptop and finish work for other classes."

At the other end of the spectrum, there are students who feel that having their laptop in class is beneficial to their education. Sophomore Cynthia Hodge uses her laptop in class for research and jotting down notes, stating, "I think that having a laptop in the classroom is a good thing. Sometimes you might not know exactly what a teacher is talking about, so you could research it more on the Web. Also, some people would like to take notes on their computer and, if the teacher talks fast, it is easier to type as they lecture. Also, if you are spelling everything wrong, the computer fixes the spelling."

While there are no plans by the College to formerly ban electronic devices in the classroom, their increased presence in the classroom ensures this subject will continue to be debated into the future.

## Campus Crime

Compiled by Melina M. Chiatalas  
Staff Writer

### Suspicious person

A math instructor was taking attendance on Oct. 6 and noticed an unknown male sitting in class. When the instructor questioned him he stated, "I'm your new student." The subject then ran from the room. Review of the security cameras showed the subject running from the classroom, then out of the building.

### Stolen property

On Oct. 6, an individual left their XBOX 360 gaming system in the Lower Waterman with some friends at approximately 1 p.m. while giving another friend a ride. They returned at approximately 3 p.m. and noticed their XBOX 360 system box and power chord were missing. When they asked their friends what happened, they informed them that they went to a meeting at 2 p.m. and that was the last time the gaming system was seen. Their backpack and both gaming controllers were still there when they returned to the building.

### Attempted breaking and entering

In the PE building, on Oct. 9, someone reported placing their belongings in a locker and securing it with their personal lock at 9 a.m. When they returned to the locker at 11:15 a.m., they noticed the locker handle was damaged. They checked their belongings inside the locker, everything was in order and nothing was missing.

### Breaking and entering and larceny

On Oct. 9, someone had placed their belongings in a locker in the PE building between 9:25 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. When they returned to the locker, they discovered the locker handle had been damaged. Upon checking their belongings, they noticed their credit card and \$175 in cash was missing. After reporting their missing card to the credit card company, they informed them someone had attempted to use it shortly after without success.

### Larceny

On Oct. 13, it was reported that a piece of welding equipment was missing. The complainant informed the officer that he checked the Tig Welding Machines and one of them was missing. A check of the area was

conducted and they were unable to locate the item. The complainant stated the last time they saw the item was about a week ago.

### Missing property

A student's pink wallet was taken from the large storage compartment of their book bag on Oct. 13, between noon and 2:55 p.m., in the Forum. The student believes it was taken during the time she stepped outside of class to use her cell phone. It wasn't until after her class that she discovered the wallet was missing. An officer (along with someone else) checked the trashcans in both the 100 and 200 halls of the Forum, as well as outside the west entrance of the building. They were unable to locate the wallet. A request was made to Facilities Management to check all of the trashcans in the building when they pulled them in the afternoon.

### Disruptive student

A professor reported a disruptive student who refused to leave the classroom on Oct. 13. When the officers arrived, the professor informed them the student was passing out candy and moving around between the tables during the lecture. She had spoken with the student during a break and told them they were disrupting the class and needed to leave. The student refused to leave because they paid to be in the class. The professor said she thinks they may have some problems they need help with and should leave the class for the night. The professor wanted the student to see the dean before she could come back to class. This student had been causing problems in the classroom the past few weeks. The professor also stated that she waited to report the incidents because she thought they'd be able to work out the problem. While the officers were interviewing the professor, the student approached them. The professor instructed the student to return to class. The student had questions for the officers regarding the authority of the instructors. The officer explained the College policy to them. They said they now understood the policy. The student explained their version of what happened that night and agreed to provide a written statement. The officer wasn't able to get a written statement from the professor.

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us. We're human and make mistakes. Accidents happen. That's why they call them that," Monge explained.

The offenders are issued tickets for leaving the scene of the crime in addition to a student discipline form. Students involved in the hit-and-run accidents will be able to take their tickets to court, but the student disciplinary form will remain in place. In the event of an accident, students should always report the problem, immediately "The best thing to do is be honest and try to resolve the situation," Monge said. Often, campus security is quick to the scene of an accident. "Our primary focus is service. We have a car driving around the lots 24/7 looking for suspicious behavior and helping students avoid accidents."

Whether students encounter a severe accident or simply lock their keys in their car, Public Safety is prepared to help at any time. To avoid accidents similar to the recent collisions, students are encouraged to provoke safe driving, abide by the speed limit and, as Monge says, "Just slow down."

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bound to be disappointed. It is likely that gas stations will lose the ability to sell alcohol within the city limits of Farmington Hills. Mayor Jerry Ellis was quoted saying, "I firmly believe that you don't mix gasoline and alcohol." Much

of city council seems to share his sentiment.

It looks like late night drinkers will have to travel to nearby West Bloomfield or their local bar if they want to grab a late night six-pack.

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SC Dance Team practices pirouettes to prepare for Spirit Night.

## Jump, turn, stretch!

Student Dance Team twirls its way onto campus

BY ANITA MISHRA  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine this: There is a really cool song on the radio and you suddenly find yourself tapping your foot, cranking up the volume, snapping your fingers, bobbing your head. The next thing you know, your body is telling you to move your arms and legs. What is this sudden urge? It's your passion, your hobby. It's how people express themselves. It's called dancing.

The SC Dance Team, founded only

one year ago, offers aspiring dancers a chance to show their true talent. Katerina Pavlovich, president of the dance team and dedicated dancer since childhood, has finally found a way to share her passion with others. Pavlovich and Lindsey Breslin, vice president, motivate students to become better performers on the dance team. Students who would like to join the dance team should come in with a "can-do" attitude and, even better, some dance experience.

The different types of dancing styles the team performs are well known to many, such as jazz, ballet, hip-hop and also lyrical which is a combination of jazz and ballet. The 20 students who currently make up the team have dancing experience ranging from five years to a surprising 17 years! This may sound intimidating but some students say the best part of joining the SC dance team is being part of a "whole new family."

"We wanted to create a team that would make everyone feel comfort-

able no matter how much experience they've had," Pavlovich said. Dancers are challenged physically and mentally, it provides a great outlet for self expression and, of course, a fun way to get a good workout.

Though the first year was a success, the group is far more organized this time around. Dance practices have increased in intensity and there is a written agreement for serious dancers. Practices are held twice a week, ranging from three to six hours.

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## Turkey Basket Giveaway

Win a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings

BY MELINA CHIATALAS  
STAFF WRITER

The time of year is approaching where we give thanks for the blessings in life we do have and, of course, devouring some mashed potatoes, stuffing and that big, juicy turkey. Unfortunately, not every family can afford a Thanksgiving meal. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is holding its annual Turkey Basket Giveaway, a contest to win a basket full of Thanksgiving dinner items for those less fortunate, struggling financially and simply can't afford a family feast. Students and faculty can nominate students if they know of someone with a family who is having financial difficulties and are in need of some assistance this holiday season.

SC student Chelsea Rose said, "I think they can benefit from the giveaway. This way, they won't have to worry about spending money on food and can use their money to buy the other necessities."

Nomination forms can be picked up and filled out in the Student Activities Office

(SAO). The form lists the nominee's name, student number, verification that they are a student, a brief description of any specific need (or circumstance) they may have and a short reasoning as to why the person nominating them feels they need a turkey basket. After the form is filled out, it is turned in to the SAO.

All turkey basket nomination forms need to be submitted by Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. After the nominations are turned in, PTK and the SAO will sort through the canned foods and arrange the baskets to be given out. Students can also contribute by volunteering their time with assembling the baskets. A committee, made up of the SAO, SC staff and PTK officers, will choose the recipients of the gift baskets.

If students are looking for another way to give back this holiday season, they can also get involved making food donations in the annual Canned Food Drive, which is going on now through December. Most of the food

the PTK gathers for the Thanksgiving baskets are hauled from Canned Food Drive donations. Additionally, the SAO will be holding a Poinsettia sale. "All proceeds from the Poinsettia sales go towards the food baskets," explains Elizabeth Machniak of the SAO.

Keep in mind, there are limited quantities. Not all students may be awarded a basket. However, if enough students and faculty get involved in the turkey basket giveaway, it heightens the

chances of nominees receiving a basket.

"Last year we were able to give a basket to everybody that was nominated. We hope to get a lot of nominations this year, and we're going to give as many as we can based on what we get in," said Machniak.

SC student Gloria Gherman explained, "The Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway is an awesome and thoughtful idea. I think that there are so many people who may not be able to even have a Thanksgiving this year due to financial reasons or whatnot. Therefore, this

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Former Editor in Chief Sam Dababneh (right) passes the torch to Campus Life Editor Ashley Carley (left) as he furthers his career as a radio personality in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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## Student Profile: Brittany Schmidt

Major: General Education

By ASHLEY CARLEY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*What are you studying now?*

I am not studying for a major yet. I am getting my General Ed Associates degree before leaving for BMT (Basic Military Training) then majoring in the medical field in the Air Force.

*What branch of the Armed Forces are you joining and why?*

I am joining the Air Force because it is more geared toward women. They also care more about your education and becoming all you can be.

*What made you decide to join the Air Force?*

There was not a specific person or event that helped me make this decision. I have many family members and close friends in the Armed Forces and just hearing their stories and going to the different states to see bases and how everything is ran, I sparked a real big interest. I want to feel part of something bigger than just the everyday civilian life.

*What aspect of a military career seems inviting to you?*

I am looking forward to meeting many new people, traveling the world, going to school to be someone that really makes a difference and to be in the best shape of my life.

*What are you nervous about?*

I think I am more nervous about leaving Michigan and my friends and family for a long period of time. I am also nervous about BMT (Basic Military Training) this is where they whip you into shape and become a soldier, probably the most stressful

2.5 months of your life. But with the family and friend support I have I will make it through.

*If you could be stationed anywhere, where would it be?*

There are a few places I would not mind being stationed like California, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Hawaii, etc. because I have friends and family that are either stationed there already or they live close to one of the bases. If it's not one of those places, then somewhere warm with a beach and good looking boys. Got to have a night/weekend life!

*What branch of the Armed Forces do you think has the best looking uniform?*

I think all of the uniforms are quite unfashionable, but if I had to choose I would go with the Army uniform. It's a basic color, nothing out of the ordinary and is very clean cut.

*What is your favorite military movie?*

My favorite Armed Forces movie would probably have to be Dear John and it's not because Channing Tatum is one of the hottest men alive. It's because it has a deeper meaning than what meets the eye. There are many reasons people join the Forces, but most of the men are in because it's a job that takes them out of trouble and gives them something to live for. It shows the ups and the downs of being in the military. It is not always hard work but not always fun and games neither.

*If you could go back in time to any wartime era, which would it be, and why?*



PHOTOS BY ERIC MATCHETTE

**In preparation for the Air Force, Schmidt rehearses with the SC Dance Team for their "Battlefield" performance.**

I would actually stay in this era and fight in the Operation Iraqi Freedom War because I do believe it is wrong how it all happened and want to be a part of stopping all the madness that comes along with it. This war, just like the others, has changed many people's lives but because I am living through it I see the sacrifices everyone has to make and the lives that have been lost. To be one of the ones

to help put an end to it would make me feel powerful in a sense.

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## CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

Compiled by Sarah LaVier • Campus Life Editor

### Music and Theatre Department

#### Lunchtime Recital Series

The SC Music Department presents a lunchtime recital featuring the talented pianist Alvin Waddles at noon, in the VisTaTech Center, on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Waddles has performed in numerous theatrical productions such as "The Color Purple," "West Side Story" and "Dreamgirls." He has also delighted Detroit music lovers in several local musical events including the Detroit International Jazz Festival and the Detroit Festival of the Arts. This event is free and open to all students and the public. Come enjoy some hymns with lunch.

**Dinner Theatre: "Doubt, a Parable"**  
On Friday, Nov. 5, and Saturday, Nov. 6, enjoy an evening filled with food and entertainment as SC theatre students perform John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt, a Parable." Shanley's award-winning play features a story of mystery shed upon a priest's behavior that is less about scandal than about questions of moral certainty. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and includes a full harvest salad, Swiss steak, green beans, whipped potatoes, rolls and forest pie. Single performance dates, without the dinner option, are offered on Friday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 13. Dinner and performance tickets are \$24 each and single performance tickets are \$12 each. Curtains will be drawn at 8 p.m. each night. See you there!

**Fall Concert: "Back to the Future"**  
Join the SC Choral Union, Women's Choir and Madrigal Singers for their

fall concert, "Bach to the Future," presented by the Music and Theatre Department. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 7, at 3:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Admission is free and open to the community with donations being accepted to help raise money for student scholarships. Come support fellow SC students and listen to some great music.

### Transition Center Divorce Support Group

For those who have been through divorce, contemplating divorce or currently going through divorce, the Transition Center at SC provides a divorce support group to those seeking advice and help. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and include presentations by lawyers, therapists, mediators and financial planners as well as a guided group discussion. On Tuesday, Nov. 9, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer any questions in private. There is no pre-registration required and no fee to attend. Meetings are held in the McDowell Center, room MC225 from 7-9 p.m.

### International Institute GlobalEYEzers

The SC International Institute provides a club called the GlobalEYEzers where current events are discussed in an informal social setting. The group meets twice each semester to discuss the happenings of the world. Come check out and be a part of the GlobalEYEzers on Friday, Nov. 12, from 12-2 p.m., in room LA200. Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to join in the discussion.

## Need a tutor?

Live tutoring takes over the Internet

By SARAH LAVIER  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

For SC students who need extra help with their studies, the LAC is offering a powerful and easy-to-use system: Elluminate Live, an online tutoring program where students can connect to available SC tutors live from the convenience of their own homes.

Elluminate Live, built specifically for live, multimedia collaboration, is a delivery of online learning, coaching, training, mentoring and meeting. The program offers an exceptional ability to take over the Internet with full two-way audio, live video, text message exchange, whiteboards, files and applications all being shared between the tutor and the student simply through the computer. Elluminate Live, is compatible with a dial-up modem or high-speed Internet, offering the same high-quality, superior performance and dependability with no lag time.

Terri Lamb, coordinator of Online Tutoring and Mathematics Learning Specialist at SC said, "From a math perspective, there's nothing like face-to-face, one-on-one tutoring. But if you can't get in to the LAC and you're struggling at home ... this is a viable option." The program is funded through the Learning Support Services and the College itself. Lamb also expresses that SC has been using online tutoring for a few years but have



PHOTO BY ALEX MARIETTI

**A tutor in the LAC helps a student via Elluminate Live.**

recently changed the platform to the new powerful Elluminate Live.

"Sounds like an awesome program, I'll have to check it out. It's great to know that Schoolcraft offers such a convenient way to get the extra help you need with your homework without

having to leave your home," SC student Kyle Stansik said.

Students can download Elluminate Live by going to the SC website and visiting the LAC Web page. There, they can find instructions on how to

download the program and how to set it up.

Online tutoring is available to SC students during the fall and winter semesters, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Lamb also wants students to know that the LAC is looking to extend one of its weekday tutoring hours to 11 p.m. or midnight.

When accessing Elluminate Live, students should note the following steps in preparation before using the online tutoring: Make sure to find a comfortable place with no distractions, check audio speakers and microphone equipment are working properly, and be certain the Internet connection is up to speed. When using the online service make sure to log into a session and join 5-10 minutes prior to start. There are many unique features of the online sessions. One example is participation. If there are any questions or comments, a student can raise their hand by clicking the "raise hand" button. Also, feedback can be provided to the moderator by responding to polls.

The LAC wants its students to succeed and do well with their college education at SC. Online tutoring is a great and handy tool to get professional assistance. Help is only a click away. Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC) for service information.

# Game time!

Get your game face on for the second annual Turkey Bowl

By MARISSA D'AGOSTINO  
STAFF WRITER

With Thanksgiving just a flip of the calendar away, it's time for SC students to lace 'em up and take a side. It's Turkey Bowl season!

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is working hard to put on the second annual Turkey Bowl. In the spirit of both professional and college football, SC is hosting a game of their own. Students, and whoever else has a hunger for the game, can sign up to play in this fun, flag football match. Upon arrival, after splitting up into teams, participants will get the chance to show off their football skills in a touch — no tackle — competition. Both men and women are encouraged to sign up as to create a diverse atmosphere for the Bowl. Ladies, football is not only for gentleman.

"Last year we had a great turn out! Guys and girls were there to play the game and have a good time," said Elizabeth Machniak, secretary for the SC Student Activities Office (SAO).

In 2009, approximately 50 people signed up for the event and both rosters were made up of players with a wide array of talent levels. Everyone from former players to strictly armchair quarterbacks found their way onto the field and joined in the game.

The games will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the SC Soccer Field, from 12-3 p.m. Competitors will take their places on the field throwing passes and scoring touchdowns, while getting to know each

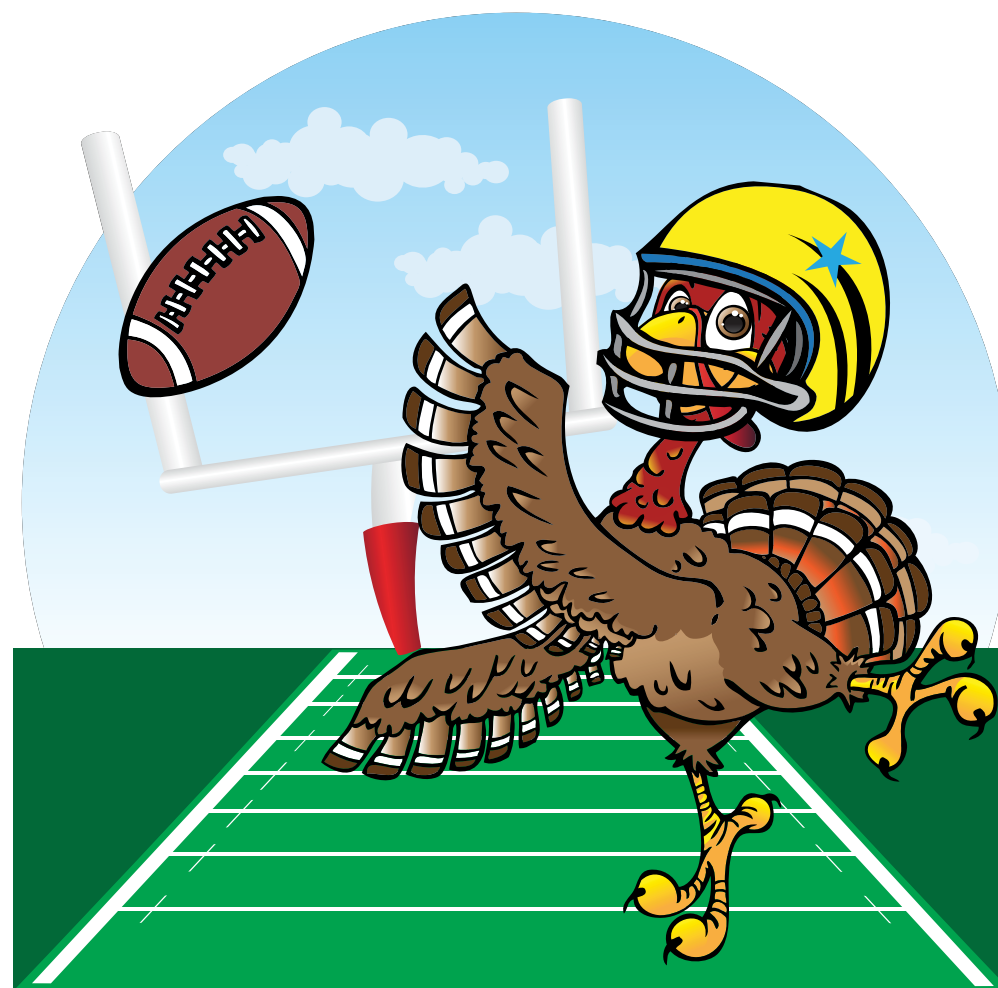
other in between each play. But don't be fooled. Players will have to listen to those who know best. There will be referees making sure each participant follows the rules and maintains a very sportsman-like attitude for the duration of the football game.

"The game went off without a hitch," said last year's referee, Jeffrey Petts. "Everyone was out to have a good time and that attitude ensured a fun, light-hearted game."

SAO student employee Kathy Hansen stated, "I came to SC three-and-a-half years ago not knowing anyone, then I got involved. The Turkey Bowl is a great event and such an awesome way to get to know people."

After the game ends, everyone is encouraged to make their way down to the Lower Waterman for some post game snacks. The SAB will be providing hot dogs and chips to Turkey Bowl participants as both teams get a chance to mingle with fellow teammates and opponents.

If interested in playing, head down to the SAO



in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center. Bring a friend to ask about the Turkey Bowl and sign up for a spot. Also, if you're looking to get involved in the planning of the Turkey Bowl and other SC events, contact the SAB or attend a meeting. The SAB meets every Tuesday evening, at 5 p.m., to discuss upcoming events and new ideas. They always welcome anyone to sit in on a meeting to get a grasp on what they are about. Sign-ups will run prior to the event and anyone is welcome. So, gear up and head out — it's game time!

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## Club Events



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### Student Activities Office

#### Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be at SC on Nov. 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, in the Lower Waterman. Please make an appointment to donate blood by stopping by the Student Activities Office or calling 734-462-4422.

#### Holiday Turkey Basket Giveaway

Do you know a SC student in need of a little giving this holiday season? If so, please nominate this person and their family for a Thanksgiving Basket. Nominees must be submitted to the Student Activities Office by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15. For more information and nomination forms, visit the Student Activities Office in the Lower level of the VisTaTech Center or call 734-462-4422.

#### Winter Coat Drive

Donate your old coat to someone in need. Coats will be donated to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. Bring coats to the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

#### Canned Food Drive

From now thru December, please drop off non-perishable food in the Student Activities Office located in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. All dry goods and canned food will be distributed to local soup kitchens and shelters.

### Baptist Christian Challenge

Do you want to enrich the quality of your overall College experience ethically, morally and spiritually by challenging yourself to explore God's word? Then come to our meetings every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Beats and Music Faction

If you are looking to make progress in personal musical talent, then stop by the Beats and Music Faction meetings. During meetings you'll meet, teach and learn, as well as giving and receiving constructive criticism with those who share the passion of music. The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, at 3 p.m., in the Lower Waterman located at the VisTaTech Building.

### Campus Crusade

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and want to grow spiritually? Then join the Campus Crusade during their meetings every Monday, at 11 a.m., in the Lower Waterman. The next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 8 and 15.

### Catholic Student Association

Join the CSA as they connect students with Jesus who is the source of hope, model of life and was a young adult himself. Bible Study will take place every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Their next meetings are on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17. Also, they will be having regular meetings every other Monday at 2 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15.

### EdgeRunner Ski/Snowboard Club

#### Keystone, CO Trip

Love the snow? Love to ski or snowboard? Then join the EdgeRunner Ski/Snowboarding club and do just that! This year's the trip will be to Keystone, CO and you will be staying at the Breckenridge ski resort. Price includes five-night condo living, four day-lift tickets and two night-lift tickets, everything to make a perfect winter break. Final payment is due Nov. 19.

#### Killington, VT Trip

Also, don't miss out when the Ski Club goes to Killington, VT for spring break (Feb. 27-Mar.3). Price is \$525 and includes three day-lift tickets, four-night condo living and Motor Coach transportation. First deposit of \$150 is due Nov. 5.

### Gay/Straight Alliance

The Gay/Straight Alliance is a social connection for equality-minded individuals who want to create a safe environment to help change, support and educate our world one step at a time. Come to their next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Lower Waterman located in the VisTaTech Building.

### Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club

The Otaku Anime Japanese Animation Club provides an opportunity for viewing and discussion of Japanese Animation. Their next meetings are on Friday, Nov. 5, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, from 5-10 p.m.

### Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

#### General Meetings

There will be a membership meeting on Wednesday, November 3, from 7-8 p.m. in the Lower Waterman and on Saturday, November 6, from 10-11 a.m. in the Lower Waterman for all members. Come out and be

updated on future events and plans. This is the time to come and ask any questions you have regarding Phi Theta Kappa. Members will receive ¼ star for attendance.

#### Truthiness Project Videos Due

On Friday, Nov. 12, the Truthiness Project Videos will be due. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

#### Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

Help raise money for Phi Theta Kappa by eating at Buffalo Wild Wings (37651 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152) on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Show the waiter/waitress the flyer (which can be downloaded on the SAO Facebook page [www.facebook.com/schoolcraft\\_sao2](http://www.facebook.com/schoolcraft_sao2)) and 20% of your party's bill will benefit PTK. Funds raised will be used for community service projects throughout the Metro Detroit area. Members will earn 1 star for every \$50.

#### Movie Night

Come join Phi Theta Kappa as they view the movie "Food, Inc." on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 6-9 p.m. in the Lower Waterman. Members will receive ½ star for full attendance.

#### St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

PTK's monthly trip to the St. Leo's Soup Kitchen will be on Saturday, Nov. 20. Please meet in the Lower Waterman at 8 a.m. Carpooling will be available. Members will receive 1 star for full attendance.

#### PTK Speaker Series

Join PTK on Monday, Nov. 15, for another speaker series. Presenter Kay Sweeney, RD, CDE, PhD will be discussing how to obtain and maintain a healthy weight.

### Photography Club

Photography Club provides a welcoming environment for graphically inclined hobbyists, graphic designers and students majoring in artistic fields. The next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

### Project Playhem General Meetings

Project Playhem is the club for those people who love video games or are just looking for something to do between classes. Project Playhem hosts tournaments for cash prizes as well as hosting gaming-related events that support their vision and goal of bringing gaming into the mainstream. Their next meetings will be on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Building.

#### Operation Cornucopia

From Oct. 25 to Nov. 24, Project Playhem will be taking non-perishable food items for the Operation Cornucopia Food Drive. All donations will be hand delivered by Project Playhem members.

### The Schoolcraft Connection

Want to further your skills in writing, editing, photography and design? Then join the award-winning Schoolcraft Connection, a student-run newspaper. Staff meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

### Schoolcraft Peace Alliance

The Schoolcraft Peace Alliance is devoted to promoting peace here on campus as well as through the community. Along with this, they are continually seeking ways to bring peace to others as well as themselves. Join them for their next meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at 2:30 p.m.

### Student Activities Board

Want to get involved on campus? Then come and see how at the Student Activities Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 9, or 16 from 5-6 p.m. in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech center. The Student Activities Board provides students and the college community with a variety of programs and activities that are educational, service-oriented, have entertainment value and provide a social environment where students can meet a diverse group of new people.

#### Veterans Day Program

The Student Activities Board and the Transitions Center will be hosting a Veterans Day Program on Thursday, Nov. 11. Presentations will be from 12-1 p.m. in the DiPonio Room located in the VisTaTech Center followed by a message workshop, from 1-3 p.m., in the Lower Waterman Wing.

### Students for a Sensible Drug Policy

The Schoolcraft chapter of SSDP is built to be a network of students who are concerned about the impact drug abuse has on our community but also know the war on Drugs is failing our generation and our society. SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counter-productive drug war policies, particularly those that harm students and youth. To learn more, please join them at their meetings on Wednesdays, at 2 p.m., in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Building.

### Table Top Club

Come and join the Table Top Club every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Table Top Club is SC's premier location for game players alike. Play a variety of card games ranging from Dungeon & Dragons to Solitaire and Cheat. Students shall learn to develop personal friendships and leadership.

*For all club information, contact the STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE at 734-462-4422.*

# University bound

## Student Leadership Records makes life easier

By ASHLEY CARLEY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Being a community college, SC finds many of its students studying with the intent of transferring. The competition for enrollment in four-year universities is rising quickly and, as a result, there is a much heavier weight on the extracurricular activities portion on transfer applications. The Student Activities Office (SAO) has designed a program for accumulating the extra voluntary work into one record to organize students' involvement on campus. This archive is known as a Student Leadership Record (SLR).

In one comprehensive document, hours of involvement and volunteering are charted and professional, official copies can be printed for portfolio use. Students can submit a form filled with their involvement in any of the eight categories available: membership, leadership, athletics, on-campus employment, awards and honors, community service, professional conferences or workshops and artistic/creative activities. Forms for the SLR can be found in the SAO. By following three to five simple steps, students can successfully turn in a form, complete with verification, by mail or dropping it off in the office.

The SAO is in the midst of creating a long strand of marketing ideas to get programs such as the SLR off the ground. Employees will be working exclusively with clubs, athletics, student ambassadors and student tutors to expand the awareness of the program and aid in the students' successful transfer.

The benefits of these leadership records can be

exponential. Through an explosion of publicity through social media such as Twitter, Facebook, flyers and e-mails, students will begin to see this fortuitous program shine. Clubs across campus are encouraged to draw attention to helping their members be successful. "I'm beginning to find myself much more involved with clubs on campus and I want to have a way to prove that I've dedicated so much time," SC student Denisse Castro said.

As the Dance Team moves into its second year of production, Castro expressed her excitement in having more opportunities to be on campus. "I'm excited to see what events the Dance Team is going to be a part of. I love being able to help out and have fun while doing it." Castro is in the midst of waiting for her acceptance letter from the University of Michigan. She intends to fill out a SLR so her new counselor can have a firm grasp on her involvement at SC.

Not everyone is receptive to the program. "I've never heard of the program before. If I were the person that went to a lot of events, I would fill one out, but as a busy middle-aged person in the nursing program, it doesn't sound like something I'd worry about," SC student Erin Krey expressed.

While this program might not be ideal for every student, it is gaining in popularity. However, many students are still unaware of its existence. The SAO is working hard to get the word out and let students know of this valuable tool.

If you are interested in starting a Student Leadership Record or are just seeking information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



PHOTO BY ERIC MATCHETTE

**Student Ambassador, Muhammad Umer Mirza, completes a Student Leadership Record compiling his accomplishments at SC.**

# Sharing is for losers

## New entertainment equipment has students excited

By KIM POMA  
STAFF WRITER

When someone new to the College steps on campus, the last thing they expect to find is video games. It's hard not to understand their surprise when they visit the Lower Waterman and discover a plethora of electronic entertainment that would be the envy of your local Best Buy.

Located in the basement of the VisTaTech Center, the Student Activities area was commonly known for its pool and ping-pong tables. Students lounged on comfortable couches and the vibe was pleasantly mellow. The area was popular but it was rarely crowded.

Then the video games arrived and the gamers' corner nook quickly became one of the hottest spots on campus. Lined with several large TV screens and game consoles, video game enthusiasts found a home away from home and an ideal place to relax and socialize. The success of the video game corner has inspired more improvements to the Student Activities area.

Antonio Perez is president of Project Playhem, an organization responsible for the newest editions and for their care. When asked about the changes to the Lower Waterman area, he replied, "In

recognition of Project Playhem Gaming Society's rapid expansion as a student organization, Schoolcraft College found parallels between the student base of gamers in Schoolcraft, as revealed by the Society, and the administration's interest in developing the student activities center."

Contributions from the College include four 60" flat-screen, HD displays, four Xbox 360 Elites and four extra sets of controllers/play-and-charge kits to supplement multiplayer for each system. "Obtaining such equipment had been a long-standing goal of Project Playhem for some time," said Perez. "I'm not sure if the equipment would have even been considered if it weren't for the hard work and event management of our members and officers in proving there was even a need for it."

But how does the system work? And how can the Student Activities Office (SAO) be sure that controllers and games are being returned? Todd Stowell, director of the SAO, explained, "We take their keys or driver's license [in exchange for the equipment]. It's a strict policy of students bringing those items in to give out equipment that's valuable such as gaming consoles, controllers and video games."

Students are obviously enjoying the new addition. SC student Adam Pascoe



PHOTO BY ERIC MATCHETTE

**Project Playhem Gaming Corner comes alive with flat screen TVs, Xbox consoles and competitive faces.**

said, "It's wonderful, perfect. I don't have to bring my system! You can meet new people and play against someone other than the computer."

Fellow student Dustin Cehaich also had positive feelings. "It's cool, there's enough for everyone to play."

Pascoe and Cehaich enjoy having the gaming equipment in the basement, rather than being forced to bring their own. Pascoe likes the fact that "nothing, like your stuff, can get stolen."

The new gaming equipment has brought new faces into the SAO. SC

student Dexter Thomas went to the SAO for the very first time and was immediately impressed. He took a quick break from his intense game play and insisted he's "going to want to come back because this is awesome."

With the new TVs, Xboxes and plenty of other entertaining machines, the Student Activity Center just may find itself becoming the number one hot spot on campus. Spread the word: For ultimate game time, visit the Student's Activity Center, located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

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*If you could only bring three items with you for training, what would they be?*

If I could bring three items with me ... I believe I would choose my makeup even though most of the day is made up of working out, you still have those few hours you want to look good; my iPod, listening to music is

always calming and can make you feel like you are out of that one place and take you somewhere you want to be. My camera is going to be a big stepping stone in my life and want to remember the good and the bad and what better way than [with photographs]?

## BASKETS

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Thanksgiving meal with each other. Students, staff and faculty who are interested in donating, volunteering or nominating a family in need can visit the Student Activities Office or contact them at 734-462-4422.

## DANCE!

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During lengthy practices, dancers improve not only their skills but also their performing confidence.

"It helps doing exercises in front of each other because we all feed off of each other and can help each other with encouraging words and constructive criticism," Breslin added.

The dance team is set to perform

several times throughout the end of this semester and winter semester, including a performance for SC Men's and Women's Basketball half-time show on Dec. 1. Pink Zone and a benefit show fundraiser are other events scheduled for the dancers next semester, however details are still to be determined. Information about

upcoming events will be posted in the Student Activities Office (SAO) as the date approaches. During March 2011, the team is planning on performing every single dance routine they practiced from fall 2010 to the end of winter semester in 2011. The marathon performance promises to push the dancers to their limits.

If there are any dancers out there who are serious about joining, have a

fair amount of experience and have a passion for dancing, please be ready for auditions next semester. A preview of the team can be found on The Schoolcraft Dance Team Facebook page. Contact information for either the president or vice president of the team is available in the SAO, located in the Lower Waterman Building of the VisTaTech Center.



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# The Great Debate

What role, if any, should the U.S. play in the Middle East peace process?

With President Barack Obama addressing the U.N. General Assembly recently regarding the Middle East peace process the American public began to question of U.S. involvement at all. It was perfect fodder for a Great Debate.

## From the left ...

By ANITA MISHRA  
STAFF WRITER

More than 3,500 years ago, the Land of Israel was known as the center of Judaism and section south of Levant. Levant was a section which was used as “crossroads of Western Asia” or an area of multi-cultural habitation. According to the Bible, Jews considered the Land of Israel as their land promised by God. The years thereafter, this land’s boundaries have been fluctuating around areas now known as Israel, Palestine territories, the western part of Jordan and even the southern portion of Lebanon.

After World War II, there was an increase in the Jewish community in Palestine which irked Arab nations because they felt the Jewish settlers were, in fact, illegal residents. This furthered the tension in the region. Flash forward to 1947, the United Nations voted in favor of partitioning Palestine into three sections: a Jewish state, an Arab state and an U.N.-controlled Jerusalem. This partition and establishment of Israel was acceptable to the Zionists but not to Arabian leaders and, in turn, lead to a civil war. After the war, Israel was finally established in May 14, 1948 but then was attacked by adjacent Arab states.

However, the Arab nations weren’t necessarily the enemies and Israelites the victims.

A U.N. Security Council mediator named Folke Bernadotte, a Swedish Count, was recognized for releasing 31,000 prisoners from Nazi concentra-

tion camps. He made one of the first peace proposals. Unfortunately, the militant Zionist group Lehi assassinated him in 1948 while he was on duty.

The U.N. and intergovernmental organizations also formed a multitude of other peace proposals and treaties after that but they were only temporarily useful and eventually failed. The Camp David Accords of the 1970s settled an Israeli and Egypt peace treaty for a temporary time.

In the early 1990s, the Oslo Accord was issued to settle an Israel-Palestine conflict but failed. The Middle East Peace Summit at Camp David of 2000 was a continuation of the one in the 1970s but there were no final settlements.

During these peace proposals, the U.S. also sent many military troops to the Middle East increasing the deficit, decreasing job opportunities and spending U.S. tax dollars. The “War on Terror” cost the U.S. \$20 billion in 2001, \$600 billion in 2007, and an estimated \$200 billion in 2009. On top of this, U.S. spending on the military is equal to the military spending of 15 countries combined, such as South Korea, Germany, Japan, France, Russia, and Britain. Simply put, wars cost lives and money. Peace talks are cheap in comparison.

For the U.S., coaxing the countries of the Middle East to the negotiating table might be a time-consuming, seemingly fruitless task ... but the alternative is too costly to seriously consider.

## ... and from the right

By MARK BENJAMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Albert Einstein once said the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. This is why it’s laughable every two or three years when the executive office tries to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. It is a waste of time and money.

To better appreciate the fruitlessness of the situation, a mini-history of the Arab Israeli conflict. From 1939 to 1945, about 6 million Jews were killed by Nazi Germany. Britain, sympathetic to the Jewish people, joined into the Zionist movement and, through the U.N., declared that the colony of Israeli would become a Jewish homeland. This was easier said than done after a hard-fought civil war was waged. On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israeli had its independence. Shortly after that, Palestinians, who used to live in the land now called Israel, formed the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and have been using guerrilla warfare on the Israeli government ever since. After a little more than two decades of bickering and small engagements, Syria and Egypt attacked Israel sparking the Yom Kippur war. Israel won. Convincingly.

And for some reason Jimmy Carter decided to do something Nixon, Johnson, Kennedy, Eisenhower and Truman didn’t do; he got involved. He had a secret meeting with the Israeli prime minister and the Egyptian president to try to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict. After 12 days of deliberation,

Israel gave up some land (all of which has been taken back) and the PLO agreed to recognize Israel as a state (which has also been taken back). There was a ceasefire for ten days and then things went back to normal.

Since that historic negotiation, just about every president has tried roughly the same thing — act as a mediator between these two warring entities. Israel will give the East bank or the Gaza Strip back and Hezbollah (the now the legitimate face of Palestine) will recognize Israel as a state. Then ceasefire stops and the merry-go-round spins over and over again.

It’s a vicious circle and a bad idea for many reasons. First, who are we to mediate? We should be on Israel’s side as they are a democracy. We sell them billions of dollars of military technology every year. Isn’t it kind of hypocritical to do that then try to mediate peace. We should sell Israeli the weapons — it’s good for our economy and keeps a true democracy in the Middle East.

Secondly, it’s a waste of money. Maybe not a multibillion dollar bridge-to-nowhere waste of money, but a penny saved is a penny earned.

Peace is a bad thing; it’s a great thing. However, donating generously to the Foundation for Peace in the Middle East might be a better way to promote peace than sending diplomats overseas to act as referee. But maybe having the U.S. step in every couple of years, pretending we’re creating peace — one that rarely lasts longer than ten days — is, as Einstein states, insanity.

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# The red cup

ASHLEY'S  
ANGLE

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For generations, students have found symbolism through inanimate objects that define their generation. Whether it was the “colored” water fountain or the peace sign or, for today’s generation, the red cup, some symbols — good and bad — are hard to shake.

I was talking to a good friend of mine recently about items that represent our generation. Of course, with such a boom in technology, our minds went straight to iPods, laptops, flat screens and other various gadgets. Then we took a step back and looked at the subject from a different angle.

Although it can be necessary to be appropriate, if the assignments calls for actually researching and understanding a topic, writers should be apt to step outside their box for the sake of knowledge.

By the end of the conversation, we had established that the staple of our generation of college students is “the red cup.” This object is as basic as its name implies. It’s simply a red, plastic cup typically bought for various college parties. Many students use it to hide their beverage (often failing to realize that the police have caught on).

Even still, the red cup has gained its claim to fame through solid credential sites, sort of.

Let’s take UrbanDictionary.com as an example. Of the first three entries for “red cup,” this object is defined as “a device that enables you to signify you are a part of Da Boyzz” and “the international sign to PARTYYYY!!!” If that doesn’t give readers a clear grasp of the concept, there is always Cash Cash’s smash hit “Red Cup” to solidify the idea.

As my friend and I joked about the truth behind our observation, we tried to justify the fact that our generation poses more substantial icons but the odds were against us.

Listen to the radio. In a little over 10 years my generation has gone from mainstream radio that plays pop hits such as “Tearin’ Up My Heart” and “God Must Have Spent a Little More Time” to “Bottoms Up” and “Take It Off.” Even the College’s book club organized their discussions around the novel, “The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young American and Jeopardizes Our Future (Or, Don’t Trust Anyone Under 30)” The novel is somewhat dry and hard to read but it is designed with the intentions of raising awareness of just how reliant the current generation is on technology.

A dear friend of mine was telling me about how her 10-year old son has a cell phone, laptop and flat screen TV in his bedroom. Do you know what boys did when I was 10 years old? They

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# Honestly ... I don't hate Justin Bieber

HOLD ON,  
HEAR ME  
OUT

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Alright, I’ve put this off for long enough. Let’s talk about Justin Bieber. He’s the golden child of pop music and for many people, one of the harbingers of the downfall of Western civilization as we know it. In his short career as a performer, Bieber has generated almost as much pure, seething hatred as he has adoration. A quick look around the Internet shows more than a few people who find his very existence infuriating.

Now, I’m a fairly harsh critic of pop music in general and, truth be told, if I was a bit younger I might have jumped on this bandwagon of hate with all the vim and vigor of a young George Foreman. However, I realize now that this is the wrong path to go down. At the risk of sounding like bleating Internet celebrity Chris Crocker, I think it’s time we leave Justin Bieber alone.

Don’t get me wrong. I don’t think Bieber makes good music and I certainly don’t think he should be as popular as he is. But I don’t hate him.

I don’t loathe his presence on planet Earth. I know he’s just doing what anyone else would do in his position: making music, making money and soaking up the affection.

If he were a more talented or seasoned musician, I suppose you would be able to argue that he’s wasting his talent pandering to the lowest common denominators of the pop world. The problem is, I think he is performing to the best of his abilities. It just so happens that the best of his abilities is writing lyrics like “Let me show you what your missin’/ Paradise/ With me you’re winning girl/ You don’t have to roll the dice.” Unfortunately, I can’t fault someone for trying their hardest, even if the results are ... less than fantastic.

I don’t even hate the throngs of teenage girls who idolize him and gush over his every tweet. While I’m still not sure what they find attractive about Bieber’s prepubescent, slightly effeminate looks, it’s nothing to begrudge them for. They simply don’t know any better.

What I do actually hate is the media system that turned him into a pop culture phenomenon and allows him to stay that way. As a media presence, he’s inescapable. His face is plastered on the cover of every teen-oriented magazine. His music videos are played on every music channel ... even those not owned by Disney. News organizations inform us about his every move as if it was somehow important. And

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# I'd like to thank all of my fans ...

CARMEN'S  
CONSENSUS

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Though many may think that celebrities are “above us,” the truth is that without their fans, they’re absolutely nothing. Musicians won’t land lucrative recording contracts if we little people don’t buy tickets to their shows and actors can’t continue making big-budget movies if we don’t go to see their films.

In high school, I was your typical “scene” kid, attending shows every weekend with an entire MySpace album dedicated to pictures I got with the band members I met. Granted, they weren’t huge celebrities, but they were appreciative of the fans they did have and they stayed after their sets to show that gratitude. One of the friendliest celebrities I’ve met is Gabe Saporta, the front man of Cobra Starship. Onstage he has a cocky persona but he was willing to stay three hours after his show to meet the fans crowded around his bus. It wasn’t just a quick “get a picture, be on your way” type of meeting either. He was willing to really associate with and talk to his fans.

Musicians like Lady Gaga are quite a bit more difficult to meet but she

might be one of the most appreciative celebrities in the industry today. She’s constantly thanking her “little monsters” and dedicating everything she does for them. Gaga admits that without them, she wouldn’t be anything.

There are other kinds of celebrities, though, who don’t care who got them where they are. Their mentality is that they’re up there and we’re down here. Megan Fox is one of those stars who have openly dissed her fans by refusing to take a flower from a 12-year-old boy who “thought she was pretty.” Fox has even turned on actor peers when she totally denied a hug from Seth Rogen on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” I mean, we know you’re hot, Megan, but you don’t have to be a — well, you know — about it.

What’s even worse is when celebrities, who didn’t even really do anything for their fame, act like they’re above the “little people.” Reality stars in particular. If it weren’t for people tuning into their show every week, nobody would know who they were. My friends and I each paid \$25 to attend a party to see “Jersey Shore’s” Paul “DJ Pauly D” Delvecchio. After showing up an hour-and-a-half late, he spun his mediocre club mixes for a couple of hours and then left without warning, almost two hours earlier than he was paid to stay. It’s possible that he saw all the “grenades” and peaced out, but the real reason he left was that he found a girl who was

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# To text or not to text

SARAH  
SAYS ...

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While driving down the expressway I noticed a sign saying, “Save lives. Don’t text while driving.” It was nestled amongst others that are read and ignored by passing drivers. Some people may have the gift of being able to so-called “multi-task” while watching the road, while others have trouble changing the radio station or adjusting the air/heat controls. Whatever the distraction, texting while driving needs to be taken seriously.

Let’s admit it: Everyone has texted while driving and many people, myself included, still send the occasional text on the road. Even though we all know the drastic dangers involved and the consequences of texting and driving, along with the new law established recently in July 2010, many are still sending out those hasty messages. I, for one, think it’s great that the government has stepped in and started handing out tickets to drivers using cell phones. Too many people were simply oblivious to the dangers until the law was passed.

While driving down the road, I


have noticed many drivers using a cell phone or other electronic devices such as iPods, GPS systems, and even TVs. Driving to the grocery store has become much more complex than it needs to be. It has caused many drivers to become distracted and has led to many unnecessary accidents. I know when I receive a text message, or want to search for a desired song on my iPod, I try to wait till I’m at a stoplight or parked. Something as trivial as that “important” text message may lead to you ramming the rear of another car. The result: damages, potential injuries or even fatalities. It seems even though we all know the dangers involved with distracted driving, we still take the risk of using cell phones.

Many students here at SC text and drive, and some learn not to use cell phones while driving the hard way — by getting into an accident. Being a poor multi-tasker, I figure it’s better to ignore the cell phone when driving.

Many celebrities have taken action to stop texting and driving, including Oprah who created a campaign against the action and has many people taking the “Oprah’s No Phone Zone Pledge” not to text and drive. It’s great that celebrities are sending the right message to their fans because they have such an impact on the community and can help raise awareness to this growing concern.

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## OCELOT OPINIONS

"What is your most memorable Halloween costume?"



**Misty Silverman**  
Major: Pre-Nursing

"Vending machine with snacks and candy display, money slot and snack and candy receptacle at bottom."



**Jason Phelps**  
Major: Culinary Arts

"I remember my vampire costume, that was my scariest costume."



**Kerstin Grafe**  
Major: Exercise Science

"One of my best friends was wearing a Beetle Juice costume."



**John Dalton**  
Major: Political Science

"A full gorilla suit that my bus driver in high school wore."



**Johnnie Web**  
Major: Nursing

"I saw a big tire with a head, feet and arms."



**Jacob Oarrow**  
Major: Undecided

"When I was in Kindergarten, I dressed as an M & M, everyone loved it."



**Andrew Hammerstein**  
Major: Music Recording Technology

"Sexy Joe Biden."



**Stacey Stoker**  
Major: Sports Medicine and Athletic training

"Ghille suit hiding in someone's front lawn."

## The King is burning



**TAKING IT TO O.T.**

**By WILL ALBERT**  
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Arguably one of the best players in the NBA today, LeBron James has made history since leaving his high school team to join the Cleveland Cavaliers to play professional basketball. By the age of 25 James has achieved two MVP awards but still lacked a championship. James put the NBA on notice Thursday night by making a decision on whether to leave his current team. During the one hour special, he confirmed that he would be joining Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami. Ending weeks of will-he-or-won't-he speculation, the two-time MVP said Thursday night that he's decided to join the Heat and leave the Cavaliers after an unsuccessful seven-year quest for the ring he covets.

While some feel "King James" made a smart choice, others don't believe it was such a great idea. Some of the greatest stars in the history of the NBA criticized James, stating that he took the easy way out and it will not mean anything if a championship is achieved in Miami. "There's no way, with hindsight, I would've ever called up Larry [Bird], called up Magic [Johnson] and said, 'Hey, look, let's get together and play on one team,'" Jordan said after playing in a celebrity golf tournament in Nevada. TNT analyst Charles Barkley said James' decision might change his legacy. "He'll never be Jordan," Barkley told 790 The Ticket in Miami earlier in the week. "This clearly takes him out of the conversation. He can win as much as he wants to."

"There would have been something honorable about staying in Cleveland

and trying to win it as 'The Man' ... LeBron, if he would've in Cleveland, and if he could've got a championship there, it would have been over the top for his legacy, just one in Cleveland. No matter how many he wins in Miami, it clearly is Dwyane Wade's team." With these comments from two of the greats who ever played the game, comes the question if they will change their minds once a championship is produced.

The city of Cleveland rioted after they heard the news of King James departing from a city who felt he was family. The burning of jerseys, tearing down billboards, and threats were just the beginning result from the decision. A shocking comment came from Cavs owner Dan Gilbert. "LeBron James needs to go to another team with two superstars already so he can win a championship." "We will win a championship before [the Heat] do." This statement was not appropriate for someone of his stature to make. Cleveland has a right to be furious but it really shows the character of Gilbert.

There's something you might want to understand about James as the 2010 campaign progresses. It's something that he might deny publicly but that goes right to the heart of what you can expect to see out of him on a nightly basis.

A part of James is hurting. And it is changing him. And it is driving him as he's never been driven before. At the core, that is why, this week, James shared some of the hateful and racist tweets he's been getting from his newly opened Twitter account. He wants people to know that he reads and hears the still-massive volume of venom. As a result, he wants them to know he's going to feed on that energy to dominate on the court. Whether all of that ends up in a championship season depends on so many factors, many of which no one can foresee. But although James has found motivation from various sources

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to have without spoiling her? Cribs? Strollers? Clothes? Those little baby knick-knacks, are they really necessary?

I don't mean to sound like I'm complaining but I just can't get the consistent buzzing thoughts of baby to stop. There's always something on my mind. It chirps away like the annoying birds in the morning during the warmer seasons. And, even though I know it's important to get a good night's rest in the pregnant state I'm in, the task is just not that easy.

Outside of my own experiences, other people suffer from restless nights as well. According to

Insomnia911.com, 10-20 percent of people in the U.S. suffer from the lack of sleep and only 35 percent of adults receive eight or more hours of rest per night. If a person has a hard time sleeping without a bump, imagine what it's like to have somebody roll around inside you every 10 minutes.

Looking at the brighter side of the situation, maybe this will prep me for the late nights when Emma cries her little lungs out. At least, I hope I can stay awake then.

And it looks like I just added another worry to my things-to-worry-about-before-bed list.

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typed "55378008" into their non-graphing calculators and turned the device upside down so it read "boobless." HD-TV has nothing on that classic (albeit juvenile) joke.

So although writing a paper revolving around the prevalence of drinking and partying may seem a bit mundane, it could be an actual lesson for true

research. Does a generation that has access to the greatest amount of technology and information really want to be known for a plastic beverage holder? I would hope not.

And no, recycling the red cup does not constitute as being environmentally friendly.

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"DTE," in Shore parlance. As someone who actually met and talked to the girl he left with beforehand, I can attest to this story being true.

It's understandable that stars will have a bit of an ego boost when people recognize them on the street and they see themselves on the cover of magazines they used to read in line at the grocery store. I'd probably be the same way in their situation, but there's a point where their ego just gets too big. How they treat their fans will make a difference when it comes to whether they'll have 15 years or 15 minutes of fame.

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More than 500,000 drivers are injured and 6,000 are killed yearly because of distracted drivers according to wirelesandmobilenews.com. Distracted driving has no positive impact whatsoever and needs to be taken seriously among drivers young and old. If everyone pays more attention to the road and less attention to their cell phones, fewer accidents will occur and more lives will be saved. So let's keep it simple: Don't text and drive!



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he's been on "The View" for goodness' sakes. Of course, none of these organizations care that they're perpetuating mediocrity and bending to the will of the trends. It's just business as usual.

Even if you love Bieber, you still have a reason to hate the system that supports and promotes him because, when that system collapses, he's going down in a big way. Once the Bieber-lovers grow up and the novelty wears off, he will sink back into Canadian obscurity. And the more famous he is when this shift occurs, the harder he is going to fall. How hard is it going to hit him when he's left without the fame or adoration? How long before he turns to drugs or alcohol or worse

... "Dancing with the Stars?" I wouldn't wish that on my worst enemy and yet, by supporting this passing fad, you are only making the inevitable slide into oblivion worse.

So seriously, let's all just leave Bieber alone. Let's neither hate him nor love him. Let's just, as a nation, forget he even exists. I mean, we're all going to do it eventually, so why not get a head start? And if you feel the need to vent, write an angry e-mail to MTV and tell them to get some dignity. While you're at it, tell them to send you \$1,000,000 and a truck full of ice cream. (Hey, as long as you're dreaming, you might as well dream big.)

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before, this isn't a normal preseason template. This is the first time you are going to see him motivated, at least in significant part, by hate.

This preseason James has been more withdrawn than in the past, putting some of his trademark bombastic personality away. A major personality change has occurred with lack of laughter and horseplay. So far, there's been no sign of celebrating. Frankly, it appears to the observer that there isn't as much fun.

James does not seem thus far to regret signing in Miami. He has said that playing alongside Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, even for the little time he's been on the floor with them, has been uplifting. But his hardened demeanor is unmistakable.

The result of becoming more focused is exactly what James needed; the criticism is endless and he seemed to be too loose the past few years in Cleveland. He led team wide goofing around in the regular season but didn't seem to bring enough intensity at times when a ruthless personality seemed necessary in the playoffs. In other words, he was soft and not panning out to be the next Jordan. Only time and games and pressure will tell whether that has changed within James. But something certainly has in his first few weeks in South Beach. This is a more edgy and focused James. Still to be determined if the King will truly "burn" but in the mean time all the hatred he's taking in certainly appears to be the leading cause to his success so far.

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## SOCCER PLAYOFFS

## A three-pronged attack

Men's Soccer more balanced than last year

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With the playoffs approaching rapidly, the SC Men's Soccer team is gearing up for another prolonged postseason run. Boasting a potent offense, stalwart defense and miserly

goaltending, the team is optimistic regarding their chances of playoff success.

After finishing third in the nation last year, the squad is looking to not only return to the later rounds of tournament play, the team is determined to improve upon their previous

mark. The across-the-board balance of the roster is a key feature Coach Rick Larson implementing to the team's advantage.

During the 2009 campaign, the Ocelots relied heavily upon the goaltending of Ian McDonald-Wilkins and a quartet of defenders nicknamed the "U.N. Defense." This combination permitted the team to focus on a defense-first style of play and the players were confident in close matches. Unfortunately, a team that plays a lot of tight games also loses the occasional close contest. For the Ocelots, one of those losses came in the second round of the Division I National tournament. The defeat denied the team a shot at the championship game. Though the season ended on a positive note — a 3-0 win to secure an overall ranking of third — but the players were left feeling they had missed a rare opportunity that was within their reach.

Rather than dwell on falling short, the coaching staff looked to build on the areas where the team was proficient. The U.N. mark. The across-the-board balance of the roster is a key feature Coach Rick Larson implementing to the team's advantage.

Defense disbanded but the focus on defensive responsibility remained. McDonald-Wilkins returned ensuring the team would continue to have a commanding presence in the net. The final piece came in the form of a reinvigorated offensive attack. Entering the season, the Ocelots were confident that any aspect of their game — offense, defense, goaltending — was strong enough to carry the team if the others struggled.

Boasting a robust 16-3-1 heading into the postseason, the Ocelots didn't struggle often in 2010.

Led by 18-goal scorer Marco Lobo, one of the team's emerging midfielders, the Ocelots have opened up their game to allow the strikers more opportunity to carry the attack and press opponents into making mistakes. For a team breaking in a new set of defenders, the best defense proved to be a good offense. The Ocelots tallied five or more goals in eight times during the season, double the amount from 2009.

Even as the campaign progressed, the hard lessons learned during the '09 playoffs were in the thoughts of players. "The previous postseason taught the team a great deal on what level is expected to compete with the top junior colleges to win a national championship," said McDonald-Wilkins.

Even with a first round bye in the NJCAA Region XII tournament, the team is taking little for granted.

"Staying focused is a major aspect that needs to remain a key thought when heading into the playoffs," said Coach Larson.

The team did just that

during their final regular season game, a tightly contested 1-0 victory over Lakeland Community College. The squad found they were still able to rely on goaltending and defense at a time when the offense wasn't firing on all cylinders, a very valuable affirmation after a season of plentiful scoring.

"The team is finally coming together, which is great with the team heading into the playoffs," said McIntosh.

Chemistry is another key for the Ocelots to advance deep into the postseason. On a team loaded with talent, it's important for the "stars" to share the ball and mesh strengths

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## Another mountain to climb

Women's soccer gears for playoffs

By BRANDON KARSTEN  
STAFF WRITER

While the SC men's soccer grabs most of the headlines, it's the women's team that has quietly put together a regular season so dominant that it has fallen a one game short of perfection at 15-1. As the men are looking optimistically forward to the postseason, the women have their sights set just as high.

As the season comes to a close for the Lady Ocelots, the team has been fine-tuning various aspects of their game for the playoffs. They are determined to focus on one game at a time but, after the success of the regular season, it's difficult not to think a team ranked 10th overall in the nation isn't thinking about a trip to the National Championship in Topeka, KS.

If the Lady Ocelots are a machine, then the play of

sophomore forward Jenny Giegler is the fuel that drives the engine. As the leading scorer in the Region 12, Giegler has been the brightest star on a team that has benefitted from contributions from players up and down the roster.

"Other people helped out and everyone chipped in," insisted Coach Deepak Shrivaman. As a team, the Lady Ocelots averaged more than 3.68 goals per game.

More significantly, they surrendered seven goals total all season.

Sophomore goaltender Sam Suter has been nothing short of dominant in her patrolling of the net and key reason the Lady Ocelots are coasting into the playoffs. A recent five-game, shutout streak ran more than 450 minutes.

Just like in any team sport, solitary players can't carry the team all by themselves. Teamwork is crucial to the success of a competitive team and Shrivaman sees plenty of that among the players on the squad.

Another key toward winning is great team morale. The morale among the players on the team seems to be high despite the wear and tear of a long, grueling season. The players are also eagerly anticipating the postseason.

"We hope to go far and

play hard as a team," said freshman forward Renee Boudreau.

Coach Shrivaman says he will use the remaining games until the postseason tournaments to regroup and recover from the relatively minor injuries that come with the grind of a long, regular season.

"We need to stay healthy and keep up the level of play," said Shrivaman.

The 2009 National Tournament did not end with the desired result for SC. The Lady Ocelots lost in the first round in double overtime versus the eventual national champion Tyler Junior College by a 4-3 score. The consolation game also did not go over great as SC lost to Harford 2-0. If SC were to not come home with a national title on the trip home, Coach Shrivaman says it would be a tremendous disappointment for the sophomore players.

"The returning players feel a sense of urgency," stated Shrivaman. "[The sophomores] know they can hang with the best."

SC finished their last three games of the regular

season on the road with a 3-2 overtime win over Cincinnati State. The win was followed by a 1-0 victory against Monroe C.C. and the regular season ended on a high note with a 4-0 shutout of Owens. Sophomore forward Jenny Giegler in her final regular season game scored a hat trick in the triumph versus Owens.

The Region 12 champi-

onships took place over the weekend of Oct. 30-31 and results were not available as of press time. The District D tournament will be held on Nov. 6 against the winner of the Region 4 tournament. A tournament win for SC will earn them a berth in the Women's Division I National Tournament, which will take place Nov. 18-21, in Topeka, KS.





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# Back to basics

"Sonic 4" gets the series back on track

By JONATHAN KING  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



This last decade has been a tough one for fans of Sonic the Hedgehog. Too many bad games and too many promises of a "return to form" have left us all jaded and bitter. For years gamers have been waiting anxiously for a sign — any sign — that Sonic Team has what it takes to bring our beloved blue hedgehog back to prominence. Well hold on to your hats, because "Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 1" might just be that glimmering ray of hope we've all been waiting for. Recently released for the Xbox Live Arcade, Playstation Network and WiiWare, "Sonic 4" is meant to be a direct successor to the classic Genesis titles. As promised, the game

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is a return to the format we all know and love: two-dimensional, high-speed, side-scrolling run-and-jump deliciousness. The objective is to get from one side of the level to the other and occasionally fight a boss or two. That's it. There are no missions, no grades, no dialogue, no swordplay, no weird transformations and no new characters. The only characters appearing are Sonic and Dr. Robotnik. That's right, even Tails gets cut out of this latest venture. (And aren't we all thankful.)

The only modern addition to the game-play is the homing attack, which first appeared as a power-up in "Sonic 3D Blast" but became a regular feature for the franchise starting with the "Adventure" games. Beyond that, "Sonic 4" is about as stripped-down as a Sonic experience can get. It's

precisely what fans have been asking for and a testament to the age-old sentiment that "less is more."

The game is more or less a greatest hits compilation of elements from the classic Sonic games with a few new features thrown in for good measure. There are two worlds: Splash Hill Zone, Casino Street Zone, Lost Labyrinth Zone and Mad Gear Zone. Each world is a throw-back to one or two classic Sonic levels, beginning with Splash Hill which is a rehash of Green Hill Zone. While it's always nice to relive those glorious memories of gaming days past, it would have been nice to see some more original content in terms of stage design. At least the levels are well-constructed, combining the thrill of pure speed with just the right amount of challenge.

The sound is both a high and low point for the game. While the

classic Genesis sound effects will have "fanboys" awash in nostalgia, the actual level music is forgettable and doesn't even begin to approach the classic tunes we grew up with. The boss theme in particular is an embarrassment to say the least. It was nice that they at least tried to make an effort by making the music sound 16-bit, but that doesn't stop this from being one of the most unimpressive soundtracks in the entire franchise.

Small problems

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# A symphony of entertainment

Castlevania reaches its peak with "Symphony of the Night"

By KRISTA WALLACE  
STAFF WRITER



You can't beat a good vampire story (provided the vampires don't sparkle.) Created by Konami, the Castlevania series tells the story of the Belmont clan and their crusade against Dracula

across the ages. The first game came out for the NES in 1986 and the series has been going strong ever since. There are 37 games under the Castlevania banner, although most fans agree that the franchise's crowning achievement is "Castlevania: Symphony of the Night."

"Symphony of the Night" was released in 1997 for the PlayStation. The game is set five years after the previous game, "Castlevania: Rondo of Blood." The story is centered on Alucard, son of Dracula, who was introduced in "Castlevania III: Dracula's Curse" as an ally of vampire hunter Trevor Belmont. Alucard awakens 321 years after Trevor's victory against Dracula. He doesn't know why he is awake, but he knows it must have something to do with his father. So, in true Castlevania fashion, he sets off for his father's castle to find out what is going on.

"Symphony of the Night" was a milestone for the series. Instead of being a linear side-scrolling action game, the

game featured an open-world format that encouraged exploration as well as adding some RPG elements. Of course, the juicy action and trademark magical power-ups remained intact. This new style of gameplay — dubbed "Metroidvania" — proved very successful would become the template for all 2D Castlevania games to follow.

As always, the music is astounding. Composed by Michiru Yamane, the soundtrack borrows from several different genres, including baroque, jazz, gothic rock, metal and even some electronica. Despite being so varied, the soundtrack coalesces into something wonderfully cohesive and truly remarkable. It is frequently cited as one of the greatest soundtracks in all of gaming and it makes the experience that much more enjoyable.

One other person of interest is the character designer, Ayami Kojima. This title was her first foray in the gaming world, and her superb art distinguishes this game from the pack. Instead of going 3D — as so

many game were in the late '90s — the game uses traditional sprite models which are exquisitely detailed and painstakingly animated. Kojima's unique character creations are grotesque and beautiful and they really fit in with the melancholy music and gothic settings. The drawing and movement of Alucard in particular is excellent, with every part of his body visible and moving, from his cape to his hair.

While not all that successful on its original release, the innovative level design, open-ended gameplay, detailed graphics and the blend of platforming, action and RPG

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# Have no doubt

"Doubt: a Parable" hits Schoolcraft

By KIM POMA  
STAFF WRITER

SC's production is outstanding. Brian Taylor, Brenda Lane, Jessica Duffy and Elizabeth Tumminello make up the four member cast of Father Flynn, Sister Aloysius, Sister James and Mrs. Muller (Donald's mother) respectively.

The play is interpreted well with eerie accuracy. The strongest scene in the play is when Sister Aloysius brings in Mrs. Muller to discuss her suspicions of Father Flynn. The act escalates into two women screaming at one another, each one standing for a different outcome to Sister Aloysius's witch hunt. At an individual level, each actor portrays their characters well.

Tumminello doesn't immediately appear to fit the bill as Donald's mother, being a Caucasian woman. It's a huge difference from the play but the director doesn't have any qualms about casting her. "Only a few African-Americans auditioned," says director James Hartman, "and she (Tumminello) was the best." Her role as the mother, who just desperately wants her son to have a good education and escape his terrible home life, just leaves the audience speechless and some quickly take her side.

Taylor exudes confidence as Father Flynn. During the scenes where he preaches, he stands on stage completely alone and speaks to the audience catching eyes and making them feel as if they're in church, listening to the Sunday sermon. His performance is overwhelmingly big-hearted and kind that some audience members feel he's innocent in the end.

Duffy plays the sweet and innocent Sister James, who loves her students and teaching history. She's the catalyst of the play. Her confiding in Sister Aloysius of worries about Donald and Father Flynn causes the principal to go on her quest to discover the truth and ruin the man she's already deemed guilty. Duffy really embodies the innocence of the character, from the look in her eyes to the sweet sound of her voice. You can feel her confliction between wanting to believe the Sister and wanting to believe the Father.

Of course, the play wouldn't exist without Sister Aloysius, played by Brenda Lane. Her harsh tone and cold demeanor may have audience members turning away from her and believing fully in Father Flynn's innocence. But then again, Lane plays the Sister with such conviction that it's hard to ignore this woman and sometimes easier to think, "Perhaps he did do it."

The play also couldn't exist without the care and love of the director behind it, James Hartman, who is incidentally a huge fan of the play. "I saw a professional performance in Toronto and I was just moved by the story and the literature," Hartman said, explaining his reasoning on the choice of "Doubt." "I got the script, I read it 10 times and I just really, really liked it." Hartman not only directed, but was involved in all aspects of the play, such as helping the stage crew design and build the sets. His dedication makes acting more enjoyable.

With an excellent cast, wonderful direction and brilliant writing, "Doubt: A Parable" is not to be missed. You can catch one of the performances on Nov. 5, 6, 12 and 13. Tickets can be purchased at [scboxoffice.com](http://scboxoffice.com) or at the SC bookstore.



PHOTO BY ALEX MARIETTI

It's a classic case of finger pointing in the SC theater.

## "About the play"

"Doubt: A Parable" first hit the Broadway stage in November of 2004. The story itself takes place in 1964 at St. Nicholas, a Catholic Church and school in the Bronx. The principal of the school is Sister Aloysius, a rather old-fashioned woman who believes that too many sugar cubes in a cup of tea is wrong and "Frosty the Snowman" is a theme song for pagan magic. Sister Aloysius sees some rather questionable behavior (in her eyes) between the school's preacher, Father Flynn, and a young boy. She makes it her mission to find out if the Father is having inappropriate relations.

Sister James teaches 8th grade and is very young and new to the nunnery life. She seems to be very naïve and trusting of her students until Sister Aloysius takes her aside and convinces her that not everyone is exactly how they seem. She enlists Sister James's help to keep her eyes open. Although she doesn't go into specifics, it's clearly in hopes that Sister James may help her catch Father Flynn.

The young boy in question, Donald Muller, is the first African American student admitted to the school. He makes no friends with children his own age and becomes isolated and lonely. Father Flynn seeks out the boy and befriends him, an act Sister Aloysius sees as suspicious and completely unacceptable. She and Sister James try to get Father Flynn to confess to his obvious crimes.

The author of the play, John Patrick Shanley, leaves the ending open to the audience's interpretation. It's never really said whether or not Father Flynn's relationship with the boy crossed lines it wasn't supposed to.



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# Watch This, Not That



## "Louie"

Comedian Louis CK has had a rocky relationship with the television world. His previous sitcom on HBO, "Lucky Louie," was cancelled after only 12 episodes despite a devoted fan base and ratings higher than "Deadwood" and "Flight of the Conchords." With his latest show, "Louie" on FX, he hopes to reclaim his rightful spot on the small screen. Judging by what we've seen so far, he might just have hit upon his comedic pièce de résistance.

The show stars C.K., playing himself: a 42-year-old divorcee with two daughters trying to make it through life. The show is comprised of vignettes interspersed with Louis performing his standup. It's not a typical comedy show structure and it gives the program a refreshing perspective. There are no real long-running story arcs, although several characters make multiple appearances throughout the course of the show.

Be warned: this show is not for the kiddies. The humor is extremely risqué, dark and over-the-top, although fans of C.K.'s standup comedy would expect nothing less. In fact, the great thing about "Louie" being on FX is that he's able to get away with a lot more than if he were on, say, CBS. With the exception of a few bleeped f-words, the show is essentially an uncensored glimpse into C.K.'s comedic mind.

In addition to injecting his own brand of hilarity into the show, C.K. also brings in various comedic talents to assist him in his endeavors. These range from fellow standups like Nick DiPaolo and Todd Barry to actors like Stephen Root and Matthew Broderick. One particularly riotous episode features Ricky Gervais ("The Office" [UK]) as Dr. Ben: a physician with an awful sense of humor. ("I've got the results from your blood work and ... you may have slight big-fat-ginger-ugly-itis.")

With its unique structure and unconventional humor, "Louie" is the antidote to conventional sitcoms like "s#!\*! My Dad Says." It's a wonderful gem of a show that will hopefully live a long and healthy life alongside the other FX comedy classic, "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." If you have the chance, be sure to check it out.



Illustration by Briah Camilleri

## "s#!\*! My Dad Says"

Exactly how bereft of ideas do you have to be before you decide to create a sitcom based on a Twitter feed? CBS's latest comedy, "s#!\*! My Dad Says," stars William Shatner and is based solely on a series of tweets detailing the rants and ravings of a 74-year-old man. That sounds like a winning combination if ever there was one.

The show revolves around an elderly father named Ed Goodson (played by Shatner) who belittles his adult son and says wildly inappropriate things at any given moment. If you're thinking, "Gosh, that sounds like every elderly dad in every sitcom ever," then congratulations, you've spotted the main flaw with this show. From his first line of dialogue, Shatner's character feels plastic and manufactured ... so much so that it's hard to believe it was based off of a real person.

The entire setup of the "s#!\*! My Dad Says" screams "boilerplate." The show is so generic and dated that even its connection to Twitter can't make it feel like a product of this millennium. It's also a great deal tamer than the profanity-laden quotes it purportedly draws inspiration from. The title — which has been censored by CBS — is by far the edgiest thing about the program. If it weren't for the occasional PG-13-rated joke, the show might as well be "Full House."

Of course, the program might have stood a chance at success if it was actually funny. Unfortunately, the show fails miserably in this area as well. Shatner's tired jokes are so painfully unfunny that you can practically hear the canned laughter struggling. The real problem is that the show tries to capture the feeling of spontaneous real-life wit but the writing is in the rigid setup-to-punchline style of a circa-1950s sitcom. It's a poor choice of setup and it pretty much guaranteed that the project was doomed from the start.

Simply put, this production is a mess. The only solace gained from witnessing this disaster is the knowledge that it will most likely be cancelled. With innovative and hilarious programs like "Louie" on the air, it's an embarrassment that low-quality material like this is allowed to exist. If you're looking for a laugh, then your best bet would be to stay as far away from this show as possible.

## Whats the BUZZ

COMPILED BY PATRICK WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

### Concerts

#### Black Label Society

Black Label Society will be coming to the Fillmore Detroit on Sunday, Nov. 9, for their Black Label Berzerkus Tour. Black Label Society is a heavy metal band formed in 1998 by Zakk Wylde. The band is headlining the two-month, North American tour to kick-start their new album, "Order of the Black," which was released in August. Their first release after three years, the album hit number four on Billboard.com Top 200 albums in its first week with 33,000 sales. Children of Bodom, Clutch and 2CENT are joining Black Label Society for the tour. Tickets are on sale for mezzanine, balcony and main floor at Livenation.com at \$51 for the main floor and balcony.

### Events

#### General Election

Michigan's general election for governor, attorney general, secretary of state and host of other federal, state and local offices will be held on Nov. 2. Major candidates for governor are Virg Bernero and Rick Snyder. On Oct. 11, the candidates had their first — and possibly only — debate where Snyder spoke about "reinventing Michigan," "an era of innovation" and "getting back to our roots of entrepreneurship and innovation." While Bernero stated, "We need bold leadership, and we need it now. I've got a plan to turn Michigan around, to shake up our broken government and to get this economy back on track." The City of Northville has two voting precincts with two voting locations. For Wayne county residents, precinct one is at City Hall, 215 W. Main St.; and for Oakland county residents, precinct two is at Amerman School, 847 N. Center St. More information on the general election can be found at Michigan.gov/sos/.

### Comedy

#### Matt Braunger

The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase will be featuring Matt Braunger on Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Braunger has been an actor since childhood and is well-

known today as a series regular on "MADtv" and from his appearances on the "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Pushing Daisies" and Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham." In 2009, he was named as one of Variety's "Top 10 Comics to Watch" and was featured Comedy Central's "Hot 9 in '09" list. In 2010 he recorded his half-hour "Comedy Central Presents: Matt Braunger" special that aired in April this year. Tickets at the door are \$11 for Thursday and \$14 for the rest of his shows at the Comedy Showcase.

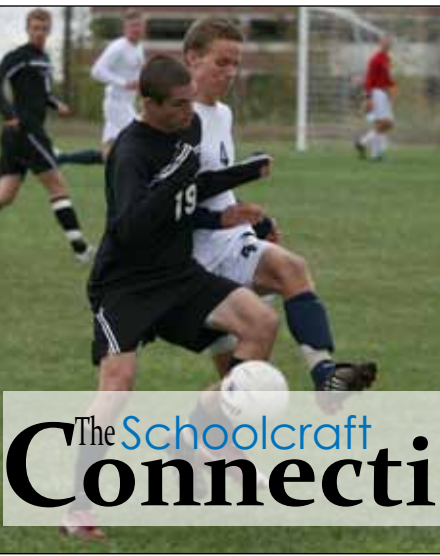
### Theatre

#### Rock of Ages

Do you love '80s rock? If so, then check out "Rock of Ages" which will be coming to the Fisher Theatre in Detroit from Nov. 9-14. This is a story set in 1987, on the Sunset Strip, when a small-town girl met a big-city rocker and, in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s. It's "Rock of Ages," an arena-rock love story told through the mind-blowing, face-melting hits of Journey, Bon Jovi, Poison and many more. Don't miss this awesomely good time about dreaming big, playing loud and partying on. Tickets are \$29 to \$79 and are on sale at ticketmaster.com.

#### Disney Live!

Release your inner child with "Disney Live! Mickey's Magic Show" at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Nov. 6, with two showings at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mickey and Minnie will be leading a magical production on stage with amazing illusions and magical scenes. The show will feature grand illusions along with Disney characters including Donald, Goofy, Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother. Alice in Wonderland, Mad Hatter and the Disney princesses Jasmine, Belle and Snow White will also be there. It's magical fun for the whole family. Tickets at \$40, \$29, \$24 and \$19 are on sale now at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Special Front Row seating is also available.



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Check out what is going onto in the world of Schoolcraft Sports starting on page 24

# Ballin' on a Budget

Tag, you're it!

BY JONATHAN KING  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Now that winter is on the horizon, it's time to concentrate on some indoor fun. A great way to enjoy yourself and let off a little steam is to play some laser tag. You're never too old to step into a black-lit arena and engage in a little futuristic warfare with some friends. Here are some fantastic places to help you live out your "Halo" fantasies.

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#### The Lost City

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The Lost City also features a selection of arcade games and Cosmic Mini-Golf, a psychedelic indoor mini-golf course drenched in neon paint and black lights. You can find out more at www.the-lostcity.com.

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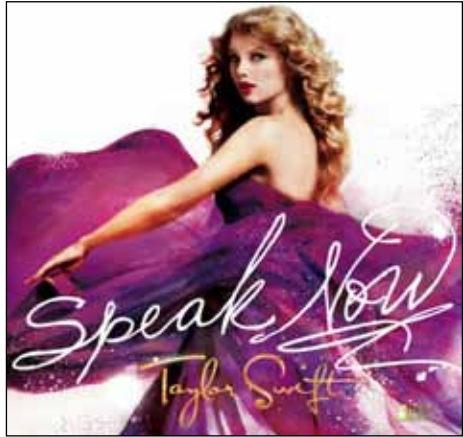
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**Taylor Swift**  
"Speak Now"  
Genre: Country/Pop

★★★★☆

By LISA CHIN  
MANAGING EDITOR

Is it that time again already? Just as expected, Taylor Swift's third release, "Speak Now," plays off of her experiences and you guessed it—her love life. Swift, who is notoriously known to swoon or slander her exes in tracks, returns with a new round of ammunition. Only this time, the heart-bounded country princess is stepping away from small town boys and into the limelight of stardom.

Not only does her new album gush about her previous romances with Joe Jonas, Taylor Lautner, John Mayer and Adam Young from Owl City, but fingers are also pointing to Camilla Belle as well as Kayne West. The cause of all the commotion, it seems, isn't so much on the actual release of the compilation, but on what each song entails in its hidden messages (even the lyric book is full of randomly capitalized letters waiting to be decoded).

The individual composures in itself is almost overshadowed by the puppy-love digs coming out a young 19-year-old girl learning about "love" and making mistakes.

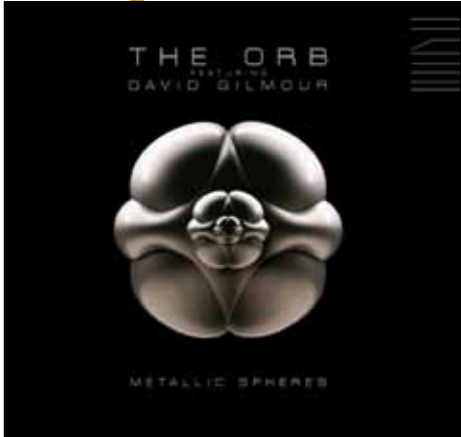
Unnecessary publicity aside, Swift starts off delivering her usual love-struck mentality found from her previous albums in her first single "Mine" and like her past works, she follows up with a heartache song that makes you feel bi-polar. Then, she verves into a new angle, taking purposely, awkward sounding talk-singing coffeehouse from Young in "Speak Now" and meddling with the slow guitar strumming with occasional twangs from Mayer in "Dear John." (Can you guess who that song is about?)

If you can't tell by now, it's incredibly hard to steer clear of her non-neutral state of this album. You'll find yourself listening to the tracks thinking it's catchy, but in the back of your mind, you're wondering what kind of celebrity gossip underlies her work. Looking at the compilation and realizing which songs are about whom, you'll see that out of the 13 tracks, eight of them are about someone famous—it's almost daunting.

So, it comes to no surprise that pieces such as "Never Grow Up" are refreshing because they are relatable (and hopefully not about a celebrity). Compare to her previous works, it appears Swift is too busy singing about her own romantic life and playing around than about making music, which seems to be slowly losing its country edge in place of all the hype.

**Bottom Line:**

Although not as strong as her past albums, Swift still delivers a round of decent songs and adds an extra kick with having you guess who she's singing about.



**The Orb feat. David Gilmour**  
"Metallic Spheres"  
Genre: Ambient Electronica

★★★★☆

By JONATHAN KING  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Electronic group The Orb took over the UK in the '90s with their unique brand of ambient house music. For their latest album, they've teamed up with legendary Pink Floyd guitarist David Gilmour. The resulting creation is an out-of-this-world experience that is surprisingly down-to-earth.

"Metallic Spheres" is The Orb's 10th studio album. The 49-minute compilation is composed of two lengthy tracks: "Metallic Side" and "Spheres Side." Though distinct, the two "sides" merge into each other to create a singular experience. Listeners should not enter this album expecting any typical song structures or verse-chorus combinations. Instead, they should expect an ever-shifting world of mellow electronic sounds meandering hazily through a sea of sonic waves. Or, something like that.

The choice of David Gilmour as a collaborator was excellent. Gilmour's laid-back guitar work fits into the album well set against the backdrop of chilled house beats and spacey sound effects. He effortlessly fills in the crevices, adding an earthiness to the otherwise cold electronic tones. While the album doesn't feature any crazy solos, his expertise with the instrument is clearly visible, as always.

In keeping with The Orb's ambient groove, the music never reaches an apex but instead drifts from concept to concept. Unfortunately, for most people this slowly-wandering style translates out as "background music," but this album is so much more than that. There's definitely some Pink Floyd channeled in the album, as the 49-minute trip hearkens back to the tracks like "Echoes" off of the album "Meddle." "Metallic Spheres" would probably feel right at home accompanying a laser light show in a planetarium.

If there is one downside, it's that "Metallic Spheres" feels like something these artists could do in their sleep. As a result, the album is clear, precise and beautiful, but at the same time perhaps not as exciting or as experimental as one might have hoped. While it doesn't begin to approach the greatness of The Orb's early years or Pink Floyd in the '70s, the album is still a testament to the ability of both The Orb and Gilmour. If "Metallic Spheres" represents these artists on cruise control, imagine how amazing it would be if they decided to kick it into high gear.

**The Bottom Line:**

The merging of The Orb and Gilmour isn't as bombastic as one might have hoped, but the experience is far from pointless. "Metallic Spheres" is wonderfully hypnotic and worth a listen.



**KT Tunstall**  
"Tiger Suit"  
Genre: Pop/Folk

★★★★☆

By RAMON RAZO  
STAFF WRITER

KT Tunstall is not necessarily a household name. Ask any average Joe or Jane who she is and they might not know. They will, on the other hand, probably be familiar with her song "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree." While that might be her only No. 1 hit, Tunstall is much more than a one-hit wonder. If you need any proof, simply check out her latest album, "Tiger Suit."

"Tiger Suit," has a very unique style to it, combining alternative rock, folk and even some electronic sounds. The song "Glamour Puss," for example, merges a hard-edged rock sound with some synthesizer bits, while other tracks like "The Entertainer" revert to the more traditional folk styling that we've come to expect from Tunstall. Others still, like "(Still a) Weirdo," have their own unique identity, sounding like the strange offspring of Sarah McLachlan and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

The first half of the CD has a great, upbeat tempo, exemplified in songs like "Fade Like a Shadow" and "Push That Knot Away," both of which are likely to get stuck in your head. These songs make it easy to dance, sing or play along with whatever noisemaking device you can get your hands on. The liveliness in her voice and the passion she injects into the tracks just makes listening to her music an absolute joy.

In this day and age of teen divas, Disney pop stars and Nirvana wannabes it's nice to see a real flesh-and-blood musician in the spotlight. This girl definitely has a gift for sound and lyrics. She's no Whitney Houston or Christina Aguilera, but her voice complements her songs well, in both the more rocking numbers and the slower songs like "Lost." She knows how to use her vocals and how to sell her emotion in the song.

Her lyrics are as well-crafted and enchanting as her music. If one was feeling generous, you might even say they border on Dylan-esque. You can really feel her writing from the heart with every word, even when the lyrics are somewhat cryptic. Of course, we don't always need to know what she's singing about. All we need to do is enjoy it.

**The Bottom Line:**

"Tiger Suit" is another solid effort from this ever-evolving singer-songwriter. If you have even a passing interest in this artist, you should pick it up immediately.



**Backstreet Boys**  
"Millennium"  
Genre: Pop

★★★★★

By MARISSA D'AGOSTINO  
STAFF WRITER

Will we ever escape the Backstreet Boys? Probably not. Despite being 11 years old, hits from the Boys' second album "Millennium" are still everywhere. Hot right off the bat, the Backstreet Boys found their way into the hearts of girls of every age across the globe. Love-struck tweens humming "As Long As You Love Me" helped their first album top the charts, setting the stage for a highly anticipated following. After the release of "I Want It That Way," the "Millennium" hype reached a peak with adoring fans waiting anxiously for its break on May 18, 1999.

The album hit stores with a bang. After the first day over 500,000 copies were sold in the US alone and a record breaking 1,134,000 within the first week. "Millennium" became the best-selling album of 1999 going 13 times platinum and remaining on the Billboard charts for 93 weeks. If the sweet lyrics and soulful voices don't convince you this album is one for the books, the numbers alone surely have to.

Cheesy love songs drive the album straight to the top. The sensitive, boy-next-door attitude in tracks like "Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely" and "The One" had the pop scene raving. Little girls, their sisters, best friends and even moms swooned over these five sexy singers and their catchy melodies making "Millennium" an instant classic.

Of course, love songs can only get you so far. "Millennium" wouldn't be the album it is without the classic single, "Larger than Life." Being the opening track on any CD holds a ton of responsibility and this hit definitely gets the job done. With a harder edge and a killer hook, "Larger than Life" makes the album jump right from the get-go. The tune also gives these nice guys a crazy, bad boy alter ego, which counterbalances the mushy, affectionate nonsense on the rest of the disc. This splash of edginess propelled the album to be a prominent contender in the very important, and slightly underrated, "music to bump to" category.

This album is sugary-sweet boy band pop at its finest. Girls love it and boys can't deny it. When even dudes are buying a pair of tickets to a Backstreet Boys concert, you know these guys must have been doing something right.

**The Bottom Line:**

"Millennium" is the reason we still remember the Backstreet Boys today. Even if you're not willing to admit it, this album is a true classic.



"Jackass" turns heads and stomachs in 3D

By CONOR BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

What can you say about "Jackass"? You either love it or you hate it. The crazed antics of Johnny Knoxville and friends are the stuff of legends and, with their latest film venture, they've shown that they still have what it takes to disgust and enthrall. Put simply, "Jackass 3D" is the movie of the year. Forget that "Social Network" nonsense. This is the dramatic event of the season.

"Jackass 3D" finds the crew doing what they do best: sacrificing their bodies and their dignity to make us smile. There is never a dull moment throughout the 94 minutes of the film. From insane daredevil stunts to great stealth comedy moments to some of the best gross-out humor ever, "Jackass 3D" will have you laughing nonstop. One particularly interesting stunt was called the "Poo Cocktail Supreme." You won't find any spoilers here, but let's just say it involves Steve-O, a port-a-potty, two cranes and some bungee cords. You can connect the dots yourself.

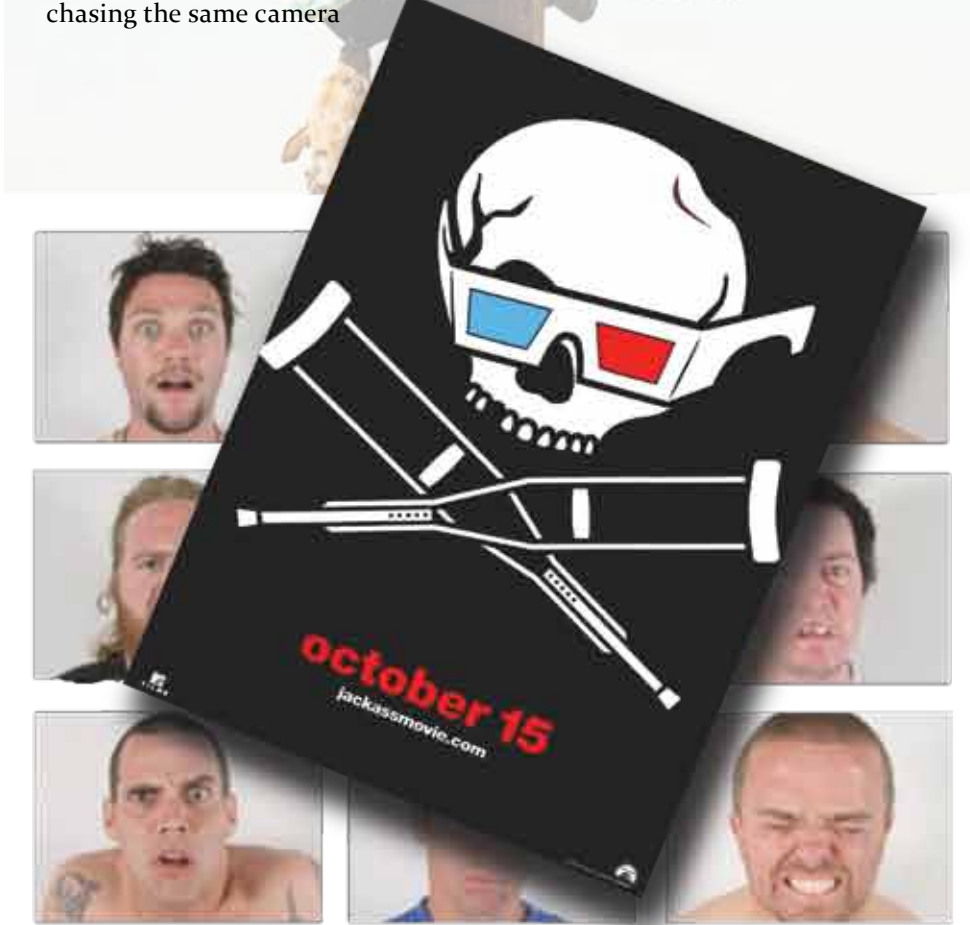
Although it's incredibly hilarious, as you may have guessed, "Jackass 3D" is not for anyone with a weak stomach. There were several times during the movie where people are vomiting. However these are likely to be members of the audience, not the actors on screen. Anyone who can't stand the sight of vomit, feces, urine, blood or sweat flying towards your face in full 3-D, should not see this movie. Consider yourself warned.

The direction by Jeff Tremaine is spectacular. The camera crew really upped their game by purchasing the same camera

used for "Avatar" as well as some super high speed cameras. These are used to great effect as the only thing better than seeing a "Jackass stunt" is seeing it in 1000 frames-per-second super-slow motion. The 3-D aspect of the film is also used unsparingly in every shot. The opening sequence of the movie showcases this well, with explosions sending dozens of objects flying at the camera. They really stepped up the cinematography from the previous films, showing each stunt from multiple angles. Watching Knoxville ride a Jet Ski out of a pool and into some hedges is amusing but watching it at a view from the handlebars in slow motion just makes it fantastic.

When "Jackass" came onto the small screen 10 years ago, it was met with great criticism and objection, both from the media and people like Senator Joseph Lieberman. Today, it is one of the most profitable franchises with "Jackass 3D" grossing \$50 million its opening weekend. That makes it the biggest opener ever for a movie opening in the fall.

"Jackass 3D" displays slapstick comedy at its finest, albeit at its most extreme. People who enjoy physical humor, fart jokes and shock value will adore this film. Filming in 3-D made it many times more enjoyable than it would have been otherwise. The Jackass crew doesn't disappoint and the whole experience will leave viewers laughing so hard they will be gasping for air. If your stomach is strong enough, you definitely need to give this movie a watch.



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aside, "Sonic 4" leaves audiences wanting more, which is more than can be said of any other Sonic game to come out in the last five years. So, is Sonic back? No, not quite yet. As good as this release is, it's going to take a lot of work to make up for the years

of mediocrity gamers had to trudge through to get this far. Nevertheless, "Sonic 4" is a huge step in the right direction and will leave gamers waiting for "Episode 2" with bated breath.

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elements made it hit with fans and critics alike. The voice acting can be hammy — and sometimes outright silly — but it's all part of the game's charm. The game is so well-loved that it has been rereleased several times, on the Sega Saturn, the PSP (included

in "Castlevania: The Dracula X Chronicles"), the Xbox Live Arcade and on the PSN Network. If you love video games and vampires then this is one title you'll definitely want to sink your teeth into.



# Focus!

## SC volleyball finishing strong

By **BRANDON KARSTEN**  
STAFF WRITER

After the many ups and downs that come with a regular season for a young and talented group like SC's volleyball team, the time has finally come to begin prepping for the playoffs.

SC had a rough trip to the Grand Rapids Invitational on the weekend of Oct. 2. The Lady Ocelots managed only one win in the invitational against Lake Michigan. A quartet of losses to Kalamazoo, Owens, Grand Rapids and Muskegon only served to drag the team's spirit down. The Lady Ocelots were determined to re-group themselves and leave what happened in Grand Rapids behind them.

In the next three games, SC found a spark to drive past and dominate their opponents in three set sweeps in much-needed wins against Mott, Delta and St. Clair. Soon after, SC travelled to Alpena for the weekend of Oct. 15 to compete in two games against Alpena and one game versus Sault College (Sault St. Marie, Ontario). Their winning streak continued and reached six straight games, then a seventh with a victory over rival Henry Ford CC on Oct. 19.

The Lady Ocelots may not have a player jumped out statistically throughout the region or were ranked nationally, but the success SC enjoyed has been due to the collective efforts of every player on the roster. It is something Coach Rich Lamb has seen throughout the season and it is some-

thing he may come to expect during the postseason.

"We expect everybody to step up and be able to contribute and stay mentally engaged," said Coach Lamb.

Coach Lamb is encouraging the team to not think too far ahead before the postseason with some critical regular season games coming up. The team is only thinking of getting through the regular season and clinching a spot in the MCCA Tournament before looking beyond.

"We've got to keep on winning and have to try to beat the teams we lost to," said Lamb.

The players on the team certainly have the optimism needed to compete in the playoffs and still have the goal in mind of going as far as they can.

"We want to win like everyone else and we hope to keep up that mentality," said sophomore setter Alyssa Cuthbert.

In the previous postseason, SC lost in the first round of the MCCA Tournament to Kalamazoo Valley CC. Then came another first round loss in District E tournament and SC went on to finish as the semifinals in the losers bracket. Cuthbert sees a lot of differences from last year's team.

"The girls are a lot closer and supportive of each other," stated Cuthbert.

Before the final regular season home game against Macomb, SC and the home crowd honored the lone sophomore Alyssa Cuthbert. As for the game, SC jumped out to a quick lead



PHOTO BY ANITA MISHRA

Jessica Macari (right) serves up a dish of "spiked ball."

versus the Monarchs. SC was about to end the set with a lead, but the Monarchs battled to keep the score close. The Ocelots managed to hold on to win 25-23. SC went on to win the rest of the sets for a three set sweep of Macomb with scores of 25-19 and

25-16. Coach Lamb looks at the regular season as a roller coaster one, but the team managed to pull through.

"We struggled early, but we made it

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## WHALERS UPDATE

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers wore specially designed, pink jerseys and dyed their hair pink for the team's annual Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness game on Oct. 16. The only color to surpass the mass of pink was all the green collected through generous donations.

The night brought in a grand sum of \$16,000 towards Breast Cancer Awareness. Whalers alum David Legwand — now with the Nashville Predators, donated \$2,000 to help raise the amount to \$18,000.

While pink dominated Compuware Arena, perhaps the

fact that the Windsor Spitfires didn't wear pink was a contributing factor in the Whalers' 4-1 win over their cross-river rivals. The game brought the season's largest crowd which was also the season's loudest crowd — even breaking out into The Pink Wave at one point. Whalers broke a scoreless tie after one period of play with two unanswered goals in the second period, then pulled away in the third frame for the victory.

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# Tipping off

## Men's Basketball preps for new campaign

By **BRANDON KARSTEN**  
STAFF WRITER

If a team suffers a dismal performance the previous season, the focus of the next season is to forget the failures of the last campaign and build on those past experiences. The SC's men's basketball team is certainly in that position. In spite of their past failures, there is an inspiring sense of optimism among the new group as the season opener draws closer.

This year, the Ocelots will begin the season well ahead of where they began last year when an off-the-court incident led to massive, season-long upheaval with the roster. As a result, last year's team often had to play the entire 40 minutes of a game without key players being given the benefit of a rest on the bench. It was hardly surprising when the team had difficulties remaining competitive with the top teams in the MCCA.

Coach Randy Henry and his staff are eager to put the last campaign behind them and move on with a new start.

"We are excited about the season," Coach Henry said simply. "We can't dwell on the negative stuff."

So far this postseason, Coach Henry saw 25 potential players come tryout in hopes of winning a spot on the roster. He certainly felt impressed with the number of freshmen that wanted to play for the team. According to Henry, there will be plenty of players that will provide height to the team, such as Drew Mapley (South Lyon East HS) and Carl Moore who Henry believes can finish with a dunk.



FILE PHOTO

SC intends to start the season off on a positive note with the upcoming scrimmages.

# Running into the postseason

## Free Press Marathon and season wrap-up

By **ALEX MARIETTI**  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wonder what it would be like if you decided to run away from that police officer giving you a citation? Or even running away from a starving black bear to save your life? Would you be fast enough? Would your endurance fail before you made it to safety? Those on SC's cross country team don't have to wonder if they would make it for a number of reasons. They have proven time and again that their sport is one of speed as well as endurance. It is their combination of these two important factors that contribute to the team's overall success in the competitions they participate in.

The weather was exceptional on Sunday, Oct. 17, with the temperature being just less than 50 degrees. The temperature was just right for a fast track and provided a pleasant envi-

ronment for peak performances. The 33rd annual Detroit Free Press marathon drew in crowds of over 2,300 runners which made SC's runners stand out even more than usual. SC has participated in the Detroit Free Press Marathon for the last three years. The marathon is partially in Canada as well as the US, incorporating the Ambassador Bridge into the 5-kilometer run, which is approximately three miles. New records were set alongside great performances throughout the day.

For the men, Mark Freyberg led placing 3rd overall, with a final time of 17:29, a new SC record for the 5k. Previous record holder and 4th place marathon runner, Nate Wise finished just one second behind Freyberg with a time of 17:30. John Beal came in at 12th place, his time being 18:36. Right behind Beal was Scott Howse in 13th place with a final time of 18:37. Scott Howse, a senior member of the SC team won his age group for the day. Also, Isaiah Hollis had his fastest time of the year at 20:02, placing 22nd overall. This is Hollis's first year as a long distance runner and has been quick to pick up the endurance technique.



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SC Men's and Women's Cross Country worked hard to set new records.



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# Buckeyes vs. Spartans

## Why OSU will win the Conference

By BRANDON KARSTEN  
STAFF WRITER

Since the Ohio State University Buckeyes won the 2002 BCS national title, a Big Ten championship no longer quenches that insatiable thirst for winning. Neither does a mere trip to the national title game. With an experienced team just off a January Rose Bowl win over Oregon, expectations in Columbus are off the charts.

The late, great University of Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler would often refer to Ohio as “that state down south” because of the rivalry between Michigan and OSU. Schembechler might be rolling in his grave if he heard of Ohio State winning the Big Ten football title, which they very well might this year, leaving behind a trail of disappointed Michigan and Michigan State fans.

Junior Quarterback Terrelle Pryor is a powerful offensive weapon as he fights for consideration in the Heisman Trophy race. Although he is currently fifth in the Big Ten in passing yards, Pryor was named the Big Ten co-Offensive Player of the Week for Week 6 along with Wisconsin running back John Clay. Pryor is not the only offensive weapon on this potent roster. His favorite target in crucial situations is senior wide receiver Dane Sanzenbacher, who is second in the Big Ten in receiving yards and team leader in receiving touchdowns. If Sanzenbacher is not open, there are also other receiver options in WR DeVier Posey or running back Brandon Saine. A combination of all these players has made Ohio State the Big Ten leader in team points per game and touchdowns per game. As a whole on offense, this team possesses great depth which results in wearing defenses one play at a time.

A solid defense is another asset OSU bring into every game. The Buckeyes lead the Big Ten in team interceptions and team yards against per game. The reasons for a strong defense would have to be their two senior linebackers Ross Homan and Brian Rolle, who

are one and two respectively in team tackles.

As for strength of the schedule, the Buckeyes cruised to a No.1 spot on the AP Poll with easy wins over Marshall, Ohio, Eastern Michigan and Indiana while watching the previous No. 1 Alabama lose to South Carolina. OSU's schedule had them playing five of their first six games at home and only three road games the rest of the way.

After being upset by No. 18 Wisconsin in Madison, OSU dropped to 10th in the nation — close enough to realistically have a shot at reclaiming the top spot with a bit of luck.

The next big game coming up for the Buckeyes is the matchup against Iowa in Iowa City. Iowa will definitely present a challenge to Ohio State's running game as the Hawkeyes have the Big Ten lead in team rush yards against. Ohio State might have to consider the game against Purdue a revenge game after the Boilermakers upset the Buckeyes last season.

If both Michigan State and Ohio State end the season with the same record, all they can do is leave it to the rules to determine which team will earn a trip to Pasadena. Using the tie breaker, MSU will go to the Rose Bowl and Ohio State will go to a big bowl game like the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl or Fiesta Bowl if they climb back to the top four teams.

## MSU's rise to the top

By WILL ALBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Not every game can be a blowout. Not every game will be pretty. But if you want to compete for the national championship, the only result must be a victory. The Michigan State University Spartans remain the last unbeaten team currently in the Big Ten as of this writing and Head Coach Mark Dantonio has landed his team fifth in initial rankings for the Bowl

Championship Series. Currently, MSU holds a record of 8-0 for the first time since going 9-0-1 in 1966 and then winning the national championship.

Dantonio's run-it-up-the-middle coaching philosophy is a breath of fresh air. The traditional approach has paid big dividends as the Spartans control game tempo and dictate when they prefer to run or pass.

This is due, in large part to quarterback Kirk Cousins. In Big Ten play, he currently is fifth in passing yards overall and averages 250 yards per game.

Newly acquired threat freshman Le'Veon Bell has brought more depth to the team, but sophomore Edwin Baker should not be left out. A couple players under the radar who do not get a lot of press are receivers B.J. Cunningham and Mark Dell. The two account for Cousins' success down field because of the different options he possesses, on all aspects of the offense. MSU never lets up until the play blows dead downfield.

The Spartans have 12 interceptions

through seven games, doubling last year's output. They also have forced 18 turnovers (six fumbles) after forcing only 14 last season. No significant player changes have been made. No magic spell was placed and no new defense. State used the 3-4 defense last campaign and currently for 2010. The difference maker is players doing what they are supposed to do when they are supposed to do it. Players like leading tackler Greg Jones are punishing backs and receivers who cross his path. The team couldn't be happier with the physical nature which the team inflicts on other teams.

In East Lansing, the head coaching position has been the subject of constant speculation surrounding any big-time coaching vacancy. At one point you had to wonder what coach MSU had in stored for the next campaign. Finally after years of being criticized, the Spartans found an individual to lead the program into the future. You couldn't ask for a better coach than MSU's own Mark Dantonio. His experience and personal traits sets him apart from others. Even though his style is old school, he brings in top recruits from the mid-west every year.

As for strength of the schedule, the Spartans are sitting respectively at number five AP Poll with a few big wins for the season. They stood toe to toe against Wisconsin and matched their physicality. The shutdown of Michigan further proved MSU is here to compete.

The team has raised the bar for themselves and the expectations of their fans. MSU needs to maintain their focus on the objective Dantonio set for this team when he was hired in December of 2006, winning a Big Ten championship. They can do that by treating each game with equal importance. State has become faster, stronger, physical and composed. Everything that Michigan once was. If a final game was to be played between the two powers of the Big Ten, OSU and MSU, a victory would prove that this team deserves a title game.

probably means an easy path to the Region XII Championship. In all likelihood, that means a matchup versus rival Cincinnati State in the finals — the same Cincinnati State that nearly came to blows with the Ocelots just a few weeks ago. The added pressure of a playoff game promises to make that potential match a bitter match with the entire season on the line.

If the men's team wins the region, they will return home to host the District Championships. Playing at

home in Livonia would provide a distinct home field advantage for the Ocelots and only increase the likelihood of the men finally winning the title they have coveted.

“It would be the first time in school history winning a national title,” said Joe Carver.

There's still a long way to go before any player will hoist a trophy but the pieces are nicely falling into place for the Ocelots to be the last team standing.

## VOLLEY

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with nine freshmen and one sophomore,” stated Lamb.

As of press time, SC went to the MCCA tournament that took place Oct. 29-30 at Kalamazoo Valley C.C. The NJCAA District E Tournament

will take place Nov. 5-7 at Owens. If SC wins the district tourney, they will earn a berth in the National Championships, which will be held at Wisconsin Dells on Nov. 18-20.

## MEN'S

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to cover weaknesses. When forwards Joe Carver and Doug Beason struggled to score goals, midfielders Lobo and Gavin Kelly picked up the offensive slack. Even Nate Sergison managed to press the attack from the defense and chip in six goals.

It is this combination of talent that Coach Larson must juggle to ensure

everyone has an opportunity contribute — not for the sake of being fair but to maintain the balance the team has demonstrated throughout the season. It has been a key to the team's success and the Ocelots are not about to deviate from the blueprint that has provided so much success.

Looking forward, the first round by

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The Ocelot girls did well on Sunday as well. Maddy LaFave placed 1st with a time of 20:26. Coach Kozloff stated that he was “very impressed with LaFave's run, being the fastest time of the year.” Sally L'Esperance placed 17th running the 5k at 24:21. Haliee Azizi, who had recently recovered from a one month absence due to an injury, placed 22nd. Her time was 27:07. Overall the SC Cross Country team had a great performance as a team at the end of the marathon.

Looking back, SC has been giving fine performances at all three of the Detroit Free Press's 5-kilometer marathons, and this year's showing was no different. “This was a very good showing for SC on a fast track and field,” said Coach Kozloff, stating his content with the overall results of Sunday's performance. Next year, the Free Press plans to hold another marathon and 5k run, taking advantage of the cool weather.

## Raw Foods 101



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**Kale: It's not just for garnishes anymore.**

### Smoky & Sweet BBQ Kale Chips

By CHARLOTTE A. LAWRIE  
STAFF WRITER

product that you can find in stores. Crispy kale chips are a favorite snack amongst raw foodies. The urge to grab a satisfying, crunchy snack hits everyone at one time or another, and when a person decides to incorporate raw foods into their diet, kale chips can certainly satisfy that urge. Not only are kale chips delicious and nutritious, these little crispy morsels are very easy to prepare.

Kale is not necessarily a staple in everyone's kitchen. It is a dark green, leafy lettuce that is more than likely looked over while shopping for produce. It comes in many different shapes, colors and has a very strong taste. Because of its sturdy texture and bitterness, kale is often prepared via boiling or sautéing, even though it is widely known that foods lose their nutritional value if its internal temperature reaches 116 degrees or higher. By using the dehydrating method, foods can retain their enzymes and still deliver their nutrients.

Kale is full of beneficial nutrients and is quickly becoming recognized as a “super food” because of its cancer-fighting abilities. It is packed with beta-carotene, an important nutrient for good vision and is loaded with vitamins A, C and K. Kale is also an excellent source of minerals, containing iron, manganese, calcium and potassium.

One caveat about kale is the fact that it contains goitrogen, which could possibly interfere with thyroid gland function. Its high content of vitamin K may also interfere with certain blood thinning medications. So, if you suffer from thyroid disease or have blood-clotting issues, consult your health-care professional to see if you should avoid kale.

### Smoky & Sweet Kale Chips

Start by soaking a cup of raw almonds in a glass bowl covered with filtered water for about three hours in the refrigerator. When the almonds are ready, soak two or three bunches of organic kale in a large vessel of salt

bathing, prepare the seasoning in the meantime. Next, take your blender out to combine the following ingredients and blend ingredients until smooth and creamy (add water a little at a time for a smoother texture, if needed):

- 1 cup soaked almonds
- 2 tablespoon Nutritional Yeast (Found in health food stores. This will give the kale chips a “cheddar” flavor.)
- 3 tablespoon Olive Oil (this will aid in the absorption of the nutrients)
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Yacon syrup (this will give the kale its smoky sweetness. It is low sugar and has a low glycemic index. Blackstrap molasses can be substituted)
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1½ tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Mesquite seasoning
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon mustard powder

Next, rinse the kale as you drain all of the water from it. Break the leafy parts away from the stems and discard the stems. Tear the leaves into pieces about the size of a half dollar. They will shrink during the dehydrating process. Use a salad spinner or clean, dry towels to remove as much water as possible from the leaves.

Transfer the kale to a large bowl and “massage” the seasoning into it, making sure each piece is coated well.

Spread the kale evenly on dehydrator sheets. If using an oven for dehydrating, set the oven's temperature to the lowest heat setting, not reaching above 115 degrees.

Dehydrate for 4-5 hours keeping an eye on the chips. You want them to be crunchy, not chewy, so start sampling them after about four hours. Store in an airtight bag or container. The crumbs are excellent sprinkled on pasta dishes and salads. Now bite into your delicious creation and enjoy!



## No keg, just a six-pack

### How to get great abs

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SPORTS EDITOR

Have you ever looked down at your stomach and wondered how you developed a keg? The thought of a six pack or “perfect abdominals” runs through everyone's head at some point and time in a person's life. Maybe you're at the beach with your girl and a guy winks while running by with granite-hard abs. Life isn't perfect and neither are most people's midsections. There are three keys to achieving your goal to becoming that guy or girl which everyone wants to be at the beach: cardio, nutrition and training.

You can have the greatest, most muscular set of abs in the world, but if they are blanketed by a layer of body fat, no one will care. In order to rid yourself of the extra body fat around your midsection, you need to incorporate effective cardio sessions into your fitness plan. You cannot spot-reduce the midsection by doing extra ab exercises like crunches or sit-ups. Burning off the body fat through the right kind of cardio is the first step to properly defining the area.

Abdominal training by itself will not do much. Cardio needs to be intense enough to do the trick. Three to four sessions a week of intense jogging, running, the Stairmaster, the elliptical, jumping rope or biking should be enough to get the process in gear. Swimming, hiking and taking aerobics classes are beneficial as well.

Remember hearing your doctor tell you that eating healthy will reduce fat? Well guess what? They were dead on and the same rule applies to attaining abs. Ridding the body of fat once and for all is accomplished by proper nutrition more so than incorporating cardio. At the end of the day, if you have consumed more calories than you have expended, you add body fat. So you need to burn more calories than you consume.

Nutrition is important because you can reduce the amount of calories you take in, therefore greatly having an effect on the amount which you have

to expend through cardio. Eat five to six small, well-balanced meals spaced apart about every three to four hours. Try to keep something healthy on hand.

If not, when you become real hungry, you will opt for something that isn't as good for you. When you become overly hungry, all rational thinking goes out the window.

Muscle fiber is made of tightly-wound protein, a molecule that is damaged during a workout, so you need more protein than the sedentary person to help that muscle tissue repair. Carbohydrates have an important role in the body, but do not base your meals on them. Try to avoid simple sugars like cane sugar, honey, fruit juices, syrups and even a lot of fruits.

Drink at least a gallon of clean water each day as well. It will help with nutrient absorption and digestion and will aid in flushing out toxins from the body.

Bottom line: make sure you are supplying your body with well-balanced, healthy food every three to four hours.

The last step on your way to perfection is how you train your midsection. The general public believes that a few ab machines will solve the problem. I often ask those I train, “Would you train your biceps with sets of 50 reps with no weight?” Of course, they say “no.” How about your chest, 50 reps with no weight? Another no. I then ask, “Then why would you do that with your abs?”

Here's an important key to remember. If you want proper ab development, you need to add resistance (weight) to your ab exercises. Abs are muscles which need to be treated like any other. You need resistance to properly strengthen and build them.

A few ab exercises you can incorporate in your workout to help stimulate muscle growth are: weighted crunches, Cable Rope Crunches, Weighted Leg Raises, Seated Ab Machine, and Stability Ball Crunches.

Remember to keep striving towards your goal and you will one day own a strong midsection.

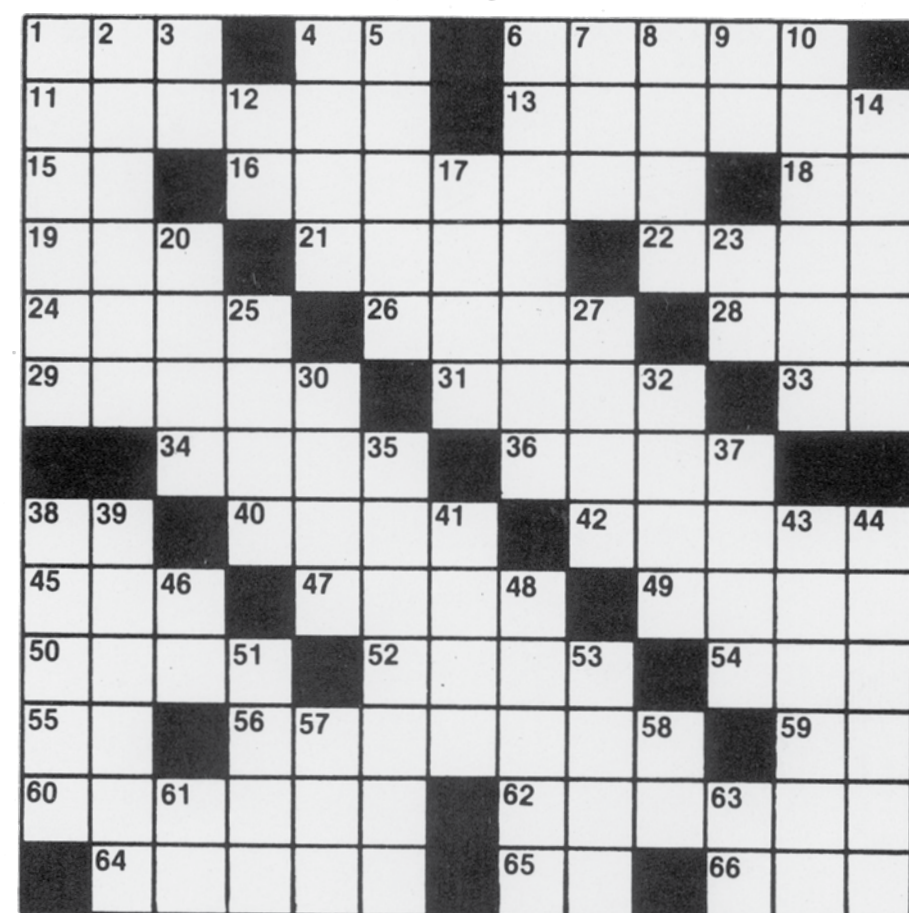


Don't forget to check what is happening on campus in the Campus Life section! See page 6





# Crossword Companion



## ACROSS

1. Bear's home
4. Lead shot
6. Honest (slang)
11. Make certain
13. Dormant
15. N. England state (abbr.)
16. Used to mix paint (artist)
18. Sodium symbol
19. Horse's meal (sing.)
21. Scholarly book
22. Moves head
24. Rubber wheel
26. Telegram
28. Fisherman's need
29. Encourage
31. Cab
33. Concerning
34. Step
36. Monetary unit (Italy)
38. Iridium symbol
40. False; empty
42. Currency substitute
45. Spanish epic hero
47. By mouth
49. Number
50. Thought
52. Violent mob
54. Rest
55. Direction (abbr.)
56. Eye covering
59. Chapter (abbr.)
60. Depression between two faults
62. Whole of one's possessions
64. Small shoot of a plant
65. Street (abbr.)
66. New South Wales (abr.)

## DOWN

1. Give one's time
2. Involve
3. Nova Scotia (abbr.)
4. Unruly child
5. In a lower place
6. At the side
7. Time zone (abbr.)
8. Valley (Scot.)
9. That is (abbr., Latin)
10. Soft
12. Over
14. Glue
17. Send forth
20. Snare
23. Toward
25. Estimated arrival time (abbr. pl.)
27. A way out
30. Sound repetition
32. Press
35. Dangling jewelry
37. Relative
38. Cake topping
39. Horsemen
41. Principle
43. Makes into law
44. Sister's son
46. Eastern state (abbr.)
48. Ore deposits
51. Short for abbreviation
53. Examination
57. Hawaiian floral necklace
58. Route (abbr.)
61. Press organization (abbr.)
63. Article

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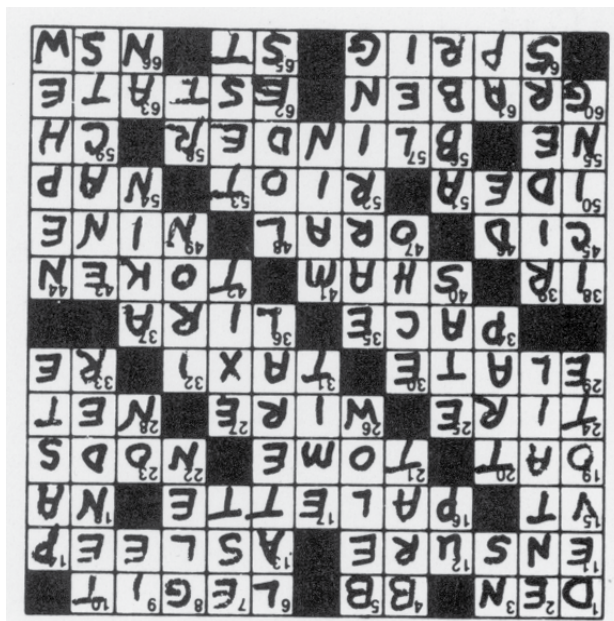
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# Navratri

## Garba/Bhangra

For one night, the VisTaTech Center was more than just career orientated. Navratri, a Hindu festival dedicated to worshipping Shakti, meaning “nine nights,” engaged its participants and observers on Saturday, Oct. 16, giving SC a taste of a different culture. Walking in, people were greeted with tantric music flowing out of the spacious DiPonio Room, which was designated solely for dancing, where celebrators adorned in brightly colored, shimmering clothing made their rounds.

There was never a dull moment during its 7 p.m. to midnight time-frame. Along with the live music, dinner was also supplied by Sammvad. They were complemented by various merchants and vendors with their available products set up in the hallway connecting Waterman and DiPonio.

It ended strong with attendance reaching over 650 guests, surpassing last year's turnout. This year, the dinner was arranged in Waterman A, B and C so that the entire DiPonio room could be devoted to dancing. “The event was a huge success. People absolutely loved it!” Anna Maheshwari said, coordinator for the event. “Many of them wanted to know what the date would be for next year! This was such a wonderful way to showcase our college and its diversity in terms of the student population. We are confident that this event next year will be even bigger and even more successful.”

