

Veteran's day

Editorial

On November 11, we honor our veterans for their unwavering service and sacrifice. We commemorate, acknowledge, and affirm the contributions made by our veterans to secure the liberties we continue to enjoy.

What originally started as Armistice Day, a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honor WWI Veterans, is now a day to honor the sacrifices and contributions of all veterans during peacetime or wartime.

The veterans of wars past served without question, doing so with courage and honor. They embody the attributes we yearn for as role models to exhibit the qualities that we can be proud of in this generation as well as the next -- a true commitment to freedom. They are also qualities that make this nation stand out as a beacon of freedom at a dark and dangerous time in our world. These men and women readily accept the responsibility of being our caretakers and defenders of freedom.

In the recent past, battles fought in Korea and Vietnam underlined the need for our troops to receive our unwavering support. Now, members of the armed forces from active, guard and reserve units are being asked to serve in conflicts abroad in Afghanistan, or Iraq, or to serve in our homeland. They are all fully deserving of our respect and gratitude and we must give them nothing less.

In America, we honor all veterans on this solemn day because despite the convulsive changes occasioned by war across the decades and centuries, there is one constant: the willingness

of patriots in every generation to answer their country's call to arms.

This Veterans Day resolve to remember. Check in on a neighbor's family left behind, say thanks to the soldier sitting in the airport, or listen to veterans recount their stories. It's still a day dedicated to remember the struggle for world peace and the men and women who try to fulfill that mission all around the globe. Troops go where they are sent. It is every U.S. citizen's responsibility to make sure the cause is worth the cost and that their sacrifices are recognized and remembered.



Drug dogs on campus

Liz McCord
 Editor-in-Chief

Kellogg Community College is training two German shepherd dogs and two handlers from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department to become certified canine teams. These two teams will be the first canine teams at the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. KCC is the only community college in the area to provide training required for canine team certification.

The German shepherd dogs, Terck Medrsak, from Slovakia, and Apollo von der Pfeffergasse, from Germany, were imported and partially trained by the instructors for the course. Over a five week period, the dogs were trained in patrol work, detection work, tracking, building searches and property searches. After completing 200 hours of training, the dogs and their handlers will be evaluated using the standards of the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH) with the intent of becoming certified and starting their duties.



Left to Right: Deputy Phil Neuman with Appollo Von der Pfeffergasse and Sergeant Jim Sandlin with Terck Merdrsak

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This is a new program created by the Criminal Justice Department and the RMTTC Specialized training. Ron Ivey, Director of Law Enforcement Training, said, "This has been a valuable training experience for our community, providing KCC's Police Academy students with career learning opportunities in track laying and

searches."

The handlers for the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department attending the training are Sergeant Jim Sandlin and Deputy Phil Neuman.

The trainers for the course are retired Sergeant Warren Miller from the Michigan State Police, and Officer Chad Fickle from the Battle Creek Police Department. Sergeant Miller is certified as a Master Trainer under NAPCH and is also the former Canine Unit Commander for the Michigan State Police. Officer Fickle is a Trainer under NAPCH and is a current dog handler with the Battle Creek Police Department in charge of the department's training for the unit.

For more information, contact KCC's Director of Law Enforcement Training, Ron Ivey, at (269) 965-3931 extension 2748.

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KCC student earns premier welding certification

Liz McCord
Editor-in-chief

Larry Dorsey survived Hurricane Katrina by floating on a refrigerator door. Now he is making a new life for himself, in part with the education he is receiving at KCC.

Dorsey received notification on Wednesday, Sept. 30, that he passed the American Welding Society's 6G Pipe Welding Certification. The national certification means that the Air Force veteran can make approximately \$25 to \$30 per

Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. It was the day after his birthday when the flood waters started to rise. He thought, like all of the other times, the waters would subside.

Within two days, his food supply had diminished so he resorted to using a refrigerator door as a flotation device to find food for him and his neighbors. When he realized the waters were not receding, he decided it was time to leave.

After his rescue, he arrived in Battle Creek where he met Reba Harrington. She came out to Fort Custer to meet

with him and the others from New Orleans. During their talks, Dorsey told Harrington that he didn't have a way commute to and from work, so Harrington provided him with a vehicle.

However, after a knee replacement, Dorsey found himself without a job, so he decided to back to school for welding.

"I really like it," Dorsey said about KCC's Regional Manufacturing Technology Center and his welding classes. "If you come here to learn, they are willing to teach you."

Dorsey's next step is to find a job using his new certification. He hopes to stay in the Battle Creek area.

For additional information on KCC's welding program, contact Doug Adams at (269) 965-4137.



Larry Dorsey welding student

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hour inspecting and supervising welding projects.

The certification is rare, and opens up a broad range of employment opportunities.

Dorsey arrived in Battle Creek after surviving seven days of flooding from

Student financial aid

William Cook
Staff Writer

Applying for financial aid can be a sometimes tricky matter, and often a grueling process. KCC offers a wide variety of financial loan and aid opportunities, such as federal grants, federal loans, work study, and other forms of student assistance.

All students may apply for financial aid and can do this by going to filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) worksheet. This worksheet is available at the Kellogg Community College Financial Aid Office, or you may file on the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

There are several things you will want to determine before filling out this application, so the earlier the better when filing for student aid.

The Department of Education outlines what conditions are necessary to receive a Pell Grant. To be eligible you must:

- Demonstrate financial need by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Have a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate OR demonstrate "ability to benefit" by passing an approved test
- Meet satisfactory academic progress
- Be enrolled in an eligible post-secondary school
- Be working toward a first undergraduate degree or teaching credential
- Certify that the funds will be used only for educational purposes
- Be registered with the Selective Service if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25.

However, Federal Pell Grants are considered "need-based" grants, and may not be awarded in certain circumstances. The U.S. Department of Education states "The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post bac-

calaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. Grant amounts are dependent on: the student's expected family contribution (EFC) (see below); the cost of attendance (as determined by the institution); the student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time); and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less."

Loans applications are available at KCC and you may choose to apply for either a subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Student Loan. The difference between subsidized and unsubsidized loans is when the interest begins, so make your decision carefully.

There are also other opportunities, such as the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, which is "an act to provide free tuition for North American Indians in public, state, community, or public junior colleges, public colleges or universities, or federal tribally controlled community colleges."

According to the FAFSA Web site you must "Submit 2009-2010 FAFSA on the Web Applications by midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2010."

Also, the amount of assistance you will receive is dependent on your enrollment status among many other fine print variables. So, make sure to thoroughly inquire with regard to your eligibility status.

Different schools will often have different processes, procedures, and requirements. Remember, these are federally funded grant and loan programs, so occasionally there is a ton of "red tape" to cut through. It can be frustrating and time consuming so get started early and bombard the financial aid workers with all your concerns and questions if necessary.

For more information contact the Kellogg Community College Financial Aid Office at (269) 965-3931 or you may send an email to finaid@kellogg.edu.

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KCC Opera Workshop Ensemble Presents

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Letters may be submitted by mail to: KCC Bruin student newspaper, c/o Kellogg Community College, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. 49017. Letters may also be submitted at all three KCC sites. At the Battle Creek site, letters may be dropped off in the English Department on the main floor of the C Building; the College Life Office in the Student Center; or the student newspaper office.

At the Grahl and Fehsenfeld Centers, letters may be submitted at the information desks.
The Bruin office is located in room 302 of the Roll Building. The staff can be reached at (269) 965-3931, Ext. 2630 or e-mail the Bruin editor at bruin@kellogg.edu

ATP job coaching

Courtney Grant
Guest Writer

Kellogg Community is offering a program to assist the Adult Training Program students in learning the skills they need to acquire before working in the "real world".

The ATP students are 19-26 year olds, from the Doris Klaussen Developmental Center who have mild to severe developmental impairments and disabilities.

This program is managed by Amy Benn and Sheila Ritsema, teachers, and Deb Leahy, job coach, from the Doris Klaussen Developmental Center, who work with Donn Montgomery, a psychology teacher here at Kellogg.

A KCC student job coach works with one or two ATP students providing them training to help them perform tasks that meet society's expectations. Students are taught communication and courtesy.

"The students from the Adult Training Program are really enjoying their new opportunity to work on the KCC campus and to meet new friends, the job coaches. They are benefiting from this post-high school job training in an environment with others their same age. KCC's campus is our classroom right now," said Sheila Ritsema, ATP teacher.

Deb Leahy an ATP job coach says, "It has been great to see the progress of the students socially and how they have

become comfortable in their job environment. I have watched all of them grow and it has been a wonderful experience for all of us."

The Students help out the campus in areas including the kitchen, theater, and in the classrooms wiping tables and white boards. Some of them even wash Bruin busses.

While accomplishing these tasks they may make mistakes. That is where job coaches step in. The job coaches help them remember what they are supposed to be doing and continue doing that task. Their ability to accomplish a task is written down in their folder they have. The job coaches write the good, as well as the areas needed for improvement they saw that day.

Kayla Brott a KCC student job coach says, "Working with the kids and getting to know them and knowing that I am helping them learn the skills that they need so that they can get a job after they are done with school is the greatest reward."

As Kayla says, helping the ATP students can be very satisfying, and being a job coach can make a difference in the ATP students' lives, as well as in their own.

For more information, contact Donn Montgomery, by calling KCC and entering ext. 2227 or by emailing him at montgomeryd@kellogg.edu. You can also call ATP teachers Sheila Ritsema at 317-9656, or Amy Benn at 317-9889.

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Genre- Period Piece (R)

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Ten tips for time management

Paige Gordeneer
Staff Writer

With the semester well under way students are learning the difficulties of managing school and work schedules and their social lives. Being a student and working at the same time can be challenging and efficient time management is crucial.

Several students have different methods for time management and each method varies depending on who the person is.

Here are a few methods students from the area use to manage their time:

1 "I say do your homework as soon as you can when you get out of class and manage times when you can work around your what your class schedule is."

—Casey Barnes

2 "I pretty much just make sure that I do some studying every day, even when I don't have classes so that I don't get overwhelmed at any point. I have to find time every day no matter what."

—Jillian McDade

3 "Google docs is pretty sweet. It's a word processor. I don't have to print stuff at home. I just do it at class usually. That might save some time too."

—Elliot Travis

4 "Well I leave 30 minutes early for work to get there on time and I stay as long as I can so I can get more hours in at work. Also, I do homework as soon as I get it."

—Michael Worthington

5 "It's hard. I've just started getting the hang of it. At first I was really overwhelmed, especially

since I have two jobs now. But, what I do is I try to get done everything that is due first. Like, I have a break in between my morning and afternoon class every day, so I do whatever homework is due in the morning first, and then save the rest for my break. It gives me something to do, and I don't waste gas driving home during that break."

—Amanda Willerick

6 "I take a 20 minute nap every day, even if I don't fall asleep, just to let my mind rest."

—Brittani Mackey

7 "I make sure that I don't procrastinate. I also use a planner so I know that things are written down and organized."

—Kierstin Elliot

8 "Keep a calendar! That is for sure. Between work and school and actually having a life, it saves me!"

—Krista Newsum

9 "I have a white board at home with my husband's schedule and mine in two different colors. It really helps manage our time. I also use the calendar in my phone for mobile access. I know it may seem frivolous or even tedious to some, but outlining your week including your work times school times and any extra plans may help you to visualize all you have going on and then you can block in times for homework, studying, going out etc."

—Aly Warren

10 "I set alarms on my cell phone to go off at different intervals as a heads up to help me be on time to work and school."

—Cory Gordeneer

Do what works best for you. After all, it is your time. Use it wisely.

The great Zoo Boo pumpkin carve of 2009

Michael W. Ghere
Guest Writer

My wife Star and I arrived at Binder Park Zoo at exactly 4:00pm, on Wednesday, October 7, to the classic sounds of "The Monster Mash" and the smell of autumn in the air. We were graciously greeted by a volunteer and instructed on where to go, the rules, and what refreshments were being offered this year. After we each got our carving knife and pumpkin gut-scooper, we headed towards a huge wagon overflowing with pumpkins of all sizes. I of course chose the biggest one I could see. I carried it over to the picnic tables; although I love children, I had no desire to be surrounded by them. Besides, my design required that I have a higher surface space in which to work so it wouldn't roll around.

We were instructed to carve our hole in the bottom of the pumpkins so that they could be carried around easily by the stem, and Christmas lights were to be strung along the bottom and inserted up into them to simulate the candle effect. I designed my pumpkin to resemble a Michigan University Football helmet. Since my pumpkin was so big, and it was more oval than round, I decided to place it on its side with the stem at the rear of the "helmet." I cut my hole as small as possible to allow my hand and part of my arm to slip inside. My plan was to scrape and dump, not grab and pull. I scraped for all my miniature shovel was worth and dumped the remains into a bucket.

I decided to carve the wing and striped design of the "Wolverine" on the top of the pumpkin first. Instead of actually carving into it, I merely cut the pattern out by inserting the knife only a quarter inch into the pumpkin. I then

proceeded to pry up the outer pumpkin shell inside the pattern lines. This made the three lines and curvy brow a very light orange-yellow color, thus separating it from the bright but dark orange of the rest of the pumpkin. Quick sports fact here, the Michigan head coach put this pattern on the helmets of the wide receivers so the quarterback could spot them more easily down field. I designed my pumpkin without the aid of a premade pattern. Those pumpkin-carving prefabricated stencil

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books take almost all of the creativity out of carving a Jack-o-lantern at Halloween. If that is what people want, fine, but Halloween pumpkins should remind us of snowflakes. No two should look exactly the same.

Then came the most challenging part of the entire project...carving the face mask. There are several different styles of face masks; depending on which position the player is, there is a specific design. For example, a kicker's face mask has barely any protection, thus creating bigger holes in the pumpkin and providing little support. I decided to go with a generic version with as many "lintels and posts" as I could get away with in order to make it as sturdy as possible. As I stepped back from what I viewed (and most Wolverine fans would agree) as a holiday masterpiece, I was suddenly saddened. I did not get to take my artwork home. Oh well, at least it would bring a lot of joy to the many Michigan fans of all ages who would be strolling through the zoo during the next several weeks. Plus, I did not have to worry at all about cleaning up. That's the great thing about this pumpkin carve, not to mention the free doughnuts, cider and hot cocoa.

After my triumphant creation, I was greeted by a handful of boos and hisses, apparently most of the zoo volunteers were from State. But it didn't really matter, most of the children and other guests cheered as I walked to the transport wagon. I was swamped with people taking photos.

On the way home, I imagined how awesome that Wolverine-o-lantern would look sitting among the other pumpkins along the zoo trail.

November Academic Workshops

Nov. 4 **Power Point 2007**
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Nov. 5 **Identify Theft—
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Nov. 9 **Citing Sources (APA,
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12-1 pm

Nov. 18 **Motivation**
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(LRC)10-11 am

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For God and country

Kenny Clevenger
Staff Writer

"God is dead." This quote scares me. For we as Americans depend on the very idea that God is alive, and working. If God is dead, then freedom as we know it has died too.

American freedom starts in the very unique Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men."

This distinctive idea that we are endowed by our creator the right to be free before we were born has inspired groups for generations to fight for their own freedom. This thought cast the shackles off slaves, lifted the chains off the religiously oppressed, and moved women and minorities to the ballot box to be counted. They all realized that no other human being can stifle the right to be free because rights come from God, not man.

While the Declaration of Independence echoes around the world, one word of that pronouncement stands out among all the rest. Creator.

At the time our Declaration of Independence all nations were ruled by a monarchy, many of whom were authoritarian tyrants. They had the noble belief that they were anointed by God to rule those less fortunate. Americans knew that monarchs held no closer relation to God than any other human being, and so they were to be treated the same as you and I. They also knew that

freedom comes not at the sword of a monarch but from the hand of god.

Our whole system of government revolves around the idea that you are born free, and no one can take the right to be free from you. Recent attacks on the Christian institution of America only rocks the foundation of the very design of freedom; that rights come from God and not a government. If we allow government to decide what is best for us, we must remember that a government

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has the power to take away everything it gives to us.

If we abandon this belief in God, freedom

will fail. If God no longer guarantees rights who is to guarantee them? Man? Government? We have seen in Earth's long history what happens when human beings' liberties are put in the hands of other humans and government. Death, destruction, pain and agony all followed the abuse of power of Hitler, Stalin, Muammar al-Qaddafi, Kim Jung Il, Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic.

When the Bolsheviks staged their revolution of Russia, they destroyed its church and forced atheism as its official religion. The Bolsheviks banished the idea of freedom for a reason. They knew that if the people of their nation looked to a higher being than the state, they would rise up against the rulers of their government and force freedom.

As we head into the next century, let us not abandon our Christian foundation. Leave in God We Trust on our money. Let us pledge to One Nation Under God. Let us live on with the idea that has made us the greatest democracy this world has ever seen. If we stay true to our own belief in freedom, we will spread it like wildfire.



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Swine flu pandemonium

William Cook
Staff Writer



The Swine Flu pandemic has people sneezing and hacking this fall, making an appearance in local institutions and ostensibly stirring up the local community.

The Swine Flu is a subtype of Influenza A, a combination of several types of genes. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) H1N1 has genes from the human, swine, and avian flu subtypes. The CDC and other agencies and organizations admit the Swine Flu is a relatively "mild" virus and that in fact, it shares many of the same characteristics of the regular "seasonal" flu.

The reality is that although the Swine Flu is potentially dangerous, like many other viruses, it is not likely to be as threatening as many would like us to believe. The CDC lists off the people whom are more at risk: — young children, pregnant women, and people with pre-existing medical conditions. Contrary to the common belief older people are not as much at risk as previously assumed, a Time magazine article headlined "5 burning questions about Swine Flu" pointed out that the results of studies performed suggest stronger immunity in those over the age 60.

The most severe cases those in which the infected person has a type of bacterial pneumonia. Dual infection is often to blame for an increased Swine Flu mortality rate, according to NPR Health (National Public Radio). Time magazine also makes it clear that the strong majority of Swine Flu victims do not require hospitalization.

On campus, some students seem to agree that the H1N1-hype is excessive, annoying, and in some cases unfounded. One KCC student says "Swine Flu is not that frightening." The student continues to say that the Swine Flu is not anything to lose your sleep over. This seems to be a common belief among many students here at Kellogg Community College.

The Swine Flu receives far too much attention considering it is not much more deadly than seasonal flu. The media, the bureaucracy, and the medical industry prey on our fear as we sit quietly in the corner waiting to be subjugated by the next great cataclysmic event.

Often times we fail to be skeptical and are reduced to puppets in the wake of these events. Remember when America was attacked by terrorists in the fall of 2001? It was a horrible and tragic time. But the months after were far more disturbing. Terrified citizens went out to purchase a mess of guns, ammo, and artillery. The sale of gas masks and other personal protective equipment skyrocketed in every part of the United States. Residents in the most desolate parts of the country locked their doors, fearing a terrorist plot unfolding right in the back-

yards of the most insignificant rural communities.

Swine flu and the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks are completely different subject there are some parallels.

The acts of hysteria were symptoms of a virus, a virus that can be more fatal, destructive, and consuming than any other in the world, a virus that spreads faster and easier than the most contagious agents in existence. This virus is "fear." It is extremely caustic and has caused some of most devastating and dangerous epidemics of all time. In an age when almost all news is bad news, who is safe from this virus? It's one thing after another: war, terrorism, dwindling economy, healthcare crisis, skyrocketing

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unemployment rates ... and now Swine Flu.

It is time to think critically, be skeptical, and resist these scare tactics. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

Thanksgiving

Kenny Clevenger
Staff Writer

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberries, and pumpkin pie: the recipe for a delicious thanksgiving. But of course, this meal is incomplete.

What is even more important than the food on the table, is the people sitting around it. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and giving thanks for all our blessings. And one of the greatest blessings there is, is family.

In our hectic lives, it's easy to lose sight of the important things and get caught up in a chaotic schedule. Thanksgiving is one of the few breaks we get a year. During this holiday we are able to take time off and spend it with family which can be hard with modern day life moving so fast.

Thanksgiving is a great time to reconnect with loved ones, spend time with family, and take a collective breath to remember the aspects of life that are truly important.

Of course there are other traditions that go along with the thanksgiving holiday. One of the greatest American traditions of the holiday is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every morning on

thanksgiving the parade takes place in New York. This tradition has been held for the past 82 years and draws people from all over to take view of this wondrous spectacle.

What would thanksgiving be



without football? This rings especially true for those of us in Michigan, home of the Detroit Lions. The Lions were the key players in the founding of football being played on Thanksgiving, and still carry out this tradition every year. In fact, they were the first team to play on Thanksgiving against the Bears. Lions and turkeys and bears, oh my! Win or no win, the Lions are an integral part of Thanksgiving festivities. Football and Thanksgiving: two great American traditions combined.

So this Thanksgiving, loosen your belts, toss around the old pigskin, and take time to remember just how much you have to be thankful for.

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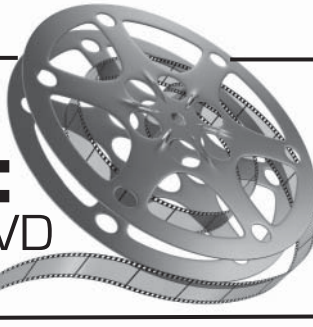
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Movie Review:

Summer blockbusters hit DVD



Zach Bush
Staff Writer



Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Cool cars, guns, explosions and big robots kicking the crap out of each other.

Could there be a better plan for an action movie? Maybe not, but I have to have faith that there is. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" came out on DVD in October for anyone who didn't catch it in theaters, or just wanted to spend another two and a half hours revisiting it. The film, which grossed \$401,954,762 at the box office, received mostly poor reviews, and justifiably so. The lack of plot killed this movie from the get go. It seems as if the game plan for director Michael Bay was to pack this movie full of as many special effects as possible to leave the audience stunned and hopefully distracted from the movie's flaws. Those who saw the first "Transformers" (STYLE MOVIE TITLES ALWAYS IN QUOTES) movie probably went into this film with high expectations that "Revenge" never lives up to. It's true, there were worse movies released this summer, but none of them had a \$200 million budget. Judged on its special effects alone, this would be the best movie I've ever seen. Unfortunately for "Revenge of the Fallen," it takes a little more than that. The bar was set high and "Revenge of the Fallen" fell short. For those of you lucky enough to have not spent the money at theaters, and I doubt there are many of you, I suggest renting the movie. It's the kind of movie you can sit through for two and half hours, but only once.

Year One

Fans of Michael Cera's knack for

awkward humor, will likely be excited to hear about "Year One." The movie, also starring Jack Black, revolves around Cera and Black traveling around a world that seems to lack a timeline. They start in a hunter and gatherer village and quickly move on to the Roman Empire, coming across biblical references along the way, such as characters from the story of Cain and Able. It's not supposed to make logical sense, and that the filmmakers did not limit themselves to one specific time period was helpful. The concept of "the first ever road trip" was a good one and should have made for a good laugh, and it did to some extent. Cera's performance saved this movie and those who enjoyed Cera's style of comedic acting from his other movies, such as "Super Bad" and "Juno" are likely to get the most out of this new effort. "Year One" released on DVD in October, and if you haven't seen it yet, it's worth renting.

Drag Me to Hell

If you're like the average horror movie fan, when you see a horror movie slated to come out that has a PG-13 label, it tends to put you off. Don't be fooled by "Drag Me To Hell's" rating, however. Although this movie isn't choked full of gore, it can flat out twist your mind with some of the odd things you'll see. The bits of comedy sprinkled through the movie, also allow it to hit on two different ends of the movie genre spectrum, making this movie enjoyable for a much larger demographic than your typical horror flick. The plot revolves around Christine Brown, a loan officer, who refuses to give another woman and extension on her loan. The result is a curse—Brown will be haunted for three days and then dragged to hell. The plot sounds somewhat silly, but it makes for a pretty good movie. "Drag Me to Hell" released on DVD in October, is just in time for Halloween. If you haven't seen it yet, it's worth renting, if not buying.

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BRUIN BEAT

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 Concert Band Fall Performance**
Binda Performing Arts Center • 3 pm
- 2 Transfer Fair**
Student Center • 10 am-1 pm
- 3 Coffeehouse Performance: Megan Slankard**
Student Center • 11 am-1 pm
- 3-Dec 12 Election Day – US Census Fair**
Student Center • 11 am-1 pm
- 4 Kampus Activities Board – General Meeting**
Student Center • 2 pm
- 4 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Speaker**
Binda Performing Arts Center • 10 am and 11 am
- 4 Power Point 2007- Academic Workshop**
O 08 • 2-3pm
- 4 Community College Choral Festival**
St. Cecilia Music Center 24 Ransom NE, Grand Rapids
All day event
- 5 Identify Theft—What you need to know—Academic Workshop**
Spring Lake Room (LRC) • 10-11 am
- 6, 8 Region XII Volleyball Tournament**
Grand Rapids, MI • TBA
- 9 Citing Sources (APA, MLA, Chicago)—Academic Workshop**
Spring Lake Room (LRC) • 12-1:00 pm
- 10 Non-Profit Fair**
Student Center • 11 am-1 pm
- 10 Leadership Challenge Luncheon**
TBA • 1-3 pm
- 13 Bruins Give Back: Habitat for Humanity**
Battle Creek, MI • 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm
- 16 Native American Heritage Celebration**
Student Center • 11 am-1 pm
- 16-Dec. 11 Regional Women In the Arts Exhibition—Juried Show**
Davidson Gallery (FREE) • 8 am-4:30 pm
- 18 Motivation—Academic Workshop**
Spring Lake Room (LRC) • 10-11 am
- 19 Opening Reception Regional Women in the Arts**
Exhibition- Juried Show
Davidson Gallery (FREE) • 4 pm- 6 pm
- 20 KCC Opera Workshop Ensemble Presentation: Act 2 Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss**
Binda Performing Arts Center (free) • 7:30 pm

Faculty Recital Performances



Some of the performers from the Oct. 11 faculty recital are: (from top right clockwise) Paul Freeburn, Paula Puckett, Steve Case, Gerald Blanchard, Mark Wells, Elinor Marsh, Barbara Sudeikis, Betty Picard, and Pamela Ingles.



Bruins back on the hardwood

Tyler Rouch
Staff Writer

The Kellogg Community College Men's Basketball team is gearing up for another season with high hopes attached.

The team of 15 players is led by captains Jacorrian Howell, Bill Young, and LaTony O'Neal. With the season opener being so close the team has been working very hard week in and week out to meet their expectations when it comes to seasonal play.

Drills, conditioning, and scrimmaging have been the story of the season so far for the Bruins basketball team. The workouts are all about working together, according to Freshman Troy Feight.

"Right now it's about getting together as a team. Our biggest focus is getting in good condition and learning the plays along with getting our team chemistry down."

Feight also pointed out that along with the responsibility of practicing the



players also are expected to attend a mandatory study which takes place every Monday at 2:30 p.m.

The team has most recently scrimmaged the South Bend hero's camp, and the Lakeland and Florence Crane prisons. Although the trips didn't turn out as the team imagined the players quickly learned that this trip would be much more than just another game, it would represent a learning experience in each and every one of the player's lives. Many of the players described the scrimmage as a humbling experience in which they learned many things about life and how it can change due to situations and sudden decisions by listening to the inmates.

The teams' goal this year is to win a conference championship and make a run late in the year toward a championship trophy.

This is a goal that the team will address early in the season when they gear up for a rivalry game against a familiar foe in Mott Community College Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. on the Bruins' home floor.

Bruin Baseball

Tyler Rouch
Staff Writer

Members of the KCC baseball team say they are looking forward to the upcoming season on the field.

The team has been working very hard during the offseason. Throughout the week they consistently practice from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Practice, as described by the players, sounds more like conditioning. The players are constantly running and hitting in the batting cages. It would be an understatement to say there is competition during practice due to the fact that the team consists of 33 players

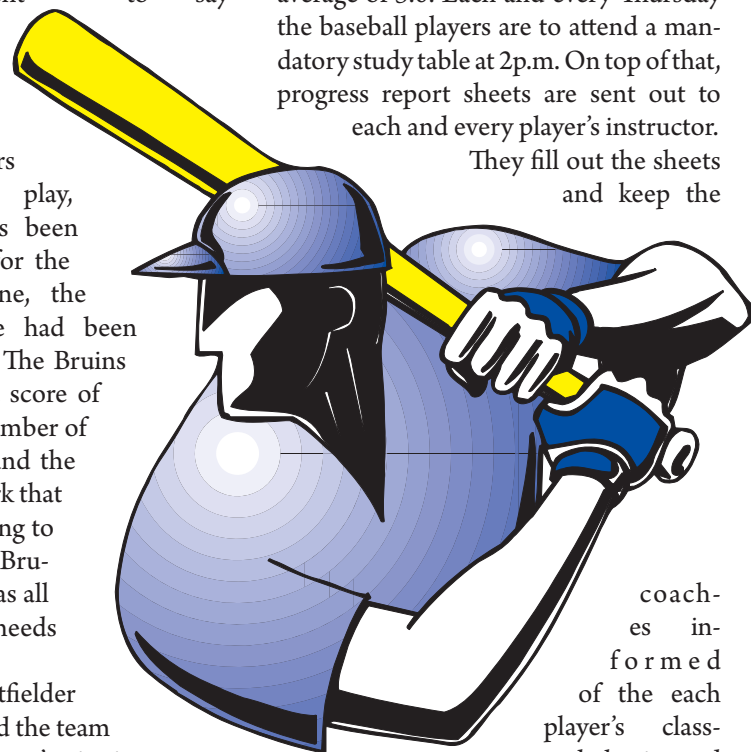
In offseason play, however, there has been little competition for the Bruins. At deadline, the most recent game had been against Davenport. The Bruins won the game in a score of 3-1. With a large number of returning players, and the amount of hard work that the players are willing to endure, the men's Bruins Baseball team has all of the potential it needs to reach its goals.

Freshman outfielder Anthony Brown said the team hopes to repeat last year's winning ways. "I feel like everyone on the team works very hard and comes to practice with a positive attitude. It's no secret that last year's team was very successful and surprised a lot of people when they went

as far as they did. We've got a lot of guys on the team who were apart of last year's success and we don't plan on settling for anything less this year. Our coach feels the same way which really makes us feel good about our goal of making the World Series again and having a shot at a championship this year."

But those aren't the only expectations that Coach Eric Laskovy has for his players. In the two previous seasons the men's baseball team has been under Laskovy the team has maintained a G.P.A. average of 3.0. Each and every Thursday the baseball players are to attend a mandatory study table at 2p.m. On top of that, progress report sheets are sent out to each and every player's instructor.

They fill out the sheets and keep the



coaches informed of the each player's classroom behavior and overall efficiency in the classroom.

The team plans to help struggling students by offering free tutoring lessons for anyone who is interested as well.

Baseball players honored

Liz McCord
Editor in Chief

Kellogg Community College baseball players Garrett Yatch and Ryan Longstreth were honored along with their summer team, Midland Berryhill Post 165, during game one of the Major League Baseball World Series on October 28.

The players and the team won the National Championship of the American Legion World Series, held in August in Fargo, North Dakota. They were introduced on field before the game.

Over the summer, both KCC sophomores played on the Midland Berryhill Post 165 team for the final time. Longstreth and Yatch grew up in Midland, Michigan, and have been playing together since little league.

This was not the first trip to the World Series for the team, but it was their first time winning the National Championship. KCC second baseman, Yatch, also earned the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award for his positive attitude on and off the field.

The trip is an all-expenses paid trip by the American Legion National Headquarters, and will be Longstreth and Yatch's first trip to a MLB World Series Game.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us. Not many people get to go," said Longstreth. "It was great to experi-

ence this with our friends. "All the guys we will see on the field are our role models," added Yatch.

KCC pitcher Longstreth is finishing his second year at Kellogg Community College and then will be playing on scholarship at Central Michigan University.



Left to Right: Ryan Longstreth and Garrett Yatch Photo courtesy of KCC Athletic Department

He plans to major in Secondary Education at CMU. Yatch is looking at several four-year options, but is close to a decision. He is undecided on his major.

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