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CMA Awards: Country Music's Biggest Night

By Crystal Rohan
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It was a big night for country music stars on Wednesday, Nov. 6, as the 47th annual Country Music Association Awards welcomed country stars to Nashville. Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley returned to co-host the glamorous night for the sixth time.

The night opened with a powerful performance from Entertainer of the Year Nominee Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line singing a medley of "That's My Kind of Night" and "Cruise". Florida Georgia Line was nominated for four awards while Bryan was nominated for three. Bryan took home the Entertainer of the Year award while Florida Georgia Line won the Single of the Year award.

Taylor Swift also had a successful CMA night. George Strait, Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw, and Faith Hill went on stage to present Swift the Pinnacle Award. This award is presented to artists who take country music to a worldwide audience.

There was a video shown in honor of Swift showing other artists like Justin Timberlake, Julia Roberts, Mick Jagger, and Ethel Kennedy speaking admiringly about her. Garth Brooks

is the only previous winner who received this award in 2005. Swift also performed her hit song "Red" with Alison Krauss and Vince Gill.

Kacey Musgraves performed "Follow Your Arrow" and received an award for New Artist of the Year. Miranda Lambert and Keith Urban performed a duet of their song "We Were Us" for the first time. The pair received a standing ovation for their performance. Lambert received the Best Female Vocalist of the Year award, while her husband Blake Shelton won the Best Male Vocalist of the Year award.

22-year-old country singer Hunter Hayes sang "Everybody's Got Somebody But Me" with singer Jason Mraz. Hayes strummed his guitar as he stopped in the middle of his song to sing the nominees for the next category.

Tim McGraw honored Nashville by performing his single "Southern Girl". Nashville honored McGraw with an award for Music Video of the Year and Musical Event of the Year for his hit song "Highway Don't Care" featuring Taylor Swift and Keith Urban.

The queen of country herself Underwood took a break from hosting to perform. She gave a

stunning performance singing her hit songs "Good Girl", "Blown Away", and "See You Again".

All eyes were on Underwood as she was nominated for three awards including Album of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, and Music Video of the Year. Underwood is used to being in the spotlight when it comes to country music. She turned heads with her multiple wardrobe changes, looking more beautiful every time she came out on stage. Underwood won over the hearts of America with her fun-loving attitude and jokes about Obamacare and twerking. There can never be too many Miley Cyrus jokes.



CAMPUS

Bomb Threat Called "Juvenile" by Police

By Crystal Rohan
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On Monday, Nov. 11 at approximately 2:47 p.m., a bomb threat was reported in building M. The building was immediately evacuated and secured while an investigation was conducted. Police activated the alarms and locked all the doors so students and faculty could not enter the building.

A search of building M was conducted at about 3:15 p.m. by members of the Harper College Police Department and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. They concluded their search at 4:00 p.m., in which they found no bomb.

Doug Spiwak, director of athletics and fitness, was in the building when the threat was announced. He was not afraid when the alarms went off, and he and the rest of the students and staff left the building in an orderly fashion. Spiwak stated, "We train for occasions like this and everything went as planned."

Police officers on the scene stated that there was a note that was left in building M. For safety pur-

poses, they are not allowed to give details about what the note said or how the note was found. One officer said, "It was a very juvenile written note, I can tell you that."

Police officers take all bomb threats very seriously, even the unsophisticated ones. The same police officer stated, "The fact that we have been investigating other things and because of the times we are living in right now, we can't just let anything go."

At 4:05 p.m., police issued an all clear after they found no evidence of a bomb. Students and faculty were able to go back in the building to retrieve their belongings. Classes and activities that were going on in building M were all cancelled for the rest of Monday night.

Police officers stayed by building M to alert any students who did not know about the bomb threat and to let them know all classes and activities had been cancelled. Updates of the bomb threat were being displayed on Harper's website. Students signed up with the Harper College text alert system received a text notifying them of the threat.

SPORTS

Blackhawks Aviod Stanley Cup Hangover

By Nick Sadowski
Staff Writer

The world of sports has its fair share of curses, from the Madden video game franchise curse to the Sports Illustrated magazine jinx. Another well known curse is the Stanley Cup Hangover, and the Blackhawks are currently defying this curse.

Hockey teams that win the Stanley Cup usually take a step down in dominance the year following their championship. It looks like the curse has had no effect on the defending Stanley Cup Champions. Their record is currently one of the top in the league, at 10-2-4.

By the numbers, their scoring has been ruthless once again. While their defense is average, it is on the verge of becoming tops in the league. One of the Hawks' up-and-coming players this season is Brandon Pirri.

"He's been fine," said Head Coach Joel Quenneville. "Whether you're thinking that his minutes are high-end minutes, eventually you earn more minutes on your overall play." Pirri has been showing great jumps on both the offensive and defensive side.

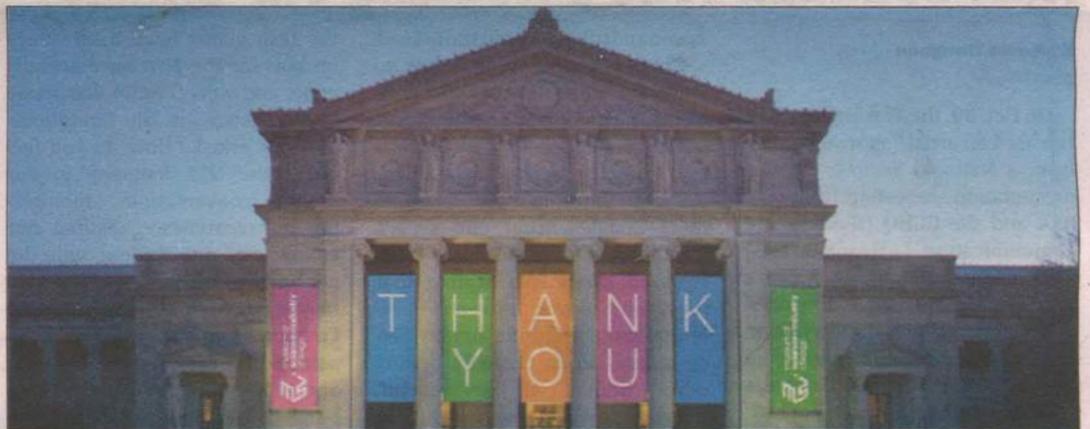
Coach Quenneville likes what he is seeing from Pirri and expects his play to continue to improve. "The opportunity with him is he's growing in that area. We're look-

ing to see how he plays without the puck in our end, how he's playing down low. We're looking for progress there. I think we're seeing a little bit of it. I think his ice time will probably be more enhanced as we get more comfortable with him," said Quenneville.

The Hawks' core has been playing like themselves this season. Going into the game against the Dallas Stars, Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane are the team's points leaders with Kane leading all goal scorers with 9. Kane also has shown a hot streak by scoring 5 goals in 7 games leading up to the Dallas game. Marian Hossa has improved his game having scored 6 goals this season after a slow start.

During the game against Winnipeg, the Hawks pulled off a rare treat. Toews, Kane, and Sharp each scored a goal in the same game. This is only the 12th time this has happened since all three joined the team.

Through all this success, the Hawks have had some competition. They are currently tied with the Colorado Avalanche for first in the Central Division. Both teams will be looking to fight it out as much as possible this season as the two teams are in the same division for the first time in NHL history. It will be a battle all season long for the Hawks while they try to ensure their dominance again.



Museum of Science and Industry hosts MSI: Walt Disney Exhibit. See full story, page 12.

Fashion Club and Studio V Put Style Into November

By Elizabeth Lynch
Staff Writer

This is an exciting week for the fashion scene at Harper College, with two major events that shouldn't be missed.

The first event is a resale run by the Fashion Club on Nov. 20 and 21 in building A near Violet's Coffee Café.

Fashion club will be selling a variety of gently-used clothing items at affordably low prices.

During the month of November, most students are finding themselves low on cash, especially when it comes to purchasing new

clothes for the cold winter season.

The resale event is the perfect opportunity to not only find inexpensive clothing that is in good condition, but to also support fellow students.

The majority of proceeds will go to fashion club, which will fund future fun and exciting fashion events on campus.

The other event also falls on Nov. 20 starting at 5:00 p.m. Studio V, a student-run boutique on campus, will be hosting a festive holiday party.

Held in building V, the holiday party serves as a great opportunity

to see the works of many talented and creative students. Delicious refreshments will also be provided.

Shopping at Studio V is a great way to show support for Harper clubs and local artisans.

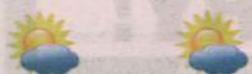
There are many handcrafted items that are one-of-a-kind. There is a quality selection of fashion pieces, photography, paintings, exquisite bridal gowns, jewelry, and many other unique items.

Additionally, many of the products for sale make excellent holiday gifts.

Check out pictures that pertain to this article on page, 11.

Weather

Today High: 39° Low: 24° Cloudy
Tomorrow High: 39° Low: 26° Showers



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ISAT Scores Drop In Illinois: Schools Prepare For New Curriculum

By Michelle Czaja
Managing Editor

As students across the state prepare for the Illinois Standard Achievement Tests to the best of their abilities, an astonishing fact has come up. Illinois test scores, like these, have been decreasing over the years. The test scores that in years past determined whether a school was making adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act, were frequently much higher for elementary students taking the ISAT than the high school student taking the Prairie State Achievement Examination.

All districts will be shifting their curriculum over the next year or two, as this coming March is the last round for the current tests.

Beginning in 2015, all students will take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test, aligned with the Common Core standards being implemented by the Il-

linois State Board of Education.

Statewide, there are 2,054,155 students enrolled in Illinois public schools. They are 50.6 percent caucasian, 24.1 percent Hispanic and 17.6 percent African American. 49.9 percent are low-income while 9.5 percent speak English as a second language.

The high-school dropout rate statewide is 2.4 percent while the four-year graduation rate is 83.2 percent. The average class has approximately 21 students while the average ACT score is 20.3.

The changes "created an even higher and difficult challenge for many students, in that they were going to be asked questions on content they may or may not have had the opportunity to learn," said Charlene Cobb, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning at East Main School District 63. "And then the bar was raised," she stated.

Officials at school districts in Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Niles said they already started transitioning

their curriculum and instruction methods to match common core standards. "In four years, we will have four different tests," said Jan Rashid, assistant superintendent of instructional services at Des Plaines School District 62. "So I think districts understand the long-term goal here.

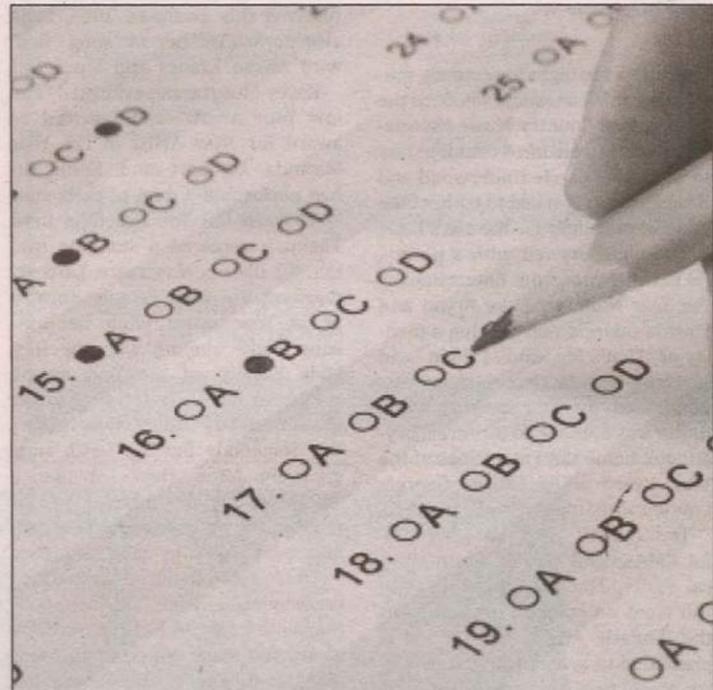
We want students to have rigorous learning experiences, and we want students to be high school, college and career-ready."

The low-income student population at a District 62 school, in Des Plaines, jumped from 26.4 percent in 2012 to 54.3 percent this year.

The increase brings a different set of challenges for educators. Challenges above and beyond meeting the expectations of the common core state standards and the ISAT.

"The economic reality is it makes learning more difficult for students, and there are additional stresses placed on the families," Cobb said.

"We have to determine ways to support the students and the families, so this does not become an impediment"



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NSA Scandal: Who's Reading Our Emails?

By Kevin Tlonsong
Staff Writer

On Oct. 30, the Washington Post released an article showing a slide from a National Security Agency presentation revealing that the NSA and the GCHQ (Government Communication Headquarters) have been snooping in Yahoo's and Google's private networks.

The article shows a slide where in the NSA intercepts data from Google's and Yahoo's database.

These include emails, chats, video calls, search histories, and more. They have access to the emails of hundreds of millions of people who use Google and Yahoo.

Google works with numerous data centers in different countries strategically placed to enhance the

speed and to balance out traffic load.

This means that data has to travel from one network to another, inside Google's private cloud.

The slide shows an illustration showing where the individual data from individual people meet Google's front end server.

Google and Yahoo have both released statements stating that they have never and will never release the information users entrusted to the NSA or any other branch of government.

Both the NSA and GCHQ have not said a lot about the revelation.

Since Edward Snowden's leaking of information that the Government has been spying on us and his revelation of PRISM (a government code name for a data-collection effort), all citizens and

the tech giants have been weary on how far the NSA have actually gone, and since PRISM was made known, what are the limitations.

When asked, "How do you feel about the NSA listening to our private conversations, monitoring our searches, reading our emails, etc.," one student, who did not want to be named, responded to the question saying, "Honestly I'm not surprised and I just assumed that they read our emails and monitored our stuff anyway, but I still think what they're doing is wrong... is it even legal?"

The full story behind the hacking is still unknown, as the NSA denies that they made the slide.

They have also denied actually having accessed Google's and Yahoo's servers.

New 'Gate-to-Gate' Policy Announcement For Airlines

By Jeffrey Nejd
Staff Writer

In today's device-dependent world, flyers will be happy to hear that some airlines are loosening restrictions on the use of electronic devices during flight. Delta and JetBlue are two of the first to allow passengers to use their electronic devices from the departure gate to the arrival gate.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the new policy on Thursday, Oct. 31. The new policy is designed for people to be able to use their tablets, iPads, e-readers, laptops, and cell phones (in airplane mode) during all phases of their flight.

There has been research done in the last few years, with the boom of portable technology, that focuses on how portable electronics can be used during flight

and not interfere with any of the electronics or sensors on the plane.

In a CNN report, James Kirchoff demonstrated that laptops and cell phones (he tested a current iPhone 5C.) gave off electronic waves that failed to meet the limit. These kind of electronic devices would be likely to interfere with any of the airplanes electronics or sensors.

But the e-reader did not pass the threshold and would be okay for flight. Kirchoff says, "It has never been reported that a single cell phone or portable electronic device has taken down a plane single-handedly." He also explained that smoke alarms and their sensors could be disrupted from cell phones or portable electronic devices.

There wouldn't be any major problems, but the pilots would have to be more aware in case of a situation where the sensors were interfered with.

There have been a number of pilots that still protest against the new FAA policy. They say that it shouldn't be up to the passenger to decide when it is okay to use their device freely.

"I was 'yelled at' when I flew just this past May," Trevor Davies, a first-year Harper student, said. "I was using my cell phone, but it was more being told to turn off my iPod (Classic). I complied but I think that it was unnecessary to have my iPod be turned off. It has no wireless connection."

Though an iPod (classic) might not have the frequencies of wireless devices, FAA has reported that they have interfered with a few sensors involving the heating and cooling.

Delta and JetBlue have been pushing paperwork before the announcement of the idea of 'gate to gate' usage. The whole policy might not be seen until the holiday season when the travel is the busiest.

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Emergency Response Time For Hurricane Sandy Sparks Interest

By Nicole Wagner
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Reflecting back after a year from the treacherous disaster of Hurricane Sandy, it is hard to visualize the tremendous amount of progress organized through volunteer activity, government support and other community organizations.

Community efforts still persevere in order to grant peace of mind to residents of the main states that were hit, like New Jersey and New York. It is amazing to see these community efforts making an impact by maintaining a sense of commitment and dedication in the rebuilding process. A great amount of effort has already gone into implementing relief efforts, but there is still much more to delve into.

When analyzing federal response teams' initial relief efforts, plans could have been enacted in a more efficient and effective direction. However, that is how change occurs. We learn from mistakes and discuss how to improve the organization as a whole. Harper College fire technology

student Alex Nagatkin had mixed feelings of Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) efforts in assisting communities impacted by hurricane Sandy. Nagatkin stated, "FEMA's efforts were poorly executed at first due to late government intervention, but their manner of response time depends on the type of natural disaster. Each event that occurs results in a different process of response."

Nagatkin continued to discuss his emergency management field classes at Harper. One of the assignments in the class includes analyzing real life situations and how to respond to such an event. Nagatkin highly recommended the fire technology program.

With increasing amounts of flood damage impacting communities in the Chicagoland area, officials are beginning to turn to community colleges to offer programs preparing students for the field. "There's a need to have more people involved in this career than ever before," said Sam Giordano who runs the Emergency and Disaster Management program at Harper.

There is expected to be a significant increase in emergency and disaster jobs. It is estimated to jump 23% in the next twenty years according to the 2012-13 U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Giordano's credentials hold an impressive background with 35 years as a firefighter in the south suburbs. Giordano mentioned how the ratio of natural disasters devastating our country exceeds that of previous years, "We're having more disasters than ever before, with a higher degree of severity."

When speaking to Harper College's Chief of Police and emergency management coordinator, Michael Alsup stated, "The best tactic in dealing with a situation such as hurricane Sandy is evaluating it from a holistic approach through implementing the chain of command that will respond to the emergency in the most efficient and effective way as possible. We are constantly planning and modifying our current emergency defense mechanisms and response team coordination."

Alsup seemed confident in Harper's crisis emergency control that is implemented and that many students hardly even know of. He said, "There is a great deal of procedures and implementations followed through a rigorous schedule to a natural disaster protocol if a natural disaster were to occur. It's not perfect by any means, but it serves as the best so far in the state of Illinois." Currently, there is not much

need for further volunteer support towards Hurricane Sandy victims and affected areas with most of the assistance occurring from federal support and other organizations such as American Red Cross.

Harper students, however, can help through visiting the website sandy.adcouncil.org which provides various links to resources that accept donations and other amenities for assisting disaster communities.



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Harper Students Receiving Snap Benefits Face Financial, Nutritional Battle

By Justin Provo
Staff Writer

Due to the inability of Congress to create a new five-year Farm Bill, ensuring that farmers have adequate price floors and remain profitable, federal budget cuts have led to a decrease in the benefits awarded by the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps.

These cuts were projected to affect 47 million Americans nationwide as of Nov. 8, including some students who receive SNAP benefits at Harper College.

On top of academic responsibilities, some students face the challenge of raising a family or supporting themselves with a lower income, relying on government aid for such necessities as food.

Although this issue concerns many students, out of 100 Harper students surveyed, not one was aware of the reduction to SNAP benefits.

Many questions arise with these cuts in nutritional aid, especially questions about nutritional options.

Typically, cheaper products found in a supermarket are processed foods that contain high levels of sodium and saturated fats – neither of which are encouraged for a healthy diet.

According to the Centers for Disease Control website, “high sodium consumption raises blood pressure and high blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke.”

Bobby Summers, professor of political science, discussed the possible ramifications of these cuts and how he believes they will affect students receiving SNAP benefits.

“If the choice comes down to whether [students] pay for tuition and books or feed their families – they’re going to make the choice to feed their families, anyone would make that choice,” Summers said.

Students receiving SNAP benefits are either a member of or the supporting figure of

a family in a financial struggle.

These students are trying to make a better future for themselves and their families.

“I think that cutting food benefits for the neediest group, affects these recipients on more than one level,” said Summers. “But also that politicians take the situation rather lightly when they see that it only cuts 20 or 30 dollars per month, per family.”

“What politicians don’t realize is that while they might be cutting billions from the federal budget, every dollar counts when you don’t have many dollars to work with.”

Another factor to consider is how these reductions in benefits will affect the economy as a whole.

Price floors allow producers, in this case farmers, a guaranteed price for the product to be sold and therefore a guaranteed income based on sales.

Some would argue that it would behoove the government to please the workers who grow the country’s crops rather than help the poor. But what is the most suitable

utilitarian decision to make?

Harper economics professor Getachew Begashaw helps to explain the difficulties of the decision to cut benefits.

“Fundamentally, if a price floor is implemented, the income of farmers would not be devastated, but the consumers would be hurt.

For beneficiaries, SNAP is considered a form of income and with a reduction of income comes the reduction of money circulated in the consumer markets.”

This means that money originally used for SNAP recipients to pay household bills is now diverted to paying for food.

“Every college student at any public institution that is receiving financial aid is considered a welfare recipient for accepting money that was subsidized by the federal government to give to public schools,” Summers said.

“It’s tough to target students who receive SNAP benefits in order to help them because they are typically subject to the stigma that welfare beneficiaries

are lazy people, and they don’t want to be ostracized or labeled,” Summers said.

School District 54 opened a food pantry at Mead Junior High School in 2011 to serve the community at need. School District 54 opened another food pantry this year at Keller Junior High School due to the overwhelming demand for assistance in the affluent suburbs of Elk Grove Village and Schaumburg. Palatine Township also sponsors a food pantry at the Palatine Township Center.

“One particular way that Harper students can help is to take money or donations to a local food pantry. But I think to really get students to understand the dilemma that these hard-working people face is to volunteer at a food pantry,” Summers said.

Summers said there is a huge uprising in the number of people visiting food pantries adding, “I was amazed to see that my own neighborhood food pantry had a line around the building waiting to get in.”

Tobacco Sales Are Raised to 21 In NYC

By Melissa Edwards
News Editor

A common debate in America is the appropriate legal age for tobacco sales.

Eighteen years of age has been the common consensus, however the City of New York seems to disagree.

The New York Times states, “The legal age for buying tobacco, including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos will rise to 21 from 18. The age change under a bill adopted by the City Council and which Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg has said he would sign.

The new minimum age will take effect six months after signing and Mayor Bloomberg has 30 days to sign the bill into law.”

In a statement made by Mayor Bloomberg on Wednesday, Oct. 30, he said, “By increasing the smoking age to 21, we will help prevent another generation from the ill health and shorter life expectancy that comes with smoking.”

The New York City Council voted 35 to 10 to modify its law, making it the biggest city in the United States in which it is illegal for persons under 21 to buy tobacco products.

Neighboring states and counties have raised their tobacco sales age limit to 19, including New Jersey in 2005. Needham, Massachusetts raised their sales age to 21 in 2005.

“By raising the legal smoking age to 21, our city is sending a powerful signal to the tobacco industry, and its allies, that hooking our kids on nicotine will no longer be a viable business model,” city councilman James Gennaro, who cosponsored the bill, said in a press release.

Several studies have conclusively proven that people who smoke at a young age are more likely to develop an ongoing smoking habit.

The younger someone becomes addicted, the harder it is to attempt to quit.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are blunt about the health risks of smoking.

The CDC states, “Smoking causes death. The adverse health effects from cigarette smoking account for more than 440,000 deaths, or

nearly one of every five deaths, each year in the United States.

More deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides, and murders combined.”

The increases in Health risks from smoking are indisputably significant as well.

Per the CDC, Compared with nonsmokers, smoking is estimated to increase the risk of coronary heart disease by 2 to 4 times, stroke by 2 to 4 times, men developing lung cancer by 23 times, women developing lung cancer by 13 times, and dying from chronic obstructive lung diseases (such as chronic bronchitis and emphysema) by 12 to 13 times.

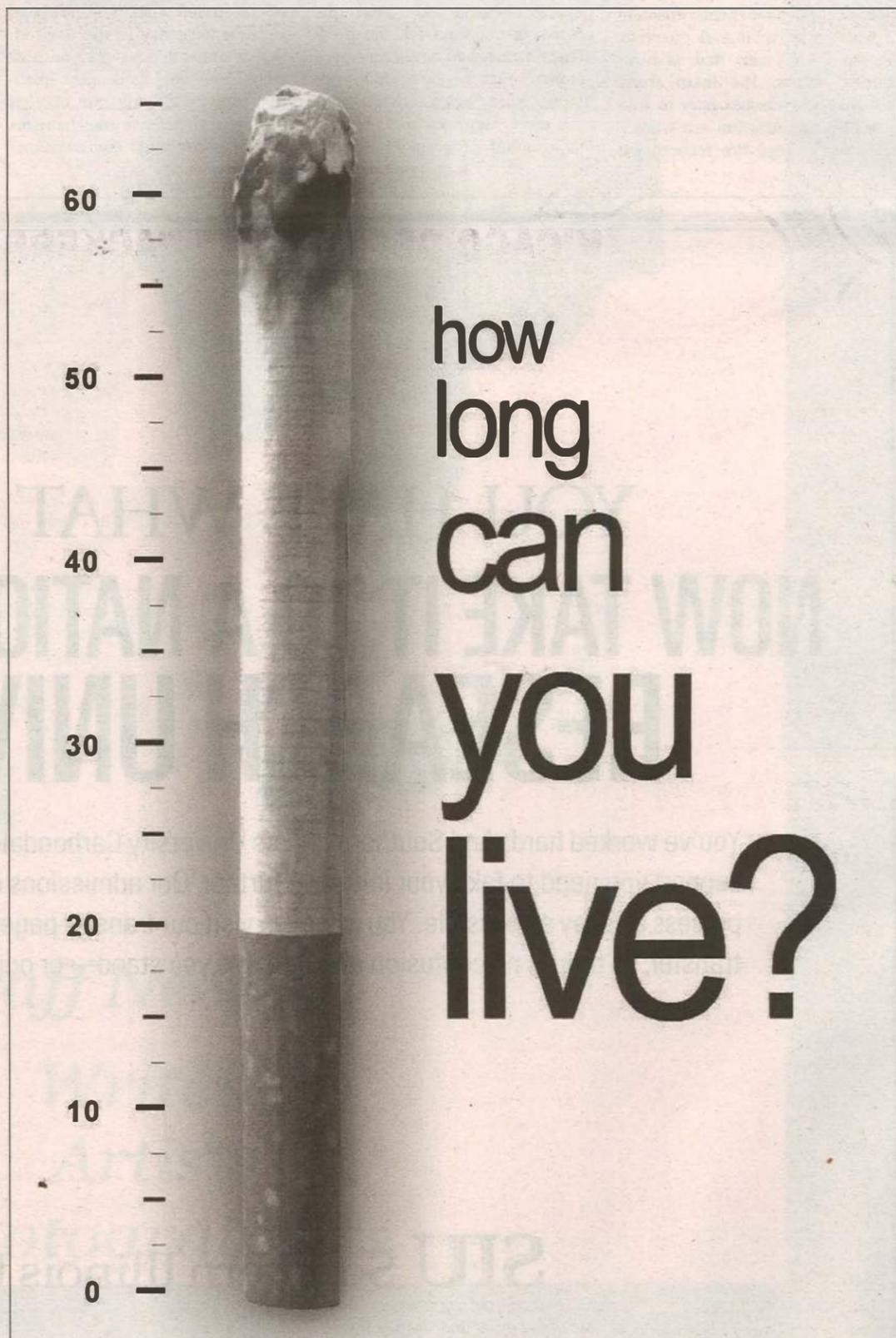
The CDC states the health benefits if nobody smoked tobacco, “If nobody smoked, one of every three cancer deaths in the United States would not happen. Smoking causes an estimated 90% of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80% of all lung cancer deaths in women. An estimated 90% of all deaths from chronic obstructive lung disease are caused by smoking.”

Will passing this law really make any meaningful difference? It is an indisputable fact that underage teenagers can obtain alcohol for a party without much effort or risk.

Will the sales of tobacco products in New York City be any different? Would the same adults who buy alcohol for teenagers suddenly refuse to buy cigarettes for them?

“If I couldn’t get cigarettes before I could just go buy a pack, I just bummed one off of a friend,” stated a student who wished to remain anonymous. “This law isn’t going to change that,” he said about the new law.

Many Cook County smokers drive outside to neighboring counties to obtain their cigarettes. This is not because of age restrictions, but due to significant taxation differences. This new bill may make obtaining cigarettes a bit more difficult for people under the age of 21 in New York City, but will it truly make a meaningful difference?



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Athlete Of The Week: Jhoan Lino

By Bill Smith
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Throughout much of his high school running career, Jhoan Lino (León, Guanajuato/Streamwood) battled tendonitis in his left leg near his knee.

Since coming to Harper in the fall of 2012, he has battled plantar fasciitis but is still making a big impact for both the men's cross country and track and field teams. The sophomore is once again an integral part of the Hawks' cross country team this year again as they approach nationals, and he has been named the seventh Harper College Athlete of the Week for the 2013-14 school year.

Even while Lino was at Streamwood High School, he knew he wanted to compete at the collegiate level. According to him, Harper has given him that perfect opportunity to run while staying close to home.

Last year, Lino was the fifth runner for the national champion Hawks, placing 27th at the national meet.

This past spring he excelled on the track, taking fourth at nationals in the 1500m and run-

ning on the national championship-winning 4x800m squad.

This fall, he is filling the same role as the fifth man for a deep and talented squad.

"Everyone works hard, and it really pushes me," Lino said. "We all push each other and don't leave a guy behind."

According to head cross country coach Jim Macinder, Lino is an extremely talented and dedicated athlete.

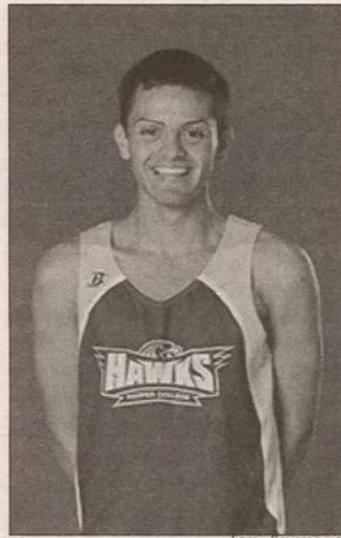
"He's one of the finest athletes I've come across. He's one of those leaders by action, in the mold of (teammate Nick) Modlin," he said. "If he turned around and ran the race of his life at nationals and was our No. 1 guy, it wouldn't surprise me."

Lino thinks his team has a great shot to win a third consecutive national championship in just over a week in Northfield, Mass. He feels tough practices combined with several meets with four-year schools have made the team stronger.

Academically, Lino has already earned two N4C Academic All-Conference distinctions for maintaining a GPA above 3.0.

After getting his Associate in Arts degree in May of 2014, he said he'd love to compete at a four-year school while potentially going into the medical field.

"I've always wanted to go to North Central College. I'd love to compete after Harper," he said. "I hope whichever school I decide to go to, it will be an amazing experience just like Harper."



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CHICAGO DEFEATS THE PACKERS

By Michelle Czaja
Managing Editor

The Chicago Bears battled the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field in Wisconsin on Monday, Nov. 4.

The Bears delivered a much needed win against the former Super Bowl Champions, winning 27-20.

This helped the Bears move up in the NFC North Division and ended their six-game losing streak against the Packers.

The Chicago Bears played their first game of the season without

starting quarterback, Jay Cutler.

In place of Cutler, Josh McCown prepared to take the offense down the field and gain points on the board.

The loss of Cutler had a huge impact on both the offensive and defensive end.

McCown was said to be a great player in place of Cutler, as Head Coach Marc Trestman highlighted before the game began.

As points increased, Green Bay's starting quarterback Aaron Rodgers left the rest of the game with a shoulder injury.

Green Bay lost a key player, but they continued to pressure the Bear's defense.

"The game was intense. Sweat began to drip down the sides of my face as the fourth quarter came to a close. I was so nervous toward the end, but screamed when the defense didn't let the Packers come down the field to score. All I could say was we did it," said Bears fan Brittany Donovan.

Fans became heated as the Bears led the Packers 24-20 with just under ten minutes left on the clock in the fourth quarter.

"The game was insane. I couldn't believe the ending. Yes, the Packers lost, but I still have faith in my team," said Packers fan Sean Pedersen.

Harper Women Sixth Overall at Region IV Championship

By Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

The Harper College women's cross country team conquered Joliet in the Region IV Championship on Saturday, Nov. 2 to take top honors among Div. III schools. Including the Div. I teams that had enough runners to earn a team score, the Hawks placed sixth out of nine teams.

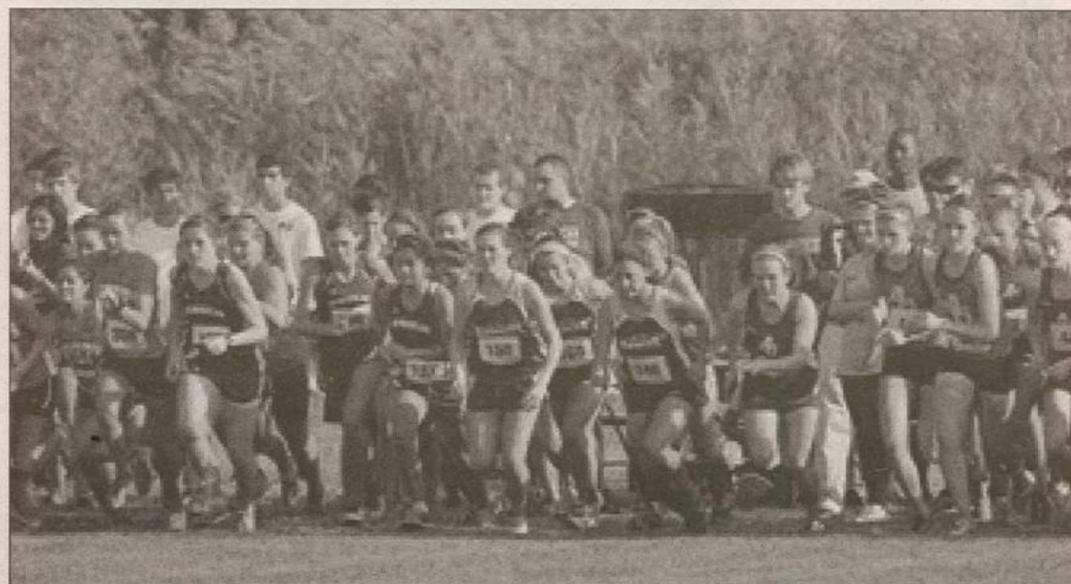
In the Div. III results, the Hawks scored 23 points to beat Joliet, who scored 33 points. Counting the nine teams, the Hawks scored 133 points. College of DuPage was the overall meet winner (44 points), followed by Waubesa Community College (51 points) and College of Lake County (97 points).

Stephanie Chaires (Palatine, Ill./Christian Liberty) was Harper's

first finisher, completing the 5K course in 21:30 for a 16th place finish out of 62 total runners. Mary Piltaver (/Conant) came across the finish line in 22:38 as the Hawks' second runner.

She was followed closely by Marisa Andreuccetti (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Conant), who took 24th with a time of 22:41. Lori Delfin (/Wheeling) came in next with a time of 23:14, good for 34th place. Gabby Beaupre (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Elk Grove) rounded out the top five with a time of 25:23, good for 42nd place. Cindia Salgado (Wheeling, Ill./Wheeling) took 44th place in a time of 26:56.

The fifth-ranked Hawks left Saturday, Nov. 9 for the NJCAA Championships in Northfield, Mass. where they ended up placing 6th place out of 12 teams.



JIM CUMMINS

The Hawks took sixth overall out of nine teams at the Region IV Championship.

Boston Red Sox Celebrate and Honor Marathon Victims At World Series Championship Parade

By Crystal Rohan
Staff Writer

After a tragic start to the year, the city of Boston gathered at Fenway Park on Saturday, Nov. 2 to celebrate the Red Sox's third World Series championship in 10 years. The parade continued down Boylston Street where the players made an emotional stop at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

Jonny Gomes, outfielder, and Jarrod Saltalamacchia, catcher, placed the World Series trophy on the finish line and held Red Sox jerseys with the words "BOSTON STRONG" while "God Bless America" played in the background.

On April 15, 2013 two bombs exploded during the Boston Marathon. The explosion killed three people and injured hundreds more, leaving the city of Boston in shock and terror. Second Baseman Dustin Pedroia said in an interview, "We played for the whole city, what the city went through." By winning the World Series, the Red Sox became part of the healing process for the people of Bos-

ton.

The Red Sox were coming back from a rough season having lost a total of 93 games in 2012. They made a dramatic turnaround by winning the World Series at Fenway Park for the first time in 95 years. Winning on their home field made the night more special for fans and players.

The Red Sox ended the series 4-2 against the St. Louis Cardinals. They became World Series champions after beating the Cardinals in game six with a score of 6-1.

Shane Victorino got Boston started with a three-run double in the bottom of the third. Jacoby Ellsbury, David Ortiz, and Gomes scored the three runs, giving Boston a 3-0 lead. The Red Sox added three more runs in the fourth inning, giving Boston a comfortable 6-0 lead. Stephen Drew was first up to bat in the bottom of the fourth and drilled a home run into the Red Sox bullpen against Cardinal's pitcher Michael Wacha.

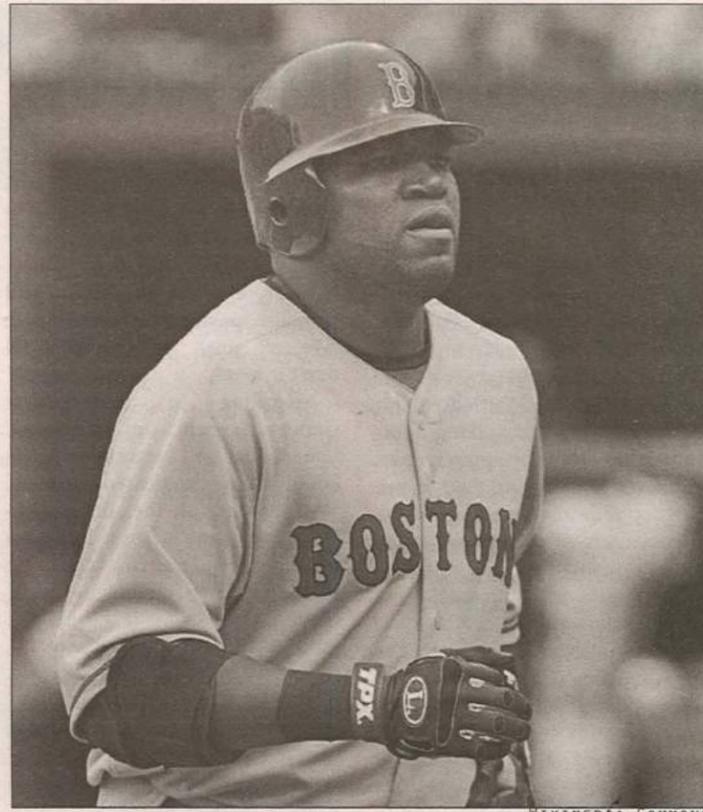
Later in the fourth inning, Mike Napoli hit a single to the right, allowing Ellsbury to score another run. Victorino then hit a single to

the left with Ortiz running in from third to score another run.

Pitcher John Lackey allowed only one run and nine hits over 6 2/3 innings. The veteran right-hander gave something special to Red Sox fans, a World Series Title. Lackey was out the entire 2012 season as he recovered from surgery on his elbow. Lackey stepped up when Boston needed him and made a tremendous impact in the Red Sox's 2013 season.

Koji Uehara finished pitching the game for the Red Sox. The crowd roared after Uehara struck out Matt Carpenter for the final out. He celebrated with catcher David Ross while the rest of the Red Sox team rushed onto the field.

Ortiz was named the World Series MVP after beating the Cardinals in game 6. Ortiz hit 11 for 16 making that a .688 batting average for the series. Everytime Ortiz went up to bat the crowd would cheer, "MVP! MVP! MVP!" It was no surprise to players or fans that Ortiz would be named this year's MVP.



David Ortiz here of The 2013 World Series Champions Boston Red Sox.

Harper Men Soar to First at Region IV Championship

By Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

The top-ranked Harper College men's cross country team took first of two teams at the Region IV Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Hawks also captured top team honors out of the nine teams who had enough runners to earn a team score.

Harper scored a perfect 15 points in the Div. III scoring, placing seven runners before Joliet's first runner crossed the finish line.

The Wolves totaled 50 points. Including all nine teams, the Hawks earned top team honors by a wide margin, scoring 35 points

to outpace nearest competitors College of DuPage (76 points) and Morton College (84 points).

Juan Barajas (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Schaumburg) once again led the Hawks, taking third place overall in the 8K race in a time of 26:25.

Brennan Albuck (/Hoffman Estates) ran an outstanding race with PR time of 26:29 to take fourth place overall while Zach Stella (Palatine, Ill./Palatine) placed fifth with a time of 26:51.

Sophomores Jhoan Lino (León, Guanajuato/Streamwood) and Nick Modlin (Wheeling, Ill./Wheeling) rounded out the scoring for the Hawks, as Lino finished in 27:48 to take 10th place and Modlin in 27:54 to take 11th

place.

Freshmen runners Sebastian Ramirez (Lima, Peru/Palatine) and Andrew Guibord (Crystal Lake, Ill./Prairie Ridge) also had strong showings for Harper. Ramirez came in with a time of 28:17 while Guibord finished in 28:26. John Majerus (Elk Grove Village, Ill./Elk Grove) also finished the race in 28:26.

The Hawks left Saturday, Nov. 9 for the NJCAA Championships in Northfield, Mass. on a mission to capture their consecutive national title.

Their mission was a success when they grabbed the 1st place spot out of 17 teams.



The top-ranked Hawks won the Region IV meet on Saturday

Hawks Ready to Tip Off 2013-14 Season

By Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

With seven returners and a solid group of newcomers, the Harper basketball program was looking to get started on the right foot as they open their season Thursday night, Nov. 7 at College of Lake County. Head coach Tony Amarino's squad went 13-17 last year, but he and his players are confident that won't be the norm for the Hawks.

"We have the potential to go really far," said sophomore guard Tyler Gaedele (Arlington Heights, Ill./Rolling Meadows), who averaged 12.0 PPG and knocked down a team-high 84 3-pointers last year. "With the group of returners and new guys coming in, our team goal is to definitely win conference and go to nationals."

Gaedele, forward Michael Rose (Rolling Meadows, Ill./Rolling Meadows) (12.0 PPG, 6.1 RPG as

freshman) and guard/forward Charles Wright (Cheyenne, Wyo./Cheyenne East) (8.5 PPG as freshman) are the top returners scorers for the Hawks while forward Eric Porter (Arlington Heights, Ill./Lake Zurich) and center Stefan Vucicevic (Arlington Heights, Ill./Hersey) return for their second seasons. Harper also gets a boost to its frontcourt with 6-foot-9 center Will Botefuhr (Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect), who missed last season with an injury. Keven Zelaya (/Elk Grove) also returns for his sophomore season after playing for the Hawks in the 2010-11 season.

The Hawks are deep at the guard position with sharpshooter Luke Potnick (/Buffalo Grove), Kevin Sexton (/Prospect), Kyle White (/De La Salle), Kameron Hill (/Wheeling) and Michael Boyd (/Lake Zurich) all ready to contribute.

Bradley Reibel (/Prospect) and

Kevin Walsh (/St. Viator) provide versatility for Harper while forward Dexter Henley (/Thornton Township) provides more size in the frontcourt.

"I'm excited about our group. I think our players can really play the game," Amarino said. "We have the potential to be a really good basketball team. I'm looking forward to us meshing more as a team."

The Hawks finished fifth in the N4C last year with a 6-8 mark. While Joliet (13-1) and Triton (12-2) were atop the conference in the 2012-13 season, Gaedele and his teammates will prepare hard for every game.

"I see every team as big competition. You don't know who they have, who they brought in or who they're returning," he said.

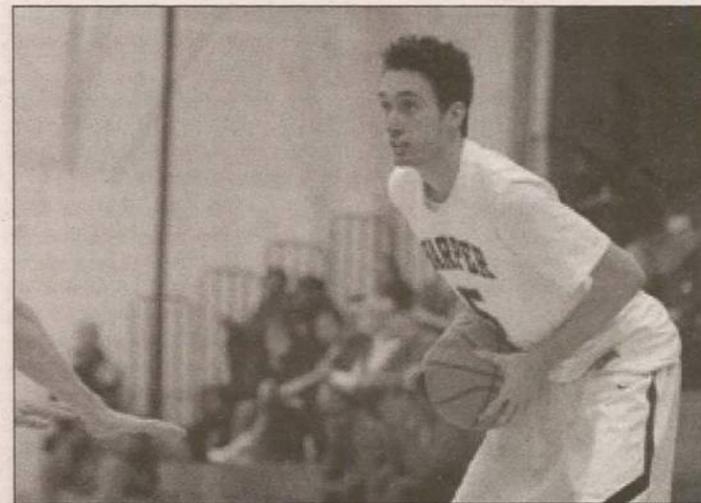
In the first five weeks of the season, the Hawks play eleven non-conference games and the Highland Tournament (Dec. 13-

14). The conference slate tips off with a road duel at Joliet on Jan. 8.

"Our conference will be strong again, but we shouldn't overlook our non conference schedule," Amarino said. "South Suburban is very good, Illinois Central is solid

and we'll play three solid teams at the Highland Tournament."

The Hawks had a close first game losing by one point in overtime. College of Lake County beat the Hawks with a close score of 67-66.



The Hawks begin their season tonight at College of Lake County.

Bulls Try To Shake Off Rough Start

By Nick Sadowski
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bulls are off to a lethargic start this season, but that isn't necessarily criteria for fans to panic just yet. The whole basketball world was expecting Derrick Rose and the Bulls to roar into the regular season and prove that they are true championship contenders.

What they didn't realize is that this particular Bulls team has never been on the court together. This team has shown more rust than an outdoor basketball hoop.

In the years since Rose joined Chicago, most of the other players have come and gone. This team has yet to keep a full starting roster for more than one season. Every year they have to create new chemistry rather than maintain it.

This season is definitely no exception, with Rose finding himself with a whole new bench. Rose has to try to regain the chemistry he had with the other players before them.

The Bulls have been struggling tremendously on both sides of the court, ranking 27th in offensive points per game and 14th in defensive points allowed.

These numbers are unlike anything seen in the Tom Thibodeau era. Coach Thibodeau expressed the struggles by saying, "We've got to work and we've got to work together. That's the big thing: we've got to work together. That's how you build chemistry. That's how you learn to play off each other. That's how you learn to cover for

each other."

After missing a year and a half, Rose has struggled to get the team going as he struggles to get himself going. He is shooting a lowly 31 percent from the field while turning the ball over at a whopping 5.3 turnovers per game.

Rose has also been turning the ball over at a very high rate, particularly due to the double teams he has been facing. Rose knows he is capable of breaking the double team code.

"It's not a problem for me. I've been getting double teamed for a couple of years now," Rose stated.

"I just got to make the game simple: When it comes to a double team, make the easy play and let my teammates work on the back side, the offensive side. But for me, I have to make the easiest play possible. But I'm over thinking it sometimes and that's leading to turnovers."

Other than Rose, the whole team has been lacking in intensity. As a team, the Bulls are shooting 25 percent from the three point line.

They desperately need to improve in that area if they want any chance at winning against the better teams.

Even though the Bulls are struggling, they are doing so at the perfect time.

At three weeks in, they will have the rest of the season to fix the numerous problems.

Hopefully they will put their woes behind them and focus on getting ready for the playoffs in the spring.

Hawks Nearly Knock Off No. 1 Madison In Region IV Final

By Bill Smith
Sports Communications Assistant

The fifth-ranked Harper College volleyball team knocked off defending national champs Rock Valley (25-22, 22-25, 25-23, 25-20) in the Region IV Semifinals on Nov. 2, Saturday morning to set up a title match with No. 1 Madison. The Hawks took the WolfPack to a fifth set, and the match was tied at 10-10 before Harper lost 15-12. The scores of the match were 25-18, 15-25, 25-23, 20-25 and 12-15.

Harper's season ends with a 31-21 record. Three Harper players - outside hitter Alex Messner (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Fremd), libero Kelly Sychala (Des Plaines, Ill./Elk Grove) and middle hitter Veronica Dabrowski (Mount Prospect, Ill./Rolling Meadows) - made the NJCAA Div. III Region IV All-Tournament team for their efforts.

Harper battled Rock Valley in the Region IV Semifinals. Messner had a season-high 17 kills to go with 17 digs in the four-set victory over the defending national champs Golden Eagles on their home court. She also showed her versatility with four big blocks. Setter Lindsey Murphy (Lake in the Hills, Ill./Crystal Lake South) added to her nation-leading assist total with 35 assists and added 10 digs to record another double-double.

In the service game, Murphy was a perfect 25-for-25 with three aces while Dabrowski was 17-for-19 with three aces of her own. Defensively, Sychala was all over the court with 27 digs while fresh-

man Morgan Peterson (Roselle, Ill./Conant) contributed 16 digs.

"We played very well against the defending national champions and deserved the chance to play against the No. 1 team in the nation," said Harper head coach Bob Vilsoet.

The victory was the Hawks' third consecutive win over the Golden Eagles after losing the home opener to them in four sets back on Aug. 27.

Harper then faced the No. 1 ranked Madison in the Region IV Finals. With a spot to the NJCAA National Championship on the line, both teams played their hearts out in an excellent five-set match.

The Hawks took the first set 25-18, but the WolfPack rebounded with a 25-15 win in the second set.

Harper claimed the third set with a 25-23 victory to take a 2-1 advantage in the match and inch closer to a bid to nationals. Madison once

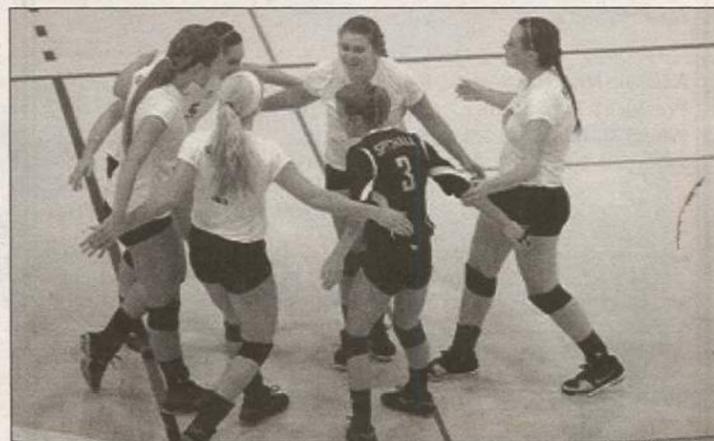
again showed its resilience, bouncing back with a 25-20 win to set up the deciding fifth set.

In that fifth set, the WolfPack (31-3) found a way to beat the Hawks and win their 18th straight match.

"Both teams deserved to win this match. We were at 10-10 in game five, and we were playing well. Either team could have won this match," Vilsoet said.

Messner once again led the Hawks with 14 kills coupled with 22 digs. Melina Villaber (Chicago, Ill./Taft) played a strong match, putting down 14 kills while tallying 16 digs. Murphy once again provided a steady presence in the setting game, handing out 36 assists while adding 22 digs.

On the defensive end, Dabrowski had four blocks while Sychala recorded a season-high 38 digs.



The Hawks beat defending national champ Rock Valley before falling in a five-set thriller to No. 1 Madison



HARPER HAWKS



Sports Schedule

November

Day / Sport:	Opponent / Event	Time:	Home / Away:	City:
18 Monday				
19 Tuesday				
Women's Basketball	Morton College	5:00 p.m.	Away	Palatine, Ill.
Men's Basketball	Morton College	7:00 p.m.	Away	
20 Wednesday				
21 Thursday				
Women's Basketball	McHenry County College	5:00 p.m.	Away	Grayslake, Ill.
Men's Basketball	McHenry County College	7:00 p.m.	Away	Grayslake, Ill.
22 Friday				
23 Saturday				
Wrestling	Coe College Invite	9:30 a.m.	Away	Northfield, Mass.
Men's Basketball	South Suburban College	2:00 p.m.	Away	Northfield, Mass.
24 Sunday				
25 Monday				
26 Tuesday				
Women's Basketball	Elgin Community College	5:00 p.m.	Home	Elgin Ill.

Score Board for Nov. 9-12

Sport	Datetime	Opponent	Result
Men's Basketball	11.12.13	Illinois Central College	L 78-93
Women's Basketball	11.12.13	Illinois Central College	L 36-94

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CLUB'S CORNER

Pride Club Advocates for the LGBTQ Community

By Hanan Aquil
Office Manager

Adviser: Monica Edwards, Kris Hines
President: Patrick Nora
When: Mondays, 12 - 1 p.m.
Where: D-132

Harper College encourages diversity within its campus and Pride Club serves as a place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning students as well as allies to come together.

Pride Club is working to create a more respectful and safe campus for the LGBTQ community. Vice President Krista Demma states that Pride Club is working on having a zero-tolerance policy and gender neutral bathrooms for transgender students.

Meetings are enriched with healthy discussions on issues such as the gender binary (men and women having specific roles in society) and gender equality.

Pride Club also plans social events. This past October, the group celebrated Rainbow week with educational forums and other engaging events throughout the campus. There are big plans for the spring semester as well. Pride Club is planning to have Harper's very first Drag Show.

Pride Club empowers LGBTQ students to educate and inform the Harper Community. Josh Back, a first-year Harper and pride club student, states, "We educate Harper by doing panels on what it's like for being gay. It's nice to know we live in a community that's relatively accepting. Everyone has different stories for coming out and their experiences; at Harper it's been overall positive."

Pride Club has had to battle discrimination on campus. Last spring, anti-gay flyers were spread throughout campus. Many LGBTQ members and their allies spoke in educational panels to bring awareness to students on campus. They also initiated a conversation with administration, including Harper's President, Dr. Kenneth Ender to address and resolve the situation.

Demmastates, "We strive to make a safe place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allies. We also educate people about our community and dispel many stereotypes about the community."

Members are empowered to be confident individuals who advocate for gay rights. As President Patrick Nora states, "Harper Pride has forever changed me into a stronger individual. My eyes were opened to the power an individual's voice. We all have the capacity for change but a lot of us are too scared to speak up, I learned to overcome it. I feel so honored to help people within our communities and I owe it all to my Pride family."

Mark Sterner: DUI A Powerful Lesson

By Michelle Czaja
Managing Editor

Mark Sterner visited Harper on Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, to discuss his tragic story. He shared his story about the night he killed his three best friends while driving drunk.

Sterner was 21 when he made a tragic decision to drink and drive. It was Spring Break, which meant it was time to go out, celebrate and have some fun while in college. Sterner and his four friends, Aaron, Pete, Jim, and Darren all celebrated as normal college kids would and experienced what they thought were the "best nights of their lives."

They chose to go to Florida for spring break and spent a total of six nights at one of his friend's family's home.

Drinking every night, going to bars, and dancing their nights away was something they chose to do and each night someone different drove. The last night however, when Sterner decided to drive home, all five were involved in a major car accident and three were pronounced dead on the scene.

Aaron (22), Pete (22), and Jim (23), all died the night of the accident. Sterner expressed that it was the shortest distance they had driven out of all days and it was that night he was convicted for 3 second degree felonies DUI manslaughter. Sterner was sentenced to 45 years in prison, but only served three years.

Sterner travels across the world to share his story with college students, expressing that he isn't out to preach, but only to inform and share his story. "I do this so you don't have to live my life. To save your parents from a phone call like mine," said Sterner. Having shared his story to over two million college students, he feels that what he is doing is all he can do at this point in his life.

Sterner is the youngest child in his family, but also the very first person to ever be in prison in his entire family. Sterner's mother received a phone call at 3 a.m. from a nurse saying to make it out to Florida as fast as she could because her son was in critical condition and that they couldn't guarantee he would live. Checking up every 30 minutes, at 6:30 a.m., the nurse shared that Sterner had stopped breathing, that his vitals were going down, and that he was now on life support.

After finally arriving, Sterner's family waited patiently for him to wake up. The day Sterner woke up he expressed that he looked to his side and saw his brother sitting down next to him with his head down.

Sterner was very confused because the last thing he remembered was being with his friends. The news was finally shared with Sterner and he was told that three of his friends were dead. Sterner expressed that the only thing he was thinking about at that point in time was that he wished he was dead.

"I was only 21. Old people die. You don't die when you're having fun," said Sterner. With a blood alcohol level of .17, Sterner was pronounced the least drunk as his

friends were well over .2. Sterner explained that Aaron, Pete, and Jim all died instantly, but the worst part was that Sterner and his friend Pete were two of the five that flew a total of 40 yards and ended up on the other side of the road. Darren (21), however, survived the accident with very little marks and scratches.

"I'm the reason my three best friends are dead. I'd trade my life in a heartbeat to bring my friends back for ten minutes to say goodbye to their parents. Life's all about choices. My friends made a bad choice, and trusted me. Less than two miles down the road we got into an accident. That was it, that was the night my life changed forever," said Sterner.

By sharing his story with college students, he feels that he can raise awareness. He doesn't want college kids, like us, to have to live a life like he is living now. Sterner shared his story with regret, wishing every day of his life he could still have

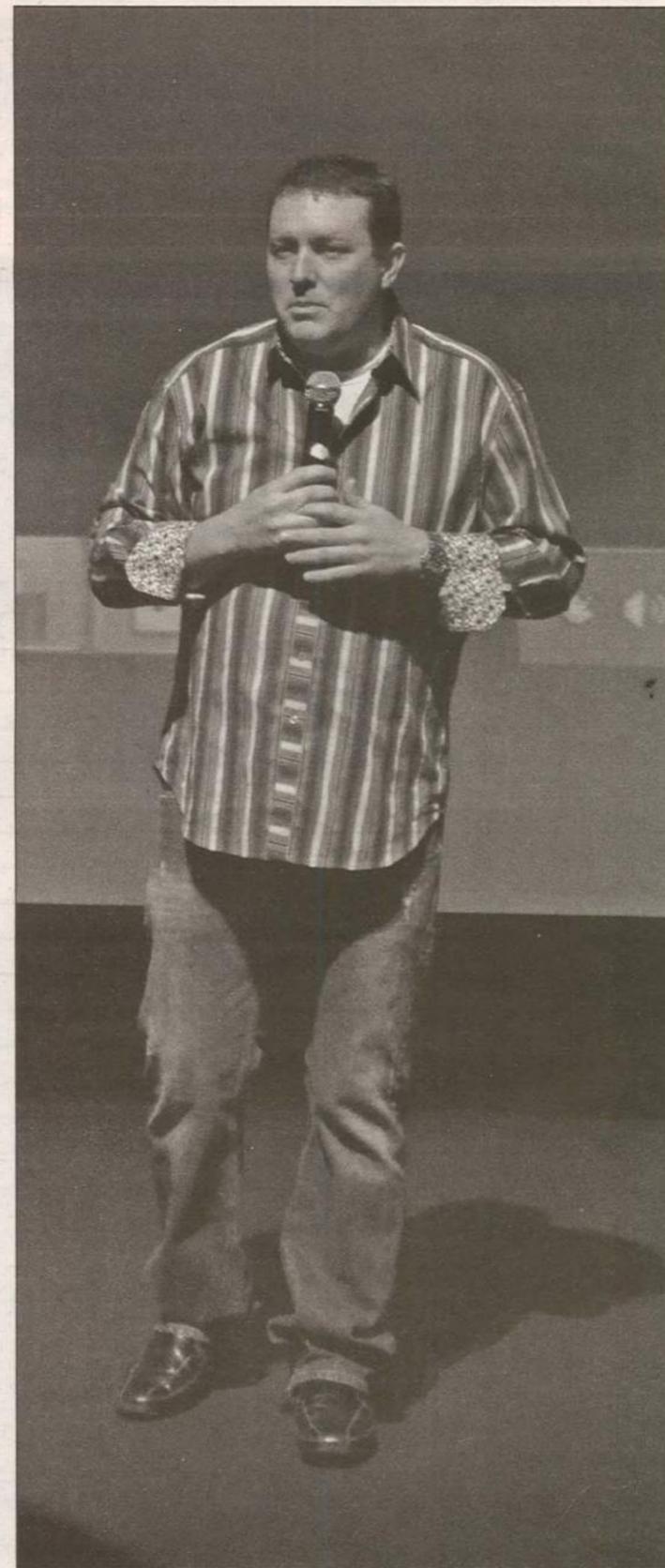
his three best friends by his side.

Sterner stated, "Time heals all wounds." Time does heal all wounds, most of the time. But for the night that Sterner was part of, the wounds keep growing and time is now the past.

A night like Sterner's is something the rest of the world needs to know about. If presentations like these can save lives, more presentations like Sterner's should be offered.

"Presentations like Sterner's should be presented to high school students as well, to spread more awareness among high schoolers who already participate in drinking and driving.

"Sterner's story was so powerful, and I will take into consideration everything he has shared with me. I will pass it on to the people I care about and make sure that others around me know exactly what can happen in a blink of an eye," said Sophomore High School Student, Michael Czaja.



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Pumpkin Carving Contest Puts Harper In Halloween Spirit

By Hanan Aquil
Office Manager

Building A was a buzz with Halloween spirit on Tuesday, Oct. 29 as students carved pumpkins. With the help of Campus Recreation, the Hospitality Club hosted a Pumpkin Carving Contest with Cookie Decorating. There was also a Bake Sale offering goodies such as cinnamon spiced nuts and pastries. A small patch of hollowed pump-

kins were set on the stage in the student center lounge ready for those who had preregistered for the event. Given an hour to carve, contestants had the choice to bring their own tools or use the carving tools offered by the hosts. They could also choose to carve free-hand or with a stencil. The majority of students carved their pumpkin with stencils. A total of 56 Jack-o-lanterns were carved, and the pumpkins were

showcased around the student involvement office in building A. The top five pumpkins were all carved free hand. Among the winners were the face of Jack, from "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and Sonic the Hedgehog. Jamie Mahoney, a student employee of Student Involvement, helped with the contest. She observed that the morning was slow, but it picked up by noon. "We've seen a lot of clever pump-

kins... This got people in the mood for Halloween, leading to the Costume Bash," said Mahoney. Contestant Amaris Pozniak stated, "The pumpkin Carving Contest was a cool idea to bring people together." Carvers and spectators alike could stop in at the cookie station to decorate sugar cookies provided by the Hospitality club. This drew quite a few students too. Various colors of icing were available to

make designs. The cookies were not displayed around campus, but instead, students ate them just as quickly as they decorated them. First-year PHE student, Robert Douglas, also liked the event, stating, "[It's] something to do on campus. It would be nice to have it every year."



First Place Winner:
Emily Schulte



Second Place Winner:
Katerina Josckish



Third Place Winner:
Amelia Corcilus



Fourth Place Winner:
Josh Brown



Fifth Place Winner:
Daesy Ruiz

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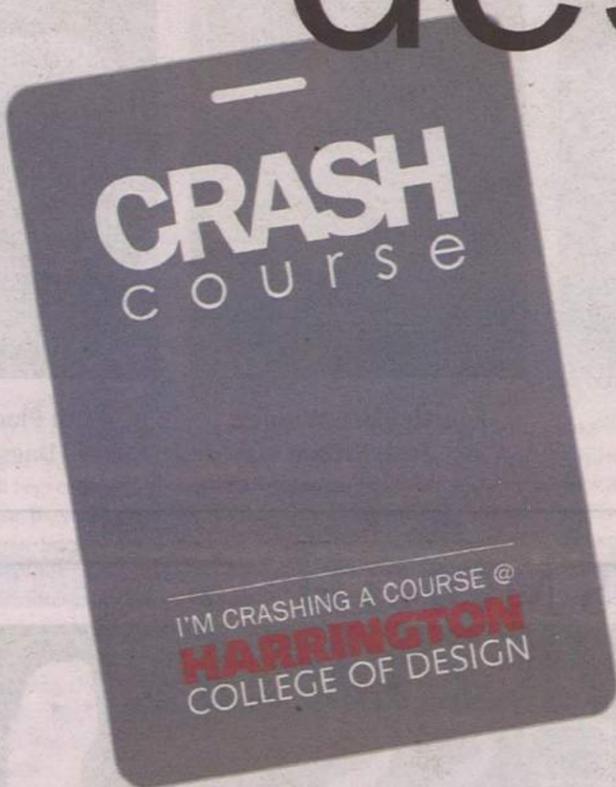
Events Schedule

November

Day:	Event:	Time:	Topic Area:	Location:
18 Monday				
19 Tuesday				
	Nietzsche's Debt to Aristotle with Dr. Daw-Nay Evans, Jr.	11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Authors/Lectures	Building A, Room A242
	NaNoWRiMo Write-In	12 - 1:30 p.m	Authors/Lectures	Library Classroom
20 Wednesday				
	Meet the Artists Holiday Ceramics Show and Sale	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Ceramics Sale	Avante, Concourse
	NaNoWRiMo Write-In	12 - 1:30 p.m	Authors/Lectures	Library Classroom
21 Thursday				
	Meet the Artists Holiday Ceramics Show and Sale	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Ceramics Sale	Avante, Concourse
22 Friday				
	Harper Ensemble Theatre Company: THE HEIRESS	8:00 p.m.	Theatre	Performing Arts Center
23 Saturday				
	Harper Ensemble Theatre Company: THE HEIRESS	8:00 p.m.	Theatre	Performing Arts Center
24 Sunday				
	Coffee with the Director: A Special Pre-Show Event: THE HEIRESS	2:00 p.m.	Theatre	Performing Arts Center
25 Monday				
26 Tuesday				
	Guitar Ensemble Concert	7:30 p.m.	Concerts	Performing Arts Center
	Harper Ensemble Theatre Company presents: THE HEIRESS	8 p.m.	Theater	Performing Arts Center

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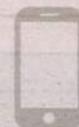
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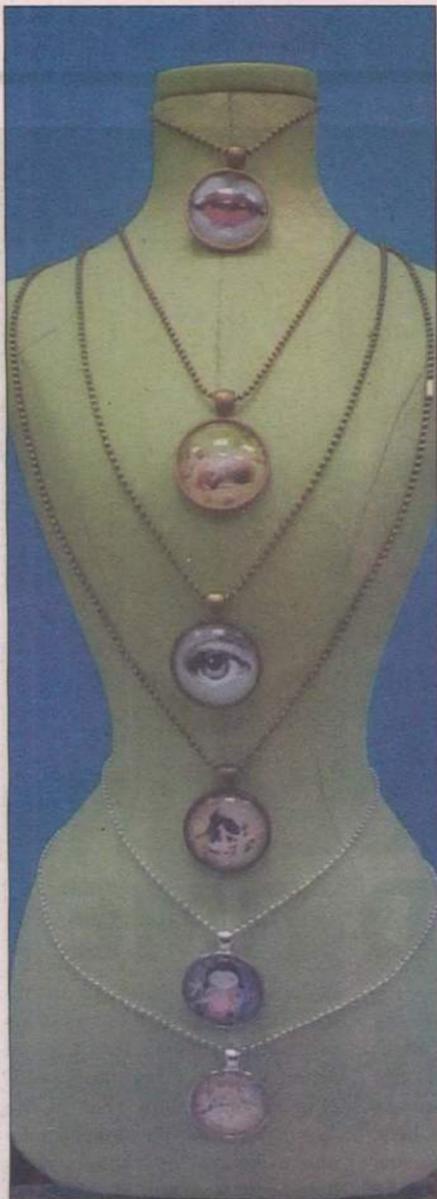


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"THOR" THRILLS AUDIENCES IN AN ACTION PACKED GOOD TIME

By Larissa Martinez-Szewczyk
Art & Entertainment Editor

"Thor: The Dark World" is a thrill ride of action that gives the audience a few laughs here and there. If someone is deciding what movie to watch this weekend, see "Thor." No one will regret it.

Thor is, of course, played by the one and only Chris Hemsworth. His on-screen brother Loki is played by Tom Hiddleston. The villain Malekith is played by Christopher Eccleston, who is most well known for playing the ninth doctor in the Doctor Who series. Natalie Portman is also resuming her role as Jane Foster.

In this new thrill ride, the Dark Elf Malekith and a group of his fellow Dark Elves seek out the aid of the Aether, a terrible weapon that can be used to cause devastating amounts of destruction. They need this weapon to destroy the Nine Realms during the Convergence, a time in which all the

Realms are aligned.

Malekith awakens when Jane becomes a host for the Aether unintentionally. He sends his lieutenant, Algrim, as a Kursed to Asgard where Jane was brought by Thor. Malekith and his men attack Asgard to get to Jane.

When Odin's wife Frigga tricks them into thinking that Jane is with them, she is killed before Thor can reach them. Thor has no choice but to enlist the help of his imprisoned and sometimes neurotic brother Loki in order to save the people of Asgard.

Loki helped Thor escape Asgard with Jane to Svartalfheim, Malekith's home world. Loki tricks him into taking the Aether out of Jane, so Thor tries to destroy it. He is unsuccessful while Malekith escapes, leaving Loki mortally wounded.

Thor must now go to Earth to stop Malekith from destroying all Nine Realms and sending the

world back into darkness. Thor obviously wins and all is right with the world once again...or so the audience thinks. At the end, Thor tells Odin that he cannot rule Asgard, but he can protect it. Odin smiles as Thor leaves, he changes into a smirking Loki.

The action of the movie was amazing. The fight scene at the beginning is reminiscent of the final battle scene in "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" because it has so many people fighting that it goes on as far as the eye can see. The final battle between Thor and Malekith is pretty badass. The audience gets to see how huge Malekith is made by the Aether when Thor throws Jane's instruments at him. They are as tall as Jane is and she has trouble holding them all. With Thor, they look about the size of spears, but when they impale Malekith they look like little spears. Jane uses the instruments to teleport sections of him away to

defeat him.

Loki has been seen as a sneaky guy with a sort of bravado about him. When he learns that Frigga died, he loses it. When Thor comes to visit him to ask for his help, Loki appears fine and his usual self. When Thor tells him that he can't fool him, that image of Loki is gone.

The real Loki is then shown sitting against the wall with his hair disheveled and only wearing part of his usual garb. His room is a complete mess with scuffmarks across the wall. Loki was truly upset about Frigga's death even though she was not his real mother. His care for her is the reason he joins Thor, to avenge her death. Deep down Loki has a heart somewhere.

Chris Evans aka Captain America makes a cameo role in the film.

As Loki changes Thor and his image after being freed to annoy his brother, he changes into Captain America referencing the friendship he made with Thor in the "Avengers" film. He makes a joke about feeling the righteousness flowing through him. Stan Lee also makes a cameo role in the film as a patient in a mental hospital.

Make sure to stay for the credits. In mid-credits, there is a scene with a man called the Collector. Volstagg and Sif visit him to have him watch over the Aether for safekeeping. After they leave he remarks, "One down, five to go." Like all Marvel movies, this one has an extra scene after the credits. It shows Thor and Jane kissing, and a frost monster that was accidentally transported during the Convergence running around the streets of London.



Walt Disney at Museum of Science and Industry

By Melissa Edwards
News Editor

Walt Disney is a household name associated with many different things. Movies, television shows, and theme parks are often the main focus, but who can forget the little mouse that made Mr. Disney famous? Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives, presented by D23: The Official Disney Fan Club, are ready for exploration at The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. This exhibit offers a glimpse into the creative and innovative mind of Chicago native Walt Disney and the entertainment empire he created.

The exhibit begins with a movie about how the Disney brand came into existence. Exploring deeper, the exhibit shares the story of Walt Disney's life and showcases news clippings, stories, and many rare

artifacts that are not normally available for public viewing. Walt Disney's desk is on display accompanied by original character sketches, clay models, and awards. Character outfits from movies like "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Mary Poppins," and "The Princess Diaries" add additional flair.

The experience is very interactive with screens displaying interviews, behind the scenes footage, and clips from Disney movies. Visitors can record their own sound effects, learn more about the world of animation, and listen to Disney classics throughout the exhibit.

Tricky questions posted on the walls throughout the area will put even a hardcore fan's Disney knowledge to the test. Of additional interest is an area detailing the creation of Disneyland. An in depth sketch of the park, props, and drawings are

all on display.

The exhibit ends with the Animation Academy, where visitors can learn to draw a Disney character. The instructor provides step by step instruction for drawing classic Disney characters, including everyone's favorite Mouse!

This is a must see for any Disney fan, young or old. From sculptures and stories taken from Disney classics, to artifacts from recent movies like "High School Musical" and "Teen Beach Movie," there is something here for everyone to treasure.

The exhibit requires an additional admission ticket that can be purchased as part of an Explorer Ticket package. Museum members can purchase exhibit tickets for \$4.50 per guest. The exhibit is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Thanksgiving and Christmas and runs through May 4, 2014.

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Fresh Cranberry Sauce

Method:

- 1) Stir sugar, water and cinnamon together in a medium sauce pan.
- 2) Bring mixture to a boil and add cranberries.
- 3) Cook the cranberries about 10 minutes or until they begin to pop.
- 4) Take off the heat and pour into a glass bowl.
- 5) Refrigerate, stirring every 5-10 minutes, until completely chilled.

Ingredients:

- 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of White Sugar
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of water
- 1 tsp of ground cinnamon
- 1 (12 ounce) pkg of fresh cranberries; rinse before use

Sweet Potato Bake

Method:

- 1) Preheat oven to 375f.
- 2) Wash and peel the sweet potatoes. Cut into 1"x1" chunks.
- 3) Place in a 9"x13" casserole dish. Spray the dish with cooking spray or grease the dish with a little of the butter.
- 4) In small sauce pan, melt the butter on medium heat. Once melted stir in the brown sugar until dissolved.
- 5) Pour the sugar mix over the sweet potatoes.
- 6) Add marshmallows to top of potatoes and place in oven for 40 minutes or until potatoes are soft.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs of sweet potatoes
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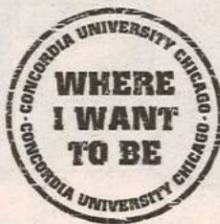
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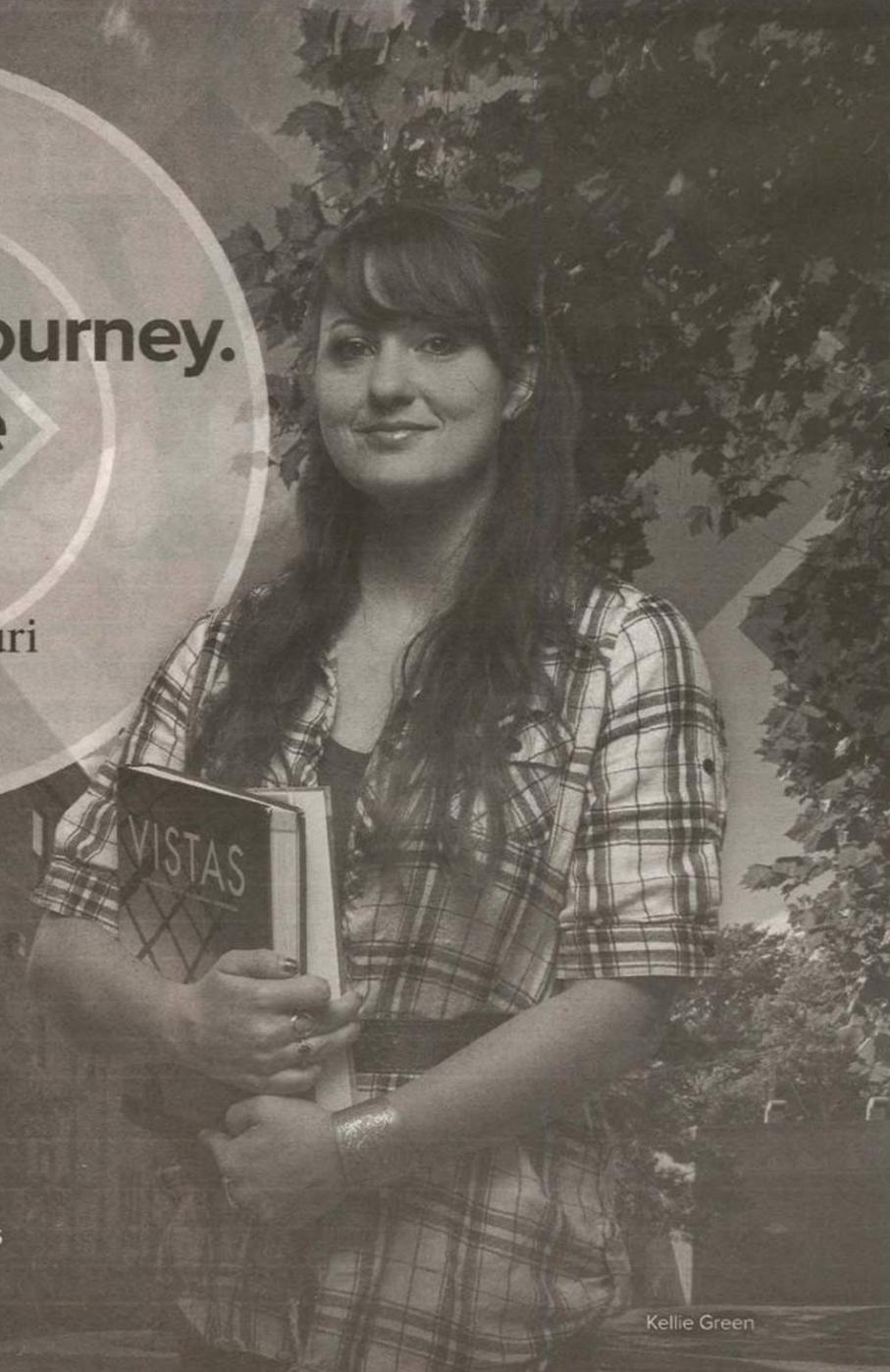


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Ubisoft Does it Again With “Assasins Creed IV: Black Flag”

By Larissa Martinez-Szewczyk
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Developer Ubisoft has outdone itself in this new era of the “Assassin’s Creed” series. “Assassin’s Creed IV: Black Flag” is an amazing game in storyline and game play. Anyone who is a fan of the series will love this addition to it.

Not only is the whole landscape beautiful and one of the most realistic out there, but the actual sheer size of the map itself is also impressive. It stretches from the tip of Florida in the north, Haiti in the east, the Yucatan Peninsula, and Mexico in the west. This is the biggest map of the series to date. Each location has tons of things to do from collecting sea shanties that one’s crew can sing while sail-

ing the sea to animals native to the land that one can kill and skin for upgrades to Edward’s person.

Killing and skinning animals now has a purpose in the game because they can be used for upgrades for Edward such as a more advanced pistol holder or a new outfit. There is so much extra content besides the main missions that finishing the main storyline alone will give one only around 53 percent completion.

The storyline of the game is exciting and keeps the player interested in finishing it. Edward Kenway, grandfather to Connor who was the main character in Assassin’s Creed III and father to Haytham who was also in that game, takes off from England to earn a living for himself and his wife

Caroline. Before he leaves, they separate.

Edward becomes a pirate and kills an Assassin by the name of Duncan Walpole. He goes to Havana and impersonates Walpole to get the reward that the late Walpole was going to receive for delivering a map and strange cube to Torres, the governor of Havana.

Edward’s cover is blown, so he ends up in a ship heading for a prison. He manages to take over the ship with the help of the other prisoners taking the ship as his own. Jackdaw is the name he gives the ship.

He discovers that the group of men he talked to when he was disguised as Walpole were Templars. The Assassin had turned on his own to help the Templars. For

a good portion of the game, Edward is busy hunting down a man known as the Sage. Edward helped this man capture Torres when he was disguised. The Sage was wanted by both Templars and Assassins because he knew the location of the Observatory.

This is a place made by an ancient and powerful race that housed an instrument that allows the user to see through the eyes of whomever they want using just one drop of blood from that person. The Templars want it to help their Order take over the world for their purposes of order and power. The Assassins want it to keep it away from the Templars and save humanity’s freedom.

Along the way, Edward finds the Templars and kills them. When

he finally finds the Sage, he leads Edward to the Observatory. Later on, he goes after the Sage when he betrays Edward and takes the instrument of the Observatory for himself. After achieving all he set out to do, Edward is able to somewhat relax.

His daughter, the one he did not know existed, sailed down to live with him since Caroline had passed away a few years earlier. The game ends with a scene in a theater, which shows up at the very beginning of Assassin’s Creed III, with a much older Edward, his daughter Jenny, and his young son Haytham. There is no scene during the rest of the credits. So feel free to skip it because the credits for this series are always very long.



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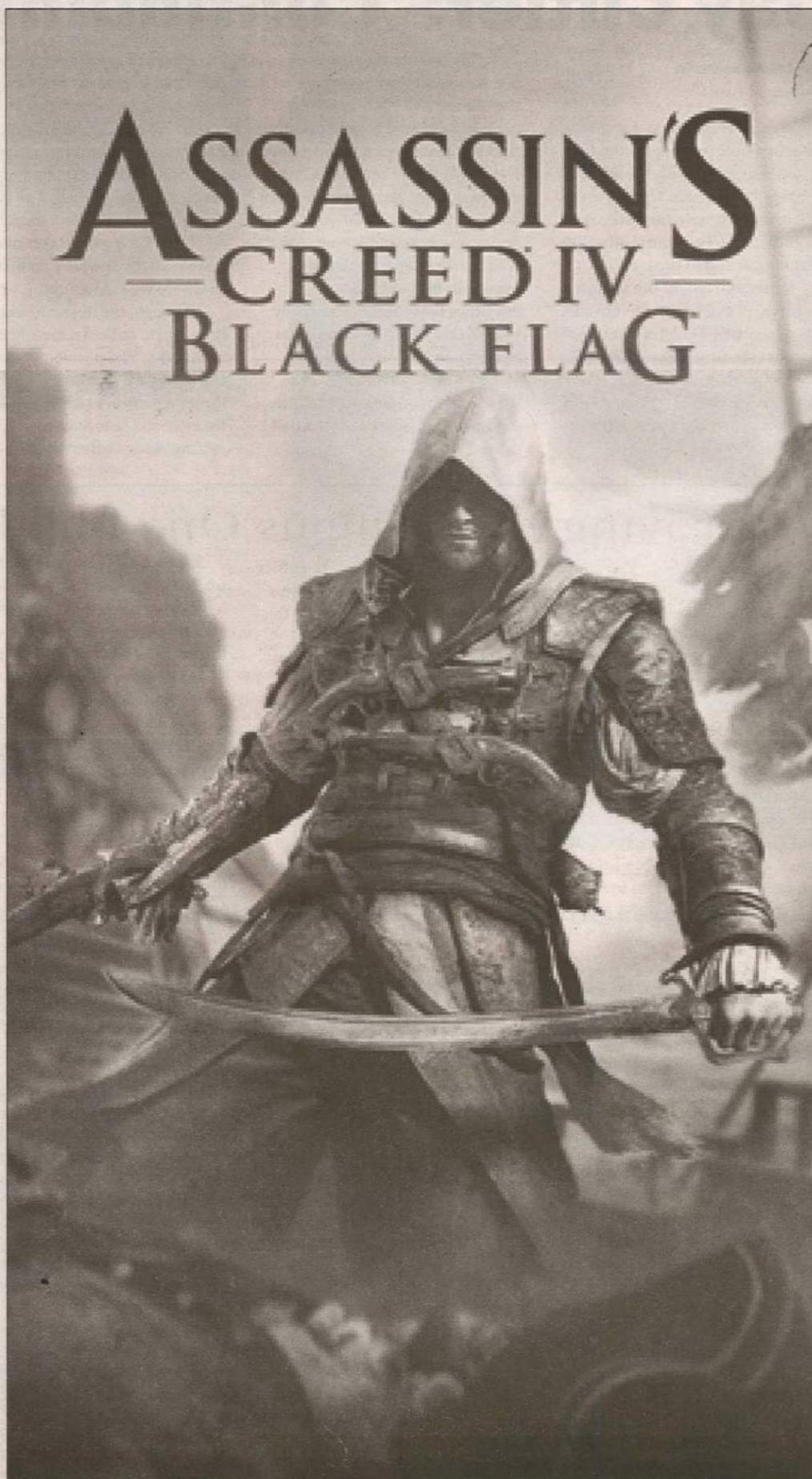
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How Can Harper Beat The Blue Months?

By Cheryl Gistenson
Editor-in-Chief

Is it just me, or does anyone else get burned out after mid-terms? That little halfway mark is a nice time for a breather, but for me, it becomes this deep, extended exhale. I don't think I know how to pace myself. I'll work diligently, consistently and without end during the first half of the semester, but that only lasts so long.

I think part of this is the pressure of American society to be

super-productive. Why can't we be like most of Europe and close shop for a two-hour lunch, or have siesta? I'm sure it's also the change in weather. (I may have to run this paper from a remote location.) I don't know if I can handle another Chicago winter. My pinky fell off in parking lot five on my way into campus. (Aren't you impressed with my nine-fingered typing skills?)

Have you noticed a mood change in yourself or those around you? The weather change

may be my perfect excuse for this laziness that's taken over. It's blanketed my daily schedule like the snow outside.

I feel like the Grinch though. As a little kid, I loved snow. Now, as an adult with "real-world responsibilities," the snow only complicates things. Maybe if I could spend the day sledding and building snow-creatures, I'd be in a better mood. How do I melt my cold, snowy blues? I keep saying that I'm going to move South, where it won't get below 55 de-

grees. However, I can't really just drop everything here and go.

Harbinger readers, I'm looking for your help! Send us your remedies. If you have a ritual, trick, or tradition to keep up spirits during the blue months, let us know. In the next edition, we'll have a compilation of your ideas. Stop by the office at A-367 to drop suggestions in the box, or if there's anyone in the office, stop in to talk with us. You can also send an email to harperharbinger@gmail.com.

Jay Cutler: Continuing or Not?

By Michelle Czaja
Managing Editor

Jay Cutler has been a great starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears, and with the addition of new Head Coach Marc Trestman, the offensive has increased significantly. The Bears' offensive ranking is 2nd in the NFL.

Cutler started off the season with a 3-0 start, then he moved to a record of 5-3 after winning against the Green Bay Packers. The win against Green Bay wasn't all because of the fact that Aaron Rodgers was out after the first quarter.

I truly believe that the reason the Bears won is because of the offense and their amazing plays. However, it is also because Backup Quarterback Josh McCown was in place for Cutler. McCown is a great third string quarterback and that is a fact. McCown is great under pressure and knows exactly what to do in tough situations, especially on the field. There are times that I feel Cutler really wasn't able to prove that he was better than McCown. Seriously, McCown steps on field for one game and maintains great passes, yards, and possession of the ball as well.

Cutler is a great quarterback, don't get me wrong. He is great at what he does, but is he as great as McCown? Does he have as much potential? The addition of Trestman has boosted the team as a whole in various ways. The Bears' offense is ranked second in the NFL, that's a big deal! Our offense last year was nowhere compared to where we stand now.

Although, the defense needs a little work, ranked a measly 29th in the NFL. The possibility that the Bears are planning on offering Cutler a contract stirs questions that various fans have to ask. Is getting rid of Cutler the best idea

for Chicago at this point? Will it have a greater impact on the team or Cutler alone? McCown however, has proven himself and what he has to offer to the team. Trestman announced that he feels there is more potential with McCown. He sees it being a positive difference if the Bears sign away Cutler.

The Chicago Bears have veen--and always will be--my favorite team, and nothing will ever change my mind about that. Each year the team builds strength and confidence to become better as a team. I am still waiting for the day that the Bears win the Super Bowl.

Improving the Campus One Building at a Time

To the Editor,

Hello! I am a long-time user of the Harper College athletic facilities, but I do not know whom to reach out to regarding my feedback and possible suggestions/solutions to Building M.

The shower facilities are not quite up to par with the level of that of the rest of the campus. The showers often don't have hot water and the shower heads are not in acceptable conditions. I have tried to bring this to the

attention of the staff and the office in Building M, but nothing seems to be getting done to improve this situation.

The following are some suggestions to improve the facility:

1. Replace the boiler for warm water with a more reliable model in building M, so that there is always enough warm water for showers.
2. Replace all shower heads in building M. Most of the existing heads are old and clogged up with limestones and barely sprinkle.

3. Replace the hot and cold water faucets for each shower with a type that has a built-in timer to shut off automatically to minimize the waste of hot or cold water.

I have seen on several occasions, students who leave the faucets open on many showers leaving the cold water to flow out. Perhaps the student was looking for a faucet that works when the hot or cold water was not available, and then left the shower area because of the lack of water. When the water was turned back on, no

one was there to close the faucets. A built-in timer type faucet will prevent this.

Also, during the winter months, I think the shower area is a little too cold after the shower. The thermostat can perhaps be adjusted to be a bit warmer.

This would make the experience a bit more pleasant. I love to swim at Harper several times a week and would love to have those visits even more pleasant.

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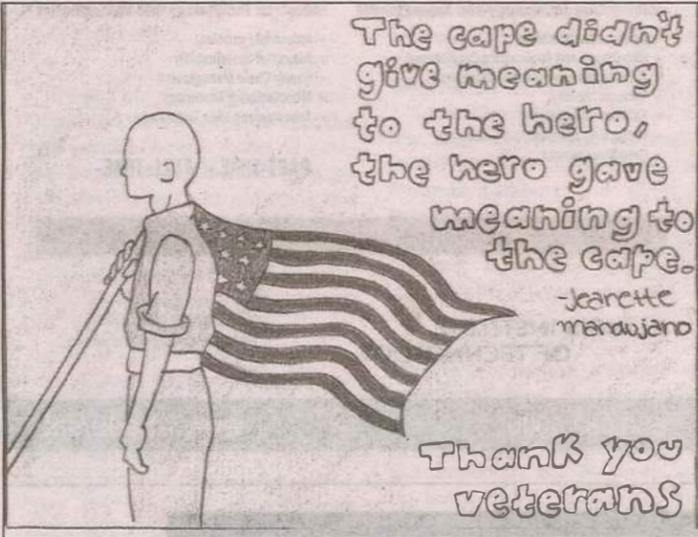
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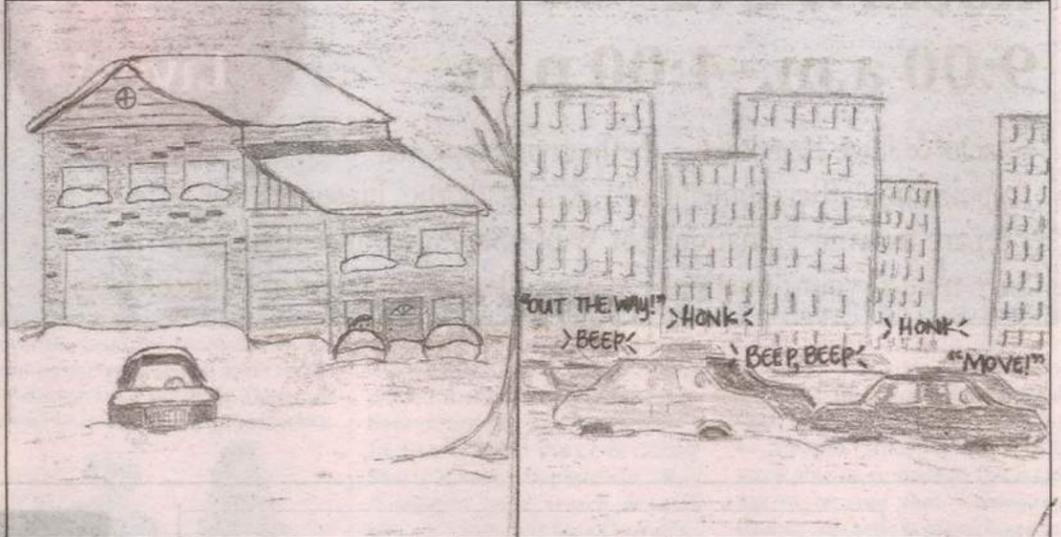
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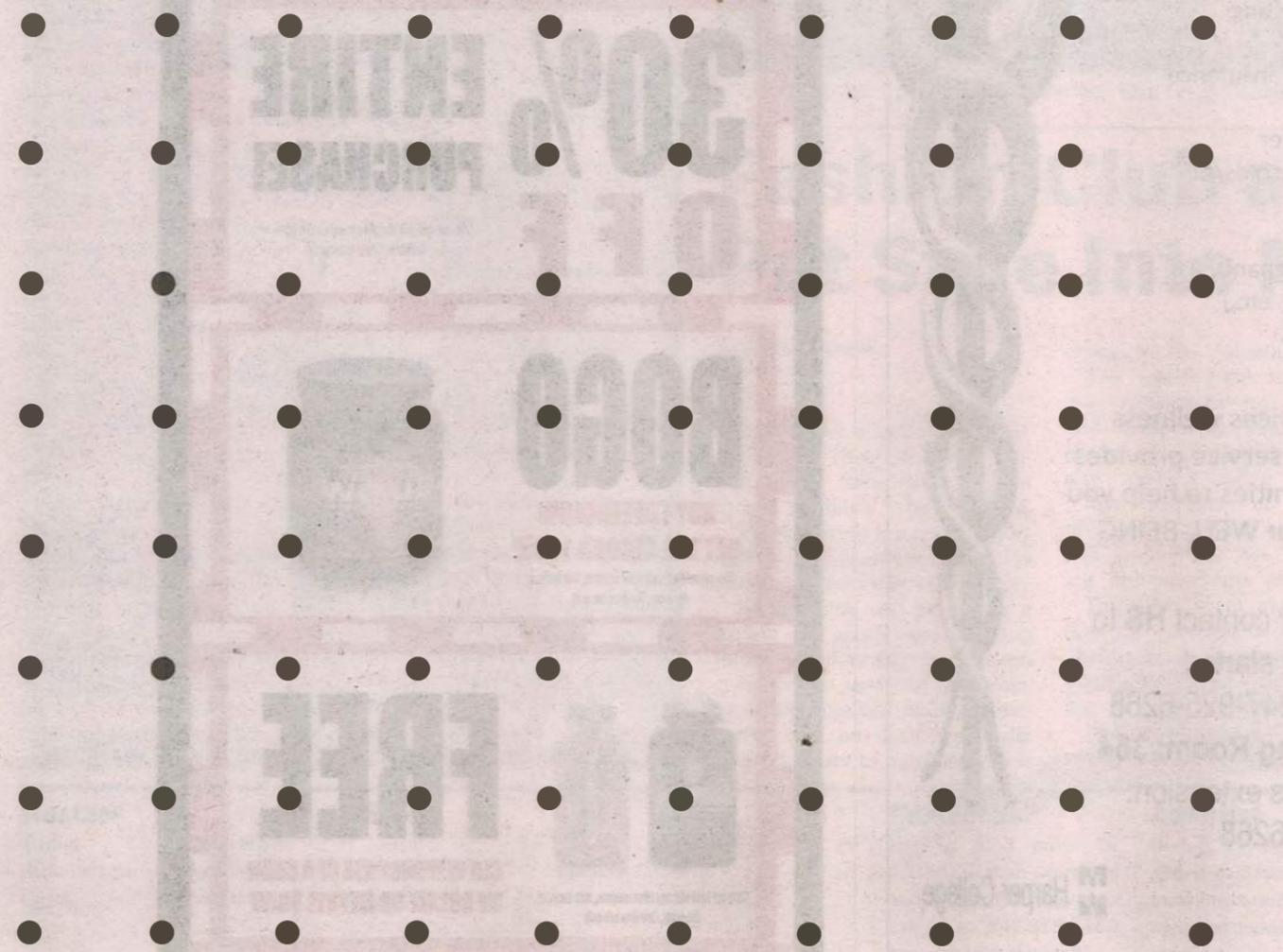
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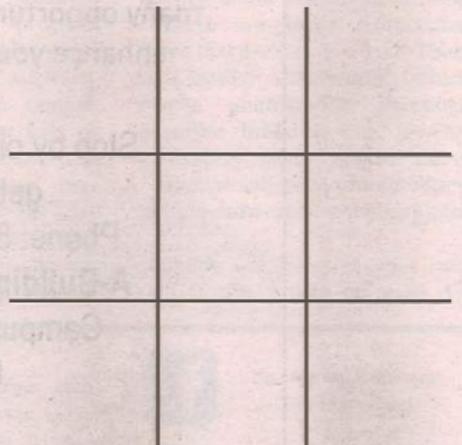
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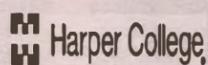
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