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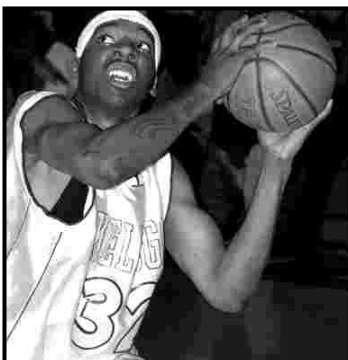
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Lady Bruin volleyball wins three at regionals

Brian Donaldson

Staff Writer

The KCC Lady Bruins finished the 2005 Regional Tournament, winning three and losing two. The tournament was hosted by Grand Rapids Community College and was played at the Ford Fieldhouse.

On Friday, Nov. 3rd, the Bruins started a very long day of action, by sweeping the Ancilla Lady Chargers 30-21, 30-25, and 30-26. However, the Bruins ran into a determined squad from Kalamazoo Valley in the

next round. The Cougars turned the tables on the Bruins beating them 30-26, 30-28, and 30-23.

KVCC started the match with a tip over the net, but a kill by Miranda Robison evened the score. The two teams played a tight game early on in the set. KCC moved to an 8-7 lead, but the Cougars wouldn't go away. A powerful kill by Megan Holland of KVCC made it 10-9 in favor of the Cougars, before the first timeout was called. The Cougars started to increase their lead as it grew to 13-9 with strong play at the net being a contributing



Photo by Brian Donaldson.

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Video game fans sleep on sidewalks in order to purchase X Box 360

David Kachman

Staff Writer

On Monday November 21, lines started to form for the release of the newest gaming platform: the XBOX 360. All around the city of Battle Creek, college students, adults and even younger arrived to stores such as Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy more than 12 hours before the system was to be released. Stores such as Best Buy provided those gaming enthusiasts with donut holes and warm drinks. Lance Kelly a student here at KCC arrived at Best Buy at 4:30 the day before the release. "It's sweeter than any PC game, and cheaper than a PC." Lance and his friends were some of the few

who came well prepared with a tent and blankets for the long night. Most of those in line were waiting for the premium edition of the Xbox 360. "I am buying

the premium, 3 games and an extra controller," Kelly said. The night was not without some unexpected events. Most of the stores were expected to issue out

the hot items on a first come first serve basis, but stores such as Wal-Mart and Meijer informed those who had been waiting that they would be doing a raffle. Best Buy and Target issued out either a ticket or a voucher before the opening to ensure that those who got in line first would get their 360. Across the country parties were held to kick off the release, the biggest being Zero Hour held by Microsoft and Best Buy in the Mojave Desert. The new Xbox is sure to be the hottest toy this Christmas.



Photo by David Kachman



Calhoun county election results

David Kachman

Staff Writer

On November 8, counties in Michigan held elections for proposals as well as city, township and village leadership positions. Calhoun County had just under 16% of registered voters come to the poles in this election. In Battle Creek the results were as follows: Ward 1, Deborah Owens beat Peter Bilbia, Ward 2 was won by Tony Walker, Ward 3 Steve Franklin. In Ward 4 incumbent and Mayor John Godfrey took the seat, in Ward

5 Andrew Yankama beat 4 others to claim the seat. Incumbents Susan Baldwin, Mark Behnke, Ryan Hersha and Nancy Mcfarlane won the 4 at large seats on the ballot. In Springfield all three candidates on the ballot received a position on the City Council.

Two proposals could be found on the ballot for some voters. On the ballot in this election Mar Lee School District passed their bond proposal 195 to 168. Emmett Township passed its ballot proposal for public safety vehicles, apparatus,

equipment and housing millage 1385 to 865. The Bellevue Community Schools 18-mill tax renewal also passed. In Branch County, the 3 seats open on the Bronson City Council were taken by Daniel Rinehart, Thomas Rissman and Larry McConn. In the Coldwater mayoral race, Gene Wallace beat opponent Paul Linder by 345 votes. Each of Coldwater's 4 ward candidates were unchallenged. Ward 1 Timothy Miller, Ward 2 Mitch Rice, Ward 3 Thomas Kramer, Ward 4's four year term seat was taken by Randall Hazelbaker, and

the non expiring term went to Paul Clark. To the north in Hastings, Barry Wood took the City Council seat for Ward 1, Kim Townsend in Ward 2's seat, David McIntyre won the Ward 3 seat and David Jasperse took the seat in Ward 4. In all the wards, no candidate was opposed. The Hastings Board of Review's seats went to Melissa Winnick, Laurie Sunior, and Gordon Ironside. The next State wide election is the Gubernatorial race in November 2006.

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Lady Bruins Volleyball

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before the first timeout was called. The Cougars started to increase their lead as it grew to 13-9 with strong play at the net being a contributing factor. The Bruins came storming right back reclaiming the lead at 16-15. With the score tied at 21, the Cougars took the edge and held off the Bruins the rest of the way.

The second set opened with a couple of kills by Miranda Robison, staking the Bruins to an early 5-3 lead. A nice set from Ashley Buckhold to Robison made it 15-12. With the score 16-12, KVCC called a timeout. The Bruins climbed to another four-point advantage of 19-15, but the Cougars kept within striking distance. KCC had an opportunity to put the set away clinging to a 28-25 lead. The Lady Cougars clawed their way back to force a tie at 28. A key block by Kim Gear, followed by a Bruin net violation, ended the set.

In the third set, KCC reeled off the first three points before the Cougars got on the board. With the score at 8-6 in favor of the Bruins, the Cougars went on a little run of their own to make the score 16-12 forcing KCC to call timeout. The momentum swung in favor of KVCC as the lead increased to 25-19. The set and match ended on a set from Ashlyn Burke to Mikala Raven making the final score 30-23 in favor of the Cougars.

With the loss, the Bruins entered the losers' bracket and faced the Lansing Community College Stars. KCC started the match with a couple of nice kills by Miranda Robison taking a 3-1 lead; however, the Stars came back to tie it and then proceed to take their first lead at 8-7. They opened the lead to 17-13 on a kill by Lynne Dolega. The first timeout came with the Bruins trailing at that point by a score of 20-17. After the timeout, KCC battled back to reclaim the lead by one. An LCC kill made it 28-27 in favor of the Stars in which they held on to win the first set.

Early in the second set, the score remained close, with neither team sustaining any type of run. The Bruins eventually worked their way to a comfortable lead of 24-17 before a Star timeout. The Stars came back with a nice run after the timeout to tie the score at 24, prompting Coach Miller to use a timeout as well. A good volley between both teams ensued, finally ending when Miranda Robison found the far corner just in bounds. Miranda came back with a kill to give the Bruins the lead again, but LCC hung tough, reclaiming a one point advantage at the time. With the score 31-30 in favor of KCC, a kill by Bruin Krystal Heeres ended a hard, fought set.

In the third set, the Bruins struck first in normal fashion, with consecutive kills by Miranda

Robison. The Stars bounced back with a nice block at the net by Monica Frechen. A kill by Morgan Anson of the Bruins made the score 10-6 prior to a timeout. The Bruins pulled out to a commanding 18-11 lead, before another timeout was called. The Stars used the momentum stopper to narrow the deficit to 22-20, but the Lady Bruins held on when a Ashley Buckhold to Lauren Frost kill ended the set.

In the fourth and final set of the match, the Bruins gradually pulled out to a 13-9 lead, prior to a timeout that stopped the action. The Bruins came back with a couple of kills from Robison and one from Frost. A nice set from Ashley Buckhold to Frost gave KCC a comfortable lead of 26-17 and the Bruins cruised from there, ending the set and the match with a block at the net.

There was no rest for the weary as the Lady Bruins had to prepare for the next opponent, the Muskegon Community College Jayhawks. The Jayhawks advanced by beating Ancilla 3-1. KCC jumped out first by scoring the first four points of the match, before MCC got on the board. The Bruins opened the lead to 19-11. A kill by Lauren Frost made it 20-12. Later, a block by Lindsay Doneth gave the Bruins the biggest lead of the set and an ace served up by Lauren Frost ended the first set for the Bruins.

The Bruins started the second set running out to a 6-2 lead. An Ashley Buckhold set to Krystal Heeres kill upped the lead to 12-7. The Jayhawks tried to keep it close. However, the Lady Bruins were able to finally pull away at the crucial point of the set, by taking a 27-20 lead, before a timeout was called. A kill by the Jayhawk's Lindsay Davis stopped the Bruin run, although the Bruins went on to post a 30-22 victory.

In the third and final set, the Bruins jumped to a 9-7 lead on a Buckhold to Robison combination followed by a Christine Schaum ace that made it 10-7. Later, a kill by Lauren Frost opened up a huge lead for the Bruins at 19-8. Frost continued with a couple more kills and the Jayhawks were swept in straight sets.

The Bruins finished a very long day by winning three of four matches. However, on Saturday, the Bruins were knocked out in the losers bracket final by Vincennes 30-21, 30-22, and 30-23. Vincennes was later defeated by the Kalamazoo Valley Cougars in the championship final. The Lady Bruins completed a terrific season finishing undefeated in league play and with an excellent record of 52-9. Miranda Robison finished a brilliant community college career receiving player of the year recognition and John Miller received coach of the year.

Nursing students work to make a difference for hurricane victims

Jamie Towery

Staff Writer

The nursing students and KCC instructor, Karen Kulhanek put on a drive to help nurses all over the New Orleans area after many were homeless due to the hurricane in Louisiana. From October 1 until October 31 they donated and collected personal care items and scrubs to send to the nurses in need. One of the nursing students, Jackie Maxam, got on the phone to call one of the local hospitals in New Orleans. Jackie was then on the phone with a leadership nurse at

South Jefferson Hospital by the name of Anna. Anna had explained to Jackie that over 100 nurses lost their homes and were living in the hospitals, working extremely hard helping as many people as they could.

"When the hurricane hit Louisiana my students felt a calling to do something to help" nursing instructor Karen Kulhanek explained. "We really wanted to drop everything and go down there, but that was not feasible."

The students gathered approximately nine boxes of items that were shipped to the

hospital. The students ended the drive with a celebration that included donuts and cider. One of the students, Stephanie Khon, had a friend in the Coast Guard that was able to help out and took the boxes and delivered them to the South Jefferson Hospital on November 1.

Not only were the nurses given scrubs and personal items, but one friend of Jackie's by the name of Matthew Stever wrote and recorded a song of dedication titled, "Angels in Disguise." The students are currently in the process of making copies to send to the people in New Orleans.

KCC music department to host holiday concert

Press Release

Just in time for the holidays, KCC's music department will present a variety of concerts in celebration of the holiday season. As well as the Dec 4th Holiday Images concert, performed by KCC's vocal ensembles and conducted by Gerald J. Blanchard; the music department

will host their Annual Holiday Concert in the Binda Performing Arts Center on Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. The concert band, under the direction of Mr. Ed Zentera will offer a variety of music for band, including the premier of "Titan", by Costas Dafnis, a fifteen year old composer from Coldwater. Guest conductor for this concert

will be Kayla Mohlman, a music major from KCC who is now studying music at Olivet College. General admission is \$5.00, and \$3.00 for students and seniors. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

For more information, please contact the music department at: (269) 965-3931 ext. 2586.

PTA club and program update

Laurie Raith

Guest Writer

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Club has recently finished with a few projects, and is in the midst of working on some as well. The club has sent care packages to Leah Friedel, PTA graduate from KCC, who is a soldier in Iraq. Another project, called Operation Christmas Child, has been finished. With this project, students brought in various items like, toys, school supplies and hygiene items to be wrapped in

boxes and sent to children for Christmas presents. Not too long ago, some students took part in holding a "Career Day" for Mar-Lee eighth graders in Albion. The eighth graders were given a brief overview about physical therapy, PTAs, and were able to see some equipment used in physical therapy.

In the PTA program, the first year students are learning wheelchair management, and sterile technique in one class. In another class, they are continuing to learn about the structure and function of the

joints of the body, and in addition are developing goniometry skills, which will allow measurements of these joints to be taken. They are also learning clinical palpation skills in order to know how to feel for certain bones which will better their skills in taking measurements. The second year students are deciding on the location for their last clinical site. They are all in the process of completing their last check-off for the program, which is testing them about spinal cord injury patients and how to provide treatment for them.

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World languages brings cultural flavor to KCC Websites allow students to rate their professors

Steve Fox

Staff Writer

Parlez-vous français? ¿Habla usted español? Walking through the hallways at KCC, students might wonder if they are in a foreign country. The world language program is a part of Kellogg Community College that few are aware of and that even less take advantage of. Instruction is offered in Spanish, French, and Japanese. Students can take two years of the program or a conversational course, which covers the basics of the language.

A basic knowledge of world languages is more than the exotic image. World languages can be useful for travel, business administration, nursing and allied health areas, and give any applicant for a work position an extra edge over the competition. "Employers value the importance of having their employees speak world languages," says Patrick Casey, student employment services specialist. He referred to the growing global market and the need to speak Spanish in the United States with an increasingly bilingual Hispanic population.

Rob Mulligan, a Spanish instructor, is enthusiastic about the opportunities that Spanish offers, but also referred to the ability of "a language like Spanish to open students' eyes to a world

of culture." He had found that many of his students would utilize Spanish in the medical and business fields and would also gain a new perspective of the world.

KCC's French instructor, Agathe Bertrand, points out some of the opportunities that are available in the French program. She discussed the French courses that offer students who have never had a background in French an opportunity to learn the language in an understanding atmosphere. She mentioned the Independent Study French courses that offer students with a strong French background an opportunity to learn more. Bertrand, who moved from France to Michigan, offered insight into her move to the United States. She seemed to empathize with the student who would like to learn a new language as she did in her move to the United States.

For more information about the world languages program at Kellogg Community College, students are encouraged to contact the Arts and Communications Department at extension 2288 or speak with an academic advisor.

Rebecca Schneider

Staff Writer

Students trying to plan their spring schedule may ask friends for opinions on which professor to avoid or to take classes from. Now thanks to the Internet information is a few finger taps away.

A Google search brings up many different sites that are forums for students to give their anonymous opinion about college professors around the country. Ratings on Line, Essay Town, My Professor Sucks and Rate a Prof are a few of these sites. One of the more popular sites is Rate My Professor.

At Rate My Professor a student can sign up for a membership and offer up opinions on their instructors. 5,465 schools are listed. Kellogg Community College has 87 professor represented. The professors are judged on Average

Easiness, Average Helpfulness, Average Clarity and Overall Quality. A scale of 1-5 is used, 1 being the lowest rating. A bonus feature is the "hotness" rating. This is indicated with a chili pepper next to the instructor's name. Students can also add comments and then other students can respond to the comments made.

How do instructors feel about sites like these? Elizabeth Kerlikowske does not look at the site willingly. She has gotten glimpses of her ratings when colleagues have duped her into looking. "You can take potshots at anybody. There is no accountability." Elizabeth also says that if you take out the ratings at the extremes you can get a good idea about the professor.

Psychology instructor Don Montgomery is new to KCC. After looking at his rating from his former place of employment

he said he "was pleased what he saw." He feels he accomplished his goal and made an impact on his students. And yes, he does have a chili pepper.

Rating professor is not a new thing. According to John Hoyer a computer engineering technology instructor, before the prevalence of the Internet, students would compile ratings and opinions of professors in pamphlet form. These pamphlets were available in campus bookstores. John also said that it was difficult to get the instructors with the best ratings when he was at Michigan State University.

The founder of Rate My Professor, John M. Swapceinske has expanded his rating system to rate high school teachers, elementary teachers, lawyers, clubs, realtors, and restaurants as well. Basically if you are in the public eye, you may be subjected to a rating system.

KCC instructor to release new book

Heather Whitcomb

Staff Writer

Elizabeth Kerlikowske, KCC English instructor, recently finished her fourth book, *The Shape of Dad*. Kerlikowske received a Professional Development Grant to attend the Juniper Writing Institute at the University of Massachusetts to study with the author of the infamous *Heather Has Two Mommies*, Leslea Newman.

The book was written in two months with the enormous help from the KCC writer's group that met through the summer. "The work sort of flew out of me," says Kerlikowske. This is a book from March Street Press. Kerlikowske will be doing a big reading on January 11 (her birthday) at the Kalamazoo Public Library at 7:00 p.m.. Here is a sneak peak of Kerlikowske's work.

"I write those Mother Goose

rhymes," Bud tells me. I tell my class for Show and Tell. My teacher calls the house. Bud takes us to the burned taxidermist to check on that investment. Part of the man's face is gone, and animal eyes stare at us wherever we look. Then the magnetic car sign store. A drive-by of his donut shop. Bud says they should make potato chips all the same shape and sell them in a tube; it would just make more sense. Bud invents the Hula Hoop Skirt. Aunt Jeanne sews reams of blue material dotted with bicycle wheels and orange segments. There's a drawstring waist and grommets at the hem where the girl lashes the hoop. Voila. Instant hoopskirts. Even though Bud invents it, they use my cousin Pat in the ad and her brother Charlie, because for boys, the waist is drawn completely together and the hula hoop becomes a giant Frisbee. But no one's interested at the trade shows. Bales of hula

hoop skirts become a fort in the basement. At our birthdays, all the guests receive hula hoop skirts. For years. Life is like that. A man owes Bud money and pays him with a freezer full of fudgsicles we must eat after every meal and one hundred neckties."

Kerlikowske's father has not read the book. Kerlikowske is leaving the decision of letting her dad read the book up to her stepmother. "The book is written with great affection and admiration, but the man is quirky," states Kerlikowske. *The Shape of Dad* is no more than a sliver of her father's life, but it is like a memoir of the father and daughter. "You know how it is for kids, other people only exist when they're present," says Kerlikowske.

A copy of the book can be purchased for \$15, as well as last year's book *Before the Rain* in Elizabeth Kerlikowske's office C-160.

The face behind the mask

Laina Engel

Editor-in-chief

Behind the checkout counter in the LRC, sitting at a desk in the corner, with an air filter on her desktop, Nancy Makuch wears a mask so that the perfumes won't make her sick. The carbon filter mask looks like one that can be seen on a doctor, but is more complex. She wears this mask to keep out the colognes, deodorants, lotions or any other personal product that many would consider harmless. Many people don't know why she wears a mask, but if you ask her she'll take the time to explain, even though it's hard for some people to understand. "People will act like they understand and say 'oh, I know honey I have asthma,' or they say,

'well, maybe you just don't like the scent,' when really it has nothing to do with liking it at all."

Nancy Makuch, a staff member of KCC's Learning Resource Center, has a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). Makuch developed this suddenly in 1994 after having a severe reaction to penicillin. The condition keeps her body from detoxifying the chemicals out of her system. "All the chemicals in the air and water and food that everyone else can process, just pools with me," says Makuch. Being exposed to chemicals can cause flu-like symptoms, it can also cause migraines, asthma attacks and muscle spasms.

Because chemicals affect the average person everyday, Makuch

has to take precautions in order to control her chemical sensitivity, by eating all organic foods, and ordering special soaps and laundry detergent. Although Makuch admits that the condition can be "very isolating at times," Nancy knows that she is not alone. "I would write articles for the Enquirer and every time I would write I would get calls from people with the same condition." Nancy has also met other MCS people out in the public. "I was at the doctor's office and I saw a woman coming out of the restroom wearing the same mask and I thought to myself, 'oh, it's a sister!'" In hopes to educate and offer support to those who may be suffering from MCS, Nancy offers her e-mail address <makuch@voyager.net>.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Get Rich or Die Tryin'

Terry D. Witherspoon

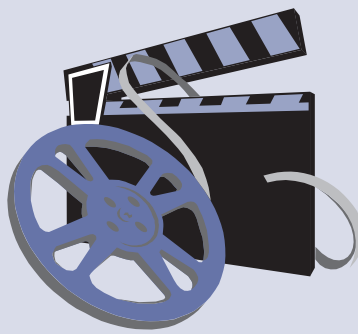
Assistant Editor

Get Rich or Die Tryin' is the story of a hustler (Marcus) trying to get out of a drug dealing life to become a "Gangsta Rapper". The movie is loosely based on the life of Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. Marcus' mother is a drug dealer and the movie opens with her dropping him off at his grandmother's house because she has to go to "work." It is implied that this happens several times throughout the beginning of the movie only the last time she drops him off she never returns. She is murdered and Marcus is forced to live in the basement laundry room at his grandmother's house. Until now, Marcus has been used to living the "good life," new clothes, new tennis shoes, and now he is forced to wear hand me down tennis shoes with holes in them that his uncle wore a few years ago. Marcus decides that this is not for him so he takes his mother's place in the drug business. He works very hard, makes lots of money, and quickly rises up through the ranks. This causes animosity and dissension in the ranks. Marcus is set up. During a search of his residence, the police find cocaine and Marcus is sentenced to a prison term.

The first day in prison an attempt is made on Marcus' life and another inmate called "Bama" aids him. Marcus and Bama (Terrence Howard) become fast friends. After spending many hours in solitary confinement and soul searching Marcus decides to pursue a career as a rapper full time. He makes a few demos and they are received well by both the inmates and the staff. He makes Bama his manager and they vow to make a go at the music business.

Once out, Marcus gives up the drug business. He tries to get record companies to listen to his music but he is held back by the drug dealers who do not want to see him succeed. Marcus is good and the head drug dealer "Majestic" (Adewale Akinnuoye Agbaje) makes sure that Marcus does not receive a record deal and once again Marcus must revert to crime in order to survive. This time he decides to rob people instead of selling drugs. During a recording session prior to the robbery Marcus humiliates Majestic and he orders Marcus killed. On the night of the robbery Marcus is shot nine times by one of Majestic's soldiers but manages to survive. With the help of his girlfriend (Joy Bryant) and good friends Marcus fights his way back and becomes a famous "Gangsta Rapper." This movie has been compared to Eminem's "8 mile"

because it has the same theme, "gangster turned rap star" thus the term "Gangsta Rapper." This was 50 Cent's first star role acting debut and it reminded me of Madonna's first. Hopefully it will only take 50 Cent this one movie to realize that he should stick to rapping. I thought the movie did very well depicting the life of a drug dealer. Violence, partying, promiscuous sex, making lots of money, paying sixty thousand dollars cash for a new Mercedes Benz were all displayed and to a certain extent glorified the life of a drug dealer. The music was good, but the only good acting I saw was from veteran actor Terrence Howard. I would wait for this movie to come to Cheap Flicks or for it to come out on DVD.



Walk the Line

Brian Donaldson

Staff Writer

It was a pleasant time viewing *Walk the Line* at the opening of the new Cinemark 14 screen movie theater located at the Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids. The only drawback of the night was trying to find a parking space in the somewhat limited parking availability to the new theater. However, once parked, the beautiful theater provided enjoyment. After receiving my student \$2 discount, we proceeded in to the lobby and soon became aware of not only the smell of fresh popcorn, but also the smell of fresh paint and that new carpet smell. The seating was all stadium-style, which featured miniature replica rocking recliners and ample room in between rows.

The movie, starring Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter was a classic presentation of not only their struggles in a musical world, but also a struggle of survival in a world of reality.

The show begins by introducing the young Cash working in the Arkansas cotton fields bonding a close relationship with his brother, Jack. After the tragic death of Jack, Johnny's life fills with depression and turmoil and quickly spirals into drugs and alcohol. He tries to make a living supporting his wife, Vivian and his family. However, the story

starts to un-fold, while the life of a touring star, Cash falls for the talented June Carter of the famous Carter family musical genre.

They begin to sing together and their voices resemble the real characters, but the strengths of the two actors performances lie more in their range of expression as they sing duets exploiting their relationship.

The film tracks some of the finest Cash songs. One cannot but hum along or even tap a foot or two when Phoenix blurts out, "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash" and the first couple of chords to "Folsom Prison" or "Walk the Line" start. The show proceeds with more touring with the likes of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, along with Carter. Live show footage featuring the Folsom Prison concert was especially rousing. Witherspoon's performance was complimentary to Phoenix. She, at first, was skeptical about involvement with the Man in Black, but arguably went on to form the classical country music duo of all time.

The movie is 136 minutes long and is rated PG-13 for some language, and depiction of drug dependency. It is a great movie for any country music fan and a great night for an opening to a new theater, with the exception of one little thing. One can leave his or her seat without their feet sticking to the floor! Well, I guess it needs to be broken in!

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The Diary of Anne Frank – Too Much Spice

Heather Whitcomb

Staff Writer

I would first like to say that bringing the production of the *Diary of Anne Frank* to KCC was a wonderful idea. The cast did an outstanding job, and the set builders designed the Secret Annex the exact way I imagine it. My applause to all involved.

However, I read the *Diary of Anne Frank* before I watched the play and I am not impressed by the amount of things that were changed. The most obvious of the changes for me was the absence of a main helper, Ellie. In the book, Ellie was the person Anne felt closest to, she was the one that was able to get the books that were used for study, and she was the one that was engaged to be married. In the production, the roles of Meip and Ellie were combined into one character, Meip. This was very confusing for me.

The amount of creative liberty that was used was also dissatisfying to me. I have been in plays and I do realize that there has to be some spice added to keep things interesting, but this production

went overboard. If you read the book you will find several scenes where the play was not true to the diary. The families in the Secret Annex celebrated Christmas, not Hanukkah (even though they were Jewish), Anne and her sister were not close and did not comfort one another, Mrs. Van Daan was not nice to Anne and they were always arguing, and there were more than two Secret Annex helpers, these are just a few of the issues I had with the production.

I was also displeased with the ending. Anne didn't get a chance to write in her diary the last day she lived in hiding so how was the production able to put into detail the arresting of the Secret Annex families? The end is supposed to be insinuated. I believe if there is going to be a play based on a true story, the beginning and ending should absolutely not be tampered with.

Again, I believe the production was acted out very well and the stage setup was great, but the amount of creative liberty used was taken overboard.



Anne Franke cast.

Photo by Bob Youngs.

The new XBOX 360 is here and it is making some noise

David Kachman

Staff Writer

The new XBOX 360 is here and it is making some noise. With the best graphics out of any current gaming platform, it is sure to impress even the non-gamer. It seems as if Microsoft pulled out all the stops when they released this last creation. Ever since E3, most of the talk has been about this new system and what quality it has. But just when you thought the only decision

you had to make was whether or not you were going to buy one, they threw a rock into the mix. The XBOX 360 was released with two platform types. The first and cheapest is the Core platform, which comes as equipped as a 1960's VW and costing still \$299. The premium platform is definitely for the more serious gamer, and those with a little bit more free cash. If you want one of these bad boys, you can expect to dish out \$399. But as I said, it is for the serious

gamer. The premium 360 comes with a 20 gigabyte hard drive, wireless controller, component and HD cables and an XBOX live headset. All in all over \$200 dollars worth of accessories

comes with this premium platform. There is also one minuet detail with the two platforms: if you plan on using any of your old XBOX games, you better plan on either spending the extra \$100 for the hard drive or spending the extra \$100 on the premium platform. All platform talk aside, the graphics are the same on each. The 360 has over 16 titles to debut with, including Perfect Dark Zero, Call of Duty 2, and the new King Kong movie inspired game. Call of Duty 2 looks to be one of the best picks for this new system. The graphics are better than most PC games that have released in the past year. Another good first pick for a video game looks to be the sequel Perfect Dark Zero.

No matter what kind of games you like, the 360 will have something for your taste. But plan on waiting to get one of those hot little systems. It is expected that the next shipment of XBOX 360s could be as late as next January.



Above photo by David Kachman.

Top: XBOX 360 in package. Right: Screen shot of Call of Duty 2 for XBOX 360.



The time of year is here for the Salvation Army Tree.

Starting now through December 9th, the College Life Office will be accepting gifts for the Angel Tree Party, which will take place on campus, December 10th.

The tree is located in the Student Center cafeteria. Instructions are listed next to the tree. If you are able, please brighten this holiday season by giving a gift for those children and teens who are not as fortunate as some.

If you want to know more about the Angel Tree or if you're interested in volunteering at the party, please contact the College Life Office at (269) 965-3931 ext.2634 or stop in!

How is it working for you?



Laina Engel

Editor-in-chief

The other day, I decided to sit back and take in a moment to

myself. I thought about the ignorance that was running through my head at the beginning of the semester. Back in August, I thought four months seemed like a short period of time. I thought I would be the same person who was positive that Drawing 1 was going to be an easy A. I'll admit that this semester seemed to fly by, but I've made a lot of changes, and have taken a lot of responsibilities, the paper being one of them. Although I did meet a lot of wonderful people through this opportunity, I've decided to give up my position as Editor-in-

Chief after the semester is over. I had so much fun getting to know the staff writers and everyone in the publications office, but I feel that there's a time in everyone's life where they have to stop and think to themselves, "Is this working for me?" and I feel that this is that time for me. I've decided that journalism isn't something that I want to pursue as a career. A friend of mine stopped me in the hall and asked me why I would want to give up such an opportunity, "Why would you give up your title and all the power that goes along with it?"

he asked. I just brushed him off and replied, "Just not for me, I guess." In my head I was thinking, "What an odd question." I really don't understand why some people crave authority. I agree that it's nice to have a little more creative freedom, but I feel that if my goal in life is to accomplish something, especially when money's concerned, that I'd be setting myself up for deep disappointment. Because most often there's going to be something or someone above me that's going to determine what I can and cannot do, so I better put myself in a field that I have a strong

passion for.

Well, in celebration of cliché goodbyes I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Tom Webster, Kathy Jarvie, Penny Rose, our design interns and the rest of the Bruin staff for your guidance and a chance to learn. I'd also like to give a special thanks to all of the Bruin staff writers for doing such a great job. As for them and anyone else who may be reading this, I'd like to say good luck and I hope everything's "working for you."

The Transfer Tango

David Kachman

Staff Writer

When May rolls around, some of us will be moving on from this fine institution that is Kellogg Community College and going to a four-year college or university. This delicate dance of transferring can be very hard or very easy; it just depends on how we as students handle it. In my transferring to WMU, I have found that some of the best information comes right off the website of the college you are looking at transferring. Most colleges have a spot on their website dedicated to us transfer

students. This part of the website has all sorts of information that one might need to get started in the process, such as when applications are due for admission or when to sign up for classes. WMU, for example, says to send your application to admission at least one semester before you plan on attending. The hardest part to finding where you want to go after KCC can be making sure that all your credits will transfer with you.

Most community colleges in Michigan and four-year institutions have signed something called the MACRO Agreement, which has a group of core classes you have to take and those will

immediately transfer over. The other option is to fulfill the requirements given by each 4-year institution, which can also be found under the transfer part of their websites. Once you have your ducks in a row, it is time to get your transcript sent to school you hope to attend. There is a small fee from KCC to have this done, but it is nominal when you look at how much it is going to cost you to actually go to the school. This point leads me to possibly one of most important to us "poor" college students, money. I can equate the idea of the increase of credit costs from KCC to a four-year to seeing the

price on that Honda Civic, after driving and paying for a Ford Pinto for two years. By the time this is published, we will be in the middle of scholarship season. Even though we are not in high school anymore, there are still plenty of scholarships that we as transfer students get. Local foundations such as the Battle Creek Community Foundation have scholarships for those continuing their education to a four-year school, as does KCC. If scholarships seem to elude you, then you should consider filling out the FAFSA, which is a federal program that sees how much your "expected" family contribution to your education is then calculate

how much they will give you. This system for some of us is not very well thought out. They take into account that your family will give you money for college even if you are paying for it yourself. Another flaw is that even if you live completely on your own and are independent of your parents, all of their information is put onto the FAFSA and they still use that to determine how much to give you.

After the application is done, the transcript sent, the money almost all there it is time to sit back and relax for a short time and enjoy your last day as a Bruin here at KCC.

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Time for Michigan's Minimum Wage to Increase

Jamie Towery

Did you know that is has been eight years since the minimum wage in Michigan was last increased? Eight years ago, in 1997, I was 11 years old and the price of gas was approximately \$1.10 per gallon, and today the price of gas is approximately \$2.28 per gallon. This means that in the past eight years, the price of gas per gallon has increased by about \$1.18, but our minimum wage has maintained at the small amount of \$5.15 per hour.

If the minimum wage was worth what it was back in 1968, it would be about \$8.50 an hour. Work should be a bridge out of poverty, but for many minimum wage earners it is not. At \$5.15 an hour, a full time year round worker earns a whopping \$10,712 per year, which is \$5,000 less than the federal poverty level for a family of three.

It is definitely about time for the Congress to change the minimum wage. Living expenses have increased rapidly, but the rate per hour has not. Eight years ago, I know it did not cost \$50 for a pair of jeans or \$100,000 for a decent size house is a decent neighborhood, but today it is very easy to spend \$50-\$100 for a pair of jeans, \$100,000 or more for a house, \$20 for one

shirt made of cotton, or \$10 for one movie ticket. Prices are outrageous and it is hard to stay out of debt with prices like these. The prices of things we need in our society: food, shelter, clothes, and school have increased hugely. That doesn't even include a vehicle, gas, bills, child care, and the rest of the things we need everyday. I just do not understand how the government can take away so much money for taxes and charge so much for necessities, but expect us to pay for it all with the \$5.15 an hour we make.

And back to the gas thing again; for a worker earning \$5.15 per hour, he/she must work about 30 minutes TAX-FREE to put one gallon of unleaded gas in his/her vehicle, or about 6 hours to fill up his/her 12 gallon take vehicle with unleaded gas. That is not right.

According to the U.S Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, raising the minimum wage would directly benefit at least 464,000 Michigan workers or 1 in 5 hourly workers statewide. This is a simple matter of fairness. Anyone who puts in a fair day's work should receive a fair day's pay. It is time for the Michigan Legislature to stand up for Michigan workers and raise Michigan's minimum wage.

Cell phone etiquette

Rebecca Schneider

Let me start with: I do love having my cell phone. Being a full-time student and mom, it is nice to know my family can contact me if a problem should arise.

Since cell phones have become more and more prevalent, basic considerations for when it is appropriate to have it turned on have not progressed along with the technology.

This fall I attended KCC's performance of The Diary of Anne Frank, I was listening to a very moving monologue being given by an actor portraying Anne Frank's father, Otto. Tears were rolling down my cheeks. Sniffles could be heard throughout the theatre. Otto is standing in the space designated as his dead daughter's room. His

words of anguish are interrupted by "Gentlemen start your engines!" Some may find this funny. I find it inexcusable.

Another example was during a poetry reading on campus. While this person tried very hard to hush her phone quickly, the damage was already done. The spell of the poem being read was broken.

Bad cell phone etiquette is rampant. You have heard it. Maybe you are guilty of it. The distinctive Nextel two-way jingle can be heard in classes on campus daily. My personal favorite is during church. Nice. Then the culprit tries to make a cute joke about God calling.

It is time to develop a new habit. This habit is to quiet your phone. And really the world will not end if you turn it off for an hour or two.

Where is Everybody?

Brian Donaldson

Staff Writer

It is Monday morning and class is about to begin. So, where is everybody? Yeah, I am talking

and to you I say, "What is with you? Why did you come to class?" I have to tell you when I first started college shortly after turning 41, I thought my instructor's were a little "out there."

The first one to say "you will receive 10 points for showing up to class, 10 points for participating and this will count for 50% of your grade" I thought it was absolutely crazy!

I soon learned that although college is crazy, a portion of the student body is lazy. Some of you may take offense to this, others will laugh it off, but seriously why would you pay so

much for something for yourself and then just not show up?



Bruin men jump start season High Expectations for Bruin Men's Basketball

Bob Youngs

Guest Writer

Basketball shoes with spring-loaded heels might be the wave of the future.

However, if anyone watched the Bruin men at their home opener, it looked like some of them already snatched up early prototypes of those shoes.

"Our biggest difference was the big fellas," said Coach Clint Stout. "We've got T.A. (Toriano Adams), Jordan (Cunningham) and Cortez Smith. We did damage with them down low." It was damage that the Concordia University basketball squad couldn't control. KCC, with their big men, ran past the Cardinals, 99-71, in their home opener on November 9.

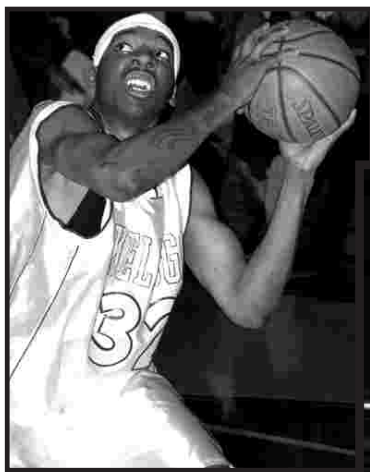
The Bruins opened the first half with a dominating effort in crashing the boards. "That's (rebounds/put-backs) going to be the key for us," said Stout. "We played in a very tough tournament last weekend, and, we won the rebounding battle, but, we got beat because we didn't finish many of those put-backs. Tonight, we did." Indeed so. Stout's troops hounded after the ball in the first half, getting 16 lay-ups/put-backs en route to a 49-36 halftime lead.

In the second half, the onslaught continued, beginning with a Jordan Cunningham steal which led to a pretty windmill dunk that excited the crowd. "Our young big guys are making a lot of progress," added Stout. The young team never looked back and raced on to a comfortable victory that saw locals Lewis Goode (Battle Creek/Central), Ryan Voegler

(Battle Creek/Harper Creek) and Barry Parker (Aberdeen, Scotland/Pennfield) see action late in the game.

that you have to win the rebounding battle. If you win the rebounding battle, you've got a very good chance to win."

Stout likes his chances. He's got a very talented group that is comprised of players mostly from the Detroit area, but feels his team is coming together nicely.



Cunningham shoots.



Photos by Bob Youngs.

While the locals got their playing time, it was Stout's trio from the Detroit area that got the dirty work done early. Toriano Adams (Detroit/River Rouge) led the Bruins with 23 points behind a 10-13 night from the floor and 3-5 shooting at the charity stripe. Jordan Cunningham (Detroit/Northern) added 19 points (9-11 FG, 1-1 FT) and Cortez Smith (Southfield) chipped in 9. All told, the big men tallied 21 of the Bruins' 30 baskets made inside of the paint. Talk about domination.

Even though the Bruins' had their supremacy in the paint, they also had their share of transition play, which led to four dunks and numerous lay-ups. "Any time you can get in the open court - I believe we've got the athletes - we can run with [anyone]," said Stout. "The key to basketball is

"The biggest challenge with junior college is that we only have two years to work with guys. Gelling is always a challenge, too." Stout hopes his tough non-conference schedule - and big men with seemingly spring-loaded shoes - will translate into MCCAAs wins, where Grand Rapids and Lansing are the favorites this season.

Hockeytown is Back

Brian Donaldson

Staff Writer

In the hearts of many Redwing fans this year, the uncertainty of a new beginning was prominent. After the NHL strike wiped out all of last year, the league went through a transition of many changes.

Salary caps were enforced throughout the league. The Wings had one of the largest payrolls in the league, which forced them to take an approximate \$30 million cut. To make way for the cap, the Wings made difficult decisions in releasing Jason Woolley, Mathieu Dandenault, Ray Whitney, Brett Hull, Curtis Joseph, and long-time fan favorite Darren McCarty, to name a few.

However, the Wings with first year coach, Mike Babcock, were not content in a total rebuilding process. They held onto a few crafty veterans such as the captain, Steve Yzerman,

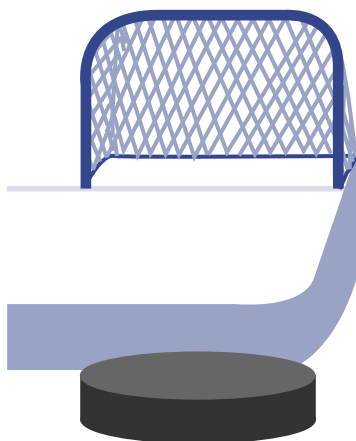
resigned Brendan Shanahan, Chris Chelios, and made a priority to retain the younger backbone of the team in Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk.

Babcock brings in a new style; no-nonsense, full discipline type of atmosphere. With his philosophy of up-tempo and hard working, fast skating combined with some of the new rules enforced, could lead to success. The game will be faster as a zero tolerance on interference, hooking and holding/obstruction will help. Also, a crack down on unsportsmanlike conduct will be enforced to a greater extent. Changes in zones will aid to more offensive production. The neutral zone will be reduced and the addition of four feet in each of the offensive zones should help out on power play opportunities.

Most media publications pick the Wings to challenge in the Central Division, but remain skeptic about their chances for a cup. A question concerning the

lack of depth and goal tending against better offensive outputs this year will be hard to overcome.

However, the Redwings are 15-3-1 currently and own the NHL's best record. With this outstanding start in hockeytown, it could be a start to better things to come, maybe a challenge for the cup, after all.



Brian Donaldson

Staff Writer

The KCC Men's basketball team has started the year and is looking for good things in the MCCA Western Conference. Coach Clint Stout is in his 4th year at the helm and is preparing the Bruins for further success down the road. "The non-conference schedule is very difficult, but by design. We need to prepare the younger kids for league play" said Stout.

The Bruins are currently 2-2, losing to Owens Community

College and Gloucester (NJ), in the Owens Tip-off Tournament. They came back with impressive

victories over Concordia, 99-71 and Columbus St., 93-79. The Bruins will look to a couple of key returning players in Cory Broyles, a 5-10 sophomore guard from Benton Harbor and Mike Bowers, a 6-5 sophomore forward from Custer. Broyles is a second team all-conference performer and is averaging 23 points per game. Bowers will help out down low. The Bruins will also look to

new-comers Toriano Adams from River Rouge High School, who is leading the team in rebounds and Jordan Cunningham for added depth.

According to Coach Stout, the team continues to improve on defense, but will need to get stronger in rebounding as the season progresses. The league should be very competitive and balanced this year. The Bruins open up their league portion on January 4th at home against Glen Oaks Community College. On December 10th they host Edison Community College in the final non-conference game at home.



Photo by Bob Youngs.

DECEMBER - JANUARY BRUIN SPORTS CALENDER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

2	Cincinnati State Community College	A	7:00
3	Columbus State Community College	A	3:00
7	Mott Community College	A	7:30
10	Edison Community College	H	3:00
16-17	Kirkland Christmas Tournament	A	TBA

JANUARY

2	Edison Community College	A	3:00
4	Glen Oaks Community College	H	7:30
7	Muskegon Community College	A	7:30
11	Lansing Community College	H	7:30
13	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	A	7:00
18	Grand Rapids Community College	H	7:30
21	Ancilla College	A	1:00
25	Lake Michigan College	H	7:30
28	Glen Oaks Community College	A	3:00

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

1	Oakland Community College	A	7:00
3	St. Clair Community College	A	5:00
7	Owens Community College	A	3:00
9-10	Macomb Community College	A	4:00
14	Mott Community College	A	5:30
17	Hope College JV	A	3:30
19	Schoolcraft Community College	A	6:00

JANUARY

4	Glen Oaks Community College	H	5:30
7	Muskegon Community College	A	5:30
11	Lansing Community College	H	5:30
14	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	A	1:00
18	Grand Rapids Community College	H	5:30
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