New website design launched
Redesign brings organization, clarity

BY KATIE RUDOLPH  News Editor

Serving the college’s website just became easier and more aesthetically pleasing, as the new website for the college was released on Thursday, Oct. 19 after ten months of construction.

New features include advanced user interface functions, such as hover lists and a more centralized appearance. Popular links such as Blackboard and Web Advisor are now at the top of the website as part of the Quick Links menu.

According to Marketing Director Marty Heator, improvements in the website are apparent from beginning to end. “It starts behind-the-scenes technical work done by experts in Information Services and ends with the words and images you read on the screen. Two examples from this new site are the personal navigation boxes and the databases,” says Heator.

The new design will also appeal to a wide range of audiences. According to Heator, “The navigation boxes developed allow us to package information for different target audiences, such as prospective students, current students, alumns.”

The site was completely restructured, with over 50 new web pages written by the Marketing Department. ADA compliant and written using CSS and XHTML, it stays true to standards set by the website industry. It also supports a wide range of operating systems and web browsers, and includes a new database system. “The databases allow us to warehouse information and then deliver it to the homepage when it needs to be there. The databases drive what appears under ‘Around Campus,’ ‘In Focus’ and ‘News,’” says Heator.

The revamped site included the Web Project Committee as well as several different groups on campus. “It was a team effort involving Information Services, the Office of Instruction and Student Services. Marketing is one of several departments within Student Services that contributed ideas and content for the new site,” says Heator.

The project originated as a cosmetic re-
Democrats have spent $72.6 million. At this point, Republicans have spent $160 million in ads attacking congressmen. Party ads have exposed voters to nearly 10 billion political ads. Don't vote for a candidate; vote against the opponent. In 2004, the parties have exposed voters to nearly 40 billion political ads. It is a waste of time and money. "It was kind of a last minute project," says Volunteer Coordinator Laura Stanton. "The outside support was awesome." Assistant with the project were Veterans of Foreign Wars Halls in both Westland and Garden City. Also adding to the project were Riley Upper Elementary School, the American Montessori Academy, Garden City Middle School and Southfield-Lathrup High School. Everyone thought I was out of my mind when I set the target goal for 1,000 postcards," says Stanton. The project has produced 1,192 postcards, 67 letters and cards and 40 boxes of care packages. With 27 boxes waiting at her home still to be finished, Stanton has her work cut out for her. It is estimated that roughly $3,500 of merchandise has been sent in the care packages. The effort received donations in other ways as well. All of the stamps were donated, along with an in-kind donation of postcards from the school. Using the website http://www.AnySoldier.com every registered unit from Michigan will be reached. The soldiers occasionally attempt correspondence with the instructors, students and community members who placed their return address or email address on their letter. Stanton was inspired by co-worker Linda Wallace who sends a care package to a troop every month. She wishes to give a special recognition to Junior Girl Scout Troop 983 of Novi who sponsored a unit and sent out 20 boxes. "It is a big deal that the community knows we are doing these things and they are interested in helping out."

SPOOKY ALLEY

On National Make a Difference day, Oct. 28, 26 students made their way to the corner of Grand River and Warren to St. Leo's Parish. Representatives of the Student Activit y Board and Phi Theta Kappa's Omicron Iota Chapter helped man the St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, like many times before. However, once a year Student Activities helps put on a children's Halloween party known as Spooky Alley. The group continued their involvement in the preparation and distribution of sandwiches as well as serving a warm meal to over 400 recipients. Of the many attending, 100 children were able to enjoy the decorations of black and orange, blowup creatures and candy. "They got to have a trick or treat experience that hopefully will help offset a lot of problems faced in their daily lives," says Coordinator of Student Activities Sherry Springs. "It was a bright spot on a gloomy day." This marks the tenth year Student Activiti es has participated in Spooky Alley. The department has helped elderly citizens with house and yard cleanups, school painting in Detroit and habitats for humanity.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Compiled by Emily Scapack • Staff Writer

41 chairs reported missing from PE building

It was discovered that forty one royal blue upholstered folding chairs were stolen from the Physical Education building on Friday, Oct. 6. It is unknown how long the chairs have been missing. The chairs are valued at $2,283.70. A hot plate was stolen from RC-470. The theft occurred between Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. The culprit is unknown. The hot plate is valued at $180.00.

Damaged Property

On Oct 2 the camera arm support of a document camera was found to be broken in LA-440. The person responsible for the damage is unknown. The document camera's value is $1,349.00.

Vandalism

An outlet box cover and the connecting wire were pulled from the wall in LA-465 on Oct. 6. Both were written on with permanent marker. The instructor of that class room knows who committed the act. The outlet box will have to be replaced. In Case of Emergency, Contact Public Safety at (734) 482-4424.
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“I really depend on SMART transportation,” says Harris. “Monday through Friday I go to school here, and then on Saturday I come up here and actually make some money from this, I live in Detroit and he says it takes him about 45 minutes to get to work in the computer lab.” Harris plans on transferring to SC. Harris would be very disappointed if he were to have to leave SC because of Livonia’s decision. “I would have to leave to go to school and that’s not going on campus that I look forward to that WCC and other colleges didn’t provide.”

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One problem Harris points out is the lack of information the city has presented to commuters about Livonia’s new bus system. “I’ve heard rumors of it, but I haven’t read anything official. I’ve heard rumors of it, but I haven’t heard anything official.” He says Harris has provided some new pages to help with the navigation. Marketing wrote the text for these pages but turned it into a major overhaul as well. He says Harris plans on transferring to SC. Harris would be very disappointed if he were to have to leave SC because of Livonia’s decision. “I would have to leave to go to school and that’s not going on campus that I look forward to that WCC and other colleges didn’t provide.”

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WHAT IS AN RACE ISSUE? There has been speculation that the decision in Livonia to end the SMART Bus system has a racial connotation. In reality, however, that does not seem to be the case. Both McCann and Harris assert that they do not consider the decision to be racist in nature.

It was an economic decision, that was all it was. It has nothing to do with racism, nothing at all. I think that’s just a political stance that some people make that don’t even know what Livonia’s comprised of,” says McCann. “It was purely an economical decision.”

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“IT’S A REAL END”

“The team started with the existing Web pages and began to generate new ideas on how those pages could be organized and presented,” says Heaton. “It became clear that we needed some new pages to help with the navigation. Marketing wrote the text for these pages but turned it into a major overhaul as well. He says Harris plans on transferring to SC. Harris would be very disappointed if he were to have to leave SC because of Livonia’s decision. “I would have to leave to go to school and that’s not going on campus that I look forward to that WCC and other colleges didn’t provide.”

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International Film Festival

On Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. there will be a showing of “Africa: Love in the Sahel,” part of the National Geographic Series. The film features two stories from the people of the Sahel, a narrow band of semi-arid land south of the Sahara which is very culturally complex. The film will be shown in LA 200.

Capstone Cultural Celebration

This will be the conclusion of the Focus Africa series and will feature African music, dancing, food, student work and much more. “Uzuri Wa Afrika: The Beauty of Africa” will take place Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the DiPonix Room of the VisTaTech center. Free for everyone.

Women’s Resource Center

Divorce Support Groups

For anybody who is contemplating, going through or having difficulty adjusting to a divorce, the WRC can help with this difficult time. There will be two divorce support groups held this month, free of charge; on Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 from 7:30 p.m. in the WRC, room MC 255. The Nov. 28 meeting will be a special meeting which will offer tips on getting through the holidays. Ask an Attorney

There will be an opportunity for anybody who wants to speak to an attorney regarding divorce or family law matters to do so as free of charge on Monday, Nov. 13 and Monday, Nov. 20 from 5-7 p.m. Sign-up begins at 4:30 p.m. Clients will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information regarding WRC events, call (734) 462-4443.

College Transfer Information

Students interested in transferring to other colleges and universities coming to SC in the coming months. Here is information on transfer visits in the month of November.

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Thursday, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Radcliffe Campus across from the student lounge.

Davidson University

Monday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Northern Applied Science building in the back hallway.

Menlo College

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It’s the economy, stupid

This has prompted Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to warn that the unequal distribution of the economy’s spoils of growth will further delay the trade liberalization of recent decades.

According to Frank Luntz, a Republican campaign consultant, some people do not see the economy as good because they “don’t feel it in their paychecks.”

In the previous century, wages and productivity naturally rose together. The harder you worked, the more you got paid.

Worker productivity rose 16.6 percent from 2000 to 2005, however, the pay increase was a paltry 3 percent.

Famed political analyst Mr. Cook claims that there are two economies, one for those who are from globalization, technology, greater productivity and higher corporate earnings.

“And then there’s the working stiff, who just don’t feel like they’re getting ahead despite the fact that they’re working very hard.”

It is no wonder why many working Americans now believe their children are going to be worse off economically than they are.

In a Labor Day survey titled, “American Dream: Hope and Reality in Working America,” workers say that the wages they are paid are not keeping up with the cost of living. Fewer than a third have been able to go into debt in the last year to pay for necessities like food, utilities and gasoline. A large majority (82 percent) agree that America cannot rely on the marketplace for health insurance, suggesting that the government has a responsibility to make sure Americans have it.

Many respondents believe that by joining together with other workers in unions, workers help restore the American Dream. Many believe that the American Dream is in jeopardy in an economy that fails to respect or reward work.

The mentality is a shot in the eye of economic conservatives who deemed the government as an evil giant in the Reagan revolution.

Senator Barack Obama spoke out on this “Ownership Society” of Washington, labeling it, instead, Social Darwinism— every man or women for himself or herself.

“It allows us to say to those whose health care or tuition may rise faster than they can afford—life isn’t fair. It allows us to say to the child who didn’t have the foresight- life isn’t fair. It allows us to say to those whose health care or tuition may rise faster than they can afford—life isn’t fair.”

People are working harder, and making less.

Due to this trend, wages and salaries now make up the lowest share of the nation’s gross domestic product since we began recording it. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, corporate profits, at the same time, have climbed to their highest share since the 1960s.

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SHOCK THE VOTE

Students should take time out for today’s election

It seems that you can’t talk about politics without hearing someone sum up their view of young people with the phrase, “they don’t vote.” Unfortunately, they are not alone. For years, political strategies throughout the country have held the very same belief.

The characterization of this generation has been that it is apathetic to politics and lethargic when it comes to civic involvement. This unfair analysis has helped create a self-fulfilling destiny, where most elections are decided by absentee voters— a demographic of predominantly elderly citizens. But in a new report, released by Skyline Public Works, a large group of political and nonprofit organizations, academics and party donors argue that the phrase is just a myth.

The report demonstrates that while youth vote, this demographic has nonetheless developed into a decisive voting bloc for progressive candidates—a “gift” constituency.

After the last presidential election many news outlets reported that young voters were not showing up to the polls, helping to further this vision of an isolated youth population. However, in the last presidential election young voter turnout was the highest since 1992, with an increase of 11 percent participation over the 2000 election across the country, and 13 percent in the top 10 targeted states. As a matter of fact, a record number of voters ages 18 to 24 plan to vote in today’s election. According to the survey released by Harvard’s Institute of Politics found that one in three young voters say they will go to the polls.

If all of this is true, then why are we continuously bombarded with the idea that young voters are indifferent and ineffective? It has been suggested that many candidates and political organizations depend on a low voter turnout amongst younger Americans. Young people should be inspired to attempt to distract and deter them from showing up and casting their vote.

It is important that students defy the common misconceptions and show up at the polls today. Whether you are voting: Republican or Democratic; pro-life or pro-choice; pro-union or pro-business, the important thing is that you vote.
Habeas Corpus suspended under Military Commissions Act

Act obstructs basic human rights

On Oct. 17, 2006, President George W. Bush signed into law an Act which defies this country's principles of freedom and prisoner's rights. As if this country hasn't already seen enough breaches of fundamental freedoms since Bush became President, the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA) essentially nullifies the writ of habeas corpus and marks a change in our democracy as we know it.

The write of habeas corpus protected prisoners against wrongful imprisonment. Under the writ, a prisoner could petition to challenge his or her imprisonment in court. It has existed longer than this country has; it was first used in England in 1305. It also appears in the United States Constitution, with conditions under which the writ may be suspended. Habeas corpus is no more as far as the United States is concerned; thanks to the MCA it has been suspended indefinitely. If anybody is being held as what will become a "lawful enemy combatant," they will not have the right to dispute their imprisonment in court.

According to the act, an unlawful enemy combatant is "a person who has engaged in hostilities or who has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States or its co-belligerents..." Historically speaking, laws of this nature have negatively impacted Americans more so than anybody else. Future generations will undoubtedly parallel our administration's actions with those of past human and civil rights violations; the Alien and Sedition Acts passed by John Adams, under which American newspaper editors were jailed about saying negative things about America; Woodrow Wilson's Espionage Act, which caused war protesters and those who spoke out against the act to be jailed; and Franklin Roosevelt's imprisonment of Japanese Americans under Executive Order 9066 during World War II.

I hope that this act is only used for what Bush claims it's intended purpose. However, it is quite reminiscent of those previous acts which have violated American's rights and liberties. A quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin says, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

KATIE'S CURRENT CLAMOR

BY KATIE RUDOLPH

HANGIN' WITH HOLL

BY HOLLY BASNER

Tattooed bodies and pierced faces

The trend to be informed about

Tattoos and piercings have become a part of American culture, expressing one's individuality and their sense of style. Though people may classify them as a form of beautiful art work, they can have a deep impact on how outsiders perceive you. People will judge anyone no matter what. The question is, how do you want to be judged?

Tattoos and piercings are becoming more mainstream; today many people are having them done. According to the U.S. News and World Report nearly half of people aged 18-29 have at least one. In addition, the industry is rapidly growing with one new tattoo shop opening each day.

If an individual makes this choice, they must make an important decision, where on the body they will be having work done. Problems can arise when getting a tattoo or piercing in a visible area that is not easily covered up. Certain employers may not hire someone who has body art (besides the ears). According to a 2001 survey at Vault.com (in 2001) over half of employers, 58.3 percent said they would be less likely to hire someone with a visible marking or jewelry on their bodies.

People may have to settle for less qualified jobs if they refuse to remove visible work. I don't know about you, but I have never seen someone with a high profile job with a lip ring, stretched earlobes or skull tattoo on their neck.

Having unlikely body art will cause onlookers to stare, with disbelief in their eyes, often taking a double take. I believe that elaborate body decorations are used as a way to get the attention of others and build intrigue.

Some may make a quick judgment just by their physical appearance, not even knowing what type of person they really are. Others may even feel that those with piercings and tattoos are less approachable than those without them.

Before looking into making a new hole in your body, or decorating it elaborately with ink, you should research the shop you plan on going to. Make sure they have proper licenses and that it is clean. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you are unsure. The Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research found if pierced or tattooed improperly one can develop health problems such as hepatitis, skin rashes, allergic reactions, ear and blood borne diseases.

When making this life changing decision you must be willing to live with it and not change your mind afterward. There are many ways to remove a tattoo; depending on the methods used there can be consequences such as permanent scars or discoloration of skin pigment. The price tends to be higher than it was when getting the tattoo done. When removing a piercing a raised reddish bump or nodule called keloid may occur. With piercings it is typical to have a scar upon removing, which usually lightens up after time. As a result, there is more trouble getting rid of an unwanted piercing or tattoo than actually getting it done.

Whether you're getting a tattoo or piercing for your image, or as a form of self-expression or because it is something you have always wanted to do, make sure you are ready to have something permanent on your body, be aware of the consequences and don't be afraid to do some research!
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Scroftapalooza rocks Schoolcraft

By Mary Baharozian

What does free food, talented performers, Schoolcraft and Halloween decorations all have in common? Scraftapalooza! On Friday, Oct. 20 the Student Activities Board hosted its annual fall rock show in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. The concert included local bands Infinity Eight, Nova and the Paper Street Saints, and was headlined by AutoReverse.

Scraftapalooza, one of three annual concerts put together for students, was covered with tables adults, bands featured at Scraftapalooza can be years in the making, is currently looking for the fans, who were able to stand so well as the public, which brought the attendance to approximately 100 people. SAB members held popcorn hallway promotions the week prior to the concert, in order to encourage as many people to come as possible.

“It was good that there was something to do on campus,” replied student Jenna Kupfer when asked how she liked the show.

Many bands entered for a chance to play, but only four were selected. The concert was a way for local bands to promote themselves, and perhaps reach new fans. Tables were given to the bands in order to sell merchandise or distribute flyers during the concert, one band was even handing out glowing necklaces.

Infinity Eight, originally from Canton, will have a new album out in a few weeks. The band is composed of guitarists Drew Watson and Paul Rambo adding vocals, Ryan Taylor on bass, Jeff Adrang playing lead and rhythm guitar and Jake Beehler on drums.

The second band of the evening, Nova was formed in 2004 and are preparing to release a full-length CD called “These White Lies Die With Us,” which is available everywhere on the independent label 456 Records. The band best described themselves as “UK full-hemied guitar-pop meets Detroit Rock City.”

The Paper Street Saints have been together for three years and have a new record available titled “Pride and Punishment.” The name strikes a familiar accord, as it borrows concepts from the well known films “Fight Club” and “The Bonduocks Saints.” According to the band, there is a lot of meaning and validity behind Paper Street Saints.

AutoReverse, a band that has spent ten years in the making, is currently looking for a new drummer and bass player. All of the bands featured at Scraftapalooza can be found on MySpace.com and frequently play local shows.

The lower Waterman, a popular recreation area for students, was covered withID development.

Matt Cooper, Schoolcraft grad of 1995 can be spotted walking throughout the college campus again. Not as a student, but as an instructor, for he has returned to take on a part time position.

He teaches Math 131 (intermediate algebra) and Math 53 (beginning algebra) classes, and has aspirations of eventually teaching full time at a community college. In addition he has also taught at the middle and high school level.

Before his teaching career began, Cooper attended Livonia Churchill High School. Then he continued on to SC. Afterward, Cooper thought Michigan State was the right place for him, but upon arriving there he realized the school was too big and overwhelming. After a year as a Spartan, Cooper returned home to attend the University of Michigan Dearborn where he received his undergraduate degree and Masters in math education.

As a college student, Cooper’s main priority was math, which he admits to putting all of his study into. All his hard work and dedication paid off, “My major accomplishment to date is getting my math degree (I thought it never would happen) and finishing my MS degree,” Cooper stated.

Believe it or not, he is younger than some of his students, but older than most. People seem to believe Cooper graduated high school last year, but in reality it was grad school last spring. Students at the college have the common misconception that Cooper is taking classes or subbing. He commented, “I have to explain to them that I’m actually teaching the classes here at the college.”

Cooper feels that the college is changing for the better. After he left, the VisTaTech building was completed and Bradner Library was remodeled. Cooper added, “I’m excited about seeing his medical center being built. Maybe one day we might be calling Schoolcraft a university.”

Some of Cooper’s former professors are still teaching at the college today, although many of them have retired. Lois Bearden, Ed Kavanagh and Randy Schwartz have been helpful with Cooper’s transition into the classroom.

Lecturing with the help of the video projector is the method he uses most in the classroom, but he also enjoys using group work.

“My favorite part of teaching is getting students to appreciate the different type of thinking that is required when you are working on a problem, Math isn’t about equations, but making connections between ideas, properties and patterns,” Cooper remarked. He also said that students will use principles of logic from Math 113 or 53 classes in their daily lives, even if they don’t believe so now.

Mathematics Professor Matt Cooper helps a student understand the subject matter discussed in class.

Cooper enjoys portrait photography in his spare time and was even recognized for his work at a few exhibits. He has toured Europe visiting Paris, Barcelona, Italy, Germany, Amsterdam and London with three of his high school friends. One may even find him at a cross-country or track and field event cheering on his students.

When asked about teaching at SC, Cooper commented, “I think it’s great that I’m teaching at an institution that I always had a lot of respect for.” He also said it’s a little more special teaching at the institution he started at.

See Scraftapalooza PAGE 10

Mock the Vote

Students take political stand

By Michael Siegelst

Electa in Curoh

The results from the Connection’s mock gubernatorial mid-term election are in! The survey, which polled 118 of the over 1,100 students conducted two weeks prior to the election. Participants were offered a choice between all party candidates in the Governor, U.S Senate and House of Representatives races, as well as the controversial ballot initiative Proposal 2.

In the gubernatorial race, students voted 45 percent in favor of Governor Granholm, and 41 percent for her challenger Dick DeVos. Third party candidates shared 14 percent of the vote, showing a growing dissatisfaction with the traditional two-party candidates.

“I’m not voting because no matter who wins, nothing will get done and rich people will reap the benefits,” writes one participant, choosing only to vote ‘no’ on the affirmative action ban. However, many people believe voting for the state’s primary executive position is very important. With many surveying sticking to party pines, voting all Democratic or all Republican, many chose to switch sides on the governor race. 8.5 percent of those surveyed, voted predominantly Republican.
Every drop counts

By Brian Goodwin

The International Institute will be hosting the scholar many consider to be the definitive historian on the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921, on Thursday, Nov. 9. The riot, quite possibly the worst incident of racial violence in American history, was hushed up for 50 years until this Tulsa native uncovered the past.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center with the keynote presentation “Heartland Tragedy: Uncovering the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.” Directly after the presentation at 11:30 a.m. there will be a panel discussion with Dr. Ellsworth on the topic: “Facing the Past: where do we go from here.”

Serving on the panel are Mark Harris (English department), Mark Huston (Philosophy), Sandy Remey-Hays (Anthropology), Sociology, and Alec Thomson (Political Science, History).

After a 15 minute intermission, the program will continue in LA 280, where History Channel’s documentary film “The Night Tulsa Burned” will be shown. Following the film will be an hour-long informal conversation between students and Dr. Ellsworth. After a half-hour break, there will be a workshop on oral history research techniques.

Dr. Ellsworth began his research into the riot as an undergraduate student at Reed College in Portland. He wrote his senior history thesis about the riots and continued research at Duke and ultimately published it.

“Deaths in a Promised Land: The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921” was published in 1982.

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Club Events

Christian Challenge Club

Those interested in meeting other individuals for a Bible discussion over lunch are welcome to attend the Christian Challenge Club’s weekly meetings on Thursdays at noon in Henry’s Food Court. Free pizza and refreshments are provided.

Otaku Anime Club

Two Saturdays a month, the Otaku Anime club meets to watch anime, hang out, and have fun. They screen anime from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a half-hour intermission, during which there are anime music videos. Pizza and poppy are sold during the screenings as well. The next screening will be on Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

Fighting Game Tournament

Join the Otaku Anime Club on Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. for their annual year-end fighting game tournament and pizza party. There will be free pizza and pop as people compete to be the best gamer and win prizes.

Phi Theta Kappa-Omicron Iota Chapter

This group recognizes and encourages academic achievements made by two-year college students while providing opportunities for personal growth through scholarships, leadership, service and fellowship programming, as explained by the organization’s website. The Omicron Iota chapter has achieved the highest International ranking of Five Star Chapter and will focus activities on their current Honors Study Topic “Gold, Gods and Glory: the Global Dynamics of Power” and International Service Program “Operation Green, Improving Our Communities.” The next membership meetings are on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 10 p.m., both in the Lower Waterman Wing.

“Kappa Nooner” Movie at Noon

PTK will be showing “Eerin Brukovich” in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center at noon on Nov. 7. Attendees will receive a half star.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations on Nov.

14 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Students should sign up in the SAO, but walk-ins are welcome.

Satellite Seminar

The fourth Satellite Seminar will be held Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Wing. This seminar’s topic is “Lessons Learned from My Grandfather,” in which Mohandas Gandhi’s grandson will speak of the “power of nonviolent protest.” Attendees will earn a full star.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Activities Board

The SAB welcomes all students who are interested in organizing events for Schoolcraft and supporting their own ideas. This club focuses on bringing students together for a fun time that all can enjoy. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday.

Holiday Heckfest

Join the SAB on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. for a free concert with free pop and food in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

The Schoolcraft Connection

Students wishing to have a say about what is in the school paper, wanting to share their writing talent (even if they improve it), interested in being “behind the scenes” of Schoolcraft, or who are just passionate writers should come check out The Connection. Interested photographers and writers are invited to attend staff meetings, which are held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Students are paid for their contributions, and all are welcome.

Video Production Club

The VPC is still looking for new crew members for both behind and in front of the camera positions. Interested students are asked to inquire about joining at the Student Activities Office. The next meeting will be Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Bradner Library.

For all club information, contact the STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE at (734) 482-4422.
the beads of sweat developing on the performers’ foreheads. After their performances, the band members milled about the lower Waterman, speaking with those in attendance, one would think they were old friends.

This year’s show, marking the fifth annual anniversary, was not only a concert, but also provided a place to socialize and an opportunity to feel more connected to the school. Laughter, loud music and the buzz of chatter sounded through the lower Waterman that night, which proved to be a great time. No one concluded the atmosphere of the evening better than student Adam Boyd. “The concert is cool because it gives a chance for everyone to hang out and meet new people.” Scraftapalooza 2006 was deemed to be a successful, well-received event for the school. Be sure to look out for the winter concert, Holiday Heckfest, which will be held on Dec. 8 in the lower Waterman.

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From Lance Bass of the band *NSYNC, to T.R. Knight of the popular ABC show “Grey’s Anatomy,” many formerly closeted celebrities are finding it easier to come out as gay or lesbian than ever before. Even late-night infomercial psychic Miss Cleo came out in a recent publication of The Advocate.

My senior year of high school was a year of growth, in large part due to my coming to terms with being gay. As a reporter for our school paper at the time, I was presented with the opportunity to write a final ‘good-bye’ message to my fellow graduating seniors. As I sat brainstorming, it hit me: graduation was around the corner and I still was not out of the closet to the majority of my friends.

We were about to set off on separate paths in life, and most of those around me, individuals I had known for years, had no idea of a key part that makes me who I am. It was then I decided to come out in my farewell article to my fellow classmates, and to share the most important lesson I had learned throughout high school: be proud of who you are and welcome growth and acceptance with open arms.

The month leading up to the publication date was full of a variety of emotions and, of course, the senior issue came out the last day of school to make an already tense day even more so. However, looking back on the experience now, it was the best decision I have ever made. I am happier, more content and will never have to worry about awkwardly answering “So, where’s the wife?” at reunions.

With society having become more accepting of diversity, and social stigmas decreasing, it seems silly for individuals to continue living in the closet, especially when those individuals are in the public eye.

That being said, there are still many celebrities who remain in the closet, for whatever reason. Some of those reasons may make sense on the surface; they could lose fans and celebrity status as they are first seen sword-fighting in full costume while enacting a scene from “Cyrano de Bergerac.” However, their limelight is steadily being eclipsed by the technological wave of motion pictures, which is slowly edging out theater as a more superior form of dramatic art.

As the opening act begins, the audience catches up with the Hays’ backstage at the Erlanger Theater in Buffalo, NY. Right from the very get-go, it is clear that these two do not live an orthodox wedded lifestyle, as they are first seen sword-fighting in full costume while enacting a scene from “Cyrano,” immediately following, they are caught fooling around by Ethel, Charlotte’s hearing-impaired mother, portrayed by Joy A. Holloway. This scene sets up the fast-paced momentum carried throughout the duration of the program, as Taylor and Lipinski are wonderfully in sync with one another, never missing a beat.

From there, the plot takes an unexpected twist upon the arrival of the troupe’s ingenue, Eileen, played by Jennifer Hathorne. Eileen is a mercurial jitterbug who instantly breaks into a seemingly unprompted dance, surprising Howard, who immediately conceives a child together. Hathorne does a remarkable job of playing on mood swings, emotionally adjusting her character’s emotional dial, seamlessly transitioning from calm to sudden frenzy with the greatest of ease.

Nevertheless, word inevitably gets out about Charlotte’s vulnerable fall from grace and Howard’s new significant other, leaving Charlotte vulnerable to fall victim to her own dalliance with Richard, the charismatic and smooth-talking lawyer, played by Eric Bratstone.

More chaos ensues when Rosalind, George and Charlotte’s daughter, played by Kristin Heinemeyer, pops in to visit with her new fiancé, Howard, played by Eric Bratstone.

A former actress, having ascended from the touring life, Rosalind steadily finds herself being sucked back in, leaving poor Howard behind so that she can rekindle a lost love with Paul, played by Joseph Fournier.

Still, before the audience has a chance to feel sorry for Howard, he has gone out and found himself a new significant other, Eileen, who he ironically describes as being “normal.”

With exceptional performances given by the cast, as well as the great direction from Hartman, “Moon Over Buffalo” incorporates the perfect amount of situational comedy that keeps the audience laughing out loud until the very end.

Joy A. Holloway plays Ethel, and Joseph Fournier plays Paul, in the Schoolcraft College Theater Production of Moon Over Buffalo.
**The Shiny Toy Guns aim for variety**

By John W. Jackson

Art & Entertainment Editor

Since forming in 2002, the Shiny Toy Guns, from Los Angeles, California, have been gaining fans via MySpace, touring and two independently released versions of their debut album "We Are Pilots." Now, with the backing of Universal Records, the third and final release of "We Are Pilots" navigates a successful blend of pop-rock and electronics into a mixture of unique sounds. The beginning track, "You Are the One," utilizes both of the band's vocalists, Chad Petree and Cathie Faye, who are featured in duet and solo tracks throughout the album. Guitar riffs and synths give the chorus a catchy beat while helping to subtly introduce listeners to the album. "Le Dieso," the second track, shows the strength of Faye as a solo vocalist. Complimented by strong guitar work and electronic synths, the track consists of seductive lyrics and a pleasing dance beat allowing for one of the fastest paced songs on the album.

"We Are Pilots" may not be for everyone; however, one of the biggest gripes some listeners may have is perhaps best emphasized in the fourth track, "When They Came For Us." Petree sings, "Why are the Robots so sad? We've not in trouble anymore...anyway! And no more/Synthetic lighting/They stopped the lightning/After today." The lyrics practically demand analysis by the listener which may require more effort than expected for those looking to immediately identify with the album. The lyrics, at points in the album, also seem to overreach in attempting to attract angst-ridden teens. The title track, "We Are Pilots," is a perfect example, with a chorus consisting of, "Hello mother/Some news for you/I'm really not that crazy/Hello father/I'm curious/Why you think there's something wrong with me," which may turn some off from not only "We Are Pilots" the track itself, but the album as a whole. Despite certain tracks not appealing to all tastes, there is a variety of sounds on the album provided by the two different vocalists giving each song its own special feel. With their new wave alternative dance beats, the Shiny Toy Guns may remind listeners of bands such as Depeche Mode and New Order.

"We Are Pilots" is bound to be more successful than its two independently released predecessors with the backing of a major record label, a well rounded mix of synth-enhanced pop-rock and its compilation of a variety of unique tracks.
I see a red door and I want to “Paint it Black”

Author’s latest novel is highly reflective

BY VANESSA MANCOS

Imagine something so traumatic happening to suddenly in life that it forces one to question everything that was once thought for certain. The latest novel from Janet Fitch, “Paint it Black,” thoroughly examines the theme “What happens when a dream when the dreamer is gone?” Other hot-button topics explored throughout the story are suicide, incest, trust and becoming an adult.

Does the thought of all these depressing issues combined into one novel sound heavy? It is, but Fitch has a way with words that keeps the reader interested. The characters may be in the deepest depths of turmoil, but instead of becoming disenchant, readers will find themselves reflecting on the questions posed through events in “Paint it Black.”

The story, like Fitch’s other best-seller, “White Oleander,” is set in Los Angeles. It follows two main characters, art model Josie Tyrell and famous pianist Meredith Lowey, after the suicide of Harvard dropout Michael Faraday. Michael was Josie’s soulmate and Meredith’s only son. The two women struggle to understand Michael’s mutual attachment to each of them. As they do so, they learn more and more reasons behind his suicide.

Also as with “White Oleander,” Fitch tells much of the story by recounting scenes from the memories of the main characters. Unlike with her previous novel, “Paint it Black” would probably remain better as a novel, because of the complex and layered plot lines.

Fitch begins by telling of Josie and Michael’s life together. The two of them dreamed up a “true world” for themselves, one they hoped to retreat to in the near future. Michael taught Josie things she never knew she could learn, and their attachment to each other was strong. As the story progresses, the reader becomes more and more attached to Josie, feeling her pain as she self-medicates and tries to capture the life she once thought was hers. It is here that Fitch demonstrates her abilities to keep readers rapt with attention.

Why does this depressed model envision one to continue reading? The reader has to know whether she ends up meeting the same fate as Michael or worse, or whether she (and in turn, the reader) will be okay after all. Even more likely to hold readers is the complex and perverse relationship between Michael and Meredith, then later, Josie and Meredith.

A theme repeated here seems to be “the grass isn’t always greener on the other side.” Fitch jolts the reader around like the latest bumpy rollercoaster at Cedar Point. As the story switches back and forth from past to present, dreams to reality, the reader dives further into the lives of the characters. Uncovering shocking secrets, tearful moments, and finally, within the last chapter of the novel, perhaps even a sliver of hope that Josie isn’t so doomed after all.

Janet Fitch is an immensely talented writer. “Paint it Black” is a fantastic achievement and a highly recommended read. The novel is multi-layered, drawing inspiration from all walks of life and levels of education. It is sure not only to spark the reader’s interest, but hold it as well. So what happens to the dream when the dreamer is gone? Well, readers will have to arrive at an answer on their own.

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For your consideration: “The Departed” is a great movie, one of the best to come out in a long time and certainly the best film by Scorsese in recent memory.

THE DEPARTED
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Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) is another young police academy graduate working for SIU.

Unlike Sullivan, Costigan is undercover within the Irish mafia, working for Costello and reporting mob activities back to SIU. Eventually, it becomes obvious to both the mafia and SIU that each has a mole, and that is when the action really begins. A particular scene that illustrates Scorsese’s creative approach to filmmaking takes place during a hectic moment when Sullivan and Costigan are chasing each other through the streets of Chinatown. Costigan loses sight of Sullivan, only to catch his reflection in a close-up of a mirrored wind chime.

While the cinematography is unique, this scene is important because it is one of the first times the audience pits Costigan and Sullivan literally against one another. This scene causes the audience to wonder who exactly they should be rooting for. The goal of any great filmmaker should be to get the viewers thinking, and this scene distinctly does so by visually driving home the point of the film.

There are many other characters that add to the reality of the movie. Detectives Diagnos (Mark Wahlberg) and Ellerby (Mec Baldwin) trade hilarious one-liners and Nicholson/Costello is fascinating to watch. It is his line, “Cops or criminals. When you’re facing a loaded gun, what’s the difference?” that serves as a tagline for the movie.

Newcomer Vira Farmiga does a fabulous job portraying a smart young woman with a recent.”

“The Departed” is a great movie, one of the best to come out in a long time and certainly the best film by Scorsese in recent memory. The multi-tiered, double-crossing plot is so interesting; viewers will hardly notice it takes nearly three hours for the film to reach a dazzlingly violent conclusion. “The Departed” will appeal to anybody that has ever pondered over the issue of right vs. wrong when the lines became too blurry to know the difference.
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The hard nosed, going to work, defensive mindset that the Detroit Pistons used to win the ’04 NBA championship will have a different look this season. The backbone and arguably most popular athlete in the city of Detroit, Ben Wallace has packed his bags and headed to the rival team.

The Chicago Bulls offered Wallace an absurd $52 million contract to join a Bulls team who is very close to being a contender. Personally, I think the Bulls made a foolish decision paying a career 41 percent free throw shooter that kind of money. Sure he has led the NBA in rebounding twice and is a four time defensive player of the year, but his rebounding numbers have gone down in each of the past four seasons and he did not have that same “I dare you to drive to the basket” fear about him last post season. Frankly, who cares about the Bulls and Chicago? Who cares about Ben Wallace and his money? I care about the Detroit Pistons and even though, as usual the ‘experts’ are writing them off before the season starts, I am always an optimist come November.

Last season, first year head coach Flip Saunders led the Pistons to a franchise record 64 wins and an Eastern Conference finals appearance. Seems like a decent first year at the helm to me. Will the Pistons miss Ben Wallace? Yes, can they win without him? Yes. Why? you ask? It’s the man behind the scenes, Pistons President of Basketball Operations, Joe Dumars. Joe was a hall of fame player, but his executive career has been even more remarkable. To help a bench that ranked near the bottom of the league last season, Dumars signed former Cleveland Cavalier guard Ronald (Flip) Murray who averaged 13 points per game last season in 29 minutes/game.

Replacing Ben in the middle will be former San Antonio Spurs center Nazeer Moham med. Mohammed, who played his college ball at the University of Kentucky averaged 13.8 points per game last season, up from Wallace’s 7.4.

Detroit’s offensive production has increased in every season the past three years as they averaged 96.8 points per game last season, respectively, due in part to the offensive genius that is Flip Saunders.

What people do not realize is that Ben Wallace was not the reason Detroit had the third best defense in the league last season. Instead he was an ingredient to a recipe, an ingredient that helped Detroit to an NBA championship, back-to-back finals appearances and a conference finals appearance last year. However, like any recipe with a missing ingredient, you must either go on without it or find a replacement and that’s just what the Pistons have done in acquiring Nazr Mohammed. Mohammed is no Ben Wallace, but he is solid, average, and knows how to play the game the right way.

The style of play this season may be different than that of years past. What Detroit lacks in defense, they will make up for with their youth and team speed. A more run-and-gun style of play from this year’s Pistons may be in line, which is not necessarily a bad thing.

Everyone in the city of Detroit will remember how disappointed they were back in 2000, when Grant Hill was traded for Chauncey Billups and soon Ben Wallace guy. Turns out, that “guy” grew into a superstar here over the past six seasons and brought us some great memories along the way. The sad thing is basketball is a busi ness like anything else. When a franchise (Chicago Bulls) is offering you millions of dollars more than another franchise, sometimes you have to look at what is best for your family. Wallace has been through a lot over the past couple of seasons with his mother passing and I sure hope that when he returns the fans in this city show him the respect he so rightfully deserves. Ben, I hate to see you go, but good luck in all you do. As for you Detroit, don’t you worry, our city is used to facing adversity and people doubting us, it’s what we do. Deeeerestof Basketball.

Team has shot at redemption

Ocelots fall in state finals

BY MICHAEL SIEGRIST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The battle between the women’s volleyball team and Macomb Community College has been a nail-biting, back and forth game all season long. The Ocelots came up short at St. Mary’s, yielding their second loss to the rival team.

The Ocelots returned to Oakland Community College for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) State Tournament on Oct. 27-28 as the Eastern Conference champions. Representing both the east and west conferences were Macomb, Mott Community College, Kalamazoo Community College, Kellogg Community College and Lansing Community College.

The Ocelots sized up the Grand Rapids Raiders, handing the team three losses at 30-16, 30-16 and 30-11. They then moved on to the semifinals to face off against the nationally ranked Macomb Monarchs, who hold the championship title and boast the fourth efficient hitter in the nation in Sarha Gosselin (414 kills). The Ocelots have battled back and forth with the Monarchs this season, with an even 1-1 record against each other. On Sept. 19, Macomb struggled past the Ocelots, losing the first two games 23-30 and 24-30, only to come back and win the third game 30-21 and fourth and fifth 30-24 and 18-16. The Ocelots returned the favor a month later on Oct. 12 to defeat their rivals 30-25, 28-30, 30-19 and 30-25.

The teams faced off on the final day of the tournament to decide who would own the title of state champion. The Monarchs defeated Schoolcraft 30-25, 30-20 and 30-27 and walked away with the crown.

“Macomb and Mott are tough, we’ve all beaten each other this year, only time will tell,” said head coach Tom Teters prophetically before the match.
OCELOTS ROCK WOMEN'S SOCCER REGIONALS

BY LAUREN NADEAU
staff writer

Another championship fuels more wins for the team

This season has been one victory after another for the women's soccer team, which has achieved an outstanding 14-0-2 record (11 being shutouts).

"These young women committed themselves to success. We remain unbeaten because they have the ability, motivation, and attitude to succeed," says a very proud head coach, Bill Tolstedt. "I really look forward to a very positive outcome for the remainder of the season."

When Rochester College faced the Ocelots on Oct. 23, no doubt they were hoping to put an end to the Ocelots' winning streak, but the women would have no part of it. Schoolcraft dumbfounded the Warriors with a devastating 6-0 shutout, having started their goal-scoring only seven minutes into the game. Alex Saha scored this goal with some help from both Lauren DeRoo and Ashley Eriksson. Saha turned around and helped out her teammate Jessica Austin as she sunk the second goal.

After halftime, the team went on yet another of their shooting sprees, this time led by Stephanie Vargas. Stephanie Squires came out of the net and scored twice, with Austin sneaking a goal in, as well. Vargas offered assists on all three goals, and the Ocelots conquered the Warriors with a sharp shutout.

"This could have been more challenging," says sophomore Lauren DeRoo. "We are looking forward to Nationals, where someone might 'bring it.'"

The Ocelots traveled to Olivet College on Oct. 9 to deliver yet another brutal beating. Barely two minutes into the game, Megan McCabe unleashed fury on her opponent and scored the first goal of the game. McCabe, Austin and Saha all scored two goals and both Nicole Polite and Vargas scored one before the first half ended, giving the team a hefty 8-0 lead. Monica Warda got her own slice of the action as she opened up the scoring in the second half. Squires broke out and grabbed two goals of her own, followed by McCabe's third goal of the game, which earned her a respectable hat trick. Vargas slipped the ball into the net before McCabe's third goal of the game, which earned her a respectable hat trick. Vargas slugged the ball into the net before McCabe's third goal of the game, which earned her a respectable hat trick. Vargas slugged the ball into the net before McCabe's third goal of the game, which earned her a respectable hat trick.

"This was the game by far," adds head coach Bill Tolstedt. "We have the ability, motivation, and attitude to succeed," says a very proud head coach, Bill Tolstedt. "I really look forward to a very positive outcome for the remainder of the season."

The women's soccer team added another notch to their belt as they celebrated a fourth consecutive Region 12 Championship and yet another excellent shutout against their opponents. This time the victim was Cincinnati State as the Ocelots showed no mercy. Gloria Soyad rebounded a shot made by Saha, and it weaseled its way past the Surgo's goalkeeper. Vargas, having been set up for a goal by Polite and Julia Zilan, brought the score to 2-0 at halftime. The game resumed with unbridled intensity as Austin captured two goals for herself and Soyad grabbed another, as well. Together they assisted throughout the second half, with Sarah Davies looking in the final goal for a whopping 6-0 victory over Cincinnati State. Stephens and Jessica Taggle shared the goalkeeping duties and only had to defend the net from five shots through the whole game. This victory secured the Ocelots a 2nd place in the NJCAA National Poll and qualification for the District Championship, which took place in Chicago on Nov. 4.

"The offensive coordinator and head coach believe that [the team] can achieve their goal of not only returning to Nationals but also winning it."

Stack‘em up and knock‘em down

College ‘pins’ down eighth sport, bowling

BY MICHAEL SIEGRIST
Editor in Chief

This winter the college will participate with three other schools in the first ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) bowling season.

More than 30 athletic directors met Sept. 25 and decided to give students the opportunity to compete. The season will start in January and conclude with the National Bowling Invitational March 8-10 at Erie Community College in Buffalo (NY).

Bowling is a sport already offered through the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) where students compete in singles, doubles and team events.

Due to the recent decision to incorporate the sport, participating schools in Michigan will treat the sports on a co-ed basis until there is enough interest for separate teams to be organized.

Schoolcraft Athletic Director Sidney Fox has already received seven inquiries without any publicity and is looking for eight individuals to join the team.

"Our goal is to have both men’s and women’s teams by next winter," says Fox. "The team will qualify as a Division 3 program, meaning that no athletic scholarships will be offered. However, it is mandatory that the team adheres to the rules of the MCCAA and NJCAA.

"There is a lot of bowling in our service area at the high school and middle school level," says Fox. "It is a natural step for the school to take."

The team is currently looking for a home alley—a place to practice and host events—in the Livonia area.

"Bowling is a sport that everyone can enjoy," says Brian Stack, a student interested in trying out for the team. "I would love to join the team and give the school something else to cheer about."

Greg Colling of the public safety department will be the head coach for the new team. Having been a bowler for most of his life, and with eight years experience as the assistant golf coach, Colling has both angles of the new job covered.

"Hopefully we have fun, hopefully we will learn together," says Colling. "Hopefully we will generate some interest in bowling, because it is such a great sport."

Bowling is not all that new to the college, which held the first place seed in 1966 with a 32-10 record. At that time the team competed against Lawrence Tech., Detroit Tech. and the now defunct Highland Park Community College.

Regardless of its history, bowling has not been offered by the college in quite some time, and that is something Fox wanted to remedy.

The athletics department is encouraging as many people that are interested to come out, regardless of their average. Students must be enrolled in a full 12 credit hours and be in good academic standing. Those unsure about eligibility or the time commitment should contact Sid Fox at (734)462-5324.
Men’s Soccer prepares for regionals
Beats up on Kellogg

BY DANNY STONE
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a 3-1 victory over conference foe Macomb, a motivated men’s soccer team traveled to Kellogg on Oct. 14 and put a hurting on the Bruins, with a 13-1 triumph. Captain Navarda Heath and birthday boy Ryan Rowe led the team with three goals. Heath also had two assists. The remaining goals were scored by Marc Checobelli (1), Jason Gillow (1), Thiago Harris (2), Brandon Horvath (1) and Ali Youssef (2). Sean Williams led the team with three assists.

“Even though the field conditions were sloppy it was nice to get some playing time for some guys that hadn’t seen a lot over the season,” said assistant coach Eric Scott.

The win brought the Ocelots record to 11-2. The game scheduled for Oct. 21 against rival Cincinnati State was cancelled due to a scheduling change.

“We really came out and did what we expected to do, we know Kellogg is struggling, but you can never look past a team especially at this level,” said Heath.

SC now has an incredible +50 goal ratio, scoring 59 goals and giving up only nine.

“I realize that our goal ratio is excellent, but we feel that we have had another 20 or 25 scoring chances that we’ve let slip by,” said coach Larson.

“I think you can credit our defense this season, our team knows we can score, but it all starts with defense. Our guys have worked hard all season and have one specific goal in mind and that is a national championship,” said Nchima Mulenga.

Regional competition was held at Delta and the Ocelots know exactly what they want to do.

“Win it, we’ve beaten everyone in the region and we see no reason at all that we can’t win regionals. It might sound a little cocky to say it like that, but that’s how we feel,” said coach Rick Larson.

Following regionals, the men will travel to Illinois for Districts on Nov. 4 and if they were able to win there will go to Tyler, TX for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championships on Nov. 16-19.

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for the shutout and conference title, out placing both Macomb and Mott with a 15-1 record.

With the culmination of MCCAA play, many of the women received recognition. Amy Golem and Michelle Overzet earned their way onto the All-Region team, as well as the All-MCCAA team—coached by Terri Hatter, who earned coach of the year. Brynn Kerr joined Golem, Overzet and Hatter on the First Team All-Eastern Conference team.

Receiving honorable mention for the All-Eastern Conference team was freshmen Sarah Schmitt, Stacy Urban, Jenna Kuhn, Laura Kragh and sophomore Marcia Hill.

“We are all a little disappointed because of the loss, but we are feeling good about Regionals,” says assistant coach Debbie Betts.

The team headed to the District D regional tournament in Grand Rapids on Nov. 3-4 with an overall record of a 30-4 and a chance for a rematch against Macomb.

“We are all a little disappointed because of the loss, but we are feeling good about Regionals,” says freshman Haley Weddle.

“We hope we can it this time. We have worked hard and hopefully it pays off.”

2006 REGION XII PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NAVARDA HEATH #7

Sophomore midfielder Navarda Heath earned the 2006 Region XII Player of the Year award, making his way to the top of the leading scorers on the team. Heath sits on 14 goals and eight assists for the season. This is his second year as an Ocelot, having moved to Livonia from Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Heath will be on the 2006 Region XII Men’s Division I Soccer All-Region First Team with fellow teammates Simon Zahara and Marc Checobelli.

Repeating Schoolcraft on the Second Team are Gabriel Hernandez and Mitchell Howell as goalkeeper.

2006 REGION XII
MEN’S DIVISION I SOCCER
ALL-REGION FIRST TEAM

SIMON ZAHARA
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MITCHELL HOWELL

2006 REGION XII
MEN’S DIVISION I SOCCER
ALL-REGION SECOND TEAM

NAVARDA HEATH (left) pulls away from a Kellogg Community College player. Heath scored three goals and two assists in the game.

Photo by Rena Laverty

LEFT: Schoolcraft forward Ali Youssef (19) keeps an eye on the ball as he battles with his opponent.

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Another year, another great team
Ocelots anticipate a successful run

By Ashley Button
Staff Writer

With the start of a new semester in full swing it is not unlikely to see students buzzing around campus keeping themselves busy with classes and extracurricular activities. For the girls on the women’s basketball team it is a constant balance between classes, studies and intense training. However, all the hard work is starting to pay off as their continual conditioning begins to reveal the passion, potential and talent each girl is bringing to the team.

“This year the expectations are a lot higher. There are a lot of new players and we are a much better team. There is so much talent at hand,” says sophomore center Lauren Braun. It appears that the women’s basketball team has always had this advantage when it has come to having strong players. With a phenomenal coach, Karen Lafata, who has been with the college for the past nine years coaching the women’s basketball team, one could expect nothing less. In 2001 she led the team all the way to Nationals and almost took them there again last year after achieving an exhilarating 27-3 overall record by the end of their run.

This year the team returns with seven of their previous stars, 5’11 front/center Marika Seay (Detroit CMA), 6’0 front Amanda Crouse (Clawson), 6’0 front/center Aisha June (Garden City), 5’9 front Ashley Sibby (Romeulus, Tennessee State), 6’3 center Lauren Braun (Fowlersville), 5’7 front Vonzee Swanson (Ypsilanti) and 5’9 front Erinica Brewer (Belleville). The additional six were just adopted onto the team at the beginning of the season: 5’6 guard Adrena Walker-Prince (Detroit Country Day), 5’11 front Janelle Harris (Taylor Truman), 5’8 guard Brittany Ivy (Detroit Finney), 5’4 guard LaDwan Jones (Wayne Memorial), 5’7 front Shana King (Harper Woods) and 5’11 front Antonette Brown (Detroit Northwestern).

Under Coach Lafata’s wing, the girls have been put through rigorous training since Sept. 5. Jones remarks, “It seems like we’ve been practicing forever but all the hard work will pay off in the hopes of making it to Nationals in Phoenix.”

With the Ocelots being one of the top teams in second and Mott Community College as their only real rival, this goal does not seem too far off. “We try to focus on one goal at a time, first with the goal of winning games. From there we work our way up to States and finally on to Nationals,” says Lafata.

The Ocelots will fire up the season with their first game, tip-off classic at home on Nov. 3— which occurred after press date— where they will dig their heels into Grand Rapids.

With old talents and new potentials, with hope soaring and a deep passion for the game of basketball welling up in each player, the Ocelots are looking ahead to a successful season.

“Another year, another great team Ocelots anticipate a successful run.

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Above: At the math table, tutors help students conquer even the toughest of math problems. Also available are Writing Fellows English tutors for any difficult paper and one-on-one, individual conversation for students with English as a second language.

Left: The LAC has models and visual aids to help study. Students can observe the functions of the organs for Anatomy and Biology classes.