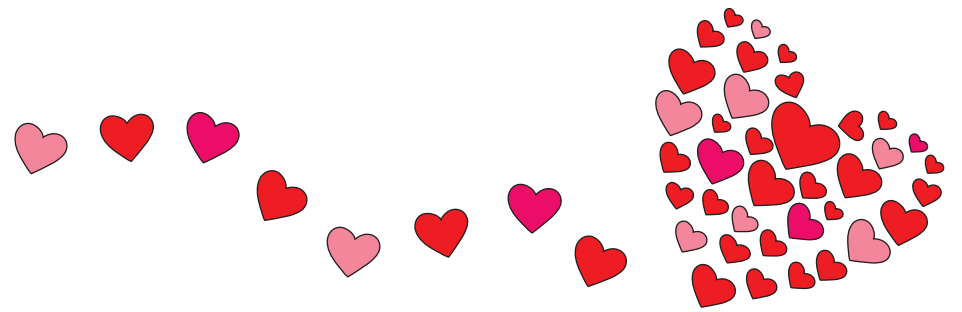


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## Sokol has 'the teaching gene'



**Geneva Cummons**  
*Chieftain Staff*

John Sokol was "born with the teaching gene" as he would like to say, and fortunately for Gogebic Community College, he is now a full-time mathematics instructor here.

However, he didn't start off as an instructor. Right out of college, Sokol, 36, applied to be a math tutor for the TRiO program and was accepted. Sokol then became a coordinator for TRiO and taught adjunct math classes on the side. When longtime mathematics instructor Deb Pletcher retired in the spring of 2011, Sokol was first choice as the newest math instructor.

Currently, Sokol teaches college algebra,

introductory algebra, intermediate algebra, and mathematics for elementary education teachers.

The best part is, he loves it.

When asked why he loves teaching Sokol's response was, "I have a niche for teaching others and for relating to the math problems they have."

Then, when asked the question many people wonder, why he loves math, Sokol replied, "I'm good at math and it has always come easy for me. When you thoroughly understand a discipline, you've been through all of the misconception that can arise."

Being able to relate to the struggles students face with math, Sokol hasn't found anyone he couldn't teach. This is partially due to his style of teaching. Sokol tries to make his math classes as entertaining, relevant, and fun as possible while still teaching core concepts. He accredits this skill to his biggest influence, Dr. Peggy House from Northern Michigan University, who opened his eyes to that style of teaching mathematics.

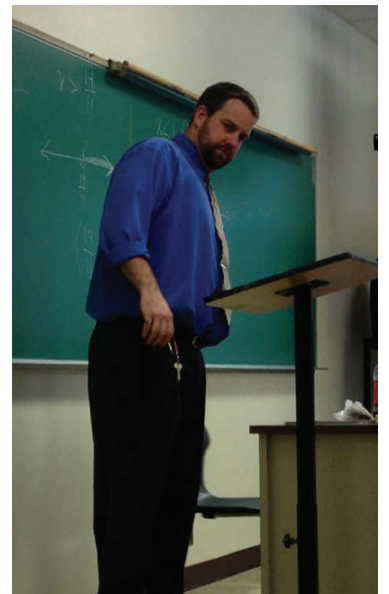
He also recognizes his wife as an influence as he says, "I wouldn't be here without the love and support of my wonderful wife, Jerri."

Outside of teaching, Sokol appreciates learning about historic mathematicians. One mathematician he likes to discuss is Karl Gauss or known by Sokol as "Baby Gauss." A story of Gauss's that fascinated Sokol is when Gauss was asked by his teacher in grade school to add all the numbers from one to 100 and it took only eight seconds.

Sokol's all-time favorite mathematician is Leonhard Euler, who made important discoveries in calculus, which is Sokol's favorite math subject. "Calculus," as Sokol explains it, "is fascinating because it's applicable to real life."

While many people may oppose the belief that calculus is best, Sokol maintains that math is found everywhere and everyone should learn calculus. Overall, this job couldn't be any better for Sokol; he gets to do what he loves and is good at it. As Sokol would put it, "not every-

one can teach," but lucky enough for GCC he can, especially math.



**John Sokol lectures students about mathematics.**

## The New Facebook Timeline: Brilliant or Big Mistake?



**Paige Wendt**  
*Student Affairs Writer*

Since mid-December, I have never seen so many complaints posted on Facebook. And what are the people complaining about? FACEBOOK!

On December 15, 2011, Facebook introduced its new format called the "Facebook Timeline." The look of the timeline is much different than the current layout.

In addition to having your profile picture on your page, you also have a "cover photo." The cover photo is a

large, horizontal photo of your choice that acts as the first thing people will see as they arrive on your page. The objective of the timeline is to give users a view like no other.

As you scroll down on someone's page, you are going in a reverse chronological order all the way down to that person's birth year. Basically, you can find any Facebook activity a person has done since they have had a Facebook account all on one page. Some people favor this timeline, and others are irate.

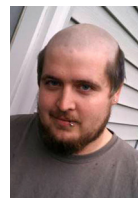
I asked what a few students here at GCC thought about the new layout.

"I don't have it (yet), but when I look at my friend's profiles, I see it and I think it's cool," said D.J. Heffner.

However, the majority of the students I

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## A little help for the student senate



**Brian Trepanier**  
*Chieftain Staff*

Over the past few years, the Gogebic Community College student Senate has been in a rut, with low attendance there have been too few people to get anything solid going. The current senate is comprised of a small handful of people, with busy class schedules and personal lives. There has been very little done to contribute to the school.

So how is the Senate supposed to be

the voice of the students if students won't participate? It can't. The senate is in serious need of people who want to make changes to better the school and student life.

It can be as easy as getting a new vending machine in the dorms or as intricate as holding a senate convention with other colleges to share ideas with one another. There really are no limits to what the senate could do with enough people that wanted to do something.

Before the break, the Senate was planning on putting on a big Winterfest project to pit the departments against each other in winter related events for a \$500 prize. This didn't turn out so well, with only a couple of people on the senate the project quickly became too big and without the staff, became an unreachable goal. With the help of more people we

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## 5 Scary movies to watch with your sweetie (or alone) on Valentine's Day



**Sheena Trepanier**  
*Graphics Editor*

So I got to thinking the other day about how on Valentines Day everyone goes for those mushy romantic movies, like your girlfriend or wife crying for two hours through The Notebook, is in anyway romantic. Then it hit me, what makes a girl cozy up and want to cuddle, scary movies of course. So here it is the five best horror movies I could find to get you some cuddly action on Valentines Day.

1. Candyman released in 1992 and starring Virginia Madsen as Helen Lyle. Helen is a college student writing her thesis about local legends. After she stumbles across the legend of the

Candyman, a ghostly presence that appears when his name is said five times in a mirror, she becomes obsessed with the story and the murders surrounding it. Through murder after murder Helen slowly uncovers the truth only to end up being part of the story. This movie is sure to make your sweetie cuddle up for safety and maybe afterwards you can play a little truth or dare and say his name five times in the bathroom mirror.

2. Valentine released in 2001 and starring David Boreanaz, Dennis Richards, and Marley Shelton is your typical who is the killer slasher movie with of course a twist at the end. Through the whole movie you wonder who is next and how they will be killed.

At the end you are left with a question in your mind and wonder if perhaps the real killer wasn't found. This movie while not truly that scary its more a mild gory slasher flick but definitely falls under the category simple because you die after receiving a scary and threatening Valentine Day card.

3. My Boyfriend's Back released in

1993 and by far the most un-scary movie on the list. This movie is a gem just waiting to be found and polished up for your viewing pleasure. The story goes that a lonely high school boy has been in love with the most popular pretty girl in school, forever. He hatches a daring plan to win her love and take her to the prom.

No such luck as his plan gets him killed and he reanimates as a zombie. Sounds like it might be scary, right? Well, this is where things go from potential of scary to crazy and wacky! After her raises as a zombie he rejoins the normal world, going to school and continuing to woo his love. This movie is worth the watch. It's fantastic in such a cheesy way.

4. The Creature from the Black Lagoon released in 1954 and a true classic and if someone goes their whole life without seeing it, its a crime. A scientific expedition searching for fossils along the Amazon River stumbles across a Gill-Man in the legendary Black Lagoon.

The explorers capture the mysterious

creature, but it breaks free. The Gill-Man returns to kidnap Kay with whom it has fallen in love. A love story with the hint of horror and this movie easily makes the list.

5. Lastly, the one you all knew would be on the list is My Bloody Valentine (the original of course) released in 1981. There's a big valentine-party planned in the little coal mining town of Valentine Bluffs, Nova Scotia. It is the first Valentine's Day party in 20 years, because then there was an accident in the mine, and the accident happened because the men responsible for the security were at the party.

The sole surviving miner, named Harry Warden, later killed them, and told the town NEVER to arrange a Valentine's Day party again.

The party begins, and so does the killing... You can't go wrong with this one; murder, romance, a human heart in a candy box. This is by far the number one horror movie to watch on Valentines Day.

## GCC writing contest winners announced

### *Special to The Chieftain*

Every year, the Gogebic Community College Language & Fine Arts Department sponsors a writing contest for all students at GCC. Those who place in the contest are awarded cash prizes from the GCC Foundation, and their submissions are sent to the statewide community college writing contest,

sponsored by LAND, Liberal Arts Network for Development.

Listed below are the names of the students and their submissions within the three categories for the 2011-2012 academic year's writing contest.

#### Essay

1. Jenna van Gorkom  
"Eternally Betrayed"
2. Ceili Shields

#### "Shaking the Globe"

3. Travis Boetto  
"Death Becomes Reality"

#### Fiction

1. Lilly Mattson  
"A Well-Dressed Lie"
2. Lilly Mattson  
"An Alligator's Crawl"
3. Ceili Shields  
"Mr. Missing Leg"

#### Poetry

1. Lilly Mattson  
"The Bad Man"
2. Paul Chlebowski  
"Balcony Boy"
3. Tracey Maxwell  
"Courage"

## Please stop elevator graffiti



**Christine McGowan**  
*Info Guru*

The other day I walked into the elevator to go to the Chieftain office and to my shock I saw writing above the buttons. I thought we were in college, are we not?

If so, then why are we behaving like third graders sitting in a desk bored to tears of the teacher talking of a subject we don't care about so we must doodle

on school property. Do we need to act like a gang member or punk teenager painting on trains or bridges because that's so rebellious?

What I want to know is how you have time to write when you are only taking it up and down a few floors?

When would you be alone to write this without getting caught? Why are you writing profane phrases, which are too vulgar to even mention in a publication.

You are in college, which means you are over the age of 17. Why don't you act like it, for all of our sakes? You are creating more work for the custodians and maintenance people who are already taking the time to pick up pop bottles you leave around or food you

spill on the ground or paper towel you can't seem to get into the trash.

Why do they now have to clean up after your lack of intelligence in your attempt to destroy public property?

This in turn looks bad on GCC because when people come to visit they are going to see foul language and bad grammar and think, "Wow, not too many smart people go here so why should I?"

Just please keep in mind the next time you are doodling meaningless, childlike words that this is how you are portraying yourself.

No one may know it is you, but you know that everyone can see it and not think too highly of the person who wrote it.



**Graffiti in a GCC elevator.**



# Valentine’s Day Facts

Reeba Haapala

- \* Men spend twice as much on Valentine’s Day as women do.
- \* Condoms sales are highest around Valentine’s Day.
- \* In the Middle Ages, young men drew names from a bowl to see who there Valentines would be .
- \* The phase “ sweet of the sweet” is a line from Shake Spear’s Hamlet.

- \* Girls in Medieval times ate bizarre food on Valentine’s Day to make them dream of their future spouse.
- \* Over \$ 1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine’s Day in the U.S.
- \* About 3% of pet owners will give Valentin’s Day gifts to their pets.
- \* Teachers will receive the most Valentine’s Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives and then sweethearts.

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# Let’s talk GOP Primary!!



Alex Zoller  
Chieftain Staff

Michigan will hold its Republican Presidential Primary on 28 February 2012. Are you going to vote? Have you made a choice in candidates yet? Having trouble filtering through which is a better personal choice for you? So many questions seem to come up, right? You will have to answer most, if not all of these to yourself in the next few weeks folks, so start answering as soon as you can!

Here in Michigan, the ballot will have many names on it. Several that are printed are no longer actual active candidates. The active ones as of today are: Newton “Newt” Gingrich, Ronald “Ron” Paul, Willard “Mitt” Romney,

- Richard “Rick” Santorum. Without judging any of the stands, here is a helpful list of the candidates stated policies for you to view. (For space consideration we kept it simple. You get the candidates name, and the view as concisely as possible on the top seven questions people have asked.
- Newt Gingrich – Platform: <http://newtingrich360.com/newt-gingrich-solutions>
- Abortion: Pro-Life  
Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution: Yes  
Audit the Federal Reserve: Yes  
Repeal and Replace “Obama Care”: Yes  
Keystone Pipeline: Yes  
Legalization of marijuana: No  
Gay marriage: No, (Civil Union: Yes.)
- Ron Paul – Platform: <http://www.ronpaul.com/on-the-issues/>
- Abortion: Pro-Life  
Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution: Yes  
Audit the Federal Reserve: Yes
- Repeal and Replace “Obama Care”: Yes  
Keystone Pipeline: Yes  
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Keystone Pipeline: Yes  
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Gay marriage: Yes  
Rick Santorum - Platform: <http://www.ricksantorum.com/made-america>
- Abortion: Pro-Life  
Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution: Yes  
Audit the Federal Reserve: Yes  
Repeal and Replace “Obama Care”:

Yes  
Keystone Pipeline: Yes  
Legalization of marijuana: No  
Gay marriage: No, (Civil Union: Yes.)  
We only covered seven topics here. You need to go and check out what other topics the candidates stand for. Finding these other answers for yourselves is what will make you an informed voter and an informed citizen. Look to the future of your nation when voting, not to other countries, to what others say, or to a longing for perfection. Perfection does not exist except for in a book, other nations and people? Both are seeking gain for themselves, and the responsibility for actions still only remains with you.

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.” -- Thomas Paine

Get registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Bessemer, Michigan, or go on-line here for more information: [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

# Opinions

## Editorial: GCC's Web site needs work

Many of us at Gogebic Community College have found frustration with the new Web site for GCC.

To start off with, the woman on the main page does not attend GCC and the campus is not next to a beach. If the Web site is to represent GCC, then it should have a picture of GCC on its main page. The layout needs work as well. There is no place for announcements like the other Web site had. Users were once able to look at the main

page and find out when meetings were happening, campus events, and other general news about the campus.

The side bars that are supposed to have news and campus information haven't been updated for months. Also, it is almost impossible to find out this information unless you go track someone down who might have the information you are looking for.

The coloration of the main page wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for the

big red dot clashing with our school colors. If there is going to be other colors on the main page, they should at least be cohesive with the school colors. The Web site is supposed to be a representation of our school. If it looks sloppy, non-cohesive, and not user friendly, then we are projecting that our school is the same way. If we want more students to come here, they need to be enticed by the image the school projects and that starts with the Web site. Many students

come here from different areas and the first thing they see is the Web site. If they see something dissatisfying then they will be less likely to apply here.

Some of these things are small changes that could go a long way in improving the Web site and the image the Web site projects. GCC is a great institution, ranked one of the best in the country. The Web site needs to represent that status.

## What gets me



Jennifer E. Terrell  
News Editor

I don't have anything personally against Valentine's Day, but I do feel that those who have had their hearts stomped on and been alone year after year on this day made for couples have the right to a bit of good hearted V-Day bashing.

The Valentine Goodie-Good: I have met a few of these people over the years and one thing is true of them all. They all think that Valentine's Day is the most perfect day and that it is a tradition of love for all. The truth is that the majority of people are alone and miserable on this day and become more depressed by seeing all the cutesy hearts and cupids you are wearing. You think Valentine's Day has become such a big deal because everyone has someone to share it with but in reality V-Day is just over commercialized and you are just giving into store's greed. Have pity for those you drive crazy and leave your gaudy bobbles at home.

The Human Cupid: Every year you try to set up every person you have ever met on a date for Valentine's Day. It doesn't matter if you knew them for a few short minutes, met them last week, or have known them for years. What

does seem to matter to you is that you have it stuck in your mind that you know the perfect person for them. The chances of this being the truth is very slim, so I'd suggest leaving the person in peace so that they don't have to get all dressed up for a date that is just going to make them more miserable.

The Heart Breaker: Everything always seems great until Valentine's Day comes around and you decide you don't want to make a big commit yet in your life. Last time I knew, getting a box of chocolates or buying roses is not a marriage proposal. If you really don't want to be with the person anymore, have the decency to wait until Feb. 15 to dump them.

The Valentine Stalker: You follow all the pretty girls around and when they are not looking you stuff secret admirer cards into their lockers, desks, and mailboxes. You ask them out over and over again and when they say no you think it is their way of playing hard to get. They are not playing hard to get. They just genuinely want you to leave them alone.

The Over Affectionate: There is always at least one couple that feels the need to show just how much affection they have for each other to everyone around them. They don't seem to have that little voice in their heads that tells them that they should stop trying to suck each other's faces off in front of hundreds of people. There is a time and a place for affection and it is not in the middle of a crowded room. It is meant for the privacy of your own home.

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## Canadian Corner



Tracey Maxwell  
Foreign Correspondant

Greetings from the "Great White North!" Actually that seems like a misnomer considering not only my audience but also the winter that we have been enjoying. I do miss being in the snowy wonderland of the U.P., but I must admit having a spring for winter is doing my soul some good.

This semester I am truly a foreign correspondent as I am online from my home in Ajax, Ontario, just east of Toronto. I am fortunate that some of the things I love about the U.P. can be found in a Canadian version close to home. For an example, I live within a half mile of Lake Ontario and although it does

not have the majestic grandeur of Lake Superior there are nights, if I listen carefully, I can hear the angry waves pummel the shore and for a brief moment I feel like I am back in my Ontonagon home.

It is quite easy, as a Canadian, to keep in touch with what is happening in the United States (much easier than trying to find Canadian news while living in the U.P.) It only takes one or two page turns of our Toronto Star to see your latest news. Sunday's paper had a large page 2 photo of Sarah Palin, with the headline "Romney victory ends ugly week" and by page 7 I was reading about a man in North Carolina shooting up his daughter's laptop as a form of discipline.

Our newspaper differs from yours in many other ways including the sports section. Ours will lead off with hockey or baseball, which I am sure doesn't surprise you. To find football news here

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Music Review of Tim Minchin



Christine McGowan  
Info Guru

“All up. Ready for this? is one of the most entertaining two hours of comedy you could experience. It’s a night of constant laughter, entertainment, and deep thinking peppered with witty lyrics and first class music prowess. An absolute must...”, Daily Telegraph, Sydney.

Tim Minchin is a musician, composer, songwriter, actor, comedian, and writer from Australia. He started out in South Melbourne’s Butterfly Club in 2005. He completed a bachelor of arts in English and Theatre at the University of Western Australia in 1995. He earned an advanced diploma in Contemporary Music at the Conservatorium of WA, which is part of the WA Academy of performing arts in 1998. He’s the Ambassador for The Prince’s Foundation for Children and The Arts.

In 2009 and 2010, he wrote the music for Matilda the Musical with The Royal Shakespeare Company. Some of his music topics include: Environment, rationalism, body parts, God, and coitus. Songs he’s performed are a 9 minute beat poem called “Storm”, which is about alternative medicine. “Prejudice”, which leads you to think it’s going somewhere offensive but turns back to being incredibly hilarious.” If I didn’t have you”, which is a song he wrote for his wife, the title says it all. “Confessions”, which talks about feminism, poverty, altruism, environment and liquid assets.

“Drowned”, which is a quirky love song that you could go either way on whether you want it sung to you or not on Valentine’s Day. “I love Jesus”, and “Pope Song” for those of you who are religious and maybe easily offended a fair warning not to listen to this these. There are songs that are inappropriate to mention but if you look him up on YouTube you can listen to all of them.

Albums of Tim’s include: Darkside (2005), So Rock (2006), Ready for this (2009) and Tim Minchin and the Heritage Orchestra (2010). I hope you give him a listen. His music can be crude, but he is extremely talented and hilarious.

10 Things I learned from the Big Bang Theory



Christine McGowan  
Info Guru

The Big Bang Theory is a show on CBS. If you know me, then you will know that I am addicted to it and my friends call me Leonard. Because I watch the show religiously, here are ten things I’ve learned.

- Displacement: When you submerge something into H2O, the level of the H2O rises.
- Real chili has no beans in it.
- Why is a toast called toast? Because Ancient Romans used to put spiced

- toast in the punch bowls.
- Big Bang happened nearly 14 million years ago.
  - Chickens are not timid by nature.
  - If stairs are off by two centimeters, people will trip.
  - Curry is a natural laxative.
  - People’s pupils will dilate when they are sexually aroused or on heroin.
  - Once a quarter or every three months, you should keep your readiness up when it comes to emergency preparedness.
  - Using candles during a blackout is dangerous because it’s a fire hazard. One should use a glow stick.

Hope these facts are either amusing to you, which will make you want to watch The Big Bang Theory (which airs Thursdays at 7 p.m. CST ), or you have found them helpful and makes you want to watch the show for more facts.

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you would have to look in the middle of the section. The Super Bowl is the exception; that is front page news. In fact, we even talk football the week leading up to the game.

The pre-game excitement reminded me of how surprised I was, when I first arrived in Michigan, to find not only men but women and children talking about each upcoming game. Not only did they talk about it but they were passionate about. We don’t have anything to compare to your love of football. Even with our love of hockey you will seldom over hear two women talking about the Leafs or any other team for that matter. I do wish we shared your passion for the game.

Another thing of note about the Super

Bowl, part of the excitement about the game is the commercials. We as Canadians don’t get to see most of your commercials. Our CRTC (Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission) has regulations about how much Canadian content must be aired, therefore, we get Canadian commercials; imagine our frustration.

I thought I would conclude each article with a Canadian word that you may not know. This month it is “K.D.,” which translates to Kraft Dinner or your mac and cheese. We actually say we are having K.D. for lunch. It’s how it is advertised here.



A Classic Recipe Kicked Up!



Paige Wendt  
Student Affairs Writer

On a cold, February day when you’re forced to stay inside, what is the best lunch? Nothing beats tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich...but... doesn’t it get a little boring?

Here are a couple recipes that will kick these classics up. They are both easy, cheap recipes that you are going to use over and over again!

Creamy Tomato Soup  
Recipe from allrecipes.com

- Ingredients
- 1 medium onion, chopped
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 2 (14.5 oz) cans of diced tomatoes, undrained
  - 2 (10.75 oz) cans of tomato soup, undiluted
  - 1 ½ cups of milk
  - 1 teaspoon of sugar
  - ½ teaspoon dried basil
  - ½ teaspoon paprika

- 1/8 teaspoon of garlic powder (I use a little more)
- 1 (8 oz) package of cream cheese, cubed

Directions

In sauté pan, sauté onion in butter until translucent. Stir in all ingredients except the cream cheese. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in cream cheese until melted. Leftovers also heat up well. Enjoy!

Grilled (Bacon, Onion, Apple) Cheese  
Recipe from Paula Deen found on foodnetwork.com (altered just a bit)

- Ingredients
- Butter
  - 2 slices of a hearty, heavy bread (sourdough, multi-grain, or wheat are the best)
  - 4 slices of bacon, cooked
  - 4 slices of cheddar cheese
  - ½ of a Granny Smith apple
  - A few slices of red onion

Preheat grill pan to a medium heat. Assemble your sandwich, buttering both the top and bottom pieces of the bread so they brown nicely. Cook until the bread starts toasting and the cheese starts melting. Don’t forget to dip it in your tomato soup!

# Review: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo



**Tracey Maxwell**  
*Foreign Correspondent*

One of the joys of being back in my Canadian home is my return to the movie theatre. For me it is a weekly event.

In fact, I have seen seven of the nine nominated films for the Oscar's Best Picture Award. One movie that didn't make the Best Picture nominations but

is definitely worth your movie viewing dollars is *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. The film is based on the international best seller of the same name. The book was written by Swedish author, Stieg Larsson, and takes place in Stockholm.

This pop culture phenomenon tells the story of Mikael Blomkvist (played by Daniel Craig), an investigative journalist, who is hired by wealthy, Henrik Vanger (played by Christopher Plummer) to investigate the disappearance of his niece, a mystery that has remained unsolved for decades. Vanger lures Blomkvist to the family's island by promising him a year's wages and revenge on the man who ruined Blomkvist's career. Blomkvist is able to interview the estranged and infamous

Vanger family, under the ruse of writing Vanger's memoirs. The investigation turns up all the family's dirty secrets and puts Blomkvist in life threatening circumstances.

Lisabeth Salander is the other protagonist in the story. Salander (played exceptionally well by new comer Rooney Mara) is an intellectual punk misfit who is covered in tattoos and piercings. She is a private investigator who gets the job done by using any means possible; computer hacking is not outside her area of expertise. The two main characters join forces as they lead the audience through a thrilling ride of suspense, murder, and action.

I enjoyed the movie with all its twists and turns. Unfortunately, it follows the book so closely that for me there was

no element of surprise. Director David Fincher made excellent choices for his characters. Mara was exceptionally on the mark, as she appeared just as disturbing yet intelligent and likeable as the character Larsson created. The movie kept me interested for the whole 158 minutes.

I must warn potential viewers that there is a rape and revenge scene that had some of the patrons exiting the theatre. I believe the movie is fast-moving and riveting; especially if you have not read the book.

*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* is definitely a movie to see if you like thrillers or are a fan of Stieg Larsson and his Millennium Series. I give it a 3.5/5.

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could see new pool tables in the lounge, more open hours for the pool funded by the senate, a hot tub, food vending machine for after the snack back closes, or even new college groups like CRU, W.A.F.F.L.E.S., or even The Chieftain.

So ask yourselves, what do you want to see happen to the school, and are you willing to do something to make it

happen? If you answered yes then, talk to someone from the senate, they are on Facebook at GCC Student Senate, or just show up at one of their weekly meetings in the lounge at 4 p.m. every Monday.

Even if you just want to toss out some ideas for what you want or what you want to see changed, the Senate is who can help make it happen.

## Letter: Tobacco policy needed

**Dear Editor,**

When I first started attending classes at Gogebic Community College, I found the tobacco use on campus to be pretty average for college students. What I am worried about is that the smokers and chewing tobacco users are being inconsiderate of others and using in inappropriate places, like smoking near entrances and chewing in class. I am usually tolerable about people who choose to use tobacco since it is their choice and their body. However, their use is starting to affect others besides themselves and I am worried about my health as well as the health of everyone who enters the school. Stricter restrictions of tobacco use on campus should be put in place.

The student handbook for GCC states that smoking is not permitted within fifty feet of an entrance to any building on campus. This policy is not being enforced. Every time I enter or leave a building I am met with a cloud of smoke. The smokers are standing so close that the entry way and stairwell of

the Academic Building constantly smell of smoke. I try to let smokers do what they please, but I sincerely feel that my health is being compromised by this situation. Campus officials have tried moving the ash receptacles further from buildings, but students move them back under the awning so they don't have to stand in the cold to smoke.

Along with smoking, chewing tobacco has also been a concern of mine, but not for my own health reasons. The fact that people are chewing and spitting in class is utterly disgusting. Again, I try to allow people to make their own decisions, but I just can't stand the sight of seeing people spit during class. It's distracting and makes me sick.

Although I can't stop people from smoking or using tobacco, I really wish there could be something done about where it is done on campus. The policy should be enforced, or a new, stricter one should be put in place. I don't want to have to worry about my health every time I go to class.

**Taylor Pelissero**  
GCC Student

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spoke with thought differently.

"It's noisy looking and confusing," said Sharon Bailey. Agreeing with her, Kris Kluhsman said that it is "very out-there and obnoxious. The current layout is very comfortable and you're able to view everything without any surprises."

Also on the opposing side is Michaela Appner who claimed, "It's so lame. It doesn't make any sense. It's going to end up like MySpace and no one will use it anymore. It'll crash and burn and everyone will switch to Twitter."

Facebook is planning on automatically switching everyone's profiles to the new timelines so if you haven't switched all ready, the switch will be made for you soon.

Brian Trepanier basically summed up

what I thought about the whole issue.

"I don't care because it's free," he said. "Facebook could tell everyone to take what they are offering for free, or they could change it back and make people pay for it."

I am not a huge fan of the whole timeline thing, but not many things are free these days, especially those that we get so much entertainment from. Facebook may someday be obsolete, but for now, it doesn't look like the timeline will make the site lose any users.

Facebook makes little changes to its site all the time so I think the timeline will grow on users after they just get used to it. If you want to see what exactly this timeline is all about, click on the "Learn More" link on Facebook regarding the new timeline.



# Creative Space

## Emotions of Love

**Marquise Slay**  
*Chieftain Poet*

Mapped by attraction but lead by my heart  
Emotions run wild whenever were apart  
You were just here now you're walking away  
Brightening my world to saddening my day  
Lifting my spirit then take it away  
How can love be so cruel then be so kind  
Love is so rude love is so blind  
Please love....oh beautiful love  
Love that I adore love from above  
Hold her tight make sure she's snugged  
Love can make you feel so lonely  
Feel like you've been mugged  
Feel like you've been pick-pocketed  
Feel like you've been drugged  
But what is love is it warm is it cold  
Warm like a summer Hawaii or cold like the snow  
Does it make you laugh in bunches or cry in flows  
Does it make you feel sick to your stomach  
Or so healthy that you jump off yo crutches  
Wow love you never cease to amaze me  
Love is so unique love is so crazy  
Love is motivation so you won't be lazy  
It strives the heart its good for the soul  
Love without you where would I go  
"LOVE"

## Reason to live

**Reeba Haapala**  
*Chieftain Staff*

You took my heart  
and showed me  
what love is.

you loved me  
when every one hated me  
you gave me a reason to live

you were my rock  
Even when i was  
mean to you.  
You gave me a  
chance I thought I'd never had.

you loved me  
when i hated myself.  
you gave  
me reason to live.

## The Cure

**Reeba Haapala**  
*Chieftain Staff*

Why does she cry?  
Why does she feel so ashamed?  
Why is the road to her happiness so long?  
But every time she looks into the mirror  
She can only see her faults  
And pick out what she has done wrong  
Her thought of death come easy  
The hate for her self grows deeper  
Her heart falls apart  
Her pain is endless  
To young to understand  
What wrong and what right  
Disappearing into her pain  
Nobody notices the change  
Wanting to end her life to  
End all her sadness and pain

## Halls of Broken People

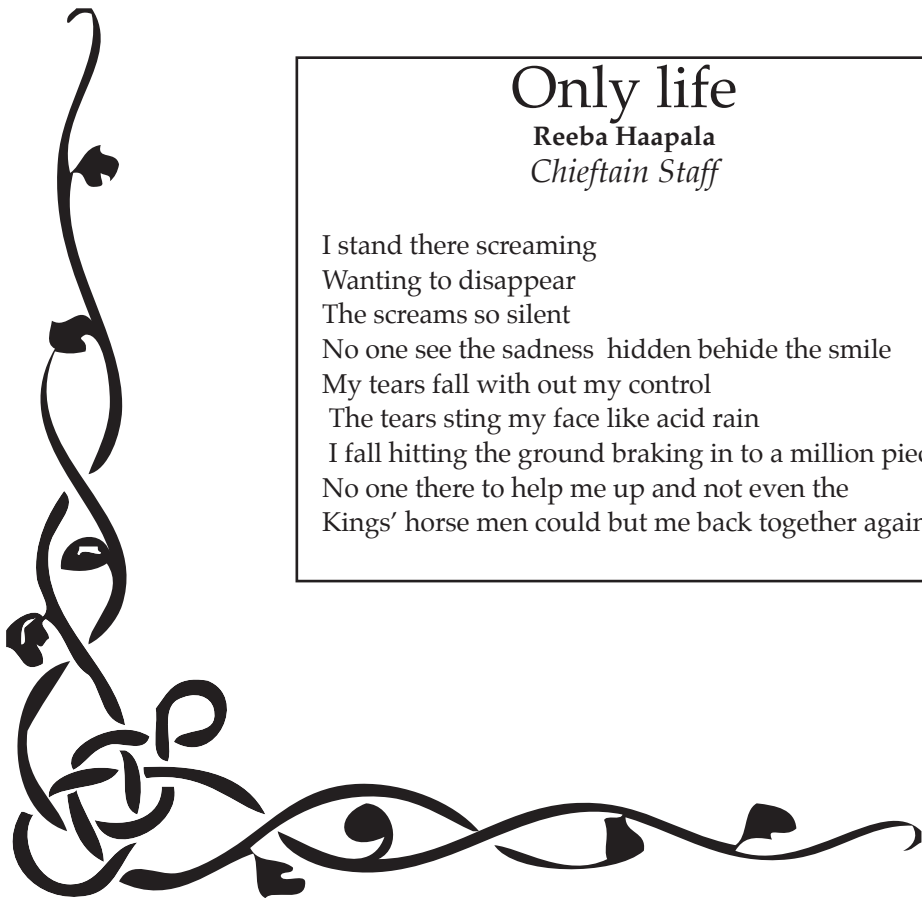
**Kaite Anderson**  
*Chieftain Staff*

We Live in one building  
We Live with one community  
We will become woven together in one . . .  
In due time . . .  
For you see, when you walk through those doors  
you will enter a book, filled with all sorts and kinds of chapters  
with a story belonging to each one.  
You see these are the halls of broken people.  
These are the silent cries, of college.  
Do you hear them?  
Can you see them as they pass by?  
These are the screams and cries  
of their stories that need to be heard.  
If you look at their faces as you pass them by  
You will want to cry and say hi.  
But you don't, because you know you're  
just like them Broken and Struggling to survive  
This corrupted world that it has become.  
We're all crying for help  
but all are too scared to reach out.  
We keep on our beautiful masks that mask the  
pain we hold back, along with our secrets and shame.  
If we all could take that mask off and  
show ourselves, maybe we all could open up  
and share our stories, and what the past hears.  
Then maybe, just maybe, we could actually become ONE!

## Only life

**Reeba Haapala**  
*Chieftain Staff*

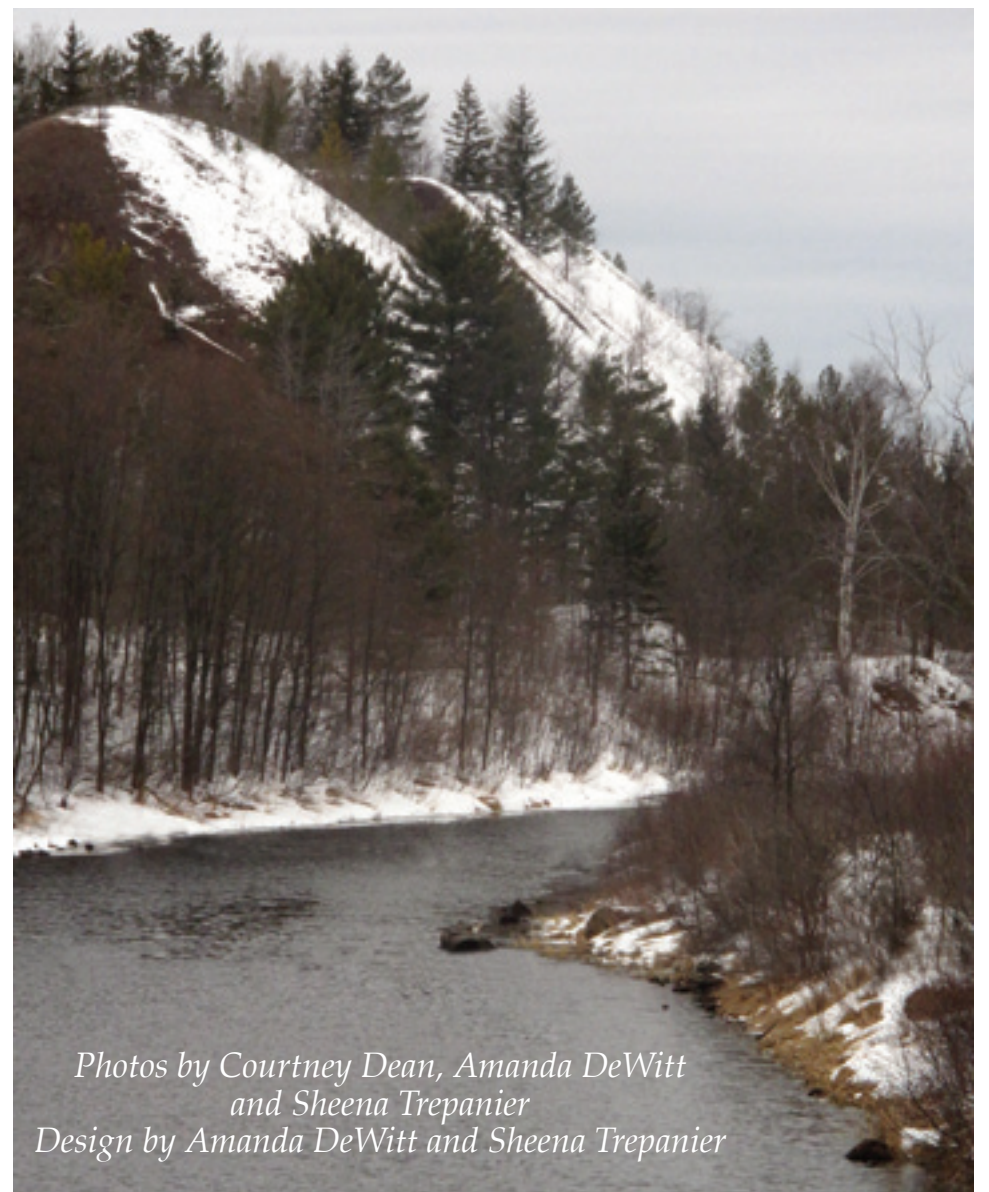
I stand there screaming  
Wanting to disappear  
The screams so silent  
No one see the sadness hidden behind the smile  
My tears fall with out my control  
The tears sting my face like acid rain  
I fall hitting the ground braking in to a million piece  
No one there to help me up and not even the  
Kings' horse men could but me back together again







Cold grips fast the land  
Puff of breath shatters the spell  
Springs life soon to come



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