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Community Colleges onto bigger degrees

Bills passed from House of Representatives to Senate

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The Michigan House of Representatives sent approval of Bills 4837 and 5533 to the Senate on Sept. 16, 2010, leaving community colleges awaiting the okay to grant baccalaureate degrees.

On Oct. 10, 2009, House Bill 5533 and House Bill 4837 were introduced by Representative John Walsh (R-Livonia) and Representative Joel Sheltrown (D-West Branch) in order to allow community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees in various fields of study and allow the board of trustees within the community college district to establish educational programs. Educators and students across the state have anxiously awaited the results for a year while the House of Representatives deliberated on the amendment bills before being able to send the proposals to our State Senate and, eventually, the governor. The bills came one step closer when the Michigan House of Representatives approved the bill with 55 votes yes, 49 voting no and three opting not to vote. In order for the legislation to become effective, both the House and Senate must vote yes on the bills.

The tight vote within the House reveals to spectators how controversial the bills are. Primarily, the intentions were to give community colleges around the state the right to grant degrees, so students are able to take advantage of higher education and



PHOTO BY JOHN BEUTLER

Bills regarding four-year degrees at community colleges in Michigan are at a halt in the Senate at the Capital Building in Lansing.

boost the economy by educating a new class of workforce.

If the legislation were to pass, community colleges would be qualified to grant baccalaureate degrees in nursing, cement technology, maritime technology, culinary arts and nuclear technology. Currently, these degrees are only attainable within universities

where a baccalaureate degree averages \$7,605 per year in 2010-11 according to The College Board. Having a degree from any of Michigan's well-known universities is an accomplishment but, in today's sluggish economy, obtaining a career that directly relates to the degree is a challenge when trying to pay back student loans.

"Under the current circumstances this would mean an associate degree nurse would have to go on for a baccalaureate and, under current pricing, would pay an additional \$20,000 for

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Explosion injures 1, kills 2

City of Wayne in a state of mourning

By KATHY HANSEN
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In the early hours of Wednesday, December 29, a few concerned citizens in Wayne called Consumers Energy to report the smell of gas. Consumers responded to the calls promptly. However, during the two and a half hours they searched, they were unable to locate the source of the leak.

At approximately 9 a.m., Frank's Furniture store, located at the intersection of Wayne Rd. and Glenwood at the Wayne/Westland border, exploded.



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Firemen work over 12 hours to find three bodies trapped from the assumed natural gas explosion in Wayne.

The blast was heard and felt from miles around. Windows were shattered in the surrounding buildings and residential housing. The furniture store that had been a staple in the City of Wayne suffered the worst damage and collapsed.

Jeff Wells, owner of Cal Sign Company, told reporters at Fox 2 what he recalled. "Walked in and set my keys and gloves down and turned the furnace on. Went into the office and it blew. Just threw me maybe 20 or 25 feet into a wall and I couldn't get out of the office because the doors were jammed, so I finally kicked one open."

He continued, "It was 9:04 exactly when it happened

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Happy New Year!

Getting charged up

Electric vehicle charging stations arrive at SC

By IAN GALLAGHER
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Hordes of electric vehicles may soon be descending upon Schoolcraft College. Four new electric vehicle charging stations have been installed at SC after a year-long effort led by Dean Richard Weinkauf.

A grant awarded by the Department of Energy to Coulomb Technologies provided for charging stations in nine markets, including Detroit. Weinkauf, former Dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development, worked to ensure that four charging stations were installed at Schoolcraft with the help of John Auld, a local representative for Coulomb Technologies, who pushed for the Detroit area to be included in the grant. The stations were installed on Nov. 29 and were online late the following Monday. There are two in front of the Bradner Library and another two off Haggerty Road in the north parking lot.

The locations should allow central access to campus as well as Henry’s in the VisTaTech building where there are a lot of business events and conferences. This will go along with the community focus of the charging stations. In the coming years as electric vehicles (EVs) become more common there should be a rise in use. “The important thing is that people know that Schoolcraft is part of the infrastructure,” said Weinkauf.

Another benefit is a central location where people can charge. SC can now be found on the ChargePoint Network at MyChargePoint.net. The charging stations cost \$4000-6000 each plus installation and the grant also includes free access to the network. The stations, called dual-level stations, are capable of charging at 110 volts, the same as a wall socket, and 240 volts, which takes half the time. Each station is capable of charging two vehicles at once — one on each side of the two outlets. The stations are available for anyone to use.

The amount of usage the stations will receive isn’t known



PHOTO BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

New stations allow EV charging outside Bradner Library.

yet but is expected to increase with the number of EVs and plug-in hybrids. The main point of the charging stations is to add to the realization of Schoolcraft as forward-thinking. In the immediate future, the bulk of usage is expected to come from other vehicles that are converted to be electric,

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Leadership role transitioning

Domino effect hits positions for administration

By SARAH SNYDER
NEWS EDITOR

New classes, new professors and, now, new administration changes are welcomed with the winter semester. The Schoolcraft community bid farewell to Monica Sullivan as she retired on Nov. 19, 2010. This retirement has

caused domino effect, leading to several other position reorganizations elsewhere in administration. Richard Weinkauf left the position of Dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development

position and took on the Vice President of Instruction. “I’m looking forward to this new position. I have the opportunity to build on the successes of Monica Sullivan, the chance to contribute to the organization at a strategic level and to participate in initiatives that will have a positive impact on Schoolcraft College, its faculty and students,” said Weinkauf. Bill Dunbar, Assistant Dean of Sciences, was promoted to Dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development, replacing Weinkauf.

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In Our News

By SARAH SNYDER
NEWS EDITOR

World News

A Ferrari driver was taken into custody in Rome’s Regina Coeli prison after attacking a Fiat driver due to road rage on Jan. 2. The 32-year-old driver repeatedly rammed the Ferrari, which reaches speed up to 200 mph, into the back of a Fiat after failed attempts to pass the vehicle. The Fiat, which reaches a top speed of only 93 mph, was forced onto the hard shoulder of Rome’s ring road. Following, the Ferrari driver continued to smash the window of the Fiat and physically attack the slower car’s driver. A passing off-duty police officer pulled over and requested back up to take control of the situation involving the two drivers and friend of the Ferrari driver who was riding with him. Both the Ferrari driver and friend are now in prison facing charges of assault, criminal damage and resisting arrest.

A 110-year-old Malaysian man is ready to marry again. Ahmad Mohamad has been ready to marry after finding an 82-year-old woman responded to his call for a bride. Mohamad has been married five times before with a total of 20 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. “It doesn’t matter who she is, as long as she can cook for me,” Ahmad told The Telegraph paper in the United Kingdom.

National News

Smartphones have changed the life within prisons across the country as inmates are counting down the days of sentencing on social network sites. Cell phones are being smuggled into prisons for criminal use while serving time for other crimes. The latest Georgia prison strike was put into place by inmates taking advantage of their smuggled cellular phones to assemble protests through email and texting. Just last month, California inmate Charles Manson was found with a flip phone hidden under his mattress.

New investments make Facebook worth \$50 billion. Goldman Sachs and a Russian investor were involved in a deal that raised over \$500 million. Facebook is now worth more than eBay, Yahoo, and Time Warner. Pressures are rising for the Facebook company to become a public market.

Local News

A family vacation turns a local Livonia boy into a breakout star. Connor Gorman, star of the “Gorman Getaway” vacation family videos, was recently praised by the Marriott World Center in Orlando Florida for the performance in his own personal vacation films. The Marriott hotels are now using a profile of the family vacation as an advertisement for the hotel chain. “Gorman Getaway” was mainly for family and friends viewing on YouTube. Connor is now ready to start shooting the next episodes of the “Gorman Getaways.” He hopes to become an actor one day.

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Campus Crime

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Stolen Property

On Nov. 22, in the Forum, a student left her seat during class to ask her instructor a question, then returned to her seat. When class was letting out, she noticed her green Bio 101 textbook was missing.

Larceny

A student made a report on Nov. 29 that weeks ago when he arrived home from class, he noticed his calculus textbook missing. He talked with his instructor and checked the LA building, but still couldn't locate the missing textbook. He checked with the bookstore and they told him to report it to SC Security Police. A check of the lost and found was conducted and the book was not located.

Information

On Nov. 30, in the Lower Waterman, three females were seated at a table. A male walked over to their table and pushed a chair aside to make room for himself. One of the females told him to go away. He then stood up and called her a derogatory term. She took three pictures of him and he told her to stop and delete them. The male hit a bag of popcorn onto the floor after she told him no. The Security Police were called in, as the male walked away from the table. He was standing outside when they arrived. The male stated to the SC Police that he was mad over the pictures taken of him and he just wanted her to delete them.

Stolen Cell Phone

On Dec. 1, while a student was testing in the LAC located at the Radcliff Center, his iPhone was placed at the front desk outside the testing room. Later, when the student returned from the bathroom, he noticed the phone was missing. When he tried calling his cell phone from another phone, it went directly to voicemail. The second time he called, the phone rang and then went to voicemail. The owner of the iPhone left a message on his phone (along with sending a text message) asking that his phone be returned.

Damage to College Property

Graffiti was found on the wall inside the middle stall of the third floor restroom in the McDowell Center on Dec. 2. The unknown person wrote, "All [racial epithet] here at SC should burn just like the Jews" in blue ink. The graffiti was removed.

Trespass/Arrest

On Dec. 3, two people were dropping off equipment at the Radcliff Campus and saw an unknown individual trespassing near the college garage. They contacted the Garden City Police. The GCP showed up and arrested the subject on an outstanding warrant.

Disorderly Student

On Dec. 7, a student asked their computer instructor about an assignment. When he didn't receive the answers he wanted, he became angry and directed profane language towards his instructor. He continued to argue with his instructor and use profane language. After being asked to exit the classroom, the student refused to leave. Then the instructor informed him that they would call security if he didn't leave. The

instructor also informed the student, if he has any complaints about the class, to contact the dean. The student then left the classroom.

Larceny

On Dec. 7, a student left his black Acer laptop on a table in the gaming area of the Lower Waterman to use the restroom. When he returned, the laptop was missing. He asked the six other people playing video games if they had seen who might have taken it. They told him that they didn't see anything because they were busy playing video games.

Missing Property

A student attended their Human Relations class on Dec. 8, in LA160. Later on that day he realized he left his iPhone and Lenovo brand Thinkpad in the classroom. When he returned to the classroom, he was unable to locate the items. He informed his coach and made a report with an SC police officer. The SC Police checked the lost and found and the LA building for the missing items. The items were not found. SC police informed the student to make a report with the Livonia Police Dept.

Larceny

A few Larceny incidents have occurred in BTC135 from Dec. 1 through Dec. 8. Two students have had their Principles of Anatomy and Physiology textbook stolen during class time. On Dec. 8, when an officer spoke with one of the students who had their textbook stolen, she said it was taken from her table during class when she left it unattended on Dec. 1. She stated that she thought someone had picked up the book by accident, so she didn't report it at the time. The following time that her class met, she asked the whole class if they had seen her book and she got a negative response. On Dec. 8, she stood up again and stated to the class that she did not appreciate the fact that someone had taken her book. After the officer gathered statements, he contacted the school bookstore and asked them to check the buyback records. They found that another student sold back two copies of Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in the past week. SC Police contacted the student who sold them the two textbooks and asked to meet with him. The subject agreed to meet with them. When he asked why he was called to meet with SC Police, they informed him that they were trying to find out what happened with the two missing textbooks. The officer didn't tell him that he was considered a suspect. The officer contacted the Director of SC Police and was informed of what actions to take and what paperwork was needed to complete the investigation.

Stolen Property

A wallet fell out of a male's pocket while he was seated in the F200 hallway on Dec. 12. Later, he noticed his wallet missing from his pocket. He returned to the Forum building in attempt to locate his wallet. He didn't find it. A check of the surveillance video showed a male picking up the wallet, looking around without anyone in the area and then walking off with the wallet. A search of the campus didn't locate the subject who took the wallet.

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because I grabbed my phone to dial 9-1-1, and I was like, 'No, I got to get out of here.'"

Three people that were opening Frank's Furniture were trapped in the explosion. The owner, Paul Franks, was one of them. Luckily, he was rescued about 15 minutes after the fire rescuers reached him. He was then airlifted to the University of Michigan Burn Unit and was listed in critical condition. It was reported that he had burns on more than 60% of his body. The following day he was upgraded to serious, but stable, condition.

Nearly 10 hours after the blast, another body was recovered from the rubble. James Zell, a 64-year-old man from Westland, was found deceased. Around 10:45 p.m., another was found and pulled from the collapsed building. Leslie Machniak, the 54-year-old secretary at Frank's Furniture store, was also found deceased.

In spite of the overwhelming response from local fire departments that aided Wayne Fire Department in the search that included Westland, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Farmington Hills, Inkster, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, and Taylor, the recovery of victims took longer than expected.

"There is a lot of heavy debris—the roof trusses of the building were made of concrete and that has been hindering the search," Wayne Fire Chief Mel Moore said at a press conference.

Urban Search and Rescue teams from four counties, Homeland Security staff and Michigan State Police, also helped in the effort to find the missing employees.

Consumers Energy was able to temporarily fix the two-inch gas main that was likely the catalyst for the explosion. An investigation is underway to

determine the exact cause, but it may take months for the results.


Due to the leak, homes on Chestnut St. between Wayne Rd. and Second St. were evacuated for most of the day on Wednesday. After the first leak was sealed, another leak was found which led to the evacuation of more homes. All families were sent to the Wayne Community Center and the nine families that were not able to return to their homes that night were offered a room at a hotel. The following day, all were able to return home with a Consumer Energy agent so as to ensure there were no lingering pockets of gas.

The City Council members in the City of Wayne declared a state of emergency Wednesday night. With all the support from local departments, the financial payouts were too steep and the declaration was made in a bid for financial help from the state.

As for the future of the store, Rob Gendron, a salesperson at Frank's Furniture who luckily had Wednesday off, said, "There has been no talk of rebuilding or reopening at this point and I expect it will be some time before thought is given to that."

"It is quite amazing the effect this loss has had on the community and unfortunately it takes a situation like this to reveal how a little business in Wayne touches so many people," Gendron added.

Gendron summed up the thoughts of many co-workers and citizens of Wayne and the surrounding communities. "I am proud to be a part of that family and intend to assist in any way to fulfill the wishes of Paul Franks and his family. Prayers and thoughts are felt by every member of our family and we can't thank everyone enough."



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CAMPUS CLIFFNOTES

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Transition Center Luncheon Series

On Friday, Jan. 21, the Transition Center is kicking off its annual Winter Luncheon Series with Dawn Bause, author of the popular cookbook "Romance Begins in the Kitchen." Bause will be sharing tips on how to increase your energy levels, immune system and overall health with food. A seasonally prepared lunch is set to be served in the VisTaTech Center at 11:45 a.m., followed by the presentation from Bause. Tickets are \$16 each and must be prepaid one week prior to the event. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are welcome to attend.

Divorce Support Group

For those who have been through divorce, are thinking about marital transition or are going through divorce, the Transition Center at SC provides a divorce support group to those seeking out advice and help. The divorce support group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Group meetings include presentations by lawyers, therapists, mediators and financial planners as well as a guided group discussion. SC wants its students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community to know that they are here to help.

Music and Theatre Department

"On Golden Pond"

SC's Music and Theatre Department is holding auditions for the winter production of "On Golden Pond." Auditions will be held in the Liberal Arts Theatre on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community are welcome to audition for the performances held in March and April.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

PMP Exam Prep

SC has now partnered up with Q'vive, a local leader in innovation strategy and training, to offer a 10-week program to prepare students to take the PMP certification exam. The exam preparation class will be offered to those interested in a project management position starting Monday, Jan. 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For those looking for a project management position, being PMP certified will greatly increase the chance of getting the job. For more information on the exam contact the Continuing Education and Professional Development department at 734-452-4448.

Pageeturners

The Pageeturners, a student-led book club, will be discussing the novel "Inheriting the Trade" by Thomas Norman DeWolf. The book follows a northern family confronting its legacy as the largest slave-trading dynasty in U.S. history. Discussion dates will be held on Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in SC Bradner Library; Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the SC Bradner Library; and Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. at the SC Radcliff Center. Admission is free and open to all students and the general public. Copies of the novel are available at the SC Bookstore for a discounted price.

CHARGING

such as old Toyota Priuses. Conversions are much cheaper than buying a new EV.

The installations came about as a growth of the Electric Vehicle Show at Schoolcraft, which was first held in 2009 with the third show planned for next year. The purpose of the show is to "support the adoption of electric vehicles, hybrids and plug-in hybrids by providing infrastructure and educational opportunities and a place for the public to come and put their hands on one and drive one," said Dean Weinkauff.

It will cost around \$1 to charge a Chevrolet Volt, which started coming

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off the line in November of 2010 and a little over \$2 to charge a Nissan Leaf, which came out in December 2010. While those are two of the more advertised vehicles coming out, an Electric Focus and Transit Connect from Ford, and an electric version of the Mini Cooper from BMW, will also soon be seen driving down our roads and highways.

So if you come across an electric charger as you make your way around campus, become familiar with the device. We might be seeing a lot more of them as electric vehicles become the norm.

NEWS

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An unclaimed lottery ticket is valued at \$250,000 with no claimants. The keno ticket, purchased at Spartan Foods in Redford Township, was purchased over a year ago. If the prize

goes unclaimed, it will be deposited into state School Aid Fund. Numbers of the winning ticket can be found online.

DEAN

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Human Resources of Schoolcraft posted the Assistant Dean of Sciences position, vacated by Dunbar, on Dec. 1, 2010.

The Administration staff is still recruiting to fill the positions of Assistant Dean of Occupational

Programs and the Director of College Centers. Once these positions are filled, the instructional administrative staff will be at normal capacity. As students are welcomed back to campus, the administrators are welcomed into their new roles.

FOUR YEAR

those last two years. They would make no more money than current associate degree nurses and would gain very few additional clinical hours during those two years. Schoolcraft College plans to offer the baccalaureate with the same price structure as we offer the associate degree. Nursing students would not have to move or transfer or worry about someone adding new courses onto the requirements," said Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress.

SC is one of the nine community colleges offering an associate's in culinary arts and one of the 28 that offer associate's in nursing. If the bill is passed, they plan on offering a bachelor's in both fields. Universities aren't turning out degrees quickly enough to keep up, while community colleges are teaching enough students to make a contribution but lack the ability to upgrade what they have to offer. If universities were able to provide quick exits for their nursing students, this wouldn't be an issue but that is not the case. "The legislation is based on student and employer demand and the fact that universities are presently not meeting that demand. The legislation is intentionally limited so as to avoid duplication with baccalaureate degrees offered by universities," said Representative John Walsh.

Though all bachelor's degrees in Michigan are attained at universities, 25 percent of associate's degrees are attained at a community college. For a college student who can't work fulltime while trying to obtain their degree, community colleges and their affordability are convenient. Community colleges give students with different backgrounds and lifestyles a way to make education a priority. Giving these students the opportunity to stay within the same school to finish degrees could produce a higher graduation rate. Higher degree rates suggest that a state's overall economic vitality and employment rate directly correlates to the citizen's education level. Proponents of the bill feel the inevitable expansion of bachelor's degree-holders would ensue if this bill passes. It would help meet the state's needs for educated workers.

Offering four-year degrees at SC and other community colleges would benefit the students attending the schools by lowering student's costs but will Michigan schools even be able to afford it? While it would be immensely helpful to students, offering four-year degrees would cost community colleges more money. Even the Wayne Community College District says that cost is an issue for the schools. Also, universities view the bill as an infringement on their academic realm and an expensive one at that. Losing students who would normally attend a four-year school to the community colleges could cost the universities considerable profits.

Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University, Western Michigan University and Oakland University are some of the biggest opponents of the bill. They believe the quality of teaching at a university is considerably higher over that of a community college's faculty. However, the multitude of professors who teach at both

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Schoolcraft and Eastern, or Henry Ford and Wayne State, are exceptions to this idea. It's also been argued that Michigan has enough redundancy in its schools without the community colleges joining in the competition. "There is significant opposition from universities which believe that my legislation could be the beginning of an effort to make all community colleges into universities. That is far from my intent," said Representative John Walsh.

Students also have differing opinions when it comes to the availability of four-year degrees at Schoolcraft.

"It seems like a good idea at first but the reality of the situation is that SC has to compete with extremely well-known schools. I get that the degree really only nets you your first few jobs — then you fall back on experience — but I'd like someone in another state to be able to actually know where I graduated from," said nursing student Robert Testani, "A bachelors degree from Schoolcraft will be uncompetitive and offer nothing other than a cheap alternative to the mass of schools that surround it. I feel like going into debt is a better alternative to competing in a job market with a degree that is inadequate."

On the other hand, culinary arts student Jessica Halliwell said, "I would say that it's a fantastic idea for SC to have four-year degrees in culinary arts. They have the necessary equipment and space to provide us with the education for a four-year degree. I don't want to have to pay more money to go to Eastern or Madonna when I could stay at SC and get the same degree there that I would at a university."

As of Nov. 5, this bill was considered "dead" for the outgoing session. Though the bill was passed by the House of Representatives, it was "held captive" at the last minute using the process of protracted proofreading to see that the bills were not transmitted to the Senate.

"While this situation is a setback, it simply means we will start again in 2011 with what may be a friendlier House and Senate. We do not intend to give up. While the universities have put forth numerous hollow arguments ranging from issues of mission and fears about how community colleges will finance the baccalaureates, the issue for us has always been students," said Jeffress.

The New Year may bring Schoolcraft students the possibility of continuing a bachelor's degree as an Ocelot.

"The legislative process tends to be lengthy regardless of whether the proposed change to public policy is widely demanded, common sense or both. I was cognizant of this reality prior to my first term and I set out from the start to make HB 4837 one of my highest priorities, working closely with the Michigan Community College Association and members of both chambers and parties. Even if the bill does not become law this year, the headway we have made will go a long way towards ultimate passage," said Walsh.

The waiting process now continues throughout the upcoming year with high hopes for community colleges around the state.

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Back to the future: 2011 preview



LIFE'S TOUGH — GET A HELMET

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With Forbes.com channeling their knowledge of pop culture into lists of must-see movies, music and people for 2011, here's yet another list on what to look for in the new year.

As the richest self-made woman in America (and worth over \$2.7 billion) with a legacy of empowerment, blessings, charity and crazy talk show guest stars, Oprah Winfrey is taking on her own network, literally. Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) is cable channel designed to dig America from its cynical rut.

Appearing on "The O'Reilly Factor," conservative pundit Bernie Goldberg spoke highly of Winfrey's effort to make a difference. "... She wants a network with no cynicism, with no mean-spiritedness ... for no other reason, I think anybody who is trying to bring us back to civility needs to be applauded."

Winfrey is a staple to the American culture, and we just can't get enough even when the "Oprah" set goes dark.

Another staple to American culture is football. Thanks to the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Big 10 Network is looking forward to their first opportunity at a Big 10 Championship game for its 12-team conference. The Huskers have sold out every game since 1962 and a shot at the BCS title game is never out of the question. Nebraska is returning a

lot of starters on both sides of the ball, including a defense that is one of the best in the country. After an impressive start to his freshman year, quarterback Taylor Martinez looks to lead the Huskers to a BCS bowl game in the 2011-2012 season and shock the Big 10 Conference. Look out, here comes lucky number 12.

Anyone up for round two? As Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2010, the 26-year-old billionaire can guarantee his baby has only taken its first steps. This won't be a case of the "terrible twos" in the future. The extensive demand for social networking is reaching multiple forms of business and institutions. Facebook is opening doors to new careers in social media optimization to gain customer and competitive insight and create an addition means for customer support. According to Facebook.com, people spend over 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook. It sure doesn't look like this epidemic will be ending anytime soon.

However, as Facebook's legacy grows, another is coming to an end. The epic conclusion of the Harry Potter series hits theaters in July. Fans everywhere are set to create clones of their favorite magical characters Harry Potter, Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger. Needless to say actors Daniel Radcliff, Rupert Grant and Emma Watson are destined for more time in the limelight this year. Generation Y will find themselves latching on to what is left of the eight-movie series and their favorite fantasy trio. Yahoo! Contributor Networked quoted Watson saying, "Fear and sadness are expertly portrayed, and no matter how much you love or hate the book, you'll have a hard time not getting drawn into

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We had good kid's shows in my day, dagnabbit ...



HOLD ON, HEAR ME OUT

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Nostalgia is a load of hooey. We all know this. The good old days never actually existed. Excusing a few historical hiccups, every era has been consistently better than its predecessor. Old fogies going on about how things were better "when I was a kid" are just probing their selective memories looking for excuses to rag on modern culture. However, having said that, I can say with the utmost confidence that when I was a kid, children's television wasn't the intellectual and creative sink that it is today.

Now, by all accounts, the state of modern children's television shouldn't have any impact on my life. I don't watch much TV and what I do watch is usually either a British comedy or an infomercial for a blender. I don't tend to associate with anyone who has a big stake in kid's shows, nor do I intend to befriend any 11-year-olds in the near future. So why does this bother me? Because at least one generation of children will have grown up having never watched a Looney Tunes cartoon on a Saturday morning. To me, that just seems intensely wrong.

Compared to the '70s and '80s, the '90s was a magical time in terms of kids' shows and specifically animation. Cartoon Network was created, Nickelodeon was in full swing and the

airwaves were filled with a combination of old classics and fresh new creations. On any given day you could begin with Bugs Bunny or Tom & Jerry and finish with an episode of "Ren & Stimpy" or "The Animaniacs." Conversely, these days there's an empty parade of ersatz wackiness and forgettable action filling the screens. Not only have the classic cartoons been almost totally wiped from our televisions, but the new shows that take their place are as vapid and brainless as anything that's ever been shown ... with the possible exception of "Hulk Hogan's Rock 'n' Wrestling" from 1985.

And then there's the live action shows. Even in the '90s, live action kid-based dramas and sitcoms were never that good or popular. Even as kids we collectively decided that the stupid plots, lame slapstick and gratuitous overacting were not worth our time. So what did the networks do? They made more of them. Shows like "iCarly" and "Big Time Rush" are going full-swing as the I.Q. of the average tween drops another few points.

Perhaps the saddest element to see fall is the Nickelodeon game show. "Double Dare," "GUTS" and the all-time classic "Legends of the Hidden Temple" were integral parts of my childhood. They were devoted to silliness and excess — like Japanese game shows without the grievous bodily injury. Over-the-top sets and plenty of mess provided a perfect, kid-friendly counterbalance to the straight-laced TV entries like "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune." Luckily, the genre might just be making a comeback, thanks to the new program "BrainSurge" which appears to feature all the hallmarks of an old-school Nick game show. Although, we still have a long way to go before we return to the nirvana of the '90s.

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Status: single or in a relationship?



SARAH SAYS ...

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Let's face it; if you haven't heard of the most popular social networking, Facebook, then you've been living under a rock for the past few years. Facebook, as well as other popular social networking sites such as MySpace and Twitter, acclaims itself for making it easy to connect with friends and relatives. However, it's also the hot spot to inform all of your friends of your current — or, for some people, frequently changing — relationship status. So ask yourself this: are you single, in a relationship, or perhaps the "in a relationship and it's complicated" status? Being in a relationship with someone on Facebook may turn into "it's complicated" more easily than you think if you're not careful.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to find a date while being single. Yet it seems when you finally commit to a relationship, everyone suddenly takes an interest in you. Facebook magnifies this effect exponentially. Once the "relationship status" is changed, whether single

or in a relationship, you may notice several friends that you haven't really talked to, or even strangers, are eager to date you. With the plentiful messages that are likely to pile up in your inbox or on your wall asking to "hang out" or with all the "likes" and dislikes of your status update, your lover or ex is more likely to become filled with jealousy.

Now if you have chosen one of those "snooping" boyfriends or girlfriends, then Facebook is sure to doom the relationship unless you're careful. With all the pictures and wall posts people have or receive, anyone can figure out who you have or will be hanging out with and even your agenda for the day. Expect your detective lover to be asking the five W's (who, what, when, where and why). Jealousy definitely plays a large part in the relationship with the escalation in social networking today.

Facebook is also the place for those looking to gain attention. There are many people that post ego-boosting pictures of themselves waiting for replies such as "You are beautiful." This, in turn, gets the person addicted to hearing those uplifting comments and has them feeling they are more wanted. In the end, they may potentially ruin a good relationship thinking they are more highly valued than they actually are.

Perhaps one of the main reasons social networking sites can cause so much

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Guys are all the same Please ask and do tell



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Forget the fact that they say they love you. Disregard how long you might have been together. Women are always asking themselves, “Why do men make us feel like we’re worth everything in the world and then turn around and make us feel like we don’t even exist?” With all the memories made and the experiences gone through, it doesn’t even seem to matter. Let’s not forget all the joy, pleasure and happiness we believe they bring to our lives. There are the special moments like waking up to take advantage of the small talks about the future and pleasure in little arguments just so you can make up later.

Let me tell you something: Guys are all the same. They tell women what they want to hear then disrespect them as if nothing ever happened. It’s very rare that you actually find someone to accept you for who you are, and those guys are usually gay, married or too obsessive. In other words, they aren’t that into you either.

For New Years Eve I got the chance to make some interesting observations when I was out at a club. As I stood there I noticed one particular girl. I called her “the girl in the white dress.” As I watched her grind and dance on three differ-

ent men, I couldn’t help but wonder, “Which one of these guys gets to take her home tonight?” I could see groups of guys watching girls in their taut dresses waiting to see which one might be willing enough to leave with them.

I spoke with a friend who says she can’t even remember how many times she’s been screwed over by a guy. “I always thought that they were interested in me by telling me how beautiful I was and how great I looked in the morning without makeup. When I waited for their phone calls or even tried to text to say hello, I got no response. I was hurt because I actually thought that there was something special between us. Apparently it was only one sided.”

Here’s the main issue: The girl almost always assumes he’s going to call. When he decides that she isn’t enough for him, he doesn’t return her texts, e-mails or telephone calls. She’s left heartbroken because she had expected so much more. It gets even worse when they tell you they just can’t see you in the future.

I contemplate from time to time what that really means. Does that have anything to do with not being marriage material? Is it that we haven’t done enough to see how much it means? Yeah, it’s true women can be quite needy and emotional. Another friend said, “I realize I’m not the perfect girlfriend. I know that sometimes I nag too much or can be uptight. However, I also see that I can be a good person and I want men to like me for me.”

The hurt and pain never seems to go away. As we may all have been in our share of relationships there is always one thing that can clear your mind. The fact is that guys are all the same.



THE SNYDER
REPORT

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No matter sexual preference, any person should be able to defend this country with honor and dignity. Believe it or not, this idealistic right was only recently approved by President Barack Obama with the appeal of the “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, which has been banning gays from serving openly in the military since 1993. The policy goes as far as stating, “homosexuality is incompatible with military service.” This vaguely brings back memories of the playground bully banning others because of cooties. How about we all grow up together?

Finally a leader with an insight for common equality for all has seen the absurdity in this law. President Obama signed the appeal for DADT on December 22, 2010, giving back equality rights to men and women serving their country. No person that is brave enough to join the military should be afraid to openly admit their sexual preference. Granted, no sexual preferences should be disclosed while on the job to begin with, but no one should have to hide their true nature. Would you go to your job as a customer service rep or sales associate and say, “Hi my name is (insert name), and I like girls or boys?” Probably not. Sadly, if this information were to come up about a recruit, it could spell the end of their military career.

In the past, military members were being discharged from their careers on allegations of homosexuality. The scenario of an American citizen, living

in the “home of the free,” being banned from defending their own country because some in higher power disagree with their sexual preferences is a joke. There are more religions in this country than I have fingers to count on, and every person is free to choose which to believe. And yet, people are being banned from serving in the military because they are not free to choose a significant other of the same sex. What a contradiction.

Military men and women need to be treated with the respect and equality that they work so hard to give the people of this country. Being willing to ban an openly gay, lesbian or bisexual military member just shows how closed minded and judgmental Americans can be. Appealing the law is a step forward into a progressive future without fear of differences and change. It’s exactly what this country needs in order to become accepting of all and discovering better qualities from every citizen to make change for the positive.

Over the past year, the retraction of the DADT policy has received attention from pop singer Lady Gaga as one of its biggest supporters. Her stance included that no life is any more valuable than another and every person deserves the same civil rights. Nothing more than common sense to some but, for years, this was not put into practices by the U.S. military. Cindy McCain, wife of former presidential nominee Senator John McCain, also showed public support for the appeal of the policy much to the chagrin of some supporters of her husband.

If the public were to become a little less judgmental and a little more compassionate toward each other, this country would be much better off. Who has the right to judge an active military member for something as insignificant as a sexual preference? Simply be proud and thank the next soldier you see for giving you the opportunity to be able to choose your boyfriend or girlfriend.

The Rich Rod Special



TAKING
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Let’s take a trip in the Wayback Machine. It’s 2007 and the Michigan Wolverines have just played their last game under head coach Lloyd Carr in a victory over Florida. Shortly afterward, Michigan announced that they have hired West Virginia’s Rich Rodriguez as its next football coach following a search that featured two other top prospects deciding to stay put in their current jobs. Rodriguez, whose West Virginia Mountaineers (No. 9 BCS, No. 11 AP) were preparing for their second BCS game in three seasons, would be taking over a Michigan program looking for an identity. The question, at the time, was whether to go with someone from

outside the program or stick with a “Michigan Man.”

“I am thrilled to have Rich Rodriguez as Michigan’s new coach,” athletic director Bill Martin wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press just three years ago. “Rich brings an exciting brand of football to Michigan Stadium. We welcome the entire Rodriguez family to Ann Arbor.” Rodriguez seemed like the perfect fit for a program looking to move away from an old-school-football mentality of “three yards and a cloud of dust.” Some fans welcomed him with open arms from the minute he walked onto the field of the Big House. Others, fans hoping for a “Michigan Man,” were less enthusiastic.

The cause for concern started when Rodriguez stated “the cupboard is bare” relating to the lack of talent he had to work with. Observers of the program were incensed. Ryan Mallet, Brandon Graham, Roy Roundtree, and many other top prospects-players still remained on the team when Rodriguez took the reins. Looking at what Mallet has gone on to do at the University of Arkansas in just a short two years — consecutive BCS bowl games — it’s hard to believe the cupboard was a bare as the coach was letting on.

With a record of 3-9 in his inaugural campaign, fans took a deep breath and started looking forward to Rodriguez’s second season.

The first major mistake Rodriguez made was a colossal error by turning to newly fired Syracuse head coach Greg Robinson. Yes, he’d once been the defensive coordinator for two Super Bowl teams in Denver, but he had run the Orange’s program into the ground with a defense that finished 101st in scoring defense in 2007.

Not exactly an inspired hire.

But Robinson was even worse than the coordinator he replaced and the Wolverines finished 77th in scoring defense in 2009. The porous defense would become a proverbial 800-lb gorilla on Rodriguez’s back.

The close of the second season was slightly better, but still unacceptable to critics of the program, with a final record of 5-7.

Prior to the 2010 season, Rodriguez switched schemes instead of defensive coordinators, forcing Robinson to run a 3-3-5 defense from his old Mountaineer program. This is despite the fact

Robinson had never run the defense in his career. It was one final act of desperation from Rodriguez to recreate the success he had enjoyed at West Virginia.

Well, you know how that ended up. The Wolverines just finished the 2010 season ranked 102nd in scoring defense and were outscored in their final three games 137-49. Sure, the Wolverines’ defense was severely limited by player defections and countless injuries, but this defense was dead on arrival before the first ball was snapped and led to the worst bowl defeat in Michigan’s 120-year history. Even the most ardent of Rodriguez supporters saw the inevitable writing on the wall as the players walked off the field at the Gator Bowl.

Back in the present, it’s Rodriguez that is cleaning out his office as Michigan begins a new search for someone to steer the football program back to prominence. Regardless of who the new coach actually is, the pressure to win will only intensify as the Michigan fan base grows more rabid — borderline desperate — for a return to its former status as an elite program.

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this movie.” Muggles everywhere are sure to hop their last ride on the Hogwarts Express.

People may be looking to the gym for inspiration to conquer their new year’s resolutions, but after that short month passes here’s what’s on deck.

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I do feel privileged to have been a ‘90s kid. While the decade may have produced some unsavory creations like Vanilla Ice and Beanie Babies, I do believe it also produced some darn fine kid’s TV. Then again, maybe it is

just nostalgia getting the best of me. Maybe kid’s shows are actually getting better — or at least remaining steadily good — and I just can’t appreciate it because of my age. Maybe I’m missing out. And then I watch half an episode of “Fanboy and Chum Chum” and remember that I’m not missing anything.

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trouble in relationships is that it allows a person to “connect” with people from the past. Having an ex trying to compel you from your current relationship or stalking your every move by reading every status update can only led to trouble. Getting over an ex is hard to do when constantly being reminded of them through Facebook or any other social network.

On Facebook itself there are groups for those whose relationship has ended due to Facebook. Not all relationships have these jealousy problems but the fact is a lot do. So how does a relationship survive the social networking frenzy of today? Simply don’t add anyone who may be a threat, change your privacy settings and delete your crazy exes.

Two is better than one

Dual enrollment allows high school students to earn college credits

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Here at SC, students have noticed younger classmates in their courses. Those students are involved in SC's Dual Enrollment Program offered to local high school students in grades 10 through 12. This program allows high school students to enroll in college courses for credit prior to high school graduation all while still completing high school-level courses.

What are the benefits of dual enrollment? According to Professor Anna Maheshwari, one benefit is that the program gives motivated, hardworking and high achieving students the opportunity to take credits at SC and get a head start with their

future goals. Dually enrolled students can complete their general education courses by the time they finish high school and, possibly, a year or so worth of college credits.

Another benefit is that the tuition at a community college is a fraction of what students pay at a university. High school students get a chance to experience the individual attention given by the SC faculty. "Students get to experience college life without moving away from home. This is a perfect easy way to transition into a university setting," Maheshwari said.

While being dually enrolled has its benefits, there are also downsides.

"One of the hardships students might face is that they need to work a lot more. They are required to meet both their school and college obligations. To do this effectively, they need to be organized, hard working, diligent and extremely motivated," Maheshwari stated.

Aditi Arora, a former dual-enrolled SC student, expressed, "I wanted to be dually enrolled so I could go over and beyond and complete more credits." Arora feels that she achieved a lot of college experience while having developed skills to meet College's future challenges. At the same time, finding a balance in both high school and college while dealing with extra curricu-

lums was difficult for Arora, as it is for many dually-enrolled students.

Students in the program can take classes not offered at their school through SC. Under dual enrollment, the school district pays for all tuition and fees. One caveat is that school districts are not responsible for paying for any courses not completed by the student and dually-enrolled students also have to pay for books and any charges not paid for by the school district. For more information on dual enrollment, visit the Admissions and Enrollment Center at SC or contact Maheshwari at amaheshwa@schoolcraft.edu.



Club Profile: Gay Straight Alliance

The GSA provides acceptance for many students

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Acceptance is important in today's society and plays a huge role in self confidence. However, going along with what is considered the "norm" all the time can take its toll on many people. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community to this day is still not accepted by many people. It's possible that some students, faculty or staff members at SC may feel like outcasts because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at SC provides not only acceptance for their members but also a supportive system that one could call a safe haven. The GSA has been around campus for about two years now and has accomplished a lot within that time.

The GSA helps those students, faculty and staff who have questions or need help by providing a SAFE (Students, Staff, Administration and Faculty for Equality) Zone office in the SAO office. According to the SAFE Resource Manual, it's a program that "provides an avenue through which

all people can actively show their support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people." Anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender, can come to the office for support. According to Paul Beaver, GSA President, "A SAFE trained Ally, is in the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m." Allies or members of SAFE are trained to educate others about LGBTQ issues and to keep open lines of communication with other members. However, the SAO office is not the only place one can look for help. Allies have SAFE On Campus placards around SC or buttons they might own.

In the future, the GSA is planning on making more placards on campus, making it easier to seek support. "I want people to see that the GSA is a safe environment. Also, I want everyone to have a place to feel comfortable talking about anything from current events to their favorite Slurpee combo," stated Ryan Allen, GSA Event Manager.

The best way to spread awareness and knowledge of LGBTQ issues is to become an "ally." Currently, Dr. Faye



The newly renovated office for the GSA is a SAFE place for all students on campus.

Schuett, Dr. Colleen Pilgrim and Helen Ditouras provide two-hour training for future SAFE On Campus allies. During the training, allies learn to be the "campus and community resource available for LGBTQ students," states the resource manual. Some topics discussed within this training are Personal Assessment of Homophobia, Coming Out and even Bisexuality: Myths and Realities.

The GSA also actively takes part in school events. "We sold purple ribbons for National

Spirit Day. We were able to present \$250 to the Ruth Ellis Center. Another \$250 was raised in support of World Aids Day from Red Ribbon sales," said Beaver.

The GSA's main goal for the future is to maintain the SAFE On Campus program and raise awareness of the SAFE Zone at the SAO. "Having a stronger presence on campus and school events," is another goal Beaver mentioned. Creating a high school and middle school outreach program is something the club would like to offer to teens. The GSA

also wants to assist teens in forming their own GSA program at their school.

The GSA accepts all kinds of members, no matter what background they are from. "At Schoolcraft, you can be yourself," Beaver stated.

To join or for more information, email the group at SchoolcraftGSA@gmail.com, visit their Facebook page by searching "GSA - Schoolcraft College" or contact Beaver at pbeaver1207@yahoo.com or 734-634-9170.

Uncovering possibilities

School Daze Winter Carnival is coming soon

BY BRIAN CAMILLERI
STAFF WRITER

Many people believe that community college is only about academics, but the Student Activities Office (SAO) prides itself on making a college experience much more than just earning credits. There are many clubs and organizations on campus that give students of all ages the opportunity to expand their horizons. Whether students are looking to meet people with similar interests, experience new things, enhance academic records or be active in the local community, School Daze is the place to learn how to improve the future.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the SAO will host School Daze in the lower level of the VisTaTech Center right below Henry's Cafeteria. An event designed to introduce students to the many

extracurricular activities available at the College.

"Winter School Daze is a great event. Clubs get a chance to showcase the exciting events they have planned for the semester. Students get the opportunity to have some fun, play games, eat free food and find out what Student Activities has to offer," said Elizabeth Machniak of the SAO.

Many student clubs and organizations will have members eager to meet anyone interested in learning more about their groups. Included will be the award-winning Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Ski Club, known for its annual Colorado ski trip. Information will also be provided on fun-filled events organized by the Student Activities Board such as flag football tournaments and volunteer work at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen.

Students curious about

anything from knitting to video production can acquaint themselves with all aspects of what the SAO has to offer.

"School Daze is the best opportunity for Schoolcraft students to see many of the wonderful things the college has to offer, especially in regard to all of the available extracurricular activities," said Jeffrey Petts, Adviser for the Schoolcraft Connection and other student clubs.

SC student and SAO employee Kathy Hansen says, "I like School Daze, I really do. I think it's great that students can join clubs on campus and get involved in the community. School Daze allows clubs to showcase what they're about in a fun atmosphere."

Even with more than 30 clubs and organizations to choose from, some students opt to start their own club. SAO Director Todd Stowell is eager to offer guidance in how to go about creating new groups to meet all the needs and interests of Schoolcraft students.

Next time you visit Henry's cafeteria, come downstairs and check out the SAO or call 734-462-4422 for more information on School Daze Winter Carnival.



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Looking for a transfer scholarship?

PTK members are first in line

BY KATHY HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever filled out an application to transfer to a four-year college? Ever see a box that says Phi Theta Kappa member: yes or no? If you were to check "yes" in that box, you would then be considered for much heftier scholarships. Too good to be true? Believe it.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society at community colleges for those students with cumulative grade point averages at 3.5 or above. Grades alone usually won't get you a full

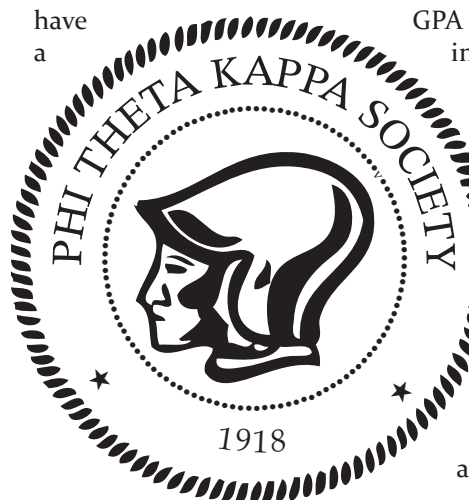
ride to college, but with PTK on your transcript and résumé, the odds are a lot better. Schoolcraft's chapter, Omnicron Iota, has two different types of membership — one where students do volunteer work and another without the focus on community service. Both essentially earn you the same VIP status, but with the Par Excellence membership (the volunteer one), you will gain invaluable leadership experience that you can take with you in the future to use not only in your personal life, but in your job and career as well.

Universities such as Wayne State, Lawrence Tech, Michigan State and University of Dearborn Mercy all offer PTK scholarships ranging from \$3000 to a full ride depending on the school.

You must apply for these transfer scholarships — and they are highly competitive — but many Schoolcraft PTK members have been awarded these scholarships and have no regrets about joining this prestigious organization. One member received the full-ride scholarship to U of D Mercy this year.

All students who currently

have
a



GPA of a 3.5 or higher are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa officers for an informational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m., in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center.

For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422 or check out the PTK tab on SAO website at sao.schoolcraft.edu.



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Winners for the Fall 2010-2011 Communication Arts Scholarship Competition were announced on Dec. 17, 2010. (From left to right) Janell Evans, James Keys, Bradley Ninnis, Ellen Nixon, Jered Smart.

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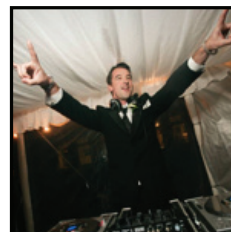
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PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAWRIE
Snack shop gives students more "options."

not changed much with the change to automation. "Most all pricing remained the same and is on par with store-front convenience markets," Friedrich stated. The store has also been able to keep prices constant because of the profits and efficiencies of the new store. Until the change, the College was losing money every year. Now, money is being saved and can be put to good use in other areas of need. Without the change, the store would have been closed or would have continued to lose money until they could find a way out of deficit.

Most students have reacted positively to the changes and are happy with the new convenience the store offers. Friedrich said, "Some are also intrigued by the RFID technology. With multiple payment options, a wide variety of items and always being open, [this] is a better option to just closing the store and relying on only vending machines."

The Options store has indeed been a true improvement for all the students and staff without taking away from jobs, quality, price, assistance or efficiency.

More "Options" for students

Radcliff snack shop makes changes toward automation

By Patrick Walker
STAFF WRITER

The Radcliff Center, Schoolcraft's other campus, recently changed the way in which its snack shop is run. "Options" has become fully automated to offer self-scan food service to students during all hours. This change to automation was made to help the College and enhance the student's availability and experience of purchasing food on campus.

The College initiated the change toward automation to offer more to students in terms of food and service. Automation will make the food more readily available to students at times that are most convenient for them. The store offers fresh and frozen foods, drinks, snacks, candy, OTC medications, health items and beauty convenience items. The Options store is not just like a vending machine as they offer most of what a regular deli convenience market can offer.

Ray Friedrich, CEO of Fast Track Convenience, comments, "This provides a unique, valued, convenient shopping experience otherwise not affordable or practical until now."

When walking into the new Options store, one may wonder where the employees went. It would certainly be easy to assume that they were laid off because their services were no longer needed but this is not true. In fact, nobody lost their jobs as a result of the changes. College administrators were very concise regarding this point. Any employees that were no longer needed at the store were offered other opportunities for employment at the College.

Options does have somebody that is there to help

students with any problem they come across. There's an employee available 45 hours a week to offer assistance. The staff also conducts a three-day "customer appreciation day" every six months. This introduces the store to new students with hopes in creating regular customers and heightening overall satisfaction. This event will include fresh popcorn, chances to win gift cards, sampling and 10 percent cash back on all new accounts. The store is a lot more customer relationship oriented than might be expected with such a move toward automation.

The pricing at the store has



OCELOT OPINIONS

"What is your New Year's resolution and how are you planning on keeping it?"

Compiled & Photos by Anita Mishra



Erik Steele
Major: Culinary Arts

"In the year 2011, I plan on completing my first year in the culinary program with a GPA of 3.9 and I plan on leading the Schoolcraft bowling team to their first win at the NJCAA National Championship."



Leslie Brown
Major: Undecided

"My New Year's resolution is to volunteer more in my community. I plan to do this by getting involved in volunteer activities through school, church and my friends."



Amelia H.
Major: Liberal Arts

"Try to get an Associates degree in Liberal Arts and to join in more with my community and lose 80 lbs."



Michael Wisniewski Jr.
Major: Computer Information Systems

"I plan on losing weight by staying on my diet."



Sara Quinn
Major: Culinary Arts

"Make a four-tier cake."



Ashley Burgett
Major: Computer Graphic Technology

"To find a job that involves doing work that I was trained to do, while getting my degree."



Jason Jesse
Major: Culinary Arts

"My New Year's resolution is to be more dedicated to my studies and try to get a 4.0 in all of my classes. I plan on doing this by showing up to every class and always doing my best."



Patrick Hanlon
Major: Meteorology

"Chase an F5 tornado!"



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL WISNEWSKI

Empty Bowl

On Dec. 13 in the Wilson Room of Henry's Food Court, the SAO and AmeriCorps Vista April Meyers hosted the Empty Bowl Luncheon. Ceramics students donated more than 100 bowls to benefit local soup kitchens. "When I unloaded the bowls I wanted all of them. They were so gorgeous. We sold 25 bowls within the first half hour," Meyers said. Bowls that were not purchased during the event will be on sale during the Winter School Daze.

Project runway

Student models needed

BY WILLIAM BLUETURTLE
STAFF WRITER

You may have noticed pictures of your fellow classmates around campus posted on things such as posters, the SC website, pamphlets and course schedule books. SC is looking for students interested in having their picture, along with a short story about their life at SC, used for several advertisements around campus.

"One of the most effective ways we have for sharing the story of Schoolcraft is by sharing the stories of our students," said Marketing Director Marty Heator. "We like to use our own students in our informational materials to help prospective students get a feel for what Schoolcraft is really all about."

During the School Daze Winter Carnival activities on Jan. 18-19, the Marketing Department and Media Services will be taking photos of students who are interested in sharing their stories with prospective students and the community. An appointment can be scheduled by calling 734-462-4417. Potential models will need to complete an interview questionnaire and photo release prior to their photo session. The questionnaire and release are available in the Student Activities Office in Lower Waterman or the Marketing Office in the Grote Administration Building on the main campus in Livonia, or the main office at the Radcliffe Center. Interview questions include information such as a description of the student's life before SC, why they chose SC, activities or

groups they are involved in, career plans and advice for future students.

"Our goal is to have student photos representing all of our programs," said Elizabeth Anchor, Marketing Associate, who is coordinating the casting call. "All students are welcome to participate but we are especially looking for students in the areas of business information technology, marketing, computer aided design and drafting, computer graphics technology, computer information systems, electronic technology, environmental studies, medical assisting and transcription, office administration and welding."

"We have a diverse student population and we like to be able to have that represented in our materials," Heator added. "Prospective students like to hear why current students decided to come to Schoolcraft, what they enjoy about the college and what it takes to be successful in college."

"Being offered the opportunity to be one of the many faces of the school was rewarding to say the least. I had a great time doing it," said former SC student Sam Dababneh.

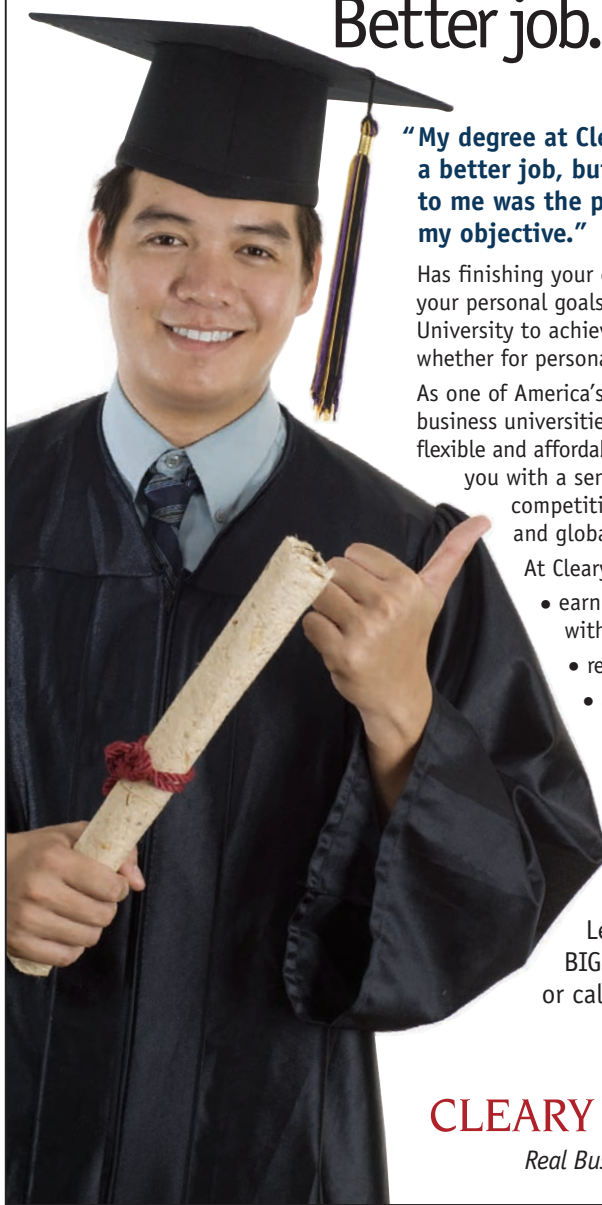
The photos and information taken from the interview questionnaires are used in a variety of printed materials such as brochures and catalogs, digital communications such as emails to prospective students who request information about our programs, videos and the website.

For more information, contact the Marketing Department at 734-462-4417.

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The Howell Nature Center

Needs your help!

BY SARAH SNYDER
NEWS EDITOR

The Schoolcraft community now has the opportunity to give back to their environment through donations to the Howell Nature Center. The Nature Center, which cares for over 2,000 orphaned and injured wildlife animals each year, relies solely on volunteers and donations from the public. The Schoolcraft Photography Club and The Schoolcraft Connection student newspaper are sponsoring a drive for items that can be used to help animals in need. Donation boxes can be found all around campus for the students and staff to donate items such as peanut butter jar lids and TV dinner trays which can be used as food dishes. People can also donate disposable gloves, newspapers and much more. For a full wish list of donation items and more information, contact the SAO at 734-462-4422 or the Howell Nature Center at Howellnaturecenter.org.



Photos courtesy of The Howell Nature Center

Coming soon: a theater near you

New movie theater heads to Westland

By **KIM POMA**
STAFF WRITER

The Westland Shopping and Dining area will receive one more perk in the upcoming year that might just make it the place to spend a Saturday afternoon. Already home to the Westland Mall, filled with shops galore, and surrounded by a number of restaurants, the only thing this small area needs is a movie theater. Luckily, such a place is in the works for October or possibly November of this year. Westland Showcase used to be the place to go. It had eight screens, a decently-sized lobby and a sign outside the theater tempting moviegoers to head to whatever was playing each day. However, as time wore on and movie theaters were improved, Showcase then became more of a has-been than the place to be. The seating wasn't stadium and the screens couldn't handle 3-D projection. It closed down in February of 2008 and has sat as an abandoned building ever since. MJR Digital Cinema has been around for about thirty years with locations in Brighton, Southgate and Waterford. As of Nov. 19, 2010 MJR became the new official owner of the Westland Showcase. The company plans on using the space to build a new state-of-the-art digital movie theater. The



PHOTOS BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

The barren parking lot of the old Showcase Cinema in Westland will soon be home to the brand new MJR Digital Cinema.

project won't start until the end of March 2011 but MJR is already expecting around 800,000 admissions annually. The building will contain 16 screens, five of those being 3-D, 3,100 seats and state-of-the-art 4K digital projection. There will also be lobby screens to

show around the clock previews and a "free refill" policy. Not only does this new theater give a promise of fun but also opportunity. 60 new jobs are in the works to form and this will not only help the public but local businesses also benefit as the movie theater brings in more consumers.

MJR's theater will be a lot closer to residents of Westland and Garden City than other movie hot spots in the area. Students around campus are a buzz with this exciting news. "I won't have to drive out to Canton 6 or Emagine to see a movie, so that

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Graphic Illustration By Brian Camilleri

Gentlemen, start your lightcycles



"Tron" misses the high score by a few points

By **BRIAN CAMILLERI**
STAFF WRITER

Disney, a studio that is known worldwide as the founder of strong story structure and powerful characters tries to score high points by producing the movie "Tron: Legacy." This action-packed sci-fi drama takes you inside a digital computer world where a war brews between programs and humans (also known as users). Before "Tron" was even released in theaters, expectations were already at an all time high.

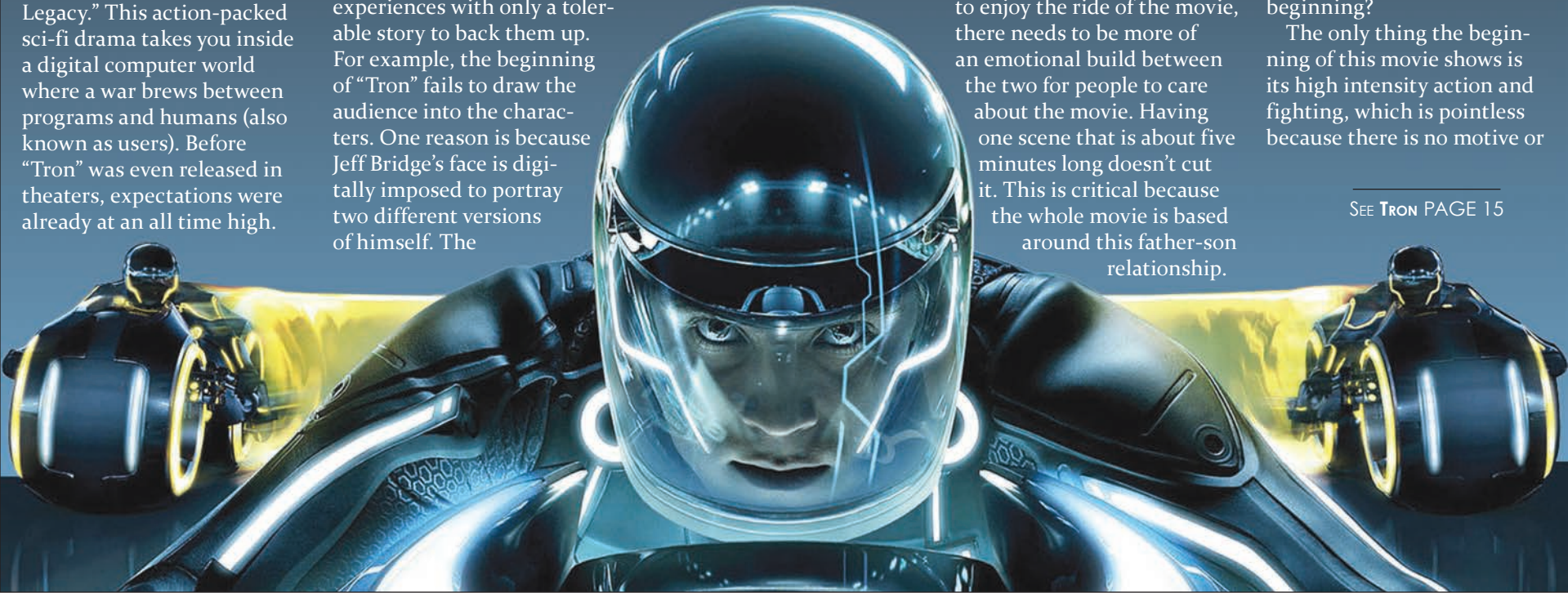
Props from the movie, like Sam's disk, were auctioned off for over \$8,000 — an outrageous price for a movie that hadn't even been released yet. Unfortunately, overall the movie is just average to a viewer that has not seen the first "Tron" made in 1982. From an emotional and visual standpoint, the best comparison to this movie is "Avatar." Both movies are out-of-this-world visual experiences with only a tolerable story to back them up. For example, the beginning of "Tron" fails to draw the audience into the characters. One reason is because Jeff Bridge's face is digitally imposed to portray two different versions of himself. The

computer graphics team for the movie did a good job of recreating his face but unfortunately, it was not decent enough. If the quality were to be rated on a scale from one to ten, it would be a nine. That's good, certainly, but in order for something to not look fake, especially from a computer graphics standpoint, the quality needs to be an 11. Good needs to be great in order for it to be believable

and as a result, it was so hard to connect to Bridge's character because his face looks so computer-generated. Establishing a connection between Sam and his father Kevin is more of an issue then a face looking unreal. The very first scene when Kevin is tucking Sam into bed is the only time the movie allows for an "establishing" father-son connection. In order for the audience to enjoy the ride of the movie, there needs to be more of an emotional build between the two for people to care about the movie. Having one scene that is about five minutes long doesn't cut it. This is critical because the whole movie is based around this father-son relationship.

Although, the connection between the two did get better as the movie drew to a close. When the two finally reunite after about ten years, an emotional bond starts to form. After so many years of being apart, Kevin gets to learn about his son that he hardly knows. Regardless, why should anyone care about it, if there wasn't enough time to care about their relationship in the beginning? The only thing the beginning of this movie shows is its high intensity action and fighting, which is pointless because there is no motive or

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"The Real Driving Simulator" is Back!

Gran Turismo 5 makes its long awaited debut

BY ERIC MATCHETTE
PRINT LAYOUT/DESIGN EDITOR

What is Gran Turismo? It's an Italian phrase that means "grand tourer." It used to categorize automobiles that were able to make long-distance, high-speed journeys in both comfort and style. The most common format of this car was a two door, four-seat coupe also known as a 2+2. The most common cars in automotive races today are still this same configuration. However, the rear seat is often

times removed for weight reduction, but the duty still remains. As far as driving simulators go, Gran Turismo 5 still upholds this homage and tradition with its wide array of contemporary and modern day automobiles.

Gran Turismo 5 offers so much for the first time user, a chance to 'drive' cars that one would normally not be able to and on a near-real physics engine. With stunning graphics and a wide array of cars and tracks to race at, it's a wonder the franchise is back and widely anticipated. As with every GT before it, GT5 offers full customization of most of its expansive car lineup.

It has been five years since the last GT console release (not counting GT5:



Prologue) so it should come as no surprise that there have been some major changes. One that is immediately noticeable is that this game is full HD with the option of Stereoscopic-3D if the monitor supports it.

Another big advancement is the addition of 300 cars on top of what GT4 had, bringing the total to just over 1000 cars. The addition of real-time deformation damage also makes for a big change, however this feature is only available on certain tracks and damage is also dependent upon the type of car. Even though it is real-time damage, it takes many calculations to convert what the car is doing upon impact to digital information and take that information and convert it to graphic representation of what the damage would look like in real life.

Finally, 71 new tracks at 26 different locations are now playable as compared to 51 tracks from GT4.

Where the flaws reside in this game hasn't changed since the release of the first Gran Turismo. The ability to enter cars that meet the restrictions for a race but have a high horsepower rating

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Henshin a go go baby!

"Viewtiful Joe" delivers non-stop action with beautiful style

BY RAMON RAZO
STAFF WRITER

They say that "brevity is the soul of wit." Well, more specifically, Bill Shakespeare said that. Basically what it means is this: don't bore me with the useless details — give us what we came here for. We want action, explosions, robot cowboys, Harrier jets and giant shark monsters. Few games manage to accomplish edge-of-your-seat action, break-neck gameplay, dazzling visuals and the aforementioned levels of insanity as effectively as "Viewtiful Joe" for the Gamecube.

The game follows the exploits of Joe: an everyday guy trying to enjoy a movie with his girlfriend, Silvia. Suddenly,

they're both sucked into the on-screen action. Once inside "movie-world," Joe meets his all time favorite movie hero, Captain Blue — the most dazzling super hero you'll ever see with a mustache and a beer gut. Captain Blue gives Joe a V-watch which turns him into the superhero Viewtiful Joe, granting him super strength, durability, and a host of "VFX Powers," like slow-motion and mach-speed. And all he has to do is shout "Henshin a go go, baby!" (Henshin means "change" in Japanese.)

The game plays like a classic sidescrolling beat-em-up with a hint of platforming. You run through different levels, get into some scraps, solve some puzzles and fight some bosses. While that may seem a little simple, the game's near-flawless design and action keeps everything

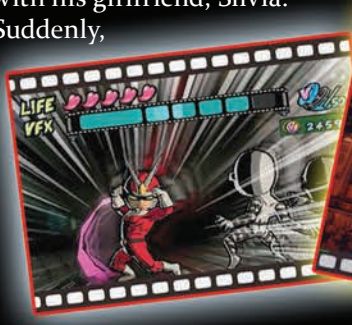
fresh. You'll go from beating off a dozen robo-baddies one moment to having to use your slow-motion power to slow a slot machine down to a discernible speed, giving you time to stop it at the right moment. After that, you could end up fighting a helicopter and beating it to smithereens with your bare hands or trying to knock back the ballistic projectiles of a tank.

And if the non-stop action wasn't enough bang for your buck, the game literally screams stylized beauty. The game boasts strong cel-shaded visuals, making it look like a comic book come to life. Most actions, like punching, kicking, shooting and the almighty explosions are all accompanied by the dazzling effects alongside words like "boom" and "kapow." While the over-

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ILLUSTRATION BY MANDY GETSCHMAN





Friday Night Rental

Up, up and away

By KRISTA WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

Superhero movies are a window into the highly-flying action life that we all at one point wish we had. As a concept, these films have been with us for a long time. Things that were only possible with a pen and paper suddenly became something we could pull off on the big screen, and when that became possible, the superhero movie wasn't far behind. Superhero movies give us a chance to see in live action the aspects we had to picture in our heads while reading comics. Listed below

are a few excellent films that are perfect for an exhilarating Friday night marathon.

"Superman" (1978)

The first hero on our list is Superman, a guy we imagine when the subject of brave men is captured. This classic '70s movie tells the story of the boy from Krypton who grows up in Kansas and becomes a reporter for the Daily Planet before falling in love with Lois Lane. It's a story that is well-known and fans of Superman and of Christopher Reeve will love this movie. It's considered by many to be a staple of the genre and is certainly worth checking out.

"Iron Man" (2008)

A second pick would be "Iron Man," which is about the weapons maker Tony Stark, who is abducted by terrorists then forced to make them a mechanical suit of armor with the help of fellow captive Dr.

Yinsen. After they complete the latest weapon, they try to escape but Dr. Yinsen is killed by one of the rebels.

Tony, enraged over the death of his friend, destroys the camp. Following, he goes home to perfect the armor and uses it to discover why his business is being spread across the world in a malicious way. The awesome effects and non-stop action make this one of the best flicks of the last decade.

"Kick-Ass" (2010)

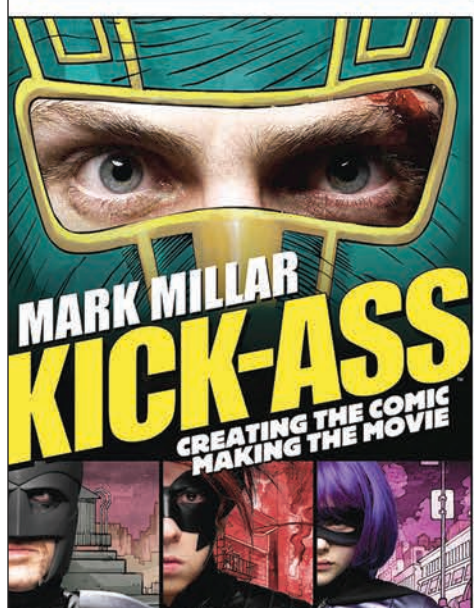
For more of a contemporary piece, check out "Kick-Ass," which deals with how a real life super-crime fighter would operate. Dave Lizewski is a child that loves superhero comics that he begins to transform himself into one. However, when he tries to fight crime, he is nearly slaughtered, which oddly enough gives him the super power of high pain tolerance and metal enforced bones. Then, after an extreme series of events he gets involved

with Big Daddy and Hit-Girl, a pair of vigilantes going after a crime boss, a target that he gets caught up in. Ridiculously violent and occasionally hilarious, "Kick-Ass" will give you your superhero fix while satiating your lust blood. It's an adrenaline-fueled ride that must be experienced.

"Unbreakable" (2000)

"Unbreakable" begins by the name of David Dunn who sits quietly on a train concealing his wedding ring, as an exquisite woman sits near him. This is the image portrayed when suddenly the train collides. This horrendous crash kills everyone except for Dunn, who is barely bruised. The movie follows as he gets to know a disabled man

named Elijah Price. David, throughout the film, tries to figure out why he got a second chance at life. This is a suspense thriller with supernatural overtones that revolves a man who learns something extraordinary about his own individuality. Easily one of M. Night Shyamalan's best films next to "The Sixth Sense." It's definitely a film that shouldn't be missed.



Layout by Mandy Getschman



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the-top enemies and big-headed characters all look amazing, the game's strange style will no doubt be a turn off to some gamers. Those looking for realism should best look elsewhere.

But be warned, all ye casual gamers: this Joe is not for the faint of heart.

The game will throw everything at you, including the machine-gun toting kitchen sink (which is surprisingly absent given this game's wackiness). Especially on harder difficulties, this game will beat you senseless. Sometimes you'll swear it has a vendetta against you. But stay strong, mighty gamer. The game never throws more your way than you can handle and as you progress through your

adventure, you'll unlock new, valuable upgrades you help to rescue your girl from the clutches of evil. It all comes down to staying on your toes, being able to think in a pinch and knowing what abilities to use when and where.

Capcom has always had a thing for making fast-paced and challenging games. Titles like "Mega Man," "Devil May Cry" and the "Resident Evil" series are known for constantly putting

player's skills to the test, stretching the limit of their skills, their strategies and how fast they can think on their feet. While only moderately successful on the Gamecube during the time of its release, "Viewtiful Joe" won't make your jaw drop with its vast world or engrossing story line. But it will smack you around, give you a real good time and leave you craving more. Henshin a go go, baby!

Whats the BUZZ

COMPILED BY RAMON RAZO
STAFF WRITER

Music Kid Rock

Detroit local and five-time Grammy Award winner Kid Rock will be playing at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw, MI on Friday, Jan. 21. Tickets will range in price from around \$60 to \$100. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, call the box office at 989-759-1330 or at TicketsNow.com.

Rain: A Beatles Tribute Band

With a Beatles reunion being out of the question on this plane of existence, what's the next best thing? It's Rain, the Beatles tribute band, and they're performing at the Fox Theater on Friday, Jan. 21. The group has been performing together since the '70s, which means they actually have been together longer than the band they tribute. The show begins at 8 p.m., and tickets start at \$40. For more information, call 313-471-6611. To order tickets, call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000

Linkin Park

Linkin Park will be playing at the Joe Louis Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The band, whose debut album, "Hybrid Theory," was certified "diamond," is known for its "nu metal" sound which melds alternative rock, electronica and rap into one package. Tickets are \$40 to \$80

and VIP tickets are available for \$269. The show begins at 7 p.m. To order tickets, call the Joe Louis Arena box office at 313-983-6606.

Theatre Hairspray

Foreverafter Productions will be performing the multiple Tony Award-winning musical "Hairspray" Jan. 28, 29 and 30. The show will be held at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Centering around "plus-sized" Tracy Turnblad and her longing to be star, the show has been entertaining audiences for almost a decade with its catchy, '60s-style tunes and timeless message of acceptance. The Friday show starts at 7 p.m. There will also be matinee and evening shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the Village Theater at 734-394-5460.

Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps"

The play "The 39 Steps" will be showing at the Meadowbrook Theater running from Jan. 5 through Jan. 30. The show, based on the Alfred Hitchcock film of the same name, follows the film verbatim but with only four actors portraying the events. One actor plays the lead hero, Richard Hannay, one female actor plays all three of the hero's romantic interests and the other two actors portray every other character. Be that they are villain, child, or, occasionally, inanimate objects. For more information and to order tickets, call the Meadowbrook Theater box office at 248-377-3300.

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(which determines how powerful car is) and have a low curb weight (reflecting how light the car is). Combine these two for a recipe of a light and nimble car that has half the horsepower of any car in the field. This blend inevitably provides a winning car with very little resistance from the opposition.

With 12 years passing since the release of the first Gran Turismo, much has changed and it's only for the better. The car count has almost doubled with each new release. Graphics and the game engine have improved greatly and so has the gaming experience.

For those that love cars and what Polyphony Digital has done to give a different experience to car enthusiasts everywhere, this latest installment brings a lot to the table. Cars detailed from the interior all the way down to the individual exhaust note that each car makes at high revolutions per minute, this game has covered every detail.

For car enthusiasts that can't make it down to the North American International Auto Show, a few hours of playing Gran Turismo 5 can go a long way in making them forget the bustling crowds at Cobo Hall while fulfilling their automobile fix.

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explanation for the fighting in the first place. Fight scenes are more powerful when the people fighting them have a meaning for what they are fighting for. While it makes for some good action, Disney again seems to miss the whole point of having a tight narrative.

After Sam enters his digital world, for about an hour Sam and the audience have no idea what is going on. It is just a whole bunch of fighting to stay alive with no depth between the characters that Sam encounters. Then all of a sudden, Sam is rescued by Quorra and after waiting an hour for some explanation, the whole back-story is explained with a boring

flashback when Sam and his father are eating dinner. It is just a whole bunch of waiting that could have been explained sooner and simpler.

Although "Tron" has some major flaws with the storytelling, for the most part it will keep you entertained with its action and visuals. It's not a bad movie but it certainly isn't the groundbreaking achievement many were hoping for. If you need a shiny popcorn flick to keep your eyes entertained, you could certainly do worse. If you're looking for something more, rent the 1982 original and give this remake a miss.

Ballin' on a Budget

Skating and Sledding

By NATALIE BURNS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Michigan has always been known for its peculiar weather variations. One moment a heap of unexpected snow hits the ground and in an instant global warming strikes again. In the case of snowfall, sledding hills provide fun and excitement for all ages at no cost. Grab some goggles, wax up your sled and get ready for some winter entertainment.

Sledding Favorites: Middlebelt Hill

Westland, MI 48185

734-261-1990

This hill creates easy assistance on the hike up with a staircase available. A nearby pavilion offers a great place to house personal belongings. With a scenic view surrounding the area, be sure to bring a camera!

Cass Benton Park

Edward Hines Dr.

Northville, MI 48152

Sledding was meant to be fun. Grab family and friends and enjoy a day or night of riding down this local favorite hill. Cass Park has multiple hills all great for enjoying the packed snow.

Shiawassee Park

Shiawassee Rd.

Farmington, MI 48335

With a 300-400 ft. hill this makes the experience all the better. Located near Farmington Public Schools and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. This location tends to attract large crowds. Be prepared to make new friends or check out other nearby locations for more exclusive sledding.

Lace up those boots and get ready to break the ice. Gliding past people in circles, grabbing some hot cocoa and feeling that cool breeze across the face is a Michigan favorite.

Ice Skating Locations: Campus Martius Park

800 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, MI 48226

Located in the heart of downtown Detroit amongst the enthusiasm and



thrill, this ice-skating rink is one of the best known around. With bright lights and a tall Christmas tree, people from all over are coming to this attraction. So grab a bite to eat at Hard Rock Café then head across the street for an evening on ice.

Artic Edge

46615 Michigan Ave.

Canton, MI 48188

734-487-7777

Ice skating sessions for the public are one of the main attractions at Arctic Edge of Canton. Skating provides great exercise and an opportunity to get out of the house. Instead of hitting the gym for a workout, take a more appealing exercise route with skating!

Devon Aire Ice Arena

9510 Sunset St.

Livonia, MI 48152 734-425-9790

Not only can you enjoy fun with family and friends, Devon Aire also provides other activities such as hockey leagues. This arena can also make their rink available for birthday parties, holiday parties and corporate events.

Winter can sometimes be boring. The cold makes it easy to want to sit around and watch movies. Although sometimes a cozy evening can be nice, it's more awarding to brave the outdoors and do something that will bring some amusement. Enjoy winter the best way possible.

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makes my drive easier," commented SC student David Carter.

Brigid Devlin also shares his opinion, stating, "It would be closer to my house and I could socialize there."

But is it just about distance? "I miss that theater so much." Student Rachel Martin admitted in reference to Showcase, "I would pick that over Emagine or any theater any day. I hope this new theater will be amazing!" Emagine is a top contender in the battle of movie theaters. It has locations in Canton and Novi, around 15 theaters and is home to the D-Box motion sensor seating. It is MJR's

biggest rival and the theater is most likely to be affected by this change. But this movie company is not worried in the slightest.

When asked if MJR might hurt Emagine's business, employee Stephanie Amado replied, "No, I don't think so. Our theater does really well." Perhaps so good they can hang onto their loyal customers. Only time will tell if MJR makes a dent in the theater company but residents of the Schoolcraft community can look forward to new job opportunities, a new place to hang out, and a place to view movies as well as free refills.

Making it look easy

A look at Sarah Jury

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

Her rebounds seem effortless, like Ben Wallace in his prime. For Schoolcraft sophomore center Sarah Jury, all she has to do is just tower over her opponents, reach up for the ball and grab it. Most attempts to out-rebound or stop Jury from scoring usually fail.

Jury is listed at 6'4" and is one of the key components in the Schoolcraft scoring machine. She is also an important piece of the SC defense. Although Jury may not stand out statistically in every offensive and defensive category, she is well received by her coach and her teammates for her leadership on the bench and is successful on the court and the classroom.

"She is always positive on the bench and is a leader," said Coach Karen Lafata. "She is a pleasure to coach and the kids on the team love her. She is dedicated and low-maintenance and I couldn't be happier for her as a student."

The center is perhaps one of the more important players on a bas-

ketball team. They control the tempo both on offense and defense. On offense, it is expected of the center to get close to the hoop for an easy score or to power through the opposing defense and score "in the paint." The expectations for a center on defense are simple: Don't allow anyone get anywhere close to scoring an easy basket. With players like Jury, it is easy for Coach Lafata to build a team around centers and keeping opposing offenses off the scoreboard.

"We put Jury in and we slow down the tempo and play zone defense and expect to score," Lafata says of the strategy of when Jury comes into the game.

Jury first started playing the sport of basketball in the fourth grade. She learned to play from her mother who was a basketball coach. Jury later went on to play high school basketball at Livonia Ladywood. Jury said that she enjoyed her time at Ladywood for her first three years. However in her senior

year, the coach of the Blazers left and was replaced by another coach. Under the new coach, Jury found it was harder for her to get time on the floor.

Jury chose Schoolcraft as her college of choice after her senior year. In her first year at SC, she scored only 2.7 PPG, had 2.3 rebounds per game and was third on the team in blocks with 16. Even without standout numbers on the stats sheet from a key position, SC went on to finish third in the National Tournament last year. Despite a disappointing loss that derailed a magical regular and postseason run, Jury has enjoyed every minute of her time with the Lady Ocelots.

"It has been like a growing experience," Jury stated.

Although Jury is not entirely positive about what four-year college to go on to after her time with Schoolcraft is through, everyone on the team is confident that she can take her skills and be a tremendous contribution to whatever team she chooses to join.



PHOTO BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

SC Center Sarah Jury shows great court vision while executing a play.

On the air and on the road

A look at the visiting radio broadcasters

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

They bring home the hard-hitting, fast-paced action that defines the Ontario Hockey League. Every shot, goal, hit and save of every game is broadcast into the many homes and car radios throughout the OHL circuit directly from their microphones. They keep a constant eye on what is happening on the ice and follow the team throughout the season. These are the duties of the radio play-by-play announcers.

Nineteen different teams from the OHL will come to Compuware Arena by this season's end to play the Whalers, which means 19 different broadcasters coming in from as close as Windsor and as far as Ottawa. These road warriors had many different experiences and memories throughout their career as broadcasters for their respective teams.

Don Cameron has been on the airwaves for over 40 years for the Kitchener Rangers and now works on a freelance basis since retiring in 1998. His broadcasting career started in his hometown of Summerside, Prince Edward Island and he worked in radio stations in Moncton and St. Catharines and before landing in Kitchener. During his career, the Rangers won the Memorial Cup, the Canadian junior hockey

championship, in 1982, 2003 and 2008 with second place finishes in 1981, 1984 and 1990. Of the over 3,000 games Cameron has called, each Memorial Cup was a unique experience to him in one way or another.

"It's good to be part of the bits and pieces of each win," said Cameron about his memories with the Rangers.

For Pete Dalliday, the play-by-play commentator for the Peterborough Petes, every game is spent with his father, Gary, by his side as color commentary. A native of Peterborough, the younger Dalliday has been calling Petes games for over 15 years and has seen Peterborough win the OHL Championship in 1996 and 2006 and watched current NHL players like Jordan and Eric Staal and Jamie Langenbrunner. Dalliday has enjoyed every minute of working for his hometown team.

"It's great to follow a team with a great tradition," Dalliday commented.

"Hello hockey fans from the United States and Newfoundland" was what legendary hockey announcer Foster Hewitt would say before every Hockey Night in Canada broadcast. If hockey broadcasting had to have its own Ernie Harwell, Hewitt would probably fit the bill. Hewitt is one of the role models of some of these broadcasters, particularly for Cameron.

"A lot of us imitated [Hewitt]," said Cameron. "He was the one that set the tone."

Every broadcaster always has something to say

when they come to the Plymouth or the Metro Detroit area for that matter. They greatly admire the Plymouth Whalers organization for the winning tradition that is here in Plymouth. There is something great to be said about Plymouth from the broadcasters of rival teams.

"Plymouth is a good rival to play against," said Leigh Cunningham, current broadcaster of the Saginaw Spirit and 14-year veteran broadcaster for other OHL teams such as London, Windsor and Sarnia. Cunningham called for the Spirit organization while they were known as the North Bay Centennials before later relocating to Saginaw.

Becoming a sportscaster takes a lot of commitment and dedication. Life on the road is often a grind. But there is some advice for those interested in getting into the field.

"Have passion and be able to work long, odd hours," said Cameron.

"Try to hang in there and enjoy the ride," added Cunningham.

Schoolcraft students don't have to travel north of the border to help broadcast a game by joining the Schoolcraft Video Production Club. The Video Production Club broadcasts every Plymouth Whalers home game and offers students opportunities to get involved in many capacities from audio to operating a camera. To get involved, contact the Club President Stephen Noble at melloyellow22090@aol.com, or visit the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman for more information.

Winning and giving

Whalers triumph and contribute to community

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers have played perhaps their best hockey in November with a record of 7-3 but it was an up and down month in December as the team struggled at times with a 5-6 record. Heading into the new year, Plymouth still held on to third in the OHL West Division race.

The players most responsible for an incredible November would have to be the trio of top scorers, center Alex Aleardi, and wingers Stefan Noesen and Robbie Czarnik, who continued to spread the scoring around and consistently keep the Whalers in games night after night.

Goalie Scott Wedgewood performed well between the pipes as he ended November third in the OHL in goals against average. Wedgewood's performance throughout November, with a 7-1-0-0 record, earned the New Jersey Devils draft pick the Vaughn CHL Goaltender of the Month award.

The Owen Sound Attack was in town for the weekend of Dec. 3-4. Owen Sound has one of the OHL's most dangerous goal scorers in

Garrett Wilson, who entered Compuware second in the OHL in points. Coach Mike Vellucci and the Whalers were looking to keep the puck off of Wilson's stick by putting Mitchell Heard and his linemates on the ice against Wilson.

"[The Heard line] was the best on faceoffs and looked to be up to the challenge," said Vellucci.

A goal from Heard was all it took to get the scoring going for the Whalers 21 seconds into the game on the second shot. A power play goal from Rickard Rakell made it 2-0 in Plymouth's favor. Owen Sound scored with a one-man advantage in the second period for a 2-1 score. Tyler Brown added an insurance goal in the third period to make the score 3-1 for Plymouth. Another Sound goal would not matter as the final score was Plymouth winning 3-2 and Heard's line successfully kept Wilson off the score sheet.

"[The penalty kill] played good," said Vellucci about playing against the third-best power play team in the OHL. "The goal allowed was a mental mistake, but we kept them at bay."

The win over Sound was followed by a 4-1 win against the visiting London Knights. Victories over the Greyhounds and Kingston at home came before a four-game road trip that included contests against

three Eastern Conference teams. The trip was soured with tough losses to Saginaw, Barrie, Oshawa and Belleville. The Whalers had to compete shorthanded with Rakell and Dario Trutmann playing in the World Junior Championships and Tom Wilson skating in the World U-17 Hockey Challenge for Team Ontario.

A win over Erie at home on Dec. 28 was followed by losses to Sarnia and Kitchener to close out 2010 for Plymouth.

The Whalers got off on the right foot in the New Year with a 6-4 win in Sault St. Marie over the Greyhounds.

Outside the arena, fans who donated blood to the Red Cross received a free ticket for the game against Sound. The next game versus London featured a teddy bear toss for the first Whalers goal, which was scored off the stick of Aleardi. Fans then tossed teddy bears



PHOTO BY MANDY GETSCHMAN

Jamie Devane fights for the puck against an opposing player.

onto the ice to be collected for local children's charities. These events are the many ways the Whalers are trying to support the local community.

"Our players are the best ambassadors to the community," said Pete Krupsky, the Whalers' play-by-play announcer and Director of Communications.

The Whalers will play their second home-and-home series of the season against the

Sarnia Sting on the weekend of Jan. 14-15. Plymouth will play in Sarnia on Friday before heading back home the next day to play the Sting at Compuware Arena for a 7:05 face off.

As the OHL trade deadline approaches, it should be interesting to see what moves the Whalers will make to remain in the hunt for the playoffs.

Cam Newton wins Heisman Newton wins despite scandal

BY BRANDON KARSTEN
STAFF WRITER

Even with the surrounding controversy around him, Auburn junior quarterback Cam Newton won the most prestigious of awards in college football, the Heisman Award for the best player in college football. Newton beat out Oregon running back LaMichael James and QBs Andrew Luck of Stanford and Kellen Moore of Boise State in a landslide fashion.

The Auburn signal caller is the team regular-season leader in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns. Newton recorded a 67.1 passing completion percentage and threw for 28 touchdowns and was only intercepted six times this season, leading the top-ranked and undefeated Auburn Tigers to the BCS National Championship game against Oregon.

Newton has come a long way throughout his college football career to reach this point. Newton's journey to the Heisman started when he was a freshman at the University of Florida out of Westlake HS in College Park, Georgia. Despite being under the shadow of Tim Tebow in 2007, he still saw some playing time as a backup QB in his first year of college. The Florida Gators went on to win the 2008 National Championship without Newton when Newton was caught stealing a laptop on the Florida campus. Newton then transferred to Blinn College (Brenham, Tex.) and

led them to the 2009 NJCAA National Championship. After deciding between Mississippi State and other colleges for his junior year, he chose to attend Auburn.

In the middle of this season, media outlets reported details of Newton's father started coming out about Cecil Newton asking universities for money in order for his son to play, particularly at Mississippi State. The scandal also involved two former Mississippi State football players, John Bond and Kenny Rogers, who played for MSU in the early 1980s. According to Bond, Rogers approached him representing the Newton family, saying that Newton would commit to MSU if there was a payment of \$180,000. Auburn head coach Gary Chizik has denied that Newton has done anything wrong. The FBI later got involved in the investigation when they questioned Bond. The NCAA investigation ended with Newton being cleared to play in the SEC championship game, which Auburn won over South Carolina 56-17 to earn a berth in the BCS title game.

A similar scandal involved another Heisman winner with former USC running back Reggie Bush. NCAA Investigators found that Bush and his family received improper benefits from agents during his time at USC from 2005 to 2006. The NCAA handed many stiff penalties to USC after the investigation, where the Trojans had to vacate every victory of 2005 and the last two from 2004, a ban from the next

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Lee Pierson shows why his dominate hook gives him the upper hand in a match.

men and five women to represent SC for the 2011 campaign.

"The turnout was high for the men's squad but only a few made the cut while the girls only had a handful tryout," said Coach Greg Colling.

During tryouts, Head Coach Greg Colling made his decision based on two main elements when deciding who would make the team: academics and the ability to bowl at a consistently high average.

After practicing for a couple weeks Colling named returning Lee Pierson (top-12 placer in nationals) captain of the men's team and Carlee Klein captain of the Lady Ocelot's. Both were selected for their leadership qualities and ability to handle the pressure of the game.

"I felt really honored to be named captain and hope our team will continue to excel as the year progresses" said Klein.

The main focus stressed everyday is camaraderie and the ability to strive for success. These two areas were felt most important by Colling and keys to keeping team members focused during what is often a grueling season. They want to work together to push each other, so a championship-style team can mesh in time for the postseason. Then it's up to the players to shine.

"We expect to win and do better than last season," said Pierson.

An interesting approach, compared to most other sports, is that the two SC bowling teams compete and practice with one another. They rotate Monday-

etched on the top prize. The tournament began well and both teams set high standards, with the women finishing fourth out of the 12 competing teams. The men's also earned an impressive position finishing seventh out of 17 teams.

This was an impressive feat considering the bowling program is relatively new to the College.

The bowling teams recently wrapped up the final tryouts to lock in eight

Finger dancing

SC Bowling squad's road to 300

By WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

To the average person who bowls only occasionally it might come as a surprise to know that there are some guidelines regarding proper bowling etiquette. This doesn't mean that recreational bowlers can't have fun and enjoy a good time with their friends. However, it is important to remember

that there are people such as the SC bowling team who bowl for more than just an excuse to drink and whoop it up on the weekend.

Last season ended in March with both SC squads — men's and women's — competing at nationals in Buffalo, NY. Each team left in the hope they could return to Michigan victorious and with their names permanently

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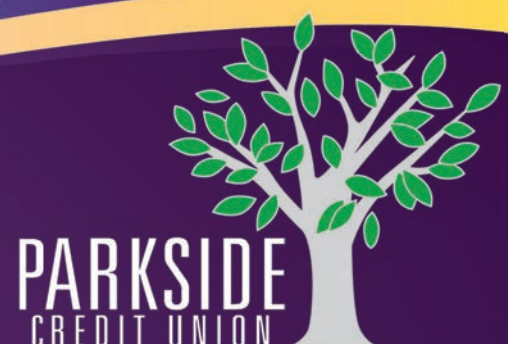




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The SC Athletic Committee consists of (from left to right) Tracy Miller, Joyce Galindo, Nicole Wilson, Dr. Lisa Jackson, Dr. Steven Berg, Rena Laverty, Linda Talbert, Sidney Fox and William Albert.

SC Athletic Committee

BY WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

What goes on behind the scenes when reviewing and adapting to new ideas in the SC sporting community? Trying to make decisions for the best interest of the College is very challenging for Athletic Director Sid Fox and the athletic department. Getting an outside perspective is a major contributor to the many sporting programs offered.

A semiannual meeting takes place when a group of faculty and students meet to address current sporting topics. The committee reports to Cheryl Hagen, Dean of Student Services, after the meeting as Hagen's is the final word on any topic covered.

Just of few of the topics discussed in December's meeting dealt with Head

Coach Rich Lamb of the SC Women's Volleyball team stepping down to peruse other sporting interests with assistant coach Rod Brumfield taking over the program; SC will award 72 sporting scholarships on a yearly basis and has the ability to offer international students a scholarship as well; early enrollment will no longer be offered because of the lack of students who take advantage of picking their classes early and a few student athletes failing to maintain academic standards.

Final note: Come support your SC sporting teams in live action at no cost for fans to attend. Many of Schoolcraft's various sporting programs are nationally recognized and ranked at or near the top of their respective divisions.

SC Women's Bowling is looking for more players

BY WILLIAM ALBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

Currently the SC Women's Bowling team has five athletes with two remaining spots to fill to complete its roster. The two qualifications are good

academic standings and a respectively high bowling average. If you're interested in trying out for a spot on the team, contact Head Coach Greg Colling at 734-462-4400, ext. 5802.

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two bowl games, a loss of 30 scholarships and ending with Bush surrendering his Heisman trophy. Many speculated that Newton would be kept off the Heisman candidate list due to the possibility of Newton taking back the trophy if the investigation showed his father was asking for money. In a surprise ruling, the NCAA ruled that the son didn't necessarily have knowledge of the father

acting on his behalf. The decision was met with much criticism throughout the world of college sports.

Newton dodged a major scandal for the time being and looks to bring back his reputation as a tremendously talented athlete. However, many critics are already looking to the college football offseason to learn if there is another money-laden shoe to drop in this ongoing story.

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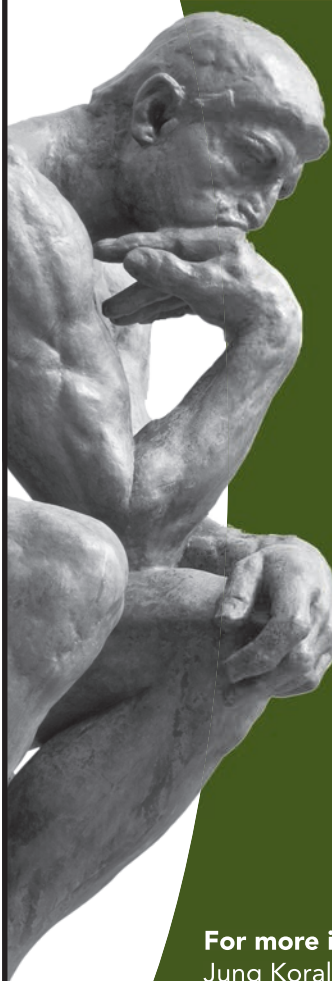
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and their fans can be sure Coach Colling will do his best to keep the squads loose and ready to build upon previous successes.

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Horoscopes

By JOSH BALLARD
STAFF WRITER

Aries – March 21 – April 19
Mistakes are the foundation of wisdom. Even if one doesn't know what something is, it is good to know at the very least what it isn't. Do not fear to admit a lack of knowledge about a particular problem or subject.

Taurus – April 20 – May 20
This week your toaster will deceive you twice, being fearful of having forks stuck into it. Upon setting the time for your bread, your toaster will disregard these instructions and render the would-be toast charcoal. Have cereal instead.

Gemini – May 21 – June 21
A goblin has green sin, pointed ears and is generally considered to be ugly. You have none of these features, yet you believe the same of yourself. Be more forgiving of your own appearance, as those around you are not so quick to notice your little faults.

Cancer – June 22 – July 22
A bad clown scares children but a good clown can do just the same. Even if someone seems more skilled than you do at something, it does not make them infallible. Question even the authority of your betters, for they are still capable of error.

Leo – July 23 – August 22
A man with large knuckles will pass you the next time you go shopping. Be sure to ask him the time as it will remind him of an important date he would have otherwise missed. This accidental kindness will be rewarded in the near future.

Virgo – August 23 – September 22
A fish can have lots of water to sustain it. But if that water is in a boiling pot, then even that sustenance will not save them from obliteration. Even if you are getting the things that you want, if they come from a bad place your endeavors and even your life will suffer.

Libra – September 23 – October 22
The day after next, have a candy of your choice. It will remind you of an old friend

long since forgotten. Try to catch up with them if possible. They will bring joy and good fortune into your lives. Furthermore, you will do the same to them.

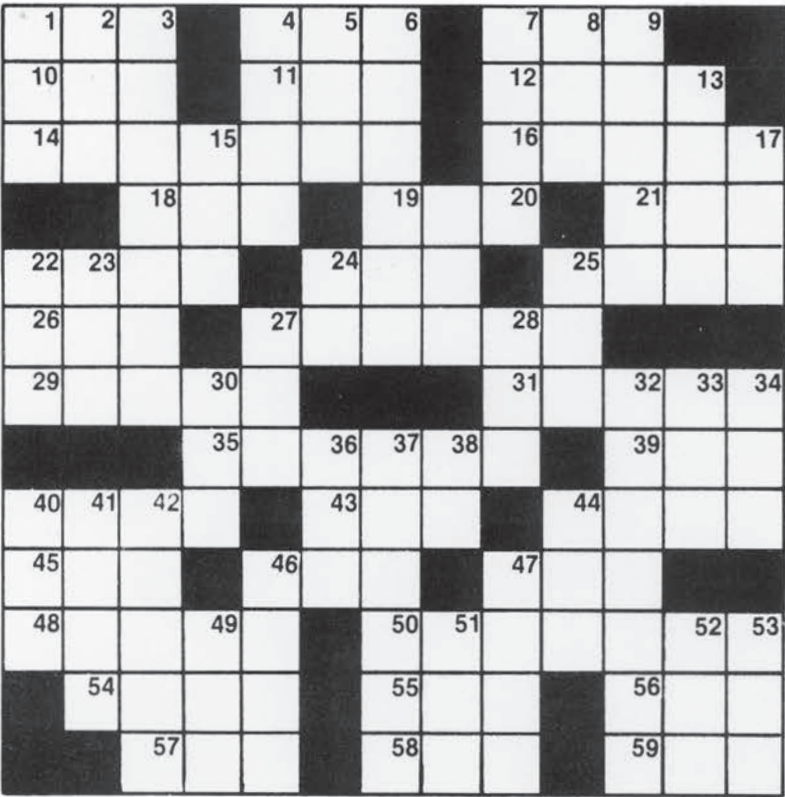
Scorpio – October 23 – November 21
The nature of wind is a contradiction of forces. It can obliterate a house in seconds, yet pass through a small crack without due harm. Have the capacity to do great and complicated things, but at the same time remain humble enough to enjoy the common pleasures of life.

Sagittarius – November 22 – December 21
The fact that some geniuses are laughed at does not suggest that everyone who is laughed at is a genius. They laughed at Columbus, Galileo and even the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown. Just because people ridicule you does not mean that you are a martyr.

Capricorn – December 22 – January 19
At 1:00 a.m., you will wake from a dream and feel drawn to write down what you have just seen. Try to ignore these instincts, as they will lead to your searching for meaning in something that lacks both value and reason. Be skeptical of such things for the time being.

Aquarius – January 20 – February 18
If a stone falls on a pitcher, woe to the pitcher. If a pitcher falls on a stone, then woe to the pitcher. Just keep away from people who you know will be trouble, and prevent them from coming to you if you can. You don't need those kind of problems right now.

Pisces – February 19 – March 20
Unpredictability can become monotonous. Therefore do only what you have planned to do. Otherwise that which is spontaneous will destroy your best laid plans. Let your foresight be the foundation of your very near future.



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4. Expire
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10. Arizona Indian
11. Vessel
12. Elderly
14. Concert
16. Pine tree resin
18. Cold personality
19. Black fluid
21. Direction (abbr.)
22. Cupola
24. Direction (abbr.)
25. Boil slowly
26. Salt water
27. Vouch
29. Grinding tooth
31. Securing
35. Span
39. Confederate commander
40. Clerical title
43. Blemish
44. Much
45. Vehicle
46. Speed (abbr.)
47. Malt beverage
48. Run away to wed
50. Italian dish
54. Wide-mouthed pitcher
55. Office holders
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59. Hawaiian garland
1. Prickly flower (var.)
2. Dined
3. Point
4. Chore
5. A Gershwin
6. Join
7. Public land
8. Past
9. Set again
13. Eat supper
15. Frozen water
17. Made lately
20. Born
22. Distinguished Service Medal (abbr.)
23. Office of Economic Opportunity (abbr.)
24. Time zone (abbr.)
25. Pig's home
27. Arrived (abbr.)
28. Female saint (abbr.)
30. Presidential nickname
32. Against the law
33. New form
34. Receive
36. Devil
37. Plant native to Mexico
38. Greek (abbr.)
40. High card
41. Wrap hay
42. Color
44. Winglike structure
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49. Vegetable
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52. Direction (abbr.)
53. Black bird

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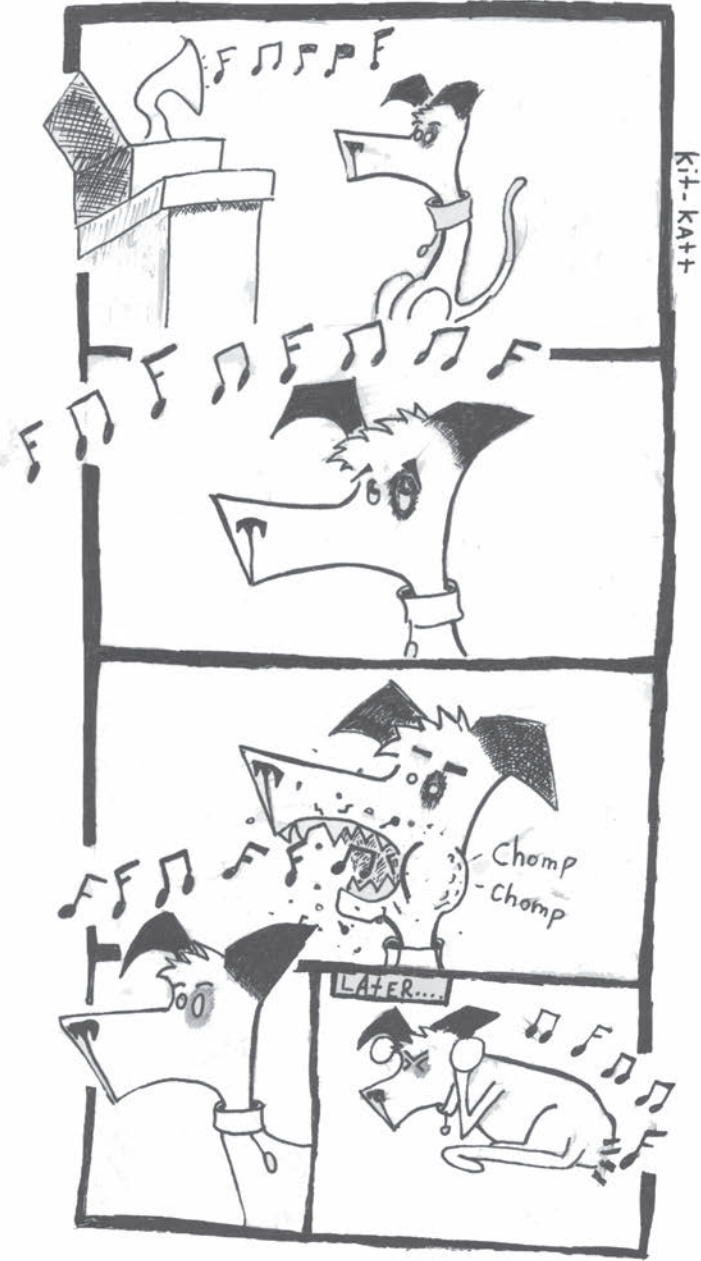


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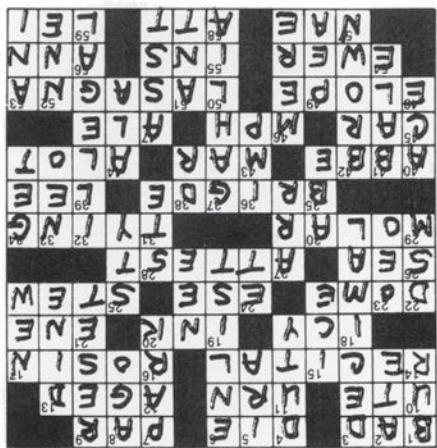
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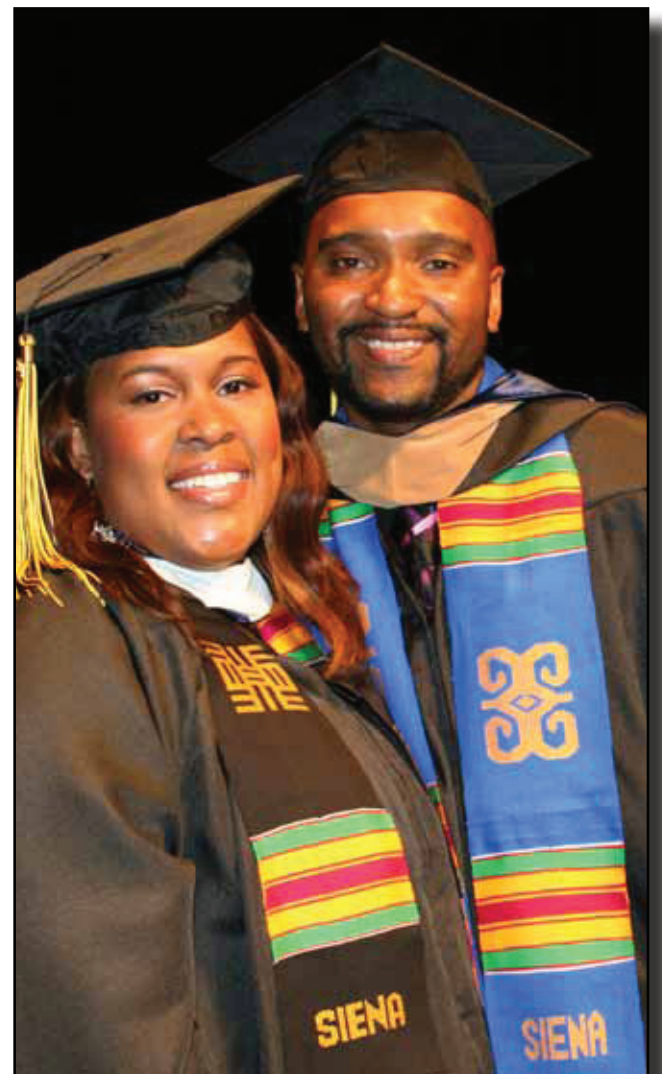
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The Howell Nature Center receives no government funding and relies entirely on the support of the community. The center offers enrichment programs including day camps, retreat facilities, team-building activities, and environmental education programs. Many of the permanent residents of Wild Wonders are used for educational seminars. Anywhere from school assemblies to birthday parties, the Nature Center can bring critters and birds of prey to any location in southeastern Michigan. These ventures bring in vital revenue for the running of the facility. To learn more about how you can help, visit the website at howellnaturecenter.org.

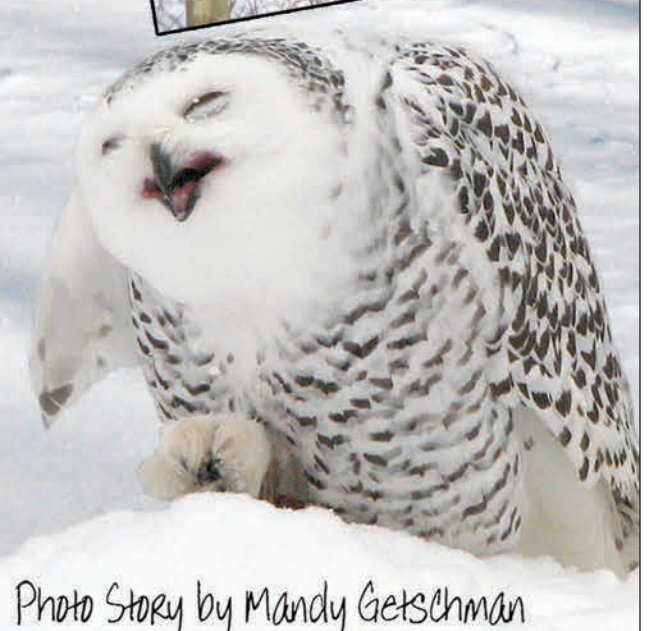


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