

# New Human Patient Simulation Center

**William Cook**  
 Staff Writer

A new Human Patient Simulation Center (HPSC) is scheduled to open here at KCC during spring semester 2010.

The center will be used by nursing students and potentially the EMS/EMT students as well, according to Theresa Dawson, Director of KCC's Nursing Education Program. "The school was dedicated to making this happen" says Dawson.

The Human Patient Simulation Center will be located in the newly renovated C-building and will consist of two rooms and a control center. Dawson says the center will use innovative, computer-based, high fidelity technology. The center will contain the latest, most advanced wireless human patient simulator mannequins, known as I-STANs.

The new technology is extremely expensive, and "the total cost for the initial development of the HPSC is approximately \$200,000" according to an article published by the Morning Star. Dawson says KCC already has raised nearly \$57,000 in grant money for the development of the center, but the mannequins alone cost approximately \$26,000.

Dr. Haring told the Morning Star that "we [KCC]

are looking for other funding sources to assist us with this innovative development, which is essential if we are to meet the current and future demand for skilled nurses."

Many agree with Dr. Haring's remarks. "I am extremely excited that this new technology is coming to KCC, and that I will be able to take advantage of it," said one KCC nursing student. Dawson says one of the advantages of the center is that the new technology will put the students in real and practical clinical settings, training the students to work with different types of situations without endangering an actual patient. But this is just one of many advantages.

According to both Dawson and the Morning Star, the center is just one of many advantages. **Continued on page .2**



Simulation Room in progress

# KCC launches Peer Advocate Program

**Liz McCord**  
 Editor-in-Chief

Kellogg Community College launched a new peer advocate program this semester to facilitate support, safety, and substance abuse education among students.

The mission of the program is to provide a safe place where students can receive confidential support and guidance.

The program, called Peer Advocates for Healthy Lifestyles, has three peer advocates so far, and plans to expand the number before the end of the school year.

The advocates are current KCC students who are employed to work five to 15 hours per week. In preparation for the program, they attended training sessions to harness skills such as, listening, red flag identification, and learning substance abuse information, resource and referral systems, campus departments and responsibilities, and confidentiality.

The current peer advocates are Kahyl Stevenson, Nicole Way, and Brad Elliott. All three are majoring in Human Services although all students are welcome to apply for a position.

"We looked for students with good people skills, who were interested in resource and networking, who knew of community resources, and who were interested in helping people make healthy choices," said Sherry Rial, KCC adjunct counselor and one of the organizers of the program. "The three advocates we have are



Left to Right: Nicole Way and Brad Elliott

Photo by Nicole Finkbeiner

wonderful and we are hoping to find more like them for the other open positions."

The idea for the program came from KCC's partnership with Prevention Abuse Substance Services, who approached the college to conduct a survey about

substance abuse. In August 2008, the college conducted a face-to-face survey of 250 students regarding drug use and alcohol abuse.

The results indicated that approximately half of the students surveyed were unaware of college drug and alcohol policies. Sixty percent of the respondents also agreed that the campus is concerned about the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

"The results of the survey showed us that we needed to do something in regards to drug and alcohol prevention on campus," said Dr. Marshall Washington, vice president of Student Services at KCC. After working with its partners, the college decided to move forward with grant money and develop the Peer Advocates for Healthy Lifestyles program.

The program is just beginning, but has already experienced some success. On October 30, 2009, the peer advocates and friends gathered outside in front of campus to celebrate that more than 100 students that pledged to not abuse alcohol or drugs. The peer advocates celebrated this first victory by planting a red tulip bulb for each student. The bulbs will bloom in April, Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month. They also planted white tulip bulbs in honor or memory of those hurt by substance abuse.

Student advocates are available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at an office located in the Learning Place on the third floor of the Ohm Information Technology Center on KCC's main campus. For more information, please contact Sherry Rial at (269) 965-3931 Ext. 2604 or rials@kellogg.edu.

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# Students feel stimulus impact, but not much

Ron Davis  
Advisor

A November 2009 survey of KCC students revealed that most are working, but are also concerned about earning a livable wage.

Sixty percent of the 95 KCC students interviewed reported they are currently employed. Right now the national unemployment rate is the highest it has been in recent memory, well above 9 percent.

The non-scientific survey sought to measure the impact of the recession upon students, and to note any students who had gained employment related to recent Federal stimulus money provided to Calhoun County.

More than 60 percent of respondents are aware of someone who has, or they themselves have, lost employment during the recession. However, only 41 percent believe that any of the Federal stimulus money is helping.

Nearly 40 percent of 25-44 year old students indicated that they believe the Federal stimulus money has "helped cre-

ate" more jobs, but this has helped only a little bit, say over nearly 70 percent of them.

Supporting that belief, of the 95 surveyed, fewer than 10 percent were working at a job actually "created or saved" by stimulus money.

Though 60 percent were working, only 45 percent of the respondents believed they were earning a livable wage with which they could support themselves or their family.

The recent Michigan State University 2009 Hiring Trends survey painted a bleak picture for job prospects for graduates. The report indicated that flexibility and entrepreneurship may be the way for most graduates to prepare for post-graduate employment.

The KCC survey was conducted as part of a class assignment by the English 152.02, Fall semester 2009. The data revealed knowledge and attitudes about recent Federal stimulus money and how it impacts KCC students. Over 60 percent of all respondents actually know what the stimulus money is.

# Patient simulation center

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Star the Human Patient Simulation Center will the increase of the quality of nursing education and the quantity of students, as well as the amount of nursing graduates. The Morning Star reports the new technology could increase the number of admitted students by 20 percent.

Although, the center is scheduled to open during the spring semester of 2010 the lab may not be fully operational until

the fall of 2010. "It will take time to train the faculty on the new equipment," Dawson said.

Overall, faculty and students alike say they are very excited to see Kellogg Community College continue to strive for new and revolutionary technology including ways to instruct the students and prepare them for their future and future careers.

# Academy for Leadership Development

Liz McCord  
Editor-in-Chief

Five Kellogg Community College employees have completed a year-long program designed to broaden their understanding of leadership. Rick Scott, Paula Puckett, Barbara Sudeikis, John Jones, and Nicole Finkbeiner recently graduated from the Mesa Community College's Academy for Leadership Development.

The Academy for Leadership and Development offers opportunities to acquire, broaden, and understand major research and theoretical developments in leadership. The mission of the program is to design and promote world-class training programs and services to advance academic and administrative leadership for post-secondary institutions world-wide in an era of change.

Participants had the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in selecting, integrating, and recognizing behavioral styles and how to correctly approach these issues. They were also taught how to address leadership problems through a system designed to raise morality and motivation among participants.

Paula Puckett, chair of the Arts and Communications department said, "The Leadership Academy experience was beneficial for several reasons: it provided insights about the importance of focusing on strengths of individuals, teams, and the organization. It challenged me to have crucial conversations with people and it made me more appreciative of the friends I have at the college. Each one of these reasons made it worthwhile, but combined with the feedback I received from three people in my department and my supervisor about my strengths and

what I need to work on, it was priceless."

Participants attend day-long sessions for two weeks at the beginning and end of the one-year program. Throughout the year they use a professional development plan crafted for each individual participant. Each participant is involved in a mentoring program that offers three supervisors and peer evaluations. During the one year period they journal and undertake a reflective practice. They also receive graduate credit at the completion of the program. Topics covered include: understanding self and others, leading and managing effective teams, strategic planning and scenario thinking, managing conflict productively and engaging in crucial conversations, appreciating diversity, coaching and developing for exemplary performance outcomes, and many more.

Rick Scott, Chief Financial Officer, said, "The Chair Academy has been beneficial for a number of reasons. The most important was having a professional development plan documented that outlined certain things that needed to be accomplished in order to complete the academy. And in completing these tasks, I believe our department is improving its communication and finding solutions to problems or issues in a more pro-active manner than before. It also brings you to a cognitive level about who you are and how you act, and react, in certain situations. And it gives you tools to recognize and understand other individuals' behavior styles, which will help in ensuring communication with those individuals is as productive as possible." For more information about The Academy for Leadership and Development, visit [www.chairacademy.com](http://www.chairacademy.com)

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Barbara Sudeikis, John Jones, Paula Puckett, Richard Scott, Nicole Finkbeiner

Photo by Penny Rose

# KCC rededicates front steps, W.K. Kellogg quote

Liz McCord  
Editor-in-Chief

On November 17, Kellogg Community College employees, along with representatives from the Battle Creek community, rededicated the front steps and the W.K. Kellogg quote that now graces the front steps.

The renovations to the front steps include the addition of an Americans with Disabilities Act ramp, a student drop-off point away from the main flow of traffic, and a complete renovation of the steps. “The goal of this project was to allow for easier access to our campus. When the steps were built 50 plus years ago, the original design did not include accommodations for those who need handicapped access, those using strollers for young children, and our students using the rolling backpacks. This new design will make it much easier for everyone to have access to the front of campus,” said Mark O’Connell, Kellogg Community College’s Vice President for Administration and Finance.

In addition, the college wanted to place more emphasis on the W.K. Kellogg quote located on the steps. The quote reads “Education offers the greatest opportunity for really improving one generation over another” W.K. Kellogg. The quote was originally behind the waterfall

portion of the front steps, but the college decided to relocate it to increase the emphasis on the quote. “The thoughts of W.K. Kellogg expressed on the front entrance to the college captures the feelings and beliefs of our KCC faculty and staff,” said KCC President, Dr. G. Edward Haring. “We all believe that we change lives for the better every day here at Kellogg Community College.”

Approximately 30 KCC employees attended the event. They were joined by KCC Board Chairman Jonathan Byrd, KCC Board Vice-Chair Jill Booth, Sterling Speirn, Jim McHale, and Reggie LaGrand from the W.K. Kellogg

Foundation, Linda Wendt from the Battle Creek Community Foundation, Jason Kopp from Skanska, Thomas Mathison from Tower Pinkster, and Woodrow Isaacs III from Site Design Solutions.

Construction management for the project was by Skanska, architectural design and electrical engineering was completed by Tower Pinkster, and Site Design Solutions finalized the project by designing the landscape. The funding for the renovation came from the college’s Maintenance and Replacement Fund, a fund specifically designated for campus facility improvements and maintenance.

For more information, please contact Kellogg Community College at (269) 965-3931 or visit [www.kellogg.edu](http://www.kellogg.edu).

“Education offers the greatest opportunity for really improving one generation over another.” W. K. Kellogg



Photo by Nicole Finkbeiner

From left to right: Mark O’Connell (KCC Vice President of Administration and Finance), Reggie LaGrand (W.K. Kellogg Foundation), Sterling Speirn (W.K. Kellogg Foundation), Jill Booth (KCC Board Vice Chair), Jonathan Byrd (KCC Board Chair), Dr. Edward Haring (KCC President), Woodrow Isaacs III (Site Design Solutions), Thomas Mathison (Tower Pinkster), Jason Kopp (Skanska), and John DiPierro (KCC Director of Institutional Facilities and Public Safety)

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- 7, 8 **Stress Busters**  
Student Center • 11 am-1 pm
- 9 **Davidson Student Recital Series #2**  
Performances by KCC students studying through the Individualized Music Lesson Program Area  
Davidson Auditorium • Free • 1 pm
- 10 **Exhibition Closing Reception**  
Davidson Gallery (free) • 5-8 pm
- 11 **Holiday Band Concert KCC Concert Band**  
Bind Performing Arts Center (free)  
7:30 pm
- 16 **Phi Theta Kappa – General Meeting**  
Spring Lake Room • 1 pm  
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- 16 **Kampus Activities Board Holiday Bash**  
Student Center • 2 pm
- 16-17 **Auditions for Spring Musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie”**  
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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](mailto:bruin@kellogg.edu)

# What Christmas means to us

**William Cook**  
Staff Writer

It is getting close to Christmas time, and as the carolers are caroling and the decorators are decorating, I am beginning to think more and more about what Christmas is like for me and my family.

Compared to other families, mine does not celebrate Christmas like others. The main reason is because my family is non-religious. Thankfully, that means no early morning Christmas church services and no extremely awkward moments of saying grace at the dinner table; not to

say those are bad, they are just simply unnatural to me.

However, I do believe that families who partake in religious ceremonies for their Christmas celebrations have opportunities to experience things that I would like to experience.

Celebrating the holidays with large group of people and doing more for the community than I would normally do, like helping the poor or handing out presents to sick children, are two examples. I find myself oddly inspired to do special things for people around this time of year.

Even if my family and I celebrate Christmas differently than religious families, it does not mean that we have lost our way. Sure, we might not observe the day for the same reason Christians do, but I think all the general ideas and principles of this special holiday resonate within us.

During Christmas my family and I eat good food and reminisce over times we have spent together. We exchange gifts and are humble for what we have.

We take time out of our busy schedules and remind ourselves to be kind to all, because that's really what this holiday

is all about — being altruistic and kind to our fellow man, no matter what the next person's religion is.

I think it is fair to say that many religious people feel the same. That Christmas is not just about religion itself but also about the kind of morals, ethics, and values that every decent man should extend to his neighbors.

It is about peace, joy, and love on earth. That is what we love about this holiday and that is what allows us to co-exist with each other.

## Winner winner chicken dinner

**Paige Gordeneer**  
Staff Writer

The first thing people notice when they walk into Firekeepers Casino is the sounds and lights that reverberate through and illuminate the massive structure. They see the people at the slot machines and table games, they smell the cigarettes burning. They anticipate the opportunity to dine at the casino's many restaurants.

What people don't always realize is that beyond the casino's 2,680 slot machines, and 78 table games is a whole crew of people working to make the guest's experience enjoyable.

Many of Firekeepers Casino's employees are students. In the Mijem Buffet close to 10 employees are students at Kellogg Community College.

Taylor Potter, a server in the buffet, has nothing but fondness for the restaurant. "I enjoy it a lot.

There have been a couple of interesting things happen, but so far I enjoy it." As far as "interesting things," she said really the only thing that has caught her off guard was some of the employee's terminations. Potter started training in mid-July. Her experience with the training process was much like everyone else's. "It was long, confusing, and ever-changing." But that is how it is with most new businesses, everyone is learning.

Now, Potter has had three months of experience in the casino and things have mostly ironed themselves out. "I'd say I

have improved since training, since we know what we can and can't do, and how we are supposed to do things."

Potter was hired through a job fair held in Marshall in June and was offered a job on the spot, like many employees at the casino.

Among those hired was another KCC student, Brianna Garcia. Garcia also works in the Mijem Buffet after transferring from the casino's high-end restaurant Nibi.

Garcia has certification in Cooking in Hospitality, which she said she believes was a huge help in her hiring process. "I got certified because I wanted to cook better," she said jokingly. Garcia loves working for Firekeepers Casino just as Potter does. Being an employee has its perks.

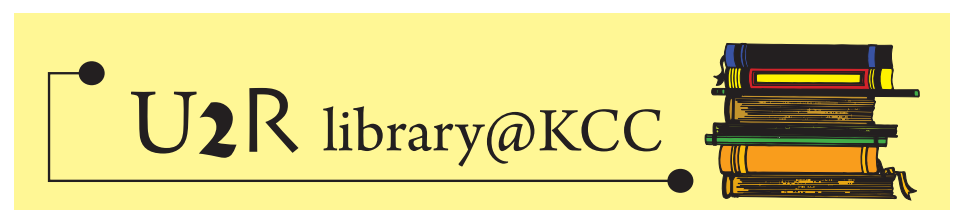
Full-time employees at the casino get benefits, such as health and life insurance, 401ks and paid time off. That is

Garcia's favorite part about working for Firekeepers Casino, besides the people of course. "Some of the people are great, some annoy me but you have that everywhere."

Potter agrees, "The people are fun. We all get along very well. Some are very dramatic. For the most part we are a good mesh of people."

So, next time you visit Firekeepers Casino, don't forget what goes into your experience there. You never know, the employee you are interacting may be a classmate of yours.

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## Citing sources

It's 8:00 am and the paper is due at 10. You sit down at the library computer and pull up Microsoft Word and locate your paper. Almost done, you think. There's plenty of time to pull together the Reference List and complete the in-text citing. Now where are those sources? What format is required? This EasyBib the professor told me about doesn't seem so easy....What do they mean by the volume and issue number? What about those in-text citations? How do they work?

For most students, the process of citing sources and formatting papers according a particular style is not the most appealing aspect of writing a paper. Whether a paper is being formatted according to APA (American Psychological Association), MLA (Modern Language Association) or Chicago Style, the nitty gritty details can seem overwhelming, but they do matter. Providing citations serves both reader and writer. For the writer, it gives credibility to arguments, showing your ideas come from legitimate sources and are not simply opinion. It also acknowledges the author's intellectual property. For the reader, citing and formatting provides consistency and give easy access to sources.

As another semester winds down and you find yourself finishing papers, here are some reminders for successfully using the various documentation styles:

**1** Know the style you are required to use. Is it APA, MLA or Chicago? Check your syl-

labus or ask your instructor.

**2** Gather the information you need for the Works Cited list as you go. Get all the information you need (author, title, publication information, date) as you work with a source. Don't wait until you are writing the Works Cited list to gather your information. This leads to mistakes.

**3** Get help. There are many avenues for citation help. Here are just a few:

- Consult the style manual (available in the KCC Library) or information provided in your textbook.
- Utilize helps available on the web. Be careful here, however. The information provided on-line is only as good as the creators. Use only credible sites. One of the most widely recognized websites providing help with APA, MLA and Chicago Style is OWL (Online Writing Laboratory) developed by Purdue University, <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/> Not only does OWL help with citing sources, it also gives guidance on the entire process of writing a college level paper.
- Ask a Librarian. The KCC Librarians are trained to assist with citing sources and other research questions. Visit the KCC Library website, where you'll find a Citation LibGuide, <http://guides.kellogg.edu/citations>, or stop by the Library Information Desk.

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## KCC hosts artwork from regional women

Courtney Grant  
Staff Writer

Three award-winning works of art are now on display in KCC's Davidson Art Gallery.

Joanne Colyn's digital photograph, titled "Merging Skies" won "Best of Show," garnering the first place cash prize of \$300.

Second place winner, Charlotte Whitney Stevens, of Olivet, painted a watercolor, titled "Garage Mahal," a serene image of a rural home surrounded by trees, which earned her \$200. Third place winner, Sabine LeDieu, earned a \$100 prize with her 7-foot sculpture, "Bike Tree of Life."

Winners were selected in November as part of the juried Regional Women in the Arts Contest and Exhibition. Women artists 18 and over submitted pieces of art work that were then juried by Joanna McColum Learner.

"We had nearly 150 works of art sub-

mitted from 75 artists ranging from Muskegon, Spring Arbor, Kalamazoo, Olivet, to South Bend Indiana. A total of 72 works were selected for show," said KCC Gallery Coordinator and Art Instructor, Ryan Flathau.

The Juror, Joanna McColum Learner, now retired from a career in art education, now works full time from her studio in Battle Creek, Michigan.

McColum has two degrees from Western, jewelry design and sculpture, as well as an undergraduate from Texas Women's University.

She previously organized two state-wide Women's Art Exhibits, and crafted a trophy International World Champion Hot Air Balloon. In recent years she has focused on watercolor and acrylic painting.

Each of the winners were notified prior to the opening Reception on November 19, 2009. The winning pieces, along with other submissions, are on display until December 11, 2009.



Oops. Please don't touch the art! Kevin Vanhose, a second-year Arts major headed to Kendall Art School of Design, and Joshua Jacobus, second-year Music major, transferring to Bloomsberg University in Pennsylvania, marvel at Sabine LeDieu's, prize-winning sculpture, "Bike Tree of Life."

Photo by Ron Davis

## Kellogg Singers open for Sweet Honey In The Rock

Liz McCord  
Editor-in-Chief

The Kellogg Singers of Kellogg Community College joined forces again with the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music to open for the internationally acclaimed group Sweet Honey In The Rock at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo on Nov. 13.

Sweet Honey In The Rock, an all African-American female A cappella vocal group, uses musical expression to bring the messages of the southern black church and the civil rights movement and the conscience of the social justice movement to each performance.

Rooted in a deeply held commitment to create music out of the rich textures of African American legacy and

traditions, Sweet Honey In The Rock possesses a stunning vocal prowess that captures the complex sounds of Blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, Hip Hop, ancient lullabies, and jazz improvisation. Sweet Honey's collective voice, occasionally accompanied by hand percussion instruments, produces a sound filled with soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms.

In the best, and in the hardest of times, Sweet Honey In The Rock has come in song to communities across the U.S. raising her voice in hope, love, justice, peace, and resistance. Sweet Honey invites their audiences to open their minds and hearts and think about who we are and how we treat each other, our fellow creatures who share this planet, and of course, the planet itself.



The Kellogg Singers

Photo provided by the KCC Vocal Music department

## Auditions for "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

Liz McCord  
Editor-in-Chief

Auditions for several male and female roles in the production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be from 6:30 to 9:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16 and 17, at Kellogg Community College's Binda Performing Arts Center. "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a high-spirited stage musical adapted from the 1968 movie of the same name. The musical tells the story of a small-town girl, Millie Dillmount. She breaks away from her roots and goes to New York City to marry for money instead of love. This was a thoroughly modern approach for 1922, when women were just entering the workforce and social behavior was changing. Millie finds that New York is full of intrigue and jazz. Millie soon begins to take to delight in the flapper

lifestyle, but problems arise when she checks into a hotel owned by the leader of a white slavery ring in China.

The production is based on the book of the same name by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan, new music by Jeanine Tesori, and new lyrics by Dick Scanlan.

Those auditioning should come prepared to showcase their voice by performing a 16 bar/measure vocal selection. The college will provide an accompanist to play the sheet music. In addition, each person auditioning will be asked to do some readings from the script.

Performances for "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be March 4, 5, 6 and 7. For more information, please contact Theater Manager Gary Cuyler at (269) 965-3931 extension 2558 or [cuylerg@kellogg.edu](mailto:cuylerg@kellogg.edu).

*Holiday Images*

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# Problems with underage drinking

Zach Bush  
Staff Writer

With the holiday season fast approaching many students will be heading home to spend the holidays with their family and friends. One thing that young adults tend to do when getting together is go to parties where alcohol is consumed.

"Sometimes in Battle Creek there isn't much to do. I can understand how drinking could become a problem," said KCC freshman Travis Padelt.

Drinking in general, regardless of age, can cause many problems when not done responsibly. You might say things that you normally would not, get into fights or do plenty of other things that could end badly.

Possibly the most dangerous thing to do while drinking is to get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. Not only are you potentially endangering yourself, but you are also endangering anyone else in the car or other drivers on the road.

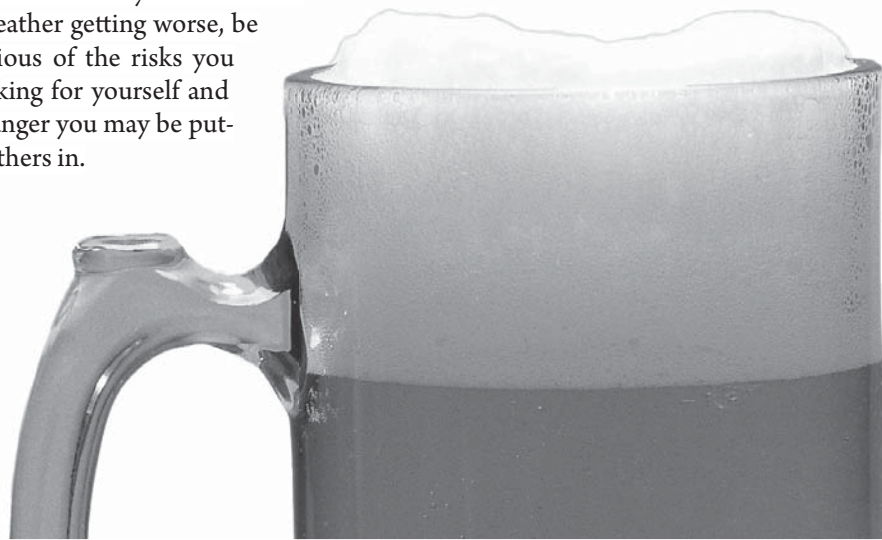
When the age of the drinker is below 21 the situation is even more dangerous. Young adults' bodies and brains are still developing. Drinking can cause severe problems with development, and

increases the chances of alcoholism as an adult.

"I think most of the problems with underage are because when teenagers drink they are at parties," said KCC sophomore Efrén Salinas. "When you go to parties you usually drink to get drunk, you're not doing it to socialize."

Another big problems with teenagers is binge drinking.

Underage drinking is something that is very hard to control and might not ever be stopped, so if you are going to go out and drink with friends, especially this holiday season with the weather getting worse, be conscious of the risks you are taking for yourself and the danger you may be putting others in.



# Drinking age in U.S.

Zach Bush  
Staff Writer

When a teenager takes a large step into adulthood by turning 18, he or she will be required by law to sign up for the draft. Although The United States' draft is not active as of now, if it were, any of these teenagers could potentially be drafted into the Army and shipped off to war.

However, it would still be illegal for these same teenagers to go to the bar and have a drink.

This has struck a chord with many U.S. citizens

who believe that if you are required at age 18 to be eligible for the draft, with the potential of being sent into a war zone, you also should be allowed to drink alcohol. There have been plenty of proposals to fix this perceived inequity.

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Some suggest changing the drinking age to 18, others say allow those drafted in the army to be able to drink

at age 18.

At that age however, a person's brain is not fully developed and is more susceptible to damage by drinking alcohol. One proposal that is less talked about, however, is changing the age a person may be drafted into the military. If the age is raised to 21, the legal drinking age, then it seems that this debate could be settled once and for all.

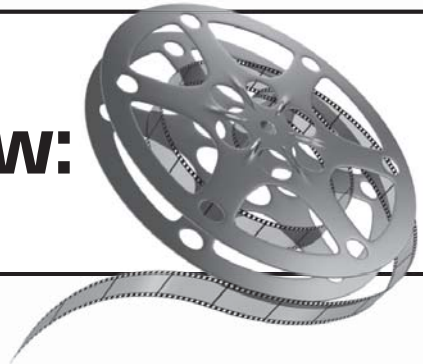
A problem that some people may see in this change is that it may decrease the number of people joining the military. After attending a recruiting meeting for the National Guard, in which the message that was being delivered was that the military has plenty of people applying to join, this hardly seems like a problem.

Still, if it did become a problem the age of joining the military could still be 18, with the draft age being changed to 21.

The Staff of the Bruin Newspaper wishes you a

# Happy Holidays

## Movie Review: The Proposal



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Staff Writer

"It's here!" is the only way to describe Margaret Tate, the overbearing, dragon-woman, in the Blockbuster hit, "The Proposal." Portrayed by Sandra Bullock, Margaret Tate is everything you would hope not to have in a boss.

You can only feel sorry for the poor soul who is stuck being her assistant, Andrew Paxton. Played by Ryan Reynolds, Paxton does everything he can to keep his boss happy but Margaret crosses a line when she finds out she is being deported. Poor Andrew is blackmailed into marrying his manic boss.

Margaret and Andrew manage to come to an agreement, which ends up taking them on a trip to Andrew's hometown in Sitka, Alaska.

Upon their arrival, Margaret discovers how much she doesn't know about her assistant of three years. She meets his amazing family, who loves him very

much, including his wacky Gammie, played by Betty White. Andrew and Margaret soon discover much more about each other than they ever thought they would.

Although the DVD lacks in special features, offering only the director commentary from Anne Fletcher, the movie itself is all you really need.

Nominated for three Teens Choice Awards, including winner of Summer Romance Movie, this quirky adventure reveals so much about each character, and shows their true colors.

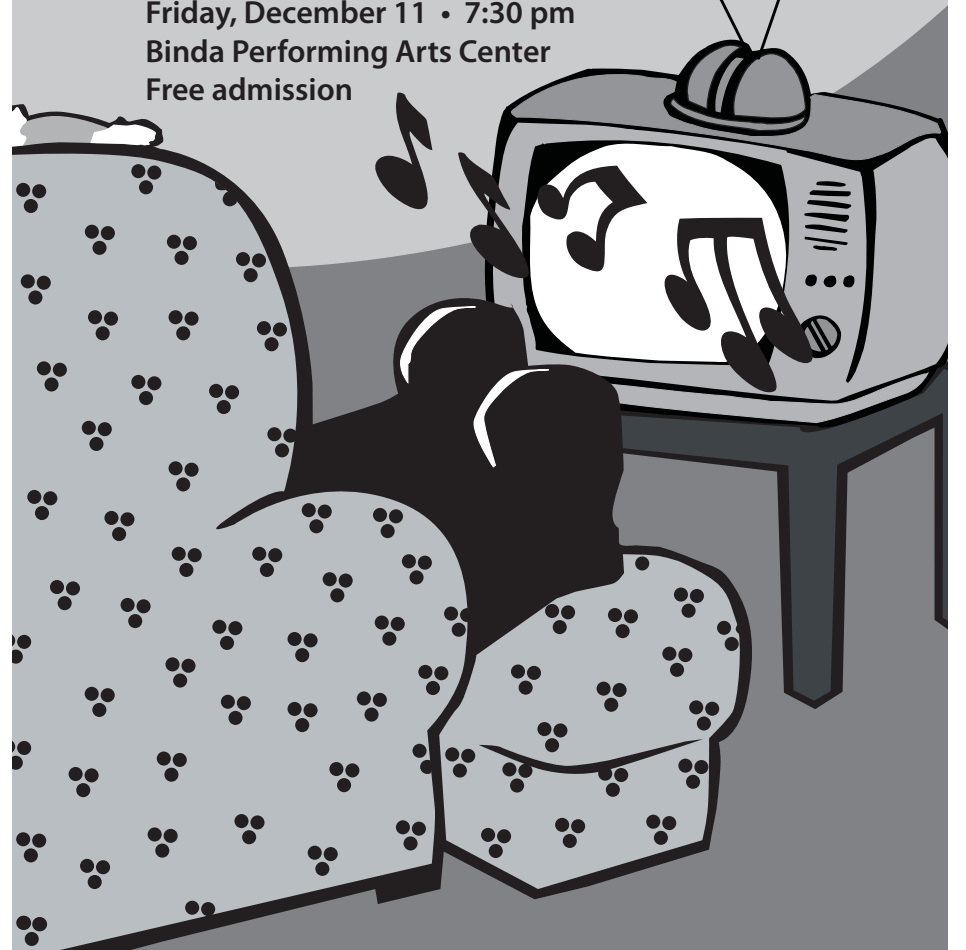
Andrew learns that Margaret may not be the total psychopath woman he thinks she is, and Margaret learns that she just might be a softie underneath her harsh façade.

With witty dialogue, humorous interaction, and a dynamite cast, "The Proposal" proves to be a film that can win your heart. It's definitely a movie worth renting or even owning.

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## Christmas on the Silver Screen!

KCC Concert Band  
Friday, December 11 • 7:30 pm  
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Free admission



# Bears too much for Bruins in opener

**Tyler Rouch**  
Staff Writer

The atmosphere in the Miller gymnasium on the night of Monday Nov 16 was ecstatic. The bleachers were packed, the Bruins had their pregame music blasting and the table was set for them to get their first big win of the season. Unfortunately, the Mott Community College Bears had different plans.

Although the game was close for the majority of the first half, the Bruins never seemed to get in sync offensively. The Bears harassed the Bruins defensively and out gained the competition on rebounds all night.

The Bears would often force the Bruins to pick up their dribble before they wanted to. This resulted in a lot of careless passes and forced shots, which eventually lead to big runs for the opposition. The Bears would walk into halftime with a 25-38 lead.

When the second-half began the Bears stayed with the same tenacious defensive presence. To the Bruins credit, they would find somewhat of an offensive rhythm through their guard play in Ronald Bracey and Bill Young.

But Mott would find scoring and energy from a player who didn't have such

a hot first half. Doug Anderson would explode for five of his six dunks in the second-half, too much for the Bruins to overcome.

The final score of the contest was 62-80 in favor of Mott Community College. Coach Melvin McKnight talked about the loss, and how his team performed, saying, "I think we're a young team. If you take a look at Mott, they are a very strong team year-in and year-out with a lot of good players. My assistant coach and I knew what to expect walking into this game, but we just told the kids to play hard and work some of their first-game jitters out."

"I think we can be a good team," McKnight continued. "We just need to find a way to get more in sync and I think we'll be fine."

The team's leading scorer and starting point guard Bill Young agreed the team suffered from jitters. "We had good effort but we just couldn't pull it together," Young said. "We still need to work some jitters out but we know that. I think we have a chance to win some games if we continue to work hard and be patient."

The team was led in scoring by Young, who had 14 points, and Ronald Bracey, who finished with 12.



## KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### 2009 - 2010 MENS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
DEC	5 HENRY FORD CC	(H)	1:00 pm
	11 Mott CC Tournament	(A)	TBA
	12 Mott CC Tournament	(A)	TBA
	18 Delta College Tournament	(A)	TBA
	19 Delta College Tournament	(A)	TBA
JAN	31 COLUMBUS (OH) STATE CC	(H)	12:00 pm
	6 *Lansing CC	(A)	7:30 pm
	9 *LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE	(H)	7:30 pm
	11 *Kalamazoo Valley CC	(A)	7:30 pm
	13 *GRAND RAPIDS CC	(H)	7:30 pm
	20 *GLEN OAKS CC	(H)	7:30 pm
	23 *Muskegon CC	(A)	1:00 pm
	27 *ANCILLA COLLEGE	(H)	7:30 pm
	30 *Jackson CC	(A)	1:00 pm
	FEB	3 *LANSING CC	(A)
5 *Lake Michigan College		(A)	7:30 pm
8 *JACKSON CC		(H)	7:30 pm
10 *KALAMAZOO VALLEY CC		(H)	7:30 pm

HEAD COACH: MELVIN MCKNIGHT

\*Indicates league games



## KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### 2009 - 2010 WOMENS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
DEC	9 *JACKSON CC	(H)	5:30 pm
	12 HOPE COLLEGE JV	(H)	1:00 pm
	18 Lynn Conway Holiday Tournament	(A)	TBA
	19 Lynn Conway Holiday Tournament	(A)	TBA
	28 Illinois Central College Tournament	(A)	TBA
	29 Illinois Central College Tournament	(A)	TBA
JAN	30 Illinois Central College Tournament	(A)	TBA
	6 *Lansing CC	(A)	5:30 pm
	9 *LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE	(H)	1:00 pm
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	FEB	3 *LANSING CC	(H)
5 *Lake Michigan College		(A)	5:30 pm
6 *Siena Heights University JV		(A)	3:00 pm
10 *KALAMAZOO VALLEY CC		(H)	5:30 pm

HEAD COACH: KYLE KLINGMAN

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Student Center  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Student Center  
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