“One plane came right down at us. The guy opened the hatch to his plane and dropped his torpedo, waved at me and took off,” George Smith said in the journalgazette.com. “The next thing I knew there was a big explosion.”

Smith, now 83 years-old, was one of nearly 2,000 people who attended the ceremony in Pearl Harbor last year on December 7th. For the first time, the U.S.S. Oklahoma received a monument for the 489 military men who served on it.

Though families gather and celebrate during the holidays, one of the most important dates in history is sometimes overlooked. The day after the attack, President Franklin Roosevelt, called December 7th “a date which will live in infamy.”

The speech sent chills through those who tuned in, and it eventually led Congress agreeing with Roosevelt to declare war on Japan.

The attack brought the United States into World War II. Before the attack, the U.S. and Britain declared war on Japan.

“If we’re not here for ourselves, we’re here for the heroes of the attack on Pearl Harbor. It’s important to remember the fallen spirit, it’s important to remember the fallen,” Smith said in journalgazette.com.

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ATTENDANCE TAKES place on December 7, 1941.

UGS Arizona, Pearl Harbor Memorial, Hawaii, 9/8/2001

Every year it seems as though December 7th comes and goes usually unnoticed. Maybe the six o’clock news will run a few clips, and sometimes a friend will remind you that it’s the day the United States suffered the bombing at Pearl Harbor.

However, for those who lived it, and for the few who survived, December 7th will never be forgotten. “We’re honoring the people who were killed. We’re not here for ourselves, we’re here for them,” Smith said in journalgazette.com.

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The United States unleashed two atomic bombs on August 6th & 9th eventually leading to the Japanese empire surrender in World War II.

The 2011 Tale for Three Counties

On October 18th, the Tale for Three Counties committee announced its 2011 book selection, Mudbound by Hilary Jordan. The book was chosen based on a list of criteria determined by librarians from Genesee Community College and from public libraries in Geneseo, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties.

Mudbound takes place just after World War II and has some key issues, such as racism. Reference Librarian and Co-Chairman for the Tale for Three Counties, Michele Asnus said, “It is very well written and will capture your attention,” she said.

Asnus enjoys working on the committee because of its goal is to bring people together. “We want to have members of the community coming to GCC who would normally never come here,” she said. “Also, it’s great to have students reading the same book and discussing it together.”

Mudbound will be available in the spring semester and for GCC students the cost is free with their student ID. Staff and faculty pay $13. There are some copies available for loan now in the library.
This month’s guest writer is Instructor of Psychology, Candice Faulkner, who has been active in educating GCC on bullying. She, along with her club Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), held an anti-bullying march and a silent vigil, all covered by the local media.

A few weeks ago I read a story about a 15-year-old boy named Billy Lucas, and it absolutely broke my heart. Billy was a freshman at Greensburg High School in Indiana. Billy never told anyone that he was gay, and he didn’t self-identify with being gay. But Billy was different, and because of this, day after day for years, students threatened to beat Billy up. They pushed him around; they repeatedly called him names, and a “queer.” They told him that he “didn’t deserve to live” and that he should “go hang himself.”

Billy tried to defend himself, in fact he alerted his mother and school administrators about the bullying. On September 9th of this year, after being harassed at school, he stood up for himself and told his classmates “I’m going to kick your ass if you have it.” Evidently, in his anger he swore and they have no future and our government treats lemonade makers and gay and lesbian community like second class citizens, so why shouldn’t bullying? And since gays and lesbians are so despised, bullies repeatedly, intentionally, and aggressively humiliate anyone who is different by using anti-gay hate speech.

What happened to Billy Lucas is exactly what one should expect when we look at what is tolerated and even encouraged by our community. Absolutely. It already has. Slonje & Smith describe bullying as repeated, intentional, aggressive acts or behaviors against another person, often someone who cannot easily defend him or herself, and often due to a systematic imbalance of power (2008). I would argue that bullying is also perpetrated by groups in positions of power onto groups that hold less power.

Therefore, when powerful political institutions lobby against equality, when fringe religious leaders preach hate and condemnation, and when our own government legalizes discrimination, they teach bullies that what they’re doing is acceptable. It gives bullies “legitimate” cover to use words and phrases like “dyke” or “faggot” or “that’s so gay.” Why shouldn’t they? As Cindy McCain said in a recent public service announcement, “Our political and religious leaders tell LGBT youth that they have no future and our government treats the gay and lesbian community like second class citizens, so why shouldn’t bullying? And since gays and lesbians are so despised, bullies repeatedly, intentionally, and aggressively humiliate anyone who is different by using anti-gay hate speech.”

Billy had hanged himself with the help from one of his beloved horses. How is it that something like this happens? Why is it that when a 15-year-old boy finds himself in a place so dark and so painful, he feels his only option is to end his life? How did the community in Greensburg, Indiana let this boy down? Could something like this happen in our community? Absolutely. It already has.

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Tips for on the spot bullying intervention, adapted from Dan Olweus (the father of bullying research).

Do not require the bully and the bullied to meet and “work things out.” Unlike conflicts, bullying involves a power imbalance, which means this strategy will not work and can re-traumatize the person who was bullied.

Include bystanders in the conversation, and give them guidance about how they might appropriately intervene or get help next time.

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Thank you to Tony DeFranco’s Introduction to Journalism online class, to my students who volunteered to write and photograph, and to others in the GCC community who contributed to this issue. You made this possible!

A man’s ethical behavior should be based effectively on sympathy, education, and social ties; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death.

Albert Einstein
Free laptops for GCC library goers

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College News

Campus Center Highlights

Warsaw CAMPUS CORNER

Life challenges met, student now excels at GCC Warsaw

High school graduation is an event that signifies the completion of one important phase of development and formal education and the beginning of new avenues for growth, such as college, work, and service. This is especially true for students who have disabilities.

Maghon Barkley graduated from Warsaw High School in June 2010 and went on to successfully complete two college credit summer courses through Genesee Community College at the Warsaw Campus Center in GCC’s Promise Plus program.

The story begins early when her mother, Helen Barkley realized that Barkley was not progressing directly to the next school year. Barkley’s teacher reported that Barkley was falling to continue verbal and social skills she had displayed earlier in her short life. When taken for evaluation, Barkley was diagnosed with autism, immediately starting the process of having occupational, physical, speech, and large motor skills, learning social skills, and of having occupational, physical, speech, and music therapy, and adaptive physical education.

Concurrently with the ARC interventions, initiatives and programs evolved at Barkley’s Warsaw Critical School for exceptional learners. Warsaw’s “Strive for Success” program arranged for her kindergarten teacher to “loop” (continue) with Barkley’s program until the spring. Barkley’s class in order to also teach in her first grade classroom, providing the continuity important for Barkley and several other students. While Barkley was in third grade, a procedure shift was put in place to have the Special Education teacher instruct special needs students in the standard classroom instead of requiring the disabled students to leave their classroom for another location to receive their special education. Barkley benefited from having an aid in the classroom for one-on-one assistance through the eighth grade. When reconstructed to move into a Pre-K program at home, and moved into a community Pre-K program of “Kid Start” at Hugh Banks House in Genesee, NY when determined appropriate by ARC professionals and her mother. The family has learned through this approach to work with the child’s disability but emphasize the abilities. This began the years of Barkley’s growth with fine and large motor skills, learning social skills, and of having occupational, physical, speech and music therapy, and adaptive physical education.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES. GCC Student Maghon Barkley worked hard to succeed in school with autism. Pictured are Vicky Aubert, GCC academic advisor, Barkley, and her mom, Helen.

Photo by Donna Ramsey

Barkley’s goals are to become a music therapist. She has always responded to music, even in her youngest days when nothing else seemed to calm her, and she understands the value of music therapy from firsthand experience. She learned to read music and play clarinet in school. She said she blossomed with the help of music teacher Tom Hollobaugh and Ray Suriani and went on to All State and All County Soloists. Barkley is continuing her music education on clarinet from Lynn Sexton and on clarinet with Ray Suriani, both from Warsaw.

Arcade CAMPUS CORNER

GCC at Arcade hosts baby shower

Genesee Community College at Arcade is hosting Everybody’s Baby Shower, a community project sponsored by Community Action. This drive’s ultimate goal is to collected 100,000 items for local infants by the beginning of the holiday season. The Center is urging students to donate baby supplies for infants 0-3, including diapers, formula, clothes, clothing, blankets, books, toys, pacifiers, etc. In addition to providing a place to drop off the items, the Arcade Campus is also featuring “donor appreciation days,” with appreciation gifts for the first ten donors per day and a raffle for a $50 Tops Gift Card. The baby supplies drive will continue until the end of the semester.

Lack of basic necessities for children is now a growing problem due to the recession. It is estimated that 56% of children who live in rural areas experience some degree of poverty. Community Action is helping to verbalize the needs of children who are too young to ask for help.

For more information or to arrange a donation, contact Lee Weikensm at the Arcade Campus Center at (585) 492-5265.
Career Fair draws a crowd
By Kris Wiedemann
JOU 101-66 Student Writer
A local career fair at the Doubletree Hotel in Henrietta drew a crowd of 3,500. The fair featured several local companies including Paychex and Mott. With a slowly recovering economy these companies are looking to find people to replace the employees they had to lay off. With a competitive job market, career fairs allow people to discover the types of jobs that interest them as well as learn about local companies. The fair attracted a variety of people in both age and work experience. Attendees included recent college graduates as well as those who had been laid off. Career fairs provide new college graduates an idea as to what future employees are looking for. They also help those who are laid off to learn about new skills they may need to know about to keep up with a changing work environment.

Recent college graduates who have either moved to Rochester or graduated from Rochester could benefit from attending career fairs because they provide essential information about the businesses in the greater Rochester area. For example, out of state graduates may not be aware of all of the businesses the University of Rochester assists or that the University is a leader in technology.

For employees who have been laid off, career fairs provide them with the knowledge of any changes that have occurred or new skills necessary for the businesses they wish to return to. Armed with this information could put them ahead of others when competing for jobs. Participating in career fairs is also an excellent way for businesses to recruit talent and promote themselves. It is also a good way for new college students to learn about different careers.

GCC holds many job fairs every semester. For more information, contact the Career and Transfer office or search for “job fairs” on the GCC homepage.

Finals: OH, NO!
By Susan Chiddy, Learning Specialist
Center for Academic Progress
Oh, yes! Finals week is getting closer. You have been reviewing class work daily and reviewing all the course material learned on a weekly basis. Therefore, you are prepared and only need a light review because you have mastered the material.

If the above scenario isn’t you, here are some strategies to help you prepare and study for final exams:

1. Prepare for your exams over several days, such as five days before each exam. By continually going over the material and spreading it over several days, it can be retained without loss of sleep and sanity, which comes with cramming.

Try the Countdown to Testing strategy:

- **Five days before the exam**, do an overview of materials for the test.
- Divide notes, flashcards, handouts, etc. into three parts.
- **Day four** do a detailed review of the first third of the material. This includes rehearsing the material by reciting or writing.
- **Day three** do a detailed review of the second third of the material. This includes rehearsing the material by reciting or writing.
- **Day two** again do a detailed review of the last third of the material. This includes rehearsing the material by reciting or writing.
- **One day before** do a final review of all the material. Pay attention to any weak areas, rehearse, test yourself, get rest, have a positive attitude.

**Test day** Blast off! Eat a nutritious breakfast, arrive at school early to avoid feeling rushed and stressed, and approach the exam with confidence. You have just spent five days preparing; you are ready!

Drug and alcohol abuse in college
By Geoffrey Becker
JOU 101-66 Student Writer

College students everywhere are using drugs and alcohol; they can even be found on college campuses, including the dorms. Consuming alcohol may not seem that bad, but going to class with a hangover won’t help you ace the test. Drug use could lead to addiction and more likely the development of bad grades. Though college students might read about drugs and alcohol, many may not believe that it is happening at their college.

Partying use to be saved for the weekends when college work wouldn’t matter, but now Thursday nights are becoming regular party nights. Local clubs and bars are even offering drink specials on some of the other weekdays.

Genesee Community College (GCC) is no exception to drug and alcohol use. Every year students hear about or witness students being caught with alcohol or drugs in the dorms. GCC student Stephanie Zachoski has heard stories over the past couple of years regarding dorm room drug and alcohol use. “Last year there was one story I heard about a guy being busted in his dorm for having marijuana and ended up being kicked out,” she said.

Though there have been studies conducted showing the increase use of drugs and alcohol on college campuses, there are no immediate solutions to resolving the problem.
DEFINITIONS OF BULLYING:
Bullying is a form of abuse. It involves repeated acts over time attempting to create or enforce one group or person’s power over another group or person, thus an “imbalance of power”. The “imbalance of power” may be social power and/or physical power. The victim of bullying is sometimes referred to as a target.
Bullying consists of three basic types of abuse—emotional, verbal and physical. It typically involves subtle methods of coercion such as psychological manipulation.
Bullying is the act of intimidating a weaker person to make them do something.
Bullying includes behaviors and actions that are verbal, physical and/or anti-social, such as exclusion, gossip and non-verbal body language. It can occur at school or in transit between school and home.

IT GETS BETTER PROJECT
www.ItGetsBetterProject.com
Many LGBT youth can't picture what their lives might be like as openly gay adults. They can’t imagine a future for themselves. So let’s show them what our lives are like, let’s show them what the future may hold in store for them.
Justin Aaberg, Billy Lucas, Cody Barker, Asher Brown, Seth Walsh, Raymond Chase, Tyler Clementi. All the names of American teenagers who in recent months have taken their own lives after being bullied in school.
For too long, LGBT youth have been forced to struggle through their formative years suffering from bullies in their schools, churches and homes — and with no support system to provide them any help.
Noted writer and media pundit Dan Savage founded the It Gets Better Project in September 2010 as a unique way for supporters everywhere to tell LGBT Youth that — it gets better.
Closed-minded school administrators and parents may not let LGBT adults talk directly to their children about their futures, but we don’t have to get permission to tell kids that life gets better. That’s why we’re compiling a video archive to share the stories of people overcoming bullying and finding happiness.
Share your story of how it got better and provide countless young adults with the inspiration and hope that you wish you had while growing up.
Upload your video to YouTube. If your video is already on YouTube, submit the video URL. We will review your submission and post it on this site.

Genesee Community College
Gay-Straight-Alliance
GSA offers support and empowers gay and lesbian students, faculty, and staff. They work to educate the campus about sexual orientation issues.
The Gay Straight Alliance meets every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in B360. Everyone is welcomed!
Contact Candice Faulring at csfaulring@genesee.edu.

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Building Diversity

By Mike Galbraith
JOU 101-66 Student Writer

More and more minorities are heading off to college, while Caucasian student enrollment has been going down. The United States Department of Education’s Institution of Education Sciences revealed that minority enrollment has risen four percent over the past ten years, while the Caucasian population has fallen four percent during that time. Colleges are put in the position to attract and accommodate diverse environments for students every year.

According to the research, thirty years ago if you were to walk on to a college campus, only one in twenty would be minority students. Today, if you were to walk on that same campus, one in three is a minority student.

College campuses have become melting pots of different cultures. More African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American students are enrolling in college each year. The Hispanic American population increased two percent over the past ten years. The African American population increased one and a half percent, and the Asian American population increased half a percent over the past ten years.

These students are bringing more than just books to campus; they are bringing diversity as well.

Indian cigarette tax still in debate

By Alex Maxwell
JOU 101-66 Student Writer

The battle over taxing Native American cigarette sales is an issue of great concern to local leaders against appellate courts for their sovereignty.

The state government has targeted the Oneida, Cayuga, and Seneca Indian nations, who will have to pay non-Indian customers $4.35 per pack in reservation sales if the bill goes through. Federal Judge Richard Arcara extended his temporary restraining order preventing collection of this tax in Cayuga and Seneca reservations.

The Indian Nations who are targeted by this tax are fighting back in court to uphold their sovereign rights over their lands.

According to the Nations, this cigarette tax invades the Federal treaty that has given them the right to govern themselves. One resident from the Cattaragus reservation said, “The U.S. government has been intruding on our lands from the beginning – they pushed us from our lands and now they want to force us to pay our taxes and suck us dry – these taxes are going to kill our businesses!”

The Nations are determined to believe that the Indian reservations should have to pay any form of tax because their businesses have an advantage over others in the area. Others say Americans who visit the reservations shouldn’t be able to avoid paying taxes. Whether or not this bill will come into effect is still up in the air and for local Indians and reservation customers alike, the tension of the unknown is quite stressful.

Review of the GCC Library’s “Geocaching for Adventurous Adults” workshop

By Elizabeth Downie
Secretary for the MSCE Business Division

The GCC Library held a workshop on geocaching in late October. With only 20 seats available for the workshop, they had a great turnout of 15 people. Geocaching is an outdoor adventure for any adult and seniors in the community who had interest in the hobby of geocaching. Michelle Tomaszewski, Systems and Electronic Services librarian at GCC, hosted the workshop. A group of students from the MSCE Department attended this workshop and must rave about the experience!

What is geocaching? Geocaching consists of hiding small containers called geocaches or caches for others to find. Caches generally consist of a logbook for the finder to sign. Some caches include small trinkets and trade items which are usually family-oriented items. Once a cache is hidden and approved, the owner then places its latitude and longitude coordinates on the internet at a website set up specifically for this hobby: www.geocaching.com. Other caches then set out to find this new cache, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) device or smartphone. When the cache is found, the cache is registered on the website. Name the cache, take a photo of the find, and then, if they choose to, trade items within the cache, taking one and leaving something in its place. Upon returning home, the cache is then thumbed online and geocachers electronically log their find with their comments regarding their experience with the cache they just found.

My husband and I are avid geocachers and go by the name “authorized users” when logging our finds. We started caching on July 31, 2010 and have been obsessed, for lack of a better term, ever since. To date, we have found over 100 caches, attended a geocaching mega-event at Letchworth State Park, completed the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Geocoin (www.seawaytrail.com/geocoin), and are awaiting the Geocoin jacket for our adventure wear collection.

Review of the GCC Library’s “Geocaching for Adventurous Adults” workshop continued on page 11.
This is a great recipe if you are short on time and low on cash. It’s always and quick to make, but you will probably be hailed as the next Martha Stewart! To save you the time of coming up with a recipe for a dish to bring for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, this Swedish meatballs recipe is not only simple. First, trial and error make for the best recipes that Betty Crocker can’t even touch. Second, simple ingredients don’t always mean simple taste. 

Swedish Meatballs

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease a large baking dish if you plan to use a lower fat ground beef.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine 3 eggs, 3 tablespoons of Italian seasoning, and 2 cups of breadcrumbs (I find that crushed croutons or chopped Italian bread work just as well).

3. In a saucepan, combine one 16 oz. can or jar of grape jelly, and one 16 oz. jar of chili sauce.

4. In a saucepan, combine one 16 oz. can or jar of grape jelly, and one 16 oz. jar of chili sauce. Put the chilli sauce in first, and also, do the grape jelly to the sauce. Mix until jelly is dissolved and there are no clumps.

5. Pour sauce in the baking dish, and bake uncovered for one hour.

You should also go see the movie if you are a fan of Bruce Willis or Morgan Freeman. Bruce Willis is famous for his role in the Die Hard movies. Morgan Freeman plays an important role as Red, Bruce Almighty and Evan Almighty. As Red progresses, the plot just becomes a repeat of the same event. It was the best action movie of the year that will make you laugh and fall in love at the same time.

Jackass 3-D: for the vulgar at heart

This year has seemed like the year of 3-dimensional movies. They cost a couple of extra dollars, but if you see Jackass 3-D, it will be well worth your money. This movie will appeal to a younger audience as they perform a bawdy sense of humor, but they must have a strong stomach for some of the gross pranks the cast pulls.

The 3-D effects make it better because it gives you the feeling of objects being fired at you, vomit coming towards you, and a real up close look at some of the pain they go through. For the most part, this movie will have you in tears, laughing. Although there are a couple brainless scenes, you know what was going to happen, the movie is very amusing. So if you are looking for a movie that will have you laughing check out Jackass 3-D.

Dimmu Borgir: Behind the Pack

Picture a walking corpse. Pale faced with long dark gangly hair. The smell of raggedy clothing and rotten flesh. The bowels prepare for expulsion. Slowly he creeps towards you with his broken foot dragging along the ground. At the last point there goes through one’s mind, ‘it’s instinct. It is either fight or flight. But what if this cannibalistic corpse was just a little girl, ready for a night of trick or treating? The scary factor is all washed up and hung out to dry.

If modern black metal can be compared to the little girl on Halloween, then the former properties of black metal would be the zombie. The swift chop from Abradhadabra officially severed Norwegian metal monster, Dimmu Borgir’s, head. They have turned themselves into little trick or treating girls. It was released with great anticipation, after their last failure with In Sorte Diabi. Dedicated Dimmu fans demanded new, reformed material after the incredible death cult Armageddon, an incident in Guatemala. A group of people who were interviewed at the Rainbow, where they knew what was going to happen, the movie is very amusing. So if you are looking for a movie that will have you laughing check out Jackass 3-D.

The largest portion of this album is dominated by the incredible deliverance of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra and choir. In previous albums like Baphomet, 777, Hellish Catharsis and Puritanical Euphoric Misanthropia, the parts that orchestra and choir are subtle. They accentuate the music that the band provides with their powerful melodies and brutal riffs. The two were seamlessly bound together. In Abradhadabra, the orchestra and choir were just one of the band with epic verses.

Maybe if they were trying to make a dark and grim classical album with a band behind them, it would make sense. Dimmu’s fan base’s common goal is to headbang, fist pump and start mosh pits. This cannot be delivered with fast, brutal, raw black metal, not a string and brass section.

The amount of simplicity that the band offers is enough to make an eye twitch. The technicalities of their former albums, which can be considered master pieces in comparison, were god-like. This caliber of technicality attributed to their former catchiness. Motivation and adrenaline are spurred up when listening to an old Dimmu album. Abrahadhabra is very hard to listen to in comparison with its crisp clean guitar chops and slow easy drum beats that stare blankly behind a huge orchestra that booms and bangs. It gets very boring at times.

Although they do bring in a couple guest vocalists, it offers little variance in the long run. Very few people are able to replace bassist and back vocalist Vortex and his epic voice. The parts that female vocalist Agnete Kjølsrud and male vocalist Kristoffer Rygg fill are small, totaling two songs. Rygg reminds me of an operatic Jonathan Davis, which is not saying much, and Kjølsrud’s voice may sound like that of a stereotypical witch, say one from The Wizard of Oz. Luckily, Kjølsrud only gets to ruin one song, “Gateways.” This song surely had some potential as filler for the rest of the album, but the overpowering chorus and a strange voice that reminds me of Ze Frank, the talk show host of Power Rangers, drown out the guitar and bass. If implemented correctly these vocals could have proved useful. But Dimmu drops the ball on this one as well.

There must be some credit given to Shagrath, Silenoz, and Galder, the incredible song writer, bassist, and vocalist. It may be hard to remain a dedicated fan. Their music has definitely grown and evolved over the years. But to say that it is still evolving would be making a stretch. After 1997, with the release of Enthrone Darkness Triumphant, their music stopped evolving and began degrading as far as raw black metal is concerned. Although there were a couple
Geocaching

To begin the workshop, an introduction to geocaching was provided by Michelle in the Library classroom via an interactive lecture, a PowerPoint presentation and a short video. The introduction consisted of what geocaching is, who partakes in the hobby, how to geocache, and how to set up a free account online to log your finds. She also discussed some of the types of containers, trinkets, tradeables, and trackables that would be found while caching.

The group attended different experiences with geocaching. Some had only heard about it and wanted more information while others had tried it once or twice in the past and wanted to revisit the hobby, while the remainder had been involved with it for some time. It was a great experience for everyone to get to know each other, learn about previous experiences, and ask questions.

After the introduction, Michelle took the group outside to show them first-hand how geocaching is done. The cache that was chosen for the workshop was GCC (Geo-Cachers College Cache). This cache is a multi-cache located on the grounds of the Batavia campus, which involves two or more locations to find. The first coordinates, also known as “cords,” take you to a location where you need to find additional coordinates. The additional coordinates will then take you to another location for more coordinates or to the final cache location. In this case, this is only a two-leg cache, so after the first cords were found, the final was next.

She handed each attendee a GPSr that had the first coordinates already programmed in. The group made their way outdoors, set their units to find the first set of cords, and away they went. Following the arrow on the GPS, the group made their way to the location of the first leg of the cache. Michelle helped the group program the newly found cords into the units. After a few minutes, they were off to the final cache. The final was found rather easily by the group. It consisted of a nicely hidden matchstick container that held a log for finders to sign as a statement of, “I found it!” The group signed the log as GCC “Geocaching Class,” and the smiling faces among the group were a sure sign of the proud accomplishment.

After the group headed back to the Library classroom, Michelle answered a lot of great questions and the more experienced cachers shared some of their caching experiences and journeys with the group. Many created their online accounts, searched for caches local to their homes via the geocaching.com website, and researched items to trade.

At the conclusion of the workshop, each attendee received a custom trinket for attending the workshop. The trinket was a wooden coin that can be dropped in a cache. On one side of the wooden coin, the words, “Genesee Community College Library” appeared with a compass image and the year. On the other side of the wooden coin, the words, “Where you are the search engine” appeared with an image of a person reading a book.

The workshop was an overall success! Many thanks go to Michelle and the GCC Library for putting this together! As I’ve been told, there may be another workshop in the spring, so keep your eyes open for the announcement!

For more information on geocaching, please visit www.geocaching.com. Now, grab your GPSr and go caching! Enjoy!

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good albums after 1997, as a whole the music became melodic or symphonic black metal.

The purpose of black metal is to hate it. It is the disgusting, vile, or raw nature that disabets it from becoming popular. Dimmu Borgir’s most recent attempt officially converting them from underground to mainstream. If there were any true fans left, Abrahadabra cut them off. This release is a disgrace to black metal. As for the mortis sets in Dimmu Borgir will surely see the tracks roll in with this new release. They have come a long way from their humble beginnings of raw black metal and playing in bars. Huge festivals, tons of money, and even bigger production jobs than this will come their way. Maybe it is time for Shagrath, Silonez, and Galder to disperse and go on to bigger and better things than Dimmu Borgir.
Women’s soccer team first in the nation

Here we are, one month into the NHL regular season, and the Buffalo Sabres are near the bottom of the Eastern Conference standings. It is an understatement to say they are struggling. They are inconsistent and have more of a problem with their mental preparedness than skill. Currently, opposing teams know they can knock the Sabres around and get away with it. For this reason, Rob Regeir, Catherine Mucha (Dalton, NY), and Jason Leopold have never won the Cup but add size to the blue line. Ferguson went to the Cup finals with Calgary in ’04. There is a commercial on NHL Network that makes me shake my head every time I see it. Ryan Miller is throwing tennis balls off a wall and catching them. In the background, two men are talking about the team. One of them says the Sabres are probably going to be contenders again because all of the core players are coming back. The problem is that the core players have been struggling and inconsistent for a couple of years. It is frustrating that rather than trying to get players who can produce, the Sabres get tough players. What they really need are some players who can score.

Maybe Darcy Regeir, the Sabres general manager, needs to be replaced. He has been signing players to increase size and strength, but what about players who can score? It is an understatement to say they are struggling. They are inconsistent and have more of a problem with their mental preparedness than skill. Currently, opposing teams know they can knock the Sabres around and get away with it.

The Tournament MVP was Catherine Mucha (Dalton, NY). The team’s fall activities have included practice and scrimmages in the Fall 2010 semester.

The GCC golf team started preparation for Spring 2011 season. Returning players are team captain Matt Ferdinand, Head Coach Tom Tucker will also have a new assistant coach in Tom Myoinhan, who adds more game and teaching experience to the mix.

The team’s fall activities have included practice and play at the Batavia Country Club - GCC’s home course - as well as early morning weight workouts in the GCC fitness center, which continue through the end of the semester. Spring 2011 season conditioning and work outs commence on January 24th, 2011.

Tucker is looking for good players who may be interested in playing on the team, especially female players, since GCC’s lone female player had to drop off the team due to other commitments.

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Golf team prepares for Spring 2011 season

The GCC golf team started preparation for Spring 2011 with several intra-squad scrimmages and two WNYAC scrimmages in the Fall 2010 semester. GCC won a home WNYAC Scrimmage against NCCC and finished in the middle of the pack in an away scrimmage at MVCC’s Sanderson Golf Club in Clinton, NY. Although GCC will miss Jeff Marcy, last year’s number one player, the team has several returning players who have stepped up their game considerably, and the team has a couple new prospects that should help the team show overall improvement in Spring 2011.

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Insane sports management!

Trade saw Chris Drury come to Buffalo in exchange for Rhett Warrener. Regeir hasn’t touched the NHL trade market since. He did attempt to sign Drury and Briere after the ’06-’07 season, but his offers weren’t enough. There have been multiple offers for Sabres talent, a team needs players who produce. The Detroit Red Wings are competitive every season because they sign big name players. The same can be said of the Chicago Blackhawks, who won the Cup in June. They signed former Sabres defensemen Brian Campbell for the ’08-’09 season. He was one of the Sabres’ top defensemen. Another big free agent signing for the Hawks was Marian Hossa. He was a big reason why the Red Wings made the Cup finals in ’09. Good teams have players that can produce, and Buffalo doesn’t have anybody who can produce consistently. However, one can’t blame management for everything. Some responsibility falls on the head coach’s shoulders.

Lindy Ruff has been coaching in the NHL for 13 years. He spent most of his career in Buffalo. I think his message is not getting through to his players. The core players have been listening to the message for many years. Ruff’s strategy has not won Buffalo a Cup, though they have come close three times. In 1999 the Sabres were within a game of the Cup finals. In ’06, they were beaten in the Eastern Conference finals. In ’07, they were beaten in the Cup finals. Ruff either needs to change his strategy or the Sabres need a new coach.

There is an abundance of free agents to choose from. Dick Tarnasi, former assistant coach of the New York Rangers. Maybe a change of scenery would be good for Tom. A change in coaching would probably be good for the Sabres.

The Sabres are plagued with inconsistency, lack of motivation, and injuries. I hate using injuries as an excuse, but it’s true. Jason Pomminville has missed time because of a concussion. Defensemen have been dealing with concussions for a couple of years. The special teams are faltering. Maybe it’s time to change things up a little bit. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over but expecting a different result. According to that definition, the Buffalo Sabres are an insane team.

In the Blood

by Susan Lott Parker

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