

MLK Day protesters gather to

'OCCUPY RICK'

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On Martin Luther King Day, protesters from across Michigan encapsulated the spirit of the fallen Civil Rights leader to show Ann Arbor, and Gov. Rick Snyder, exactly what democracy looks like.

"If Democracy is good enough for Egypt, if democracy is good enough for Libya, then it's good enough for Michigan," said Rev. David Bullock, president of the Rainbow PUSH and Highland Park chapter of the NAACP.

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Students priced out of Health and Fitness Center?

'Too expensive,' Trustees chair Horiszny tells board

BEN SOLIS
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Students who have chosen not to pump iron at the Washtenaw Community College Health and Fitness Center because of the high membership prices may have some added muscle from WCC Board of Trustees Chair Pamela Horiszny.

"It's just too expensive," Horiszny said. "It was never my intent to see students go into debt over participating."

Concerns over the high price of membership for students were raised after a year-end operations report had been issued to the trustees during the Jan. 10 meeting. The report reflected that there had been a 19 percent decrease in the number of students at the end of the 2011 fiscal year, which had initially planned for 1,680 student memberships. The HFC, which is managed by the Power Wellness fitness management company, had come up short with only 1,360 student memberships, according to the report.

"For me, it isn't meeting the spirit of the original intent of the building, and that's becoming more and more apparent," Horiszny said.

The "initial spirit" of the HFC, she said, was to balance the membership demographic by 60 percent community memberships and the remaining 40 coming from student involvement. The current numbers reflect 79 percent community memberships and about 20 percent coming in from students.

Horiszny charged the HFC's Senior Director Greg Hanby to look into how Power Wellness could lower student membership rates.

Membership prices in the HFC center vary for students and non-students. Non-student community members pay \$60 per month plus initiation fees. WCC students pay \$45 a month without initiation fees. Students enrolled in the PE115 course, a physical fitness elective offered each semester, pay \$160, which averages to \$40 per month, according to Hanby.

Not good enough, Horiszny said, adding that she was strictly "speaking



Clockwise from top: A large group of protesters marched toward Parker Mill Park on Geddes Road with signs criticizing Gov. Snyder's policies; Two officers with the Michigan State Police stood guard by the entrance to Snyder's gated community; the Rev. Charles Williams II looks toward the crowd while the Rev. David Bullock speaks to the protesters.

MLK ceremony highlighted by unveiling of plaque

MATT DURR
Editor

Another step towards renaming the Student Center after Martin Luther King Jr. has been taken with the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to the slain civil rights leader.

A ceremony was held last Tuesday in the first floor of the Student Center building, a day after the national holiday honoring Dr. King. The college was closed on Monday in observance.

"He was a man that has changed all of our lives," said Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca in a speech addressing a small group. "I believe that all of us in our hearts, at least I hope we do, believe in his dream."

Bellanca also encouraged students to make a difference in people's lives by helping others achieve their dreams.

Also taking the stage was Ryan Hunter, a political science major from Ann Arbor. The 28-year-old has been at the forefront of the movement since last April when he started gathering signatures on a petition that supported naming the SC building after Dr. King.

After getting more than 2,000 signatures, Hunter presented them to administrators.

However, the movement seemed to be stalled by former President Larry Whitworth. But once Bellanca took over in August, a new dialogue was opened.

"It feels like we were just out here trying to get people to listen to us, it's a bit surreal," Hunter said. "I was very thankful that this issue was brought back to the front burner. I thought about what this would mean for the campus for a long time."

And now a portion of that thought became a reality less than a year after his campaign began.

Among those in attendance was retired WCC instructor Burton Lowe. A long-time supporter of the movement, Lowe remembers when the Student Center at the old Willow Run Campus was known as MLK Hall in the 1960s.

"(The ceremony) was excellent, but this was just the beginning," Lowe said.

Lowe is hopeful that not just a plaque will be dedicated, that once the first floor of SC has been remodeled this summer, talks can start about naming the entire building MLK Hall

or something similar.

While Hunter would like to see that happen, he was reluctant to say that he will push that agenda.

"If the administration feels that conversation can happen, we'd be happy with that," Hunter said. "For Dr. Bellanca to come this far and meet us halfway, it means a lot."

Student Activities hosted the ceremony and also gave out free copies of Dr. King's iconic "I have a dream" speech. Students were also asked to fill out pledges of non-violence and to share how Dr. King had influenced their lives.

Hunter started his movement last year after documents uncovered by *The Voice* showed that college trustees in the late 1960s discussed the possibility of naming the Student Center after Dr. King.

During his speech, Hunter encouraged students to remember the words of Dr. King during the upcoming presidential elections. While he supports discourse between supporters of all sides, he hoped that those discussions remained civil.

"Let us not forget, at the end of the day, we're all Americans," Hunter said. "Let's not forget to move the dream forward."



ADRIAN HEDDEN THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The plaque, reading 'Dedicated in the spirit of Dr. King. Peace and equality through non-violence.' A permanent home for the plaque has not yet been determined.



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Arthur Miller Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI
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35th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Fest
Friday, January 27, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Hill Auditorium
The lineup for the evening includes a blend of musicians with up-and-coming artists and will feature comedian Heywood Banks as the emcee. The lineup includes: Ryan Adams, Devotchka, Dawes, Carbon Leaf, Elephant Revival, Sunny War, and David Wax Museum.
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Pistons: Inside the Front Office
Friday, January 27, 2012
The Palace of Auburn Hills.
Workshop: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Pistons v. Hawks: 7:30 p.m.
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Friday, February 24, 2012
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Division: Men's, Women's
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- February 1st - Basketball Shootout Contest
- February 8th - Drop-in Table Tennis/Foosball Extended
- February 15th - Arm Wrestling Tournament
- February 22nd - Foosball Tournament

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THE COMING FORTNIGHT

at a glance — the best of the area's events

JAN 28 — SALINE WINTERFEST. Downtown Saline. Event times vary. While this event is still in its planning stages, this year's Winterfest will again host The Snowman Building Championship of The Free World, held at Henne Park. Event is free. For more information: (734) 604-0051 or <http://salinechamber.org>.

JAN 26 — 3LAU The Blind Pig. 9 p.m. 208 N. First St., Ann Arbor. Aiming to usher in the coagulated, sub-genre of post-progressive house music, 21 year-old producer 3LAU will hype up the Ann Arbor club scene. \$15 in advance; \$20 general admission. 18 and over only. For more information: (734) 996-8555 or <http://blindpigmusic.com>.

JAN 26-29 — WOMEN, WINE, AND SONG X. Kerrytown Concert House. 8 p.m. (Fri-Sat); 4 p.m. (Sunday). 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Acting as the 10th anniversary for this popular Kerrytown event, the night will include performances from various women in the style of jazz, classical and cabaret music. \$20 general admission; \$30-\$50 for assigned seating. For more information: (734) 769-2999 or <http://kerrytownconcerthouse.com>.

JAN 27-28 — THE ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL. Hill Auditorium. Time TBD. 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. A two-day selection of eminent folk artists and groups will fill the Hill with the colloquial spirit. Sponsored by The Ark. \$30-\$45 for single night; \$50-\$80 for full series. For more information: (734) 761-1800 or <http://theark.org>.

JAN 26-29 — SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL USA. The Michigan Theater. 7:30 p.m. (Jan 26); 7 p.m. (Jan 29). 603 East Liberty St., Ann Arbor. The world-renowned Sundance Film Festival will proudly bring the Utah-based festivities back to Ann Arbor, with two separate days of special screenings, featuring one independent film and a collection of Sundance shorts. \$15 for each film event. To purchase tickets, visit Ticketmaster locations, or visit <http://ticketmaster.com>. For more information: (734) 668-8397 or <http://michtheater.org>.

JAN 27 — CHRIS BATHGATE with NATHAN KALISH AND THE WILDFIRE. The Blind Pig. 9:30 p.m. 208 N. First St., Ann Arbor. One of Michigan's most promising up-and-comers, Chris Bathgate's honest and brooding folk will be sure to entertain and summon bouts of personal introspection. \$7 for 21 and up; \$10 for 18 and over. For more information: (734) 996-8555 or <http://blindpigmusic.com>.

JAN 28-31 — U-M ICE CARVING EXTRAVAGANZA. Downtown Ann Arbor. 6-10 p.m. (Jan 29); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Jan 30-31). Between Main St. and Liberty St. The 8th annual University of Michigan Ice Extravaganza will take to the streets as the U-M carving team once again gets creative down on the curb. Event is free.

FEB 4 — BOB MARLEY BIRTHDAY BASH. The Blind Pig. 9:30 p.m. 208 N. First St., Ann Arbor. A musical celebration of the legendary reggae artist and activist, featuring selections of the man's music from renowned island act Universal Xpression. \$10 for 21 and up; \$13 for 18 and over. For more information, please call (734) 996-8555 or <http://blindpigmusic.com>.

FEB 5 — SUPER BOWL BASH. Victory Inn & Suites. 5 p.m. 3750 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. This Super Bowl Sunday, save the money you would spend on buying food for a party and watch the big game at Victory Inn. Event will feature an all you can eat buffet - including wings, pizza and cinnastix provided by Domino's - a cash bar and raffle with door prizes. \$10 per person. Must be 21 and older to attend. For more information: (734) 971-2000, ext. 119.

FEB 1-MAR 26 — SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ
The Encore. Show times vary. 3126 Broad St., Suite A, Dexter. A telling musical about rock n' roll culture and the modern youth "in an idealized 1950s." Ticket prices vary. For more information: (734) 268-6200 or <http://theencoretheatre.org>.

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Open for business

Students appreciate new parking structure — once they find it; some say a few directional signs might have helped

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Staff Writer

Dakota Devuyt could have saved herself a half hour of cruising around the parking lots looking for a space to park her car on the first day of classes — if only she would have known there were nearly 500 unoccupied spaces available just a few steps away from the LA building.

Even though several attempts at marketing the structure came before it's opening on Jan. 9, Devuyt, 19, a nursing major, of Ann Arbor didn't realize the structure was open until her first class. Finally, after more than seven hours of classes, the college shared the message two minutes before 3 p.m. that the new parking structure was open for business.

And while relief with the parking structure is what's necessary to avoid spending more time parking rather than in class, college officials say signs shouldn't have been necessary. "From my perspective, I didn't think it was needed," said Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Operations, Damon Flowers. "I've been saying it was going to open Winter 2012 for anyone

who's been listening."

Although the area around the structure still looked like a construction site during the first day of classes and signage was missing, Flowers confirmed that all of those things were fixed by the next day.

"We noticed that the gate needed to be peeled back further to show students it was open, and we did put a sign out there on Tuesday morning," he said.

And by 11 a.m. on Jan. 10, all four levels of the structure were full.

Board Vice-Chair, Diana McKnight-Morton didn't see this as a problem for students.

"Even though there may not be a lot of signage right now, word of mouth is going to be faster than the signage," she said. "Signage will come. Everything will turn out. The students will talk with each other about it."

Even though Devuyt went through the 25-minute ride around campus the first day the structure was open, she had better luck a day later.

"I decided to try it on Tuesday and it was quick," she said. "I love the covered walkway."

Board Chair Pamela Horiszny is very impressed

with the structure and its early usage.

"I was concerned there would be a transition, but it seems people are adjusting to it quickly," she said. "I think it helps that the people who are using it have staggered schedules so there are people constantly coming in and leaving."

While just a few issues with the structure remained on the opening day of the semester, reactions from students have

been mostly positive.

Physical therapy major, Jacob Clinansmith, 20, of Whitmore Lake, said he wasn't aware of the structure's opening, but quickly found parking during his second trip back to campus.

"I actually love it. It helps out a lot," he said. "I just heard about it from a couple people and didn't hear about it through the school. It's a great addition."

Parking structure features:

- An estimated 473 additional spots inside
- 11 handicapped parking spots
- 18 alternative fuel spaces, six charging stations on the first floor
- Motion-sensor lighting
- Accessible bridge from second floor to the Liberal Arts building
- Campus Security in-house, second floor

Work to be completed:

The additional 56 spaces outside of the structure cannot be completed until the outside temperatures average 62 degrees. All three vegetative roofs will be planted in the spring.



Left, a camera surveys the path between the parking structure and the LA building. Center, several computer monitors display live camera feeds of the parking structure and surrounding areas. Right, the welcome desk of the new Campus Security office.

Campus Safety and Security's new HQ in structure allays safety concerns

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

With the new security command center up and running in the parking structure, Tony Warren can now finish his last semester at Washtenaw Community College in peace.

Although the 47-year-old Ypsilanti father of two was glad to have easier and quicker access to his classes, the human services major was even more supportive of the relocation of the campus security office to the second floor of the structure, to safe guard his daughters taking evening classes.

"I really think the new location will help," Warren said. "I have two daughters (ages 18 and 21) and I'm grateful that they will be watched over at night, when it's dark."

Personnel are grateful, too. With his new state-of-the-art

dispatch equipment now operational, allowing for more camera coverage and a locker room allowing for the storage of other clothing and equipment such as rain gear, Director of Safety and Security Jacques Desrosiers couldn't feel more prepared to protect and serve the student body.

"We are very appreciative," Desrosiers said. "We are much more centrally located and connected to the parking structure and campus. We can keep our eyes on more things that are going on, and there's more room for our staff to do their jobs."

But the larger station may take up too much space according to some students. Richard Napier, a 23-year-old mechanical engineering major from Ypsilanti, questions the new office's relocation and resizing, submitting that parking needs

all the room it can get at WCC. "It was kind of pointless to move safety and security," Napier said. "It's just taking up more room that could be used for spots."

Yet employees at the command center are pleased at the expansion.

"I love it; it's very nice," said Barb LaFleur, secretary of campus safety and security. "Very spacious and modern, much better than what we had before."

While greeting visitors to the command center and managing the school's "lost and found," LaFleur looks forward to providing better service to students on campus.

"Customers can come up to the window more," LaFleur said. "We're much more customer-service oriented."

Utilizing the two jumbo-screen monitors to oversee the campus, dispatchers now

have more room to move about the office, and to pair up with a second officer during special events. The dispatch office also has radio monitors to listen in on the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and for broadcasts of weather emergencies.

Soon Desrosiers will add a third screen in his dispatch office dedicated to the parking structure, a place he sees as requiring patience while its rules are observed.

At the structure, Desrosiers reprimanded five smoking violators in the first two days, a number that is rarely reached monthly.

"I understand that people need time to adjust," Desrosiers said. "We are enforcing the smoking ban. Put out that first smoke when you come into the structure and light up when you leave."

Volunteering at a business can get you noticed faster than your resume will

NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

Tough economic times usually means there are fewer jobs available in the free market. While many unemployed Americans work on revising their resumes to be more appealing to potential employers, they forget that there is another way to get noticed — volunteering.

Washtenaw Community College will be hosting a volunteer fair, February 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center.

"If people aren't working right now, they should really be looking into volunteering as an option for getting some experience and for getting some network opportunities," said David Wildfong, a professional services faculty member at the Employment Services Center. "We live in a very community-oriented area, we're really big into giving back so it's a very

powerful thing to get involved with the community here."

Wildfong says the volunteer fair is more than just discovering organizations looking for volunteers; it's an opportunity for students to meet with a variety of nonprofit agencies, hospitals and other businesses to learn more about potential jobs that may become available and to make your face and reputation known within the business to increase the chances of getting hired — as opposed to just supplying a standard resume for the job.

"In addition to getting out there and networking, students that are considering getting into the medical field and are not sure which way they want to go, it helps them in their career planning," said Sandra Worrell, student adviser at the Employment Services Center. "They can volunteer at the hospital and decide that they don't want to be a nurse anymore, they

want to be a physical therapist. So it helps with their career decision process."

"We get lots of requests from students asking about how they can volunteer," said Rachel Barsch, events coordinator in Student Development and Activities. "It's hard when we get one or two students interested in volunteering at a time, and then we get some random organization asking for a certain number of people at a certain time."

Barsch says that it's nice to connect students with

volunteering opportunities, but is even nicer to have students directly connect with agencies they are interested in.

Wildfong is contacting local organizations interested and looking for volunteers. Notable organizations such as the American Red Cross, the United Way and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are expected to attend.

A complete list of organizations attending the volunteer fair will be made available as soon as attending organizations have been confirmed.

Another in a series of stories about volunteer opportunities in Washtenaw County.

VOLUNTEERING

IN BRIEF

WRITING HELP IN THE LIBRARY

Students struggling with their English classes and other papers can get help from tutors from the Writing Center, who will now be on-hand in the Bailey Library's second floor computer commons. Assisting students directly as their problems arise; tutors will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This newly available resource is part of a pilot program driven by the Humanities and Social Sciences Division in conjunction with the Learning Resources Division and will continue throughout the semester.

SRWC TO ACCOMMODATE LGBT COMMUNITY

The Student Resource and Women's Center is expanding service to LGBT students with a library of informative literature on the second floor of the Student Center.

The library contains resources and newsletters on the latest events that may be of interest to LGBT students. The new resources are part of an initiative by the SRWC to better serve the LGBT community.

CITIZENS URGED TO TEST HOMES FOR RADON

January 2012 is National Radon Action Month. Washtenaw County will be promoting the call to action by offering radon home test kits at half price.

The leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, radon is a colorless and tasteless gas found in nearly all soil and rock. The gas enters homes through cracks in foundation and other openings in homes. Nearly half the homes in Washtenaw County have shown elevated radon levels, according to the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division.

Discounted kits are for sale for \$5 at the Washtenaw County Service Center every day for the rest of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. After Jan. 31, kits return to their normal rate of \$10.

Test kits can be ordered by mail for an additional \$2 by emailing Angela Parsons at parsona@ewashtenaw.org or by calling the service center at (734) 222-3869.

For more information, contact the county Environmental Health Division at (734) 222-3869 or visit www.ewashtenaw.org/radon.

CAMPUS EVENTS

JAN. 23 RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOP

This hands-on workshop teaches participants how to effectively build a resume, how to tailor your resume to fit what employers look for and what you can do to avoid making a bad impression. 4:30–6 p.m. in SC 287

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO VISITATION

Toledo University will have a representative on campus to answer questions and provide information about transferring to Toledo. First Floor SC, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

JAN. 24 INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP

Improve your ability to effectively sell yourself during an interview and how to properly prepare for the interview. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. in SC 287.

JAN. 25 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AND ALBION COLLEGE VISITATION

Representatives from Oakland U. and Albion will be on campus to answer questions for students who are curious about transferring to the schools. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Center.

EMU AND CONCORDIA VISITATION

Representatives from EMU and Concordia universities will be on campus to answer questions for students who are curious about transferring to the schools. 1–5 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center.

CULTURES IN CONFLICT

The opening reception of the new exhibit in Gallery One, "The Legend of John Brown. Harlem Renaissance artist Jacob Lawrence examines the life of abolitionist John Brown through powerful imagery. The event will feature a lecture starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held from 5–7:30 p.m. at Gallery One on the first floor of the Student Center.

JAN. 26 JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP

How to look for the job that best suits you. Learn about resources that can help you find you find a job in today's market. 3–4 p.m. in SC 287

MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING

The Shakespeare classic comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" will be performed at Arthur Miller Theatre at the University of Michigan. Tickets are \$5 for WCC students with a limit of two per student. 8–10 p.m.

JAN. 27 PISTONS: INSIDE THE FRONT OFFICE

Students can meet representatives from finance, marketing, TV, radio and more to submit their resumes and get an inside look into how the operations at the Palace of Auburn Hills works.

Students are encouraged to bring a resume to distribute for possible future employment. Cost is \$15 and includes a ticket to that night's Pistons game against the Atlanta Hawks. Workshop 1:30–5 p.m. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

SECURITY NOTES

CHILD ENDANGERMENT?

Three children, ages 8 months to 4 ½ years old, were left unattended by their mother while she was in class, according to campus police.

A woman called security officers to the second floor of the Liberal Arts building at 12:11 p.m. on Dec 12, saying she was concerned after she discovered the children in a car and watched them in between her classes for over an hour. Police said they told the mother that if she did that again they would notify child protective services.

FENDER BENDER

A car accident was reported at lot 3H on Jan. 10 at 10:16 a.m. One of the cars was

damaged on the front passenger side. Although the driver complained of neck pain, she refused medical attention, according to the police report.

DOOR TROUBLE

In the Health and Fitness Center's parking lot, at 10:30 a.m. a driver struck the open door of a parked car while pulling into a spot. Damage was done to the door and the passenger side, front bumper of the mobile vehicle, according to the police report.

To contact Campus Safety & Security, dial 3411 from any school phone, press the red button on red security phones, or use your cell phone to call (734) 973-3411.

Visit washtenawvoice.com for security updates.

EDITORIAL

Psst! Plenty of parking out back

New structure's opening a well-kept secret

Parking problems have long been a complaint among students and staff on the Washtenaw Community College campus. So it was with great pomp and circumstance on Monday, Jan. 9, that the college opened the \$12.7 million parking structure.

Except there was no pomp and circumstance. Or any real notification, for that matter, informing commuters that the structure was even open.

For something that had so much time, money and debate poured into it, one would think that those in charge at WCC would make sure that everyone on campus was well aware of the solution, finally, to our parking problems.

However, when the parking structure opened that Monday morning, there was no signage letting people know that the structure was open or directing them to use it. A broadcast email was not sent out until 3 p.m. that day, when most people were already on campus and in class. If you've been following *The Voice* at all, you know that students are not particularly diligent about checking their college email accounts.

The lack of promotion was so glaring that students on campus as late as Thursday of that week still had no clue the structure was open for use.

Those who bothered to seek out the information were treated to a beautiful facility and plenty of open parking spaces. The bridge that connects to the LA building is covered and surprisingly warm. And with plenty of cameras and security on site, the structure is as safe as a building on this campus can be.

It's too early to tell whether the new facility will truly be the answer to our parking problems, but apparently promoting it as a possible solution created a new problem of its own.

MLK dedication a welcomed first step

When President Rose Bellanca unveiled a plaque honoring civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 17, it was, we hope, the beginning of a more permanent tribute to Dr. King.

With the impending renovations to the Student Center scheduled for this summer, a permanent memorial seems to be a logical part of the project. While administrators and trustees contend it's not feasible to name the entire Student Center after Dr. King, as was discussed by trustees more than 40 years ago, naming a wing or a specified area for him shouldn't be out of the question.

Part of that responsibility falls on the students of WCC to make sure that administration knows how important the issue is to them. Students cannot expect the decision-makers to take bigger steps towards a permanent tribute without the encouragement of the students.

The plaque dedication was a great start, and both the students involved and President Bellanca deserve applause for their work.

But as we all know: It's not how you start, but how you finish.

Other 'civil' soldiers deserve recognition, too



BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

As I sat at home last week, free of school and work because of the national holiday celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., my reflections on King's accomplishments turned sour. I felt jaded and outraged about having the day off.

It wasn't because I failed to appreciate the man's

accomplishments, nor was I desperate to return to my classes. Quite the contrary; my affronted emotions came from the realization that despite this day set aside for King, the United States does not recognize other figures in the Civil Rights movement with similar distinction.

Although King died before his trials and tribulations could bear fruit, and was taken from our world in a way most horrendous and brutal, many others within the movement died without any appreciation before and after the laws of segregation were abolished. Where is our monument for these proud African-Americans who toiled

relentlessly for their validated humanity? Where is the traveling wall for those who were coincidentally caught in the crossfire of flesh-tearing water hoses?

Where is my day off to internalize the courage of Rosa Parks, or better yet a vacation day from my classes to admire the educational triumphs of Frederick Douglass? Why is it that my high school text books only focused on the most tragic and historically popular events in this centuries-long battle for inherent and inalienable rights, and not on the small lawsuits and coalition building that made the more mainstream examples possible?

If the answers to these

questions are simple, and have anything to do with a supposed overload of information and heartbreak, then let my hard-fought intelligence be publicly insulted. Our current race relations in this country are a joke, and anyone paying attention to the ongoing debates of immigration reform and class warfare knows this to be an embarrassing truth.

For how can we evolve as a unified people if we can't admit the failures of our past? Let alone distinguish them, no matter how gruesome they may be.

I'm not lazy, and I don't hate my job. But I wouldn't mind more days off – and for the right reasons this time.

I'm preapproved to be in debt; you too!



NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

Like many Americans, I live a relatively normal life. I pay my bills, I behave myself to avoid incarceration and I receive enough preapproved credit-card applications in the mail to build a pretty sweet homecoming float.

I'm not mad that I receive so many such applications in the mail; I just find it confusing that I received so many, given the fact that I haven't had a legitimate job in more than

a year.

Like so many other Americans, the only thing that seems to have made me qualified for these credit cards is the fact that I have an address. I suppose to the credit card companies, occupying an area of space means you want to spend money you haven't earned yet.

So what is the purpose of sending out so many credit-card applications to people who have no way of paying them off? The easy answers would be pure and simple: greed or stupidity. But I'll let the conspiracy theorists handle that one. It doesn't seem to make any sense. You wouldn't lend money to somebody you knew would never pay you back, would you?

Credit-card applications aren't the only thing I've

noticed recently that encourages unwise spending. More and more on television, I have been seeing ads for rent-to-own places and check-cashing institutions such as Western Sky. Rent-to-own has to be one of the biggest money pits I have ever seen.

These establishments encourage you to pay, over time, more for a product than what it is worth with the premise that you get to keep the product once it's completely paid off. In truth, a television for \$400 could end up costing you \$600-\$800 with the interest incurred on your payments. If you don't need a product right away, save up some money and buy it later.

I can't be too hard on the Western Sky commercials. At least this company openly admits that the money is

not cheap.

Being a college student is already financially draining. Unless you're attending school on a scholarship, your family saved up money throughout your childhood, you spent a few years in the military, or you already have a well-paying job, you're probably using some form of financial aid that will have to be paid back. The longer you wait to pay it back, the more it will cost you.

Being successful financially is simple. Don't blow your money on useless garbage, don't spend money you don't have and pay off any debts you have as quickly as possible, especially any financial aid. And keep tossing out those credit-card apps.

Drowning in debt after college is no way to start your life.

VOICE BOX

ADRIAN HEDDEN FEATURES EDITOR
PHOTOS JARED ANGLE PHOTO EDITOR

The parking structure is finally complete and open for business. Those on campus have been hoping for a cure to the congestion that has plagued WCC's parking lot for years.

So we asked students: "Are you excited for the new structure? Will it solve the parking predicament? Do you approve of its construction?"



It's pretty nice. I like the outdoor thing that connects to it. It's more parking, it should solve the problem.

TED DUFFENDACK, 21, Ann Arbor, Undecided



A lot of classes are based over there. It will make it easier and more convenient for students to get around.

LONNIE ISAAC, 19, Chicago, Photography



I love it, but it needs more room. They should either make it taller or bigger, mostly make it taller. After 8:30 a.m., it's full.

TYLER VILLA, 19, Saline, Math and Science



I think it will help. My friends have used it. They say it gets full too fast, but it is close to their classes.

CHERELLE WILSON, 18, Ypsilanti, Business and Fashion Design



I'm excited to not have to park way out there. You don't have to spend half an hour driving around for a spot.

RACHEL MILLER, 18, Britton, Early Childhood Development



It's good for everyone in general. Now there is more space.

SAM MALLMQUIST, 18, Howell, Spanish



I think it's a great idea. Obviously, parking is an issue. It seems like it will give more space and convenience. It shows that the school had an interest in making the school better for students.

STEVE WEED, 25, Jackson, Video Production



I haven't used it. It will help a lot of the clutter on the roads and parking lots. I am excited to use it.

MARISSA BEARDSLEY, 20, Grand Rapids, Accounting



People will be less pissed off in the morning because they didn't have to fight for a spot.

KHADIJA MUBARIK, 16, Canton, Math and Science



I think it has already helped. There are more open spaces. Last semester, it was packed.

JORDAN MALLET, 16, Ann Arbor, Healthcare

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WCC Dental Clinic brings affordable health care to students

Dental Clinic Basics

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Located in OE 106
HOW: Services by appointment only
DETAILS: Must be a currently enrolled student, staff or faculty member of Washtenaw Community College and be at least 18 years old. ID must be presented when scheduling and attending all appointments
FOR MORE INFORMATION: To make an appointment, call (734) 973-3332.

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

Students fighting a toothache with an empty wallet can look no further than the doors of the Washtenaw Community College Dental Clinic for treatment.

"It's really too bad that there is really a high need in Washtenaw County for affordable dental care and not enough places for people to go," said Kristina Sprague, an adviser to the WCC Dental Assisting program and a supervisor for the clinic. "Here, they can receive services at an extremely reduced rate."

Starting on Jan. 24, all enrolled Washtenaw students, faculty and staff can receive in-house dental care in between classes for a nominal fee, according to Sprague and Kathleen Weber, another adviser to the program and supervisor of the clinic.

The clinic, which has been a WCC staple for more than 40 years, will be housed in room OE 106 and will offer various, albeit limited, services provided by Washtenaw dental assisting students and junior dental students from the University of Michigan. Community dentists will also help oversee the clinic to help the dental students get real-time guidance and advice.

For Weber and Sprague, the clinic isn't just a tool for instruction; it is a way to give their students an opportunity to give back that which was so freely given to them — hands-on education.

"We are a part of the American Dental Association accredited clinical program," Weber said, adding that only eight other institutions share that accreditation. "There are three faculty members overseeing the clinic, and we're all graduates of the WCC program, so we can fully appreciate what the students are

going through at any point in time."

Both Sprague and Weber went on to work at other organizations and in private practices before coming back to teach at WCC.

As a part of their curriculum, WCC's dental assisting students begin field-training exercises through the dental clinic. After that, they move on to U-M for a four-week clinical.

This kind of approach is what Weber calls four-handed dentistry, meaning that the dental assistants will get a chance to flex the skills that they have learned by actively participating in the services provided.

"Passing all instruments, mixing all the medicaments — which include cavity medication and the filling materials. They are there to assist those dental students and doctors," Weber said.

The well-trained assistants will even have the skills needed to place fillings when they go out into workplace.

Although the emphasis is placed on WCC's students, the students at the U-M gain a valuable primer before they go out into additional training, as well, according to Paul Rousseau, and administrative specialist for the U-M dental program.

"It gives our third-year students some practical experience out in the community," Rousseau said. "Not only do the assistants and community dentists work with them, but it's there to help the students, faculty and staff of WCC."

And who doesn't need affordable health care?

"It's a wonderful option for students," said Kimberly Rice, an Ypsilanti dentist who also teaches at U-M and WCC. Rice has been involved with the clinic for the past 15 years.

"It's convenient and is right there on campus," Rice said. "I wish more students would take advantage of it."

Services and prices

X-Rays \$15
Bitewings \$8
Prophylaxis \$15
Amalgam Restoration (silver filling) \$15
Composite Restoration (tooth colored) \$20
Fluoride Treatment \$8
Pit and Fissure Sealants \$4

Cash and checks are the only accepted method of payment. Since the clinic offers nominal charges, dental insurance is not accepted.

Panel of experts meet to clarify 'climate confusion'

BOB CONRADI
Staff Writer

Amid an unusually warm winter in Ann Arbor, with mid-winter tornados in Indiana and Kentucky, no one can deny the weather has been strange.

But these events do not prove that the whole earth is getting hotter. They occurred on a tiny part of the earth's surface in a narrow window of time.

Nevertheless, when scientists look at the big picture, sings of global warming are unmistakable. Other voices are saying that the world's climate scientists got it all wrong. Some say the scientists are driven by lust for acclaim or for economic gain. Others attribute more sinister motives, calling climate change supporters "watermelons" — green on the outside, red (i.e. communist) on the inside.

Some spokesmen present such apocalyptic visions of disaster that people are inclined to curl up in a fetal position to await inescapable death. The Institute for Public Policy Research in the U.K. has called such sensationalism "climate porn."

Little wonder so many people view global climate change as such a confusing issue.

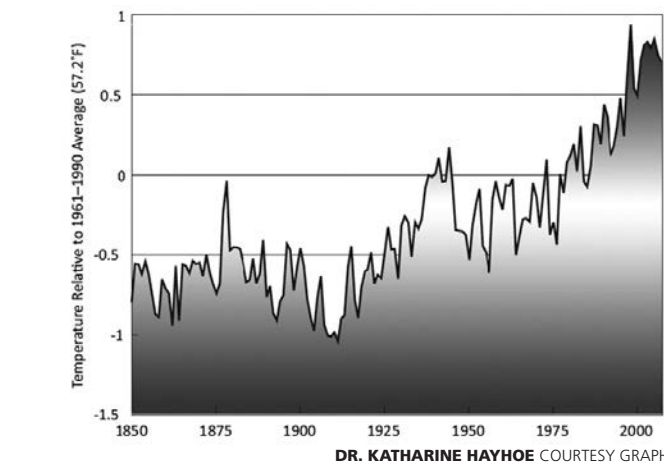
This problem with public perception led the University of Michigan's Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise, together with the Union of Concerned Scientists, to organize a workshop, bringing together climate scientists, social scientists and science communicators to discuss the issue. A public town hall meeting called "Cures for Climate Confusion" was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20, at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

"There is a raft of evidence supporting global warming, yet in the American public there is not a social consensus," said workshop organizer Dr. Andrew Hoffman, director of the Erb Institute. Hoffman hopes to find better ways to communicate science and the scientific process to Americans who do not think in those ways.

One of the scientists expected to attend the workshop is Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Associate Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas Tech University. Hayhoe was an expert reviewer for the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and is heavily involved in the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

Neighbors and acquaintances often ask, "How do we really know that this issue is happening?" she acknowledged. And she is happy to explain.

First, there is no doubt that the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) is increasing. Starting from a level of about 285 ppm in the mid-1800s, around the time



DR. KATHARINE HAYHOE COURTESY GRAPH
 The global average temperature fluctuates from year to year, but the trend is clearly toward a warmer world.

industrial use of fossil fuels exploded. That level is 392 ppm today, and the increase is accelerating.

Second, on a global scale, the earth is getting warmer. This was demonstrated in the fourth assessment report of the IPCC in 2007 (a fifth report is under way). Some scientific criticism of the report, most notably by Dr. Richard Muller, of the University of California at Berkeley, has been silenced. Muller, thinking that the trend shown by the IPCC was skewed by improper handling of the data, led an independent survey, published a few months ago.

Muller's temperature curve was virtually identical to that of the IPCC, showing that the concerns he had expressed did not change the conclusion.

"Kudos to Muller for presenting what the science said," Hayhoe said. "This was a very powerful result."

But climate change is not just abstract trend lines in research reports. Evidence of global warming can be seen happening now in retreating glaciers, in the shrinking ice shelves of Greenland, in the rising sea level and in the northward shift of the ranges of plant species.

"Responses to a warming planet are seen in more than 25,000 physical and biological systems around the world," Hayhoe said.

Of course the next question is whether this temperature rise is connected to the increase in CO₂. A surprising consensus of atmospheric scientists says yes.

"Ninety-eight percent of active scientists in related fields agree that climate change is occurring and is primarily the result of human emissions of heat-trapping gasses," Hayhoe said.

Hayhoe explains that other natural cycles affecting climate, such as variations in solar output and galactic cosmic rays, cannot explain the temperature change that is happening. Only the rising CO₂ levels attendant on the industrialization of Western civilization can explain this unprecedented global shift.

Does it matter? Global climate change is melting the mountain glaciers that nearly a billion people depend on

for drinking water. Dry areas are getting drier and wet areas wetter. Health risks are on the rise.

The World Health Organization reports that about 300,000 deaths worldwide were attributable to climate change in 2009. This number is rising, Hayhoe added.

Rev. Jim Ball, an expected attendee at the Ann Arbor meeting and spokesperson for the Evangelical Environmental Network, is particularly concerned about the poor who often live in marginal environments and are less equipped to adapt to changes.

Projections suggest that the situation will get worse, much worse, if nothing is done.

"We have a very narrow window of time to determine how climate change will affect our own and future generations," Hayhoe said.

But what can be done?

If humans caused the problem, humans should be able to slow it down. The IPCC warns that humans must reduce the amount of heat-trapping gases released to the atmosphere. The more this can be reduced the less suffering and adaption will be required.

Emissions can be reduced through increases in efficiency and by adopting a variety of alternative energy sources.

"There is no silver bullet," Ball said, "but there is silver buckshot."

The IPCC recommends that the world commit to reducing emissions 80 percent by 2050, a daunting objective.

Dale Petty, an instructor at WCC was asked if he thinks this is attainable. He responded by quoting Vaclav Havel, poet, playwright, dissident, and first president of the Czech Republic.

"Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good."

Petty says the time to begin this endeavor is now.

"There is enough evidence that we need to act now," Petty said. "If it turns out we were wrong, everything we did would be a good thing anyway."

WCC's climate commitment

BOB CONRADI
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College takes climate change very seriously.

In 2007, then president Larry Whitworth signed the American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). This is a commitment to lower heat-trapping gas emissions to reduce WCC's impact on climate.

The concept promoted by ACUPCC is that colleges should lead the way in demonstrating to their students and to the world that elimination of greenhouse gases is achievable. WCC, along more than 600 other colleges and universities, is trying to do its part.

In 2011, incoming president Rose Bellanca moved swiftly to set up a climate action task force. This team includes instructors Suzanne Albach, Dale Petty and Leslie Pullins, along with administrators Steven Hardy, Damon Flowers, Stuart Blackwell, Barbara Fillinger, Pete Leshkevich and Laura Crawford. Their first meeting was on Nov. 30.

The task force sets short and long-term goals to keep the college on track towards carbon neutrality.

The initial strategy is to become more efficient in energy use, said Dale Petty, electronics instructor and WCC's implementation liaison for ACUPCC. There is also a longer-term goal to achieve LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for all campus buildings and to obtain at least 40 percent of the available energy points for new construction.

Like other colleges, WCC has a long way to go. From September 2007 to September 2008, WCC conducted an inventory of heat-trapping gas emissions for which it was responsible. The biggest contributors were energy used to power the school and energy used for commuting. Considering all sources the total came to almost 28,000 metric tons of CO₂.

Is there hope of achieving carbon neutrality?

"Hope comes from action," Petty said.

WCC reaches out to help students battle depression

NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

Life is filled with emotional highs and lows, from joyful times like starting a new relationship to the sadness we feel with the loss of a loved one. Coping with sadness or stress can be challenging, but what if you feel sad for no apparent reason?

You might be suffering from a form of depression, and Washtenaw Community College wants to help you.

WCC's Student Resource and Women's Center (SRWC) will be holding a Depression Screening Day, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for any students who feel they need help or are simply curious and wish to learn more about depression.

"We offer this service every year," said Elizabeth Orbits, manager of SRWC. "The screening is a way to get people to come and see if there are any resources that can be provided for them to help them."

According to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, more than 30,000 people in the United States commit suicide every year, and it is the third-leading cause of death among those 15–24 years old.

"The general public isn't really familiar with the symptoms and what to look out for," said Eleanor Brundage, a student specialist at the SRWC. "There are some good resources on what kind of behaviors to notice in a friend or relative."

Brundage says they encourage anyone who notices

signs or symptoms of depression from their friends to encourage them to come to the screening.

The screening is strictly confidential and conducted in a private room, so students can be confident that their privacy is secure during the screening, Orbits said.

After the screening has been completed, students showing risk for depression or suicide will have counselors readily available to speak to them and have referrals available for them to other depression resources outside of WCC.

The SRWC maintains a vast list of depression-management clinics in the local area and can refer students to the nearest clinic that best suits their needs and income level.

Symptoms of depression

- Changes in sleeping, eating and mood
- Feelings of sadness and exhaustion
- Heightened feelings of anxiety
- Trouble concentrating
- Managing stress
- Feelings of failure
- Using substances (prescription or illegal) to cope

For more information, visit the SRWC in SC 287, second floor of the Student Center. If you or someone you know might be at risk for suicide, please call the national suicide prevention lifeline at (800) 273-8255.



JARED ANGLE THE WASHTENAW VOICE

From left, Kristina Sprague, Kathleen Weber and Jodi Neuman, supervisors of the WCC Dental Clinic.



Left, Emmitt Harness, a 26 year-old former Marine, raises his fist along with the hundreds of other protesters outside Snyder's gated community. Right, Community High School student Fauster Kitchens, 18, of Ann Arbor, joined in the various chants.



JARED ANGLE THE WASHTENAW VOICE

"OCCUPY RICK" FROM FRONT PAGE

Led by Bullock and Rev. Charles Williams II of the Historic King Solomon Baptist Church in Detroit, nearly 1,000 protesters from about 50 different activism groups gathered near Washtenaw Community College on Jan. 16. They met by the pavilion at Parker Mill County Park on Geddes Road to show their displeasure, outrage and frustration with the Snyder-supported Public Act 4, more commonly known as the Emergency Financial Manager law.

Rallied in opposition to the controversial act, which allows the governor and other state

officials to institute emergency managers to oversee cities with ongoing financial mismanagement issues, the protesters took their concerns, chants and signs to Snyder's front doorstep, essentially occupying the entrance of his gated community, roughly a mile east of campus.

As the last of the protesters arrived at WCC, where the majority gathered before the official march began, members of Occupy Detroit, Occupy for Democracy and the AFSCME labor union distributed megaphones among the organizers so they could speak openly to the crowd.

The rally led protesters east down Geddes Road from

Dixboro Road, taking the group to Parker Mill County Park, and later to the governor's Superior Township residence. While some protesters marched on foot, many more came by bus, from cities including Benton Harbor, Detroit, Muskegon, Inkster and Flint.

The effort was aided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Michigan state police, who helped close down Geddes Road and ran crowd control.

For Williams, the coalition building that went into the rally was "unprecedented."

"I haven't been to any other protest that has had so many diverse and different types

of people," Williams told *The Washtenaw Voice*. "That shows that we are all Americans, that we all unite around democracy, and that it isn't just for some, but for all of us."

Williams, 30, and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, said that seeing older African-American's interspersed with young white men and women rallying peacefully together encapsulated the spirit of the auspicious occasion.

Encamped shortly outside of Snyder's gated community, Williams and others delivered their message to Snyder's Chief of Staff, Dennis Muchmore. They spoke more of disappointment than anger.

"Our message to Snyder (and Muchmore) was that we don't want our democracy taken away from us," Williams said. "We don't want our elected officials to be flushed down and thrown away. We elected them to represent us, and we don't want that to be dismantled."

Although his feeling of joy was apparent, Williams said he is not happy about what is to come.

"I am proud of what we did, but I am not proud that we had to do it," he said. "I'm afraid and concerned that we'll have to do more. I am hopeful, but we need to be thinking aggressively about how we can change that paradigm."

Others had a more pointed message to give Snyder, like Keith Kuchner.

"I want Snyder to resign and go to jail," said Kuchner, 59, from Dearborn. "I have more respect for the Mafia and organized crime than I do for the man. At least when they whack you, they'll let you know about it."

For Esperanza Orozco, 24, of Milwaukee, being able to attend two recall rallies for two different governors was a high point of her activism.

"I was involved in the Madison protests, so I'm here to bring the spirit of Wisconsin with me," she said.

As Williams prepared to deliver his speech and air his grievances in front of the gated neighborhood, arguments began among protesters about the purpose of the protest, with some raising concerns that the movement should be more about economic disparity than the Emergency Financial Manager law.

For inactive-duty U.S. Marine Emmitt Harness, the perspective gained from his time in Iraq fueled his outrage toward the governor.

"I'm here because I got to witness first hand why the government sent people like me to war," said Harness, 26, from Flint. "It was corporate greed and doing whatever it takes, even taking away people's land, to achieve

that. I want my presence here to incite more awareness among veterans."

When an older protester told those surrounding him that the protest must be focused solely on economic issues, Harness and his cohorts – other members of Occupy Flint – began chanting, "It's not one thing, it is everything."

Causing more mild chaos, and against the wishes of the protest organizers, members of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration & Immigrant Rights, and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN) delivered their own speeches, one that included a section of King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Yet not all were there to protest these causes.

"I am here in a counter protest to the protest," said Stacy Swimp, 43, of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of Michigan, a conservative public policy and education institution. "My organization believes that the charges being brought up against Snyder are based on racism and falsehoods."

It is a shame, Swimp said, that "black pastors from Detroit have chosen to protest against Snyder in Ann Arbor," when corruption and mismanagement of funds ruined their cities, not Snyder.

Williams told *The Voice* that such claims were absurd, and that he did not find many in opposition to the message of the day.

No matter what the personal opinions of the various protesters, and counter protesters, the parallel between the rally and King's own fight for equality was not lost in the events of the day.

"There is a parallel here between us and Dr. King," said Naomi Zikmund-Fisher, a 41-year-old social work student from the University of Michigan who held a sign commemorating King and other Civil Rights leaders. "We are here trying to change a discourse of allowing an elected official to do whatever he wants with our democracy."

Testing Center to open Sundays again; students still concerned

ALLIE TOMASON
Staff Writer

The Testing Center has reinstated Sunday hours for the Winter semester, but dissatisfaction among students lingers.

With the previous semester omitting Sunday hours and raising concern for working students, this should be good news – shouldn't it? According to some students, however, the shortened weekday hours are nearly as unappealing.

While only having weekday hours were a pain, according

to Sara Viland, 29, a physician's assistant major from Ann Arbor, now Sundays are the only hours available to her.

"It's almost worse," she said. And that sentiment may be shared by fellow students who now have traded one set of restricted hours for another.

During the Fall semester, Matt Gittleston, 31, a Liberal Arts transfer major from Ann Arbor said, "Right now I have Saturday and Tuesday night classes. If I work, then my only option is to suddenly come in on Sunday instead of anytime

during the week?"

However, officials at WCC are trying to do what is best for the students and the budget.

"We heard the request for Sunday hours," said Linda Blakey, associate vice president for Student Services. "We tried to address the concerns the best we could, and this is what we came up with."

With the Winter semester under way, only time will tell whether the new hours will be a suitable solution, but according to Blakey, re-evaluation for the Spring/Summer semester is not out of the question.

New Testing Center schedule

Monday–Thursday

9 a.m.–7:15 p.m. Tests collected at 7:45 p.m.

Friday–Saturday

9 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Tests collected at 4:45 p.m.

Sunday

1 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Tests collected at 4:45 p.m.

HFC PRICES FROM FRONT PAGE

from my own perspective and opinion. It is a trend that I've noticed from the beginning. The fee is just too high for most students."

Immediately following the meeting, Hanby told *The Washtenaw Voice* that he has assembled a task force to look into how the HFC could go about lowering the prices for students.

"We meet routinely each month to address the concerns of members," Hanby said. "We were due to have our January meeting, so I said 'let's get together now.'"

In the HFC's defense, Hanby attributed the drop in student numbers to changes in financial aid, which bar students

receiving aid from taking the course more than twice.

"We probably saw the drop from the PEA changes," Hanby said. "We weren't even made aware of the changes until after we made our budget targets."

While Hanby's team will begin looking into how to lower the student rate, he said it would be hard to pinpoint how much a slight reduction would affect revenue.

"I think that a large increase could affect revenues considerably," said Hanby, who added that the prices are high because of the amount of premium services offered to all members, included free fitness and health courses. Hanby also added that overhead revenue gets pumped back into the college's pipelines.

Despite the services offered, some feel the rates are still too high.

"I agree that it costs too much," said Dave Kvatadze, 26, from Ann Arbor, a graduate of WCC. "I pay the \$60 fee, but \$45 for students is just too high."

For MarSean Wilson, students may complain about the price, but will still pay it if they want it bad enough.

"At Eastern, students pay upward near \$80," said Wilson, a 19 year-old PEA115 student from Ypsilanti. "I know a lot of students who don't come here because they can't afford it. But I also know of students who still pay it because they want to use the facilities. It's just a matter of whether you want the fitness or not."

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ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

Students gathered in the food court of the Washtenaw Community College's Student Center on Jan. 18 to be welcomed into the winter 2012 semester.

Featuring a live DJ from Orchard Radio, wax hand-sculpting, video games and dual mini basketball nets, the event looked to encourage

students, new and old, on WCC's campus to participate in the school's many activities and resources.

Organizations tailored to student interests set up tables around the perimeter of the cafeteria, eager to educate those in attendance on new and present accommodations.

Starting at 11 a.m., students flowed through the Student Center until the event concluded.



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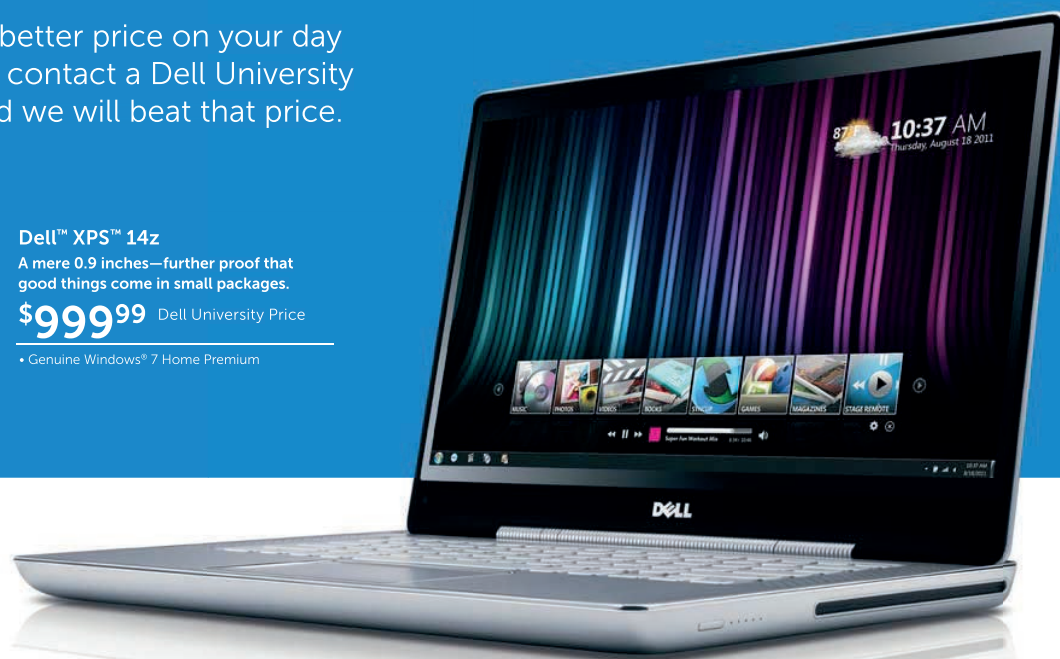


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Jo Pie Whyld.

'Whyld' thing

WCC student takes plunge into local music market

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

Although Hope Thomas has been performing all of her life, it wasn't until more than two years ago that she decided to pick up a guitar and start playing seriously.

Recently, Thomas, 20, of Ypsilanti, a student of Washtenaw Community College majoring in music production and engineering, has released her first EP on Vyne Records as Jo Pie Whyld, a combination of childhood nicknames.

The new record is called "Songs for Noah."

Named for her pet dog who suffers from genetic, skeletal defects, "Songs for Noah" was written, recorded and mixed all by Thomas with her microphone and interface in her apartment.

Originally from Lawrence, about a half hour outside of Kalamazoo, Thomas has been attending WCC since Fall of 2010 and by signing with Vyne she's hoping to support herself through music.

"The way this works is they promote me, I sing; they promote me some more and I sing some more," Thomas said. "Signing with Vyne is like me seriously saying, 'I want to do this, I'm putting all I got into it, I'm investing into Vyne and I'm investing in my music.'"

Making the decision to move to Ypsilanti, halfway across the state, was easy for Thomas. She knew that WCC was the right

place for her if she was going to start studying music on a more passionate level.

"I haven't had struggles with singing although I really don't know how I got to where I'm at," she said. "But I've matured emotionally – which is essential to writing music."

While Thomas hasn't suffered the displeasure of losing her voice, she says that playing the guitar has been the most difficult part of her music career.

"Of course, I want to get better," she said. "I don't want to be a songwriter, or just a guitar player, or just be a singer. I want to be all three and do them better than what I'm capable of now."

While that road may be uncertain for Thomas, she looks forward to the strong relationship she has with Pat Raymond of Vyne Records.

It was July of 2011 at one of the several open-mic nights when Raymond, out scouting for Vyne, noticed Thomas's talent.

"Her voice is what sets her apart," Raymond said. "When it comes to music, it's not just somebody's voice. Someone can have a very beautiful voice, but the fact that she was able to take the lyrics and take her voice and put it with a simple melody was amazing."

Raymond, 22, of Ann Arbor, a recent University of Michigan graduate, has one goal for Thomas: to give her music the exposure that will allow her to

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Jo Pie Whyld smiles at fans who chant her name before her performance on Jan. 14 at Crossroads Bar and Grill in Ypsilanti.

Underground, but not 'far' away



Ann Arbor's Far House plays host to local experiments

Josh Hedges performs as Little Mac in the Far House basement.

Photos and Words by:
ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

Ann Arbor's underground music scene has a home and a house full of friends at local concert venue and collective, The Far House.

Located at the corner of Packard and Stone School, the house has played host to a number of experimental performances and events since the collective was started in 2008.

The Far House's mission has always been the same: to have a place where the minds of artists and intellectuals can meet without judgment or the constraints of a consumer-based society.

Founding resident Eric Stephenson, 30, has often found himself frustrated with what he sees as the elitist nature of his town's local music scene, hoping that his home can be a public escape from it.

"We want to create an

environment where people are welcome to feel a part of the action," Stephenson said. "I want them to come here and feel like they're welcomed, not just another customer. They're not patrons, they're pals."

Planning and organizing several concerts at the Far House throughout the year, Stephenson believes his selection of performers to be in line with the Far House's stance against commercialism.

"The people who I choose to work with, and play shows with, are the people who actually do it because they like to, not to make a buck," Stephenson said. "The people who have that integrity tend to get less exposure."

The Far House's donation-only events and fundraisers, including musical performances, art shows and movie nights, raise money to support the local acts

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Rx for success



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WCC instructor Russell Ferguson stands next to a Chevy Volt while on a Car and Driver road test.

Instructor's sabbatical helps to 'recharge' college's auto program

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

Have you heard the one about the doctor who complained about the high cost of his automotive repair bill?

If you've taken a class taught by Washtenaw Community College automotive technology instructor Russell Ferguson, chances are, you surely have.

"It's not a joke, it really happened," Ferguson said. "Back in the mid-'80s I was working in a shop, Palmer Ford, and a doctor came in to get something fixed. I was standing by the counter, heard his complaint, and said,

"Doc, the human body hasn't changed in a million years, look at all the new cars that came out this year. You get to bury your mistakes. Mine come back on a tow truck."

While that anecdote is a staple of Ferguson's instruction, it is also the philosophical justification for his newly approved paid sabbatical.

"The college offers a sabbatical for instructors after six years of service," Ferguson said. "I've been teaching full time for over 12 years now, and my industry changes every single year."

In his 14 years of instructing at WCC, Ferguson has had little opportunity to go back into the field and "recharge his batteries," in terms of relearning his craft. His goal this winter

semester is to work hands-on as a line mechanic, while focusing on emerging sustainable technologies in the automotive industry.

"Hopefully, the idea is that you bring back some teaching techniques that will help out in the curriculum," Ferguson said. "In order to do that, we need to keep up to date."

During this period, Ferguson will take on a few different roles with General Motors, Chrysler, Car and Driver magazine and various secondary schools to reassess his knowledge base.

In the vein of reacquainting himself with newer vehicles, Ferguson will shadow two part-time WCC instructors, Matt Kelley and John Sykes, at their day jobs as mechanics in dealerships.

"We have very talented part-timers, but it's hard to get them in the classrooms during the day because they are licensed mechanics at dealerships," Ferguson said. "Two of them (Kelley and Sykes), I consider my good friends. I asked them if I could shadow them and they thought it was a great idea."

Ferguson will split this portion of his time working with Sykes at Zubor Buick GMC and with Kelley at Village Automotive in Chelsea.

"My pitch to students when I tell them to take classes with our part-timers is that at 5 p.m., they close their toolboxes and start teaching," Ferguson said, highlighting Sykes' and Kelley's

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'Wasted' Words

WCC recycling manager talks garbage – and how to reduce it



Barry Wilkins hopes to reduce the amount of trash generated on campus, ensuring that the trash compactor to the right will be emptied every 30 days instead of every 22 days.

JARED ANGLE THE WASHTENAW VOICE

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

For Recycling Operations Manager Barry Wilkins, “trash talk” isn’t part of his vocabulary.

“The word waste is a dirty word around here for us,” Wilkins said.

And as Washtenaw Community College’s lead recycler, Wilkins is putting an emphasis on striking that phrase from the college’s collective lexicon. Since trading his former position of Director of Building Services for his current one, Wilkins has been making it his personal and professional mission to reduce the college’s waste stream. He reaches out to students, faculty and staff by engaging in various recycling drives throughout the year.

While he is still relatively new in his position, which was awarded to him during the Fall, 2011 semester, Wilkins has noticed for years that the awareness of recycling has been weak on campus.

“It never sat well with me that the emphasis wasn’t there,” he said. “We have custodians and other staff who have taken the time to place containers in class rooms and around campus not to be used.

I would walk around the college and see materials that aren’t in the right place.”

That’s not to say that Wilkins thinks students and staff at the college don’t care about reducing the waste stream.

“What we’re trying to do is change the behaviors of the college,” Wilkins said. “It has gotten better, but there is always room for improvement. I see it all the time when I walk around campus. It’s important that we let students know that the materials have to be put in the right place.”

Wilkins began his employment with the college as a custodian in 1982, after serving six years in the U.S. Armed services. First in the Air Force National Guard and then later in the Army, Wilkins slowly climbed up the department’s chain of command. He worked as a supervisor of custodial services before managing the heating and cooling department, before “bailing out” the building services department, according to Damon Flowers, associate vice president of development and operations.

“We had been going through some changes in building services, and I knew that (Wilkins) had the knowledge to do it and had a good management style,” Flowers said. “We had some

cleaning up to do and I knew that he would be able to do it.”

Flowers said that while it wasn’t in his main job description, Wilkins had shown a natural passion for recycling. He said it was only fitting when recycling operations for the school needed another reboot; Wilkins was the right man for the job.

“We wanted to drastically increase the visibility of the program,” Flowers said. Aside from repositioning Wilkins, the college has also begun collecting, compacting and bailing the college’s waste. This was done as a cost-cutting measure. With a steady and flourishing recycling program, Flowers said that the college could begin saving an average of nearly \$30,000 from recycling alone.

That’s why recycling drives and awareness is so important, Wilkins said.

“Aside from cutting items to the waste stream and getting it out of the landfills, there is an opportunity there to generate revenue,” he added.

Among the different drives and promotions, Wilkins is working with Laura Crawford and other members of the WCC Environmental Committee to help reinvigorate the annual Recyclemania drive, which helps rank various

colleges, organizations and other schools to give recognition to their individual efforts. Working closely with members of custodial services, who Wilkins said are the foundation and real success of his operation, helps the recycling czar keep a close eye on what is going where.

“He has been really helpful, in things like Recyclemania and even helping to organize the Earth Day,” said Crawford, senior managing editor for Washtenaw’s public relations department and a member of the Environmental Committee. “He has always been passionate about it and has a strong affinity for recycling.”

That interest is more than just professional, it’s personal.

“I have seen the college grow with new additions since I have been here, and this is a legacy that I want to leave behind,” Wilkins said. “We all know that we aren’t going to be here on this planet forever, and when I leave this world, I don’t want my children or my grandchildren to have a landfill in their backyards.”

And with a little bit of elbow grease and some creative thinking, maybe he can discontinue a few foul words in the process.

WCC and Chip Brigade make ‘upcycling’ easy, fun

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

In an effort to make recycling more practical, Recycling Operations Manager Barry Wilkins will be working with TerraCycle, a New Jersey-based waste collection company, to collect used chip bags for its Chip Bag Brigade “upcycling” program.

TerraCycle, founded in 2001 by then-Princeton University student Tom Szaky, works with schools and companies to collect previously non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle waste materials and helps remake these materials into new items.

These items can be remade into everything from three-ring binders and tote bags to fences and park benches. Each waste stream, or pieces of material a group wants to collect can then be converted. Different waste streams include cell phones, ink cartridges, digital cameras, candy wrappers and chip bags, according to TerraCycle.

Each company associated with the specific waste stream puts its stamp of approval on the item being “upcycled,” or remade, allowing these products to be sold in stores such as Walmart and Whole Foods.

“I spoke with a third-party person about companies being in demand for consumers to return their products,” Wilkins said. “When he spoke to

the Pepsi and Coca Cola companies, he said that they were concerned about what happened to their products after the consumer.”

Pepsi and Coca Cola have been selling their products, Wilkins said, but were not seeing the bottles returned in mass numbers, even with a deposit involved.

For each item collected, TerraCycle will award each group with two points, which can either be rewarded as a charitable gift or one cent per point for the organization collecting waste streams.

That revenue can add to \$30,000 saved on average from the college’s recycling efforts, according to Damon Flowers, associate vice president of development and operations. Once Wilkins has collected 350 bags, or 5 pounds worth, he will send the bail into TerraCycle to receive the points.

Wilkins has already signed up Washtenaw Community College for a Chip Bag Brigade, sponsored by Frito-Lay.

While he has been relatively low-key about this endeavor, Wilkins will be working with marketing personnel and other college officials to build awareness about the program.

Students looking to participate can place used chip bags into the paper recycling containers located in nearly every classroom and other campus locations.

Recyclemania will kick off Feb 5 and will continue until March 31. Students looking to participate can place recyclable items in the designated hubs around campus. For more information, please contact Laura Crawford at (734) 677-5498, or by email at llcrawford@wccnet.edu.

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expertise. “I set five or six cars a semester; they do five or six cars a day.”

For Sykes, 47, from Belleville, the opportunity goes beyond just helping out a friend.

“It makes it exciting having him there to do it,” Sykes said. “I fix newer cars every day, from bumper to bumper. We don’t see that at the college every day.”

Kelley, 41, from Clinton, agrees that Ferguson’s need to re-immersing himself in the field will make his sabbatical that much more successful.

“You can sit in class every day and teach and learn from a textbook, but you don’t get to go out and see what you will actually work on in the real world,” Kelley said. “The book is beneficial, but can be generic in the processes that it’s teaching. In the real world, we have to focus on what the main concern is and what the common failure is.”

Real world problems are exactly the kind that WCC Trustee Mark Freeman ran into some years ago, prompting him to take automotive repair classes with Ferguson in the Fall of 2006.

“At the time, I was still working my delivery job, and I found that I was taking my car in for repairs constantly,” Freeman said. “I looked at the course catalog and looked up (Ferguson’s) name and gave him a call.”

Encouraged by Ferguson to enroll in his classes, Freeman went on to complete all 12 of the repair classes offered by the college.

“He develops relationships with his students,” Freeman said about his former teacher. “He does a lot of neat things with his classes and gets the community involved. I think this will be good for him to get more experience because, he’s right – it is different in the real world.”

Ferguson and will also continue his work for Car and Driver magazine as a contributing road-tester, a role that he has held with for 10 years.

Intermittently, the magazine has asked Ferguson and his brother to put miles on new cars and log any successes or difficulties with the vehicles that they may have along the way. Ferguson’s road trips have taken him up and down the East and West Coast a number of times, putting anywhere from 40,000 miles on each car they allow him to.

“It’s a win-win for them and us,” he said. “We don’t write the articles, but we write up a report for them in their log book and take photos along the way. A year ago, I was on the Santa Monica Pier with a new car.”

Mike Sutton, road test editor for Car and Driver, said that not only is Ferguson dependable and available when they need him, but his keen eye for technical subtleties has made him

a valuable contributor.

Yet of all the different roles he will be filling in his pursuit of hands-on mechanical knowledge, Ferguson’s position as an instructor will still act as his guiding light.

The last and most crucial part of his sabbatical will be to visit various post-secondary schools throughout the state to see which hybrid courses have been successful and why. Using surveys and his own observation, Ferguson aims to tailor the marketing and instruction around the data that he gathers. He will present his findings to the school at the end of his time out of the classroom.

For nearly two years, Ferguson and other WCC auto instructors have been pushing for an alternative fuel technologies course, to no avail.



One of many photos documenting the road trips taken by Russell Ferguson to test cars for Car and Driver magazine.

“We’ve been trying to get that course going but we haven’t had enough people sign up for it,” Ferguson said. “We need to have the people before we buy the cars and the equipment, but maybe we should. If you build it they will come. So I’m going to see what’s working and how we can emulate it.”

Ferguson doesn’t view his sabbatical as time off, but as just another way to help out his students.

“I want to make it clear that this isn’t a vacation, and the other places aren’t paying me,” he said. “This is a valuable opportunity for faculty like me to recharge my batteries. In what other career do you get time off of work to be a good employee?”

Sounds like just what the doctor ordered.

Banfield’s ‘Band of Brothers’ still living it up over coffee and talk of U-M athletics

BOB CONRADI
Staff Writer

To a casual observer it is just a group of old guys sitting around a table at the back of a nondescript tavern near the edge of town. Next to walls decorated with sports memorabilia and beer signs, they sip coffee, water or milk. And with voices often gravelly with age, they talk.

The conversation often turns to University of Michigan sports. One day the recently released book “Three and Out,” by John U. Bacon, was a topic of discussion and debate. The book provides an inside look at the much-maligned three-year reign of Rich Rodriguez as Michigan’s head football coach, and a critical assessment of the U-M sports establishment.

The group discussed who was really to blame for Michigan’s football woes, a conversation rendered less painful by this season’s successes. They lamented on how “the whole department fell apart after Bo left.”

United by service to their country, by devotion to the University of Michigan, by love of sport, by careers in communications, they now they sit, talk sports and reminisce over a weekly lunch at Banfield’s East on Packard Road.

They often choose the cup of soup and half-sandwich special. Bill orders what he calls a “Jenny Special” after the waitress. It is peanut butter, bacon, lettuce and honey on rye. For desert, they talk more sports. They have upheld this tradition for more than 25 years.

The group began in the mid-1980s as four men associated with U-M began a regular lunch gathering at Café Marie near north campus. They met to console a friend who had lost his job with the Alumni Association.

Over time more men joined, especially sports fans and sports broadcasters. Because one of them had a problem with the smoking ban at Café Marie, they began meeting at Banfield’s.

The only man from the original four is Bill Stegeth, 92, whose health and nimble mind belie his years.

He recalled what comedian George Burns said on his 90th birthday: “I can do pretty much the same things I did when I was 22, which tells you how pathetic I was when I was 22.”

But Stegeth is not the only member who is looking at age 90 in his rearview mirror.

This group has done a lot of living. Three served in the military during WWII. Others served during the Korean or Vietnam conflicts. At least four have authored books and four have been involved in the broadcast industry.

A few have been leading Ann Arbor businessmen. Among them, Bud Stein, 91, was co-owner of the venerable Stein and Goetz Sporting Goods Store, now home to The M-Den. Stein’s store was once the go-to place in Ann Arbor for sports news and banter.

Travel agency innovator Tom Conlin, 78, founded and directed Conlin Travel, an agency that has served Ann Arbor

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EAT graduates into its own space

Former Mark's Carts stand finds niche in catering events and carry-out space



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Blake Reetz, 31, of Ann Arbor, co-owner of EAT, chops up radishes for the day.

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

Nearly 10 years ago, what began as a normal friendship between Helen Harding and Blake Reetz blossomed into a sustaining business partnership that grew from their love of food made-from-scratch.

spread too thin throughout Ann Arbor," Harding said. "It was time for us to start looking for our own kitchen to see what was out there."

And looking is what they did. "We heard through the grapevine that Marciano's was moving out of this space and the owners of Big Ten Burrito

capable of as co-owners.

"It was interesting to say the least but we opened on time with one part-time employee working two days a week," Harding said.

The daily lunch menu has sandwiches, soups and salads ranging from \$6-8, but the dinner specials are usually rotated

are getting something a little different than what they would make at home or get anywhere else," he said.

Harding, meantime, said she really appreciates the customers who encourage and force EAT to be creative.

"Sometimes you'll get wedding clientele who are easy and want all of the decisions made for them within a budget," she said. "But then we get the clientele that constantly keeps challenging us to come up with something different."

No stranger to local food, Lisa Gottlieb of Ann Arbor is the force behind Selma Café, a breakfast salon dedicated to the sustainable food economy, on the west side of Ann Arbor.

The creative aspect of the food is something Gottlieb really appreciated about EAT when it catered a 100-guest wedding for her eldest daughter, Zoe.

"For one thing, they are really investing in sourcing food locally and seasonally," she said. "Our wedding was outdoors, and the presentation was seamless. The food came out hot, beautifully presented and on time."

While using locally produced food is important to him, Reetz doesn't claim EAT keeps to making just one kind of food.

"We're here to be creative and to experiment with other ideas," he said. "Talking with customers and clientele through the weddings and the carry-out space will prove to be fundamental in what we offer."

EAT is located at 1906 Packard St., Ann Arbor and is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit: <http://eatannarbor.com>.

at least four times a day.

"We try to have a menu that's interesting, but still approachable," Reetz said. "We don't want to scare people with too 'out there' food at a pretty approachable price range."

While the menu offers a variety of a pork confit (cooked in lard) sandwich to venison chili, Reetz is committed to his food-from-scratch concept.

"We want people to feel they

were looking for tenants," Harding said. "We had thought to look at places in Ypsilanti because we thought it would be cheaper, but they just ended up being dumps. This space came partially equipped, so very little had to be done to make it our own functional kitchen."

They moved in on Nov. 15 as they were preparing for their final wedding of 2011. This gave them an idea of what they were



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Co-owner Helen Harding, 27, of Ann Arbor, explains EAT's menu.

After several months operating food carts at Mark's Carts and the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, Harding, 27, and Reetz, 31, had been working in the local wedding circuit so much that condensing their business down to one kitchen was essential for the longevity of EAT.

"By July 2011, we had two carts between Mark's and the farmers market and with the wedding circuit, we were



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One of two intimate seating areas in the carry-out space.

Get an education But don't forget about your kids

BEAU KEYES
Contributor

For Washtenaw Community College instructor Angela Guy-Lee, attending an important event like her daughter's induction ceremony to the National Honor Society eclipses most everything else.

"This is one of those things you know that your kids will remember if you're not there," Guy-Lee said.

Finding a way to juggle the demands and guilt of pursuing an education when already busy with life, work and children can be challenging for everyone involved. Because parent students have responsibilities and commitments that can put a strain on their families, it is important to ensure that children aren't forgotten in the rush to betterment.

"Especially for non-traditional students, it's harder because they are balancing so much more than those students fresh from high school, still living with their parents, with no bills, no spouse, no job, and no children. It's harder - it really is," Guy-Lee said.

"I try my best to get school work done during the week and focus on my family on the weekends," said Angie Underdahl, 31, a social work major from Deerfield and working mother of a 2 year-old-son.

"My son does get annoyed when I'm trying to study and can't play with him right at that exact moment, but I know that my choice to be in school right now is something that will benefit him in the future," Underdahl said.

Being a stay-at-home parent doesn't always make it any easier. Children are often comfortable with a particular process at home and a parent starting at college can change that.

"I scheduled all my classes for weeknights and Saturday and Sunday," said Chad Doxey, 36, a liberal arts student from Ann Arbor and father of three.

"I only have one kid at home with me during the day so it is not that much of juggling. We always eat dinner together, and I make sure to ask them about their school and in turn tell them about mine," Doxey said.

Including children in the parent's educational process helps ease any feelings of guilt for not having time for them, while also showing them the importance of getting an education. Taking advantage of available extended family and friends is also a way to ease the burden on the parent and keep things as normal as possible for the child.

"I don't feel guilty because my son is blessed with so many people who love to spend time with him. He probably doesn't miss me one bit," Underdahl said.

The real key may be just to put the importance of the education in focus and keep things light and fun at the same time.

"I take advantage of travel time in the car with my son and instead of talking on the phone or listening to the radio, my son and I talk and sing," Underdahl said.

"For the most part, my kids like it when I'm at school because I am the main disciplinarian. When Mom is in charge while I'm gone they feel they can get away with more," Doxey said. "My oldest said it would be funny if I took fewer classes and was still in college when he goes. Um, yea, that's real funny, dude. Not!"



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Angie Underdahl, 31, is a working mother who knows that juggling a full-time job, two classes and a child is difficult.



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Hard at work in the kitchen, preparing one of the many specialized dishes that EAT prepares.

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WCC women's basketball wins fourth straight in OT

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

Melena Chisolm hit a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime, when Colby Griffin took control with a five-point run that lifted the Washtenaw's women's basketball team to a 54-49 victory Thursday over previously undefeated Tom Holzer Ford.

The victory improved WCC to 4-0 in the Ann Arbor Rec and Ed league.

The Warriors were down by three before the clutch basket by Chisolm, 26, of Ann

Arbor, an elementary education major.

In overtime, Griffin, 20, a business major from Ypsilanti, broke the game open with a jumper followed by a 3-point basket.

With 22-seconds to go, radiography major, Journey Benjamin, 21, of Ann Arbor drained a 3-pointer to secure the win.

With four fouls, Journey Benjamin was apprehensive heading into OT. For her, it meant she had to temper her aggressive play.

"I had four fouls at the end

of the fourth and after speaking to coach, I decided I had to be careful with my fouls," Benjamin said. "If I would have got my fifth, I would have been out."

Playing her first game with the Warriors, Brittany Bucknan, 22, of Brighton, was nervous to play the top team in the league through the Ann Arbor Rec and Ed. Holzer Ford dropped to 3-1.

"It was a matter of keeping my head in the game," she said. "Throughout overtime, I was set on playing tight defense and getting the ball up and down

the court quickly."

Head coach Michael Nightingale said he thinks the Warriors got better as the game went on.

"By the second half, we were up either by four or two while in the first half we were either down by two or tied," he said. "I just kept telling the girls with just seconds in the game, we don't need to shoot, we just need to keep the ball away."

"I was nervous because we had a couple girls in foul trouble," he said. "It was all about not getting another foul but playing aggressively."

CLUB SPORTS CALENDAR

INTRAMURAL

Table Tennis

Registration: Jan. 17-27

Game dates: Men - Jan. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Women - Jan. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Student Center, 1st floor

All registration is conducted in SC 118.

Winter Wednesdays*

Jan. 25 - Women's Table Tennis tournament

Feb. 1 - Basketball free-throw shooting contest

Feb. 8 - Drop-in Ping-Pong and Foosball extended hours

*All Winter Wednesday events are open to students and employees and begin at 5:30 p.m. outside of SC 118. No registration is required.

Tim Tebow and the business of sport



MATT DURR
Editor

Whether you love him or hate him, Tim Tebow (starting quarterback for the Denver Broncos) has become a national icon and quickly is becoming the most recognizable face in all of pro sports. But it's not because of his record-breaking passing numbers, or his God-given physical attributes, it's because of who he is off the field. And the National Football League wouldn't have it any other way.

In a day and age where most athletes make national headlines for their various court appearances, Tebow appears to be a God-fearing, God-loving man who would rather read his Bible than go out for a night on the town. The NFL has seen a major hit to its public image because of numerous, highly publicized run-ins with the law. But with Tebow, those concerns are almost non-existent, and the American people love that.

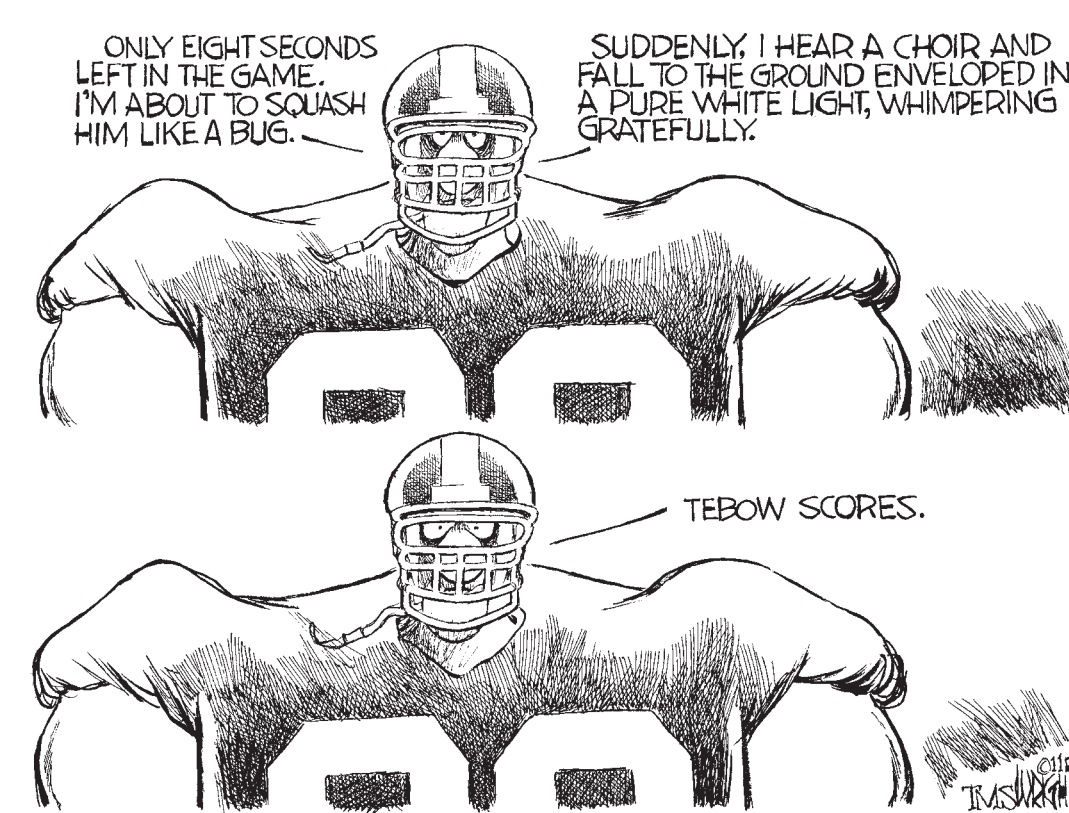
It's evident in the television

ratings for his two playoff games. When Tebow and the Denver Broncos faced off against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Jan. 8, a reported 42.4 million people tuned in, earning a 24.0 rating. It was the highest-rated wild-card game in 17 years. Tebow's jersey is rated as the second most popular jersey sold on NFL.com (Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers is first). You cannot turn on ESPN or any NFL-related program and not hear about Tebow.

All of this means one thing: more money for the NFL. And at the end of the day, that is all that matters to the NFL and the owners. Thanks to revenue sharing, every team in the NFL will benefit from the record ratings that Tebow is pulling in.

Even though Tebow is barely a top-20 quarterback, even though he looks atrociously awkward on the field, and even though he has yet to win anything of substance, Tebow is the NFL's golden boy, and it's not going to change until his popularity drops. That doesn't seem likely, because Tebowmania is running wild.

And that's the sad part about what sports are becoming. The bottom line is always more important than the product. That's why small-market teams rarely compete for



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championships, even in leagues with a salary cap. That's why Division II college teams will take automatic losses to play teams like Michigan because of the huge payday that is attached. And why guys like LeBron James leave cities like Cleveland for bigger markets.

What used to be about athleticism and getting away from reality has become a way for

rich people to deepen their pockets even more. No longer are athletes and teams looked at based solely on their abilities. These days it's more about marketability. Athletes can frequently make more from endorsement deals than their actual contracts for playing their sports, and that is ridiculous.

Get ready to see the righteous face of Tim Tebow on

your screen for a long time to come. And not just on the football field. Companies like McDonalds and Coca-Cola will be lining up to have him sell their products to the masses.

Tim Tebow isn't the best player in the NFL, not even close, but in one season he is already standing on top of the NFL mountain, or should I say kneeling...

BAND OF BROTHERS FROM B2

travelers since 1959. Conlin's business has long had close ties with U-M sports.

Others have been administrators or faculty in the local universities. Rod Grambeau, 91, headed intramural and recreational sports at U-M. John Fountain, 80, was a vice president at Eastern Michigan University.

Then there is the broadcast connection. Ann Arbor radio was a place of innovation and an incubator for broadcasters who went on to greater fame. Some of those early pioneers now meet at Banfield's.

The group talked of the old days when basketball games were played at Yost Field House, now called Yost Ice Arena. Tom Johnston, 81, recalled that it had a dirt floor and students used to run on a cinder track around the basketball court even during games. Broadcasters sat up near the rafters where bats were often seen flying.

Johnston covered basketball and football, working for several local stations including, WAAM, WPAG, WHRV and Channel 50 TV. He spoke of reporting every U-M basketball game in which National Collegiate Hall of Famer Cazzie Russell played. He was also the first to host a Monday morning coach's show, beginning with football coach "Bump" Elliott.

When one of the group expressed admiration for Johnston's incisive off-the-cuff sports commentary, cigar in hand and "without a stitch of notes," Johnston simply replied, "I was a fan."

Asked about a well-known voice of "Meechigan" football, Johnston said, "I knew Bob Ufer better than Bob Ufer knew Bob Ufer."

His fascinating broadcasting recollections could easily fill a book. In fact he would like to write one.

Of course Johnston's friends have heard all these stories before but they don't seem to mind hearing them again. Indeed, they



BOB CONRADI THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The lunch group at Banfield's East includes (clockwise from left) Rod Grambeau, Tom Johnston, Bill Stegeth, Dale Leslie and Tom Conlon.

would be glad to repeat the stories themselves.

Dale Leslie, 63, worked in radio for 14 years before joining Leslie Office Supply Inc., a 36-year business started by his father.

Bill Stegeth, began working in radio as a teenager in Escanaba. He worked for WUOM during its earliest days, starting out reading the evening news. He also did play-by-play sports broadcasting and was color commentator with Bill Flemming who later became a popular ABC sportscaster.

Stegeth told a story about the FCC's initial refusal to certify WUOM with those call letters because they believed it was too hard to pronounce.

He earned a PhD at U-M, writing his dissertation about early Michigan radio, and taught speech and broadcasting at U-M. One of his students during this time was Hazen Schumacher, who went on to host the nationally popular NPR radio show, "Jazz Revisited."

After more than a decade of

teaching, Stegeth began a long career with the U-M Alumni Association.

He described how he became the first director of Camp Michigan, a family camp established for Michigan alumni in Boyne City. It was an 11th-hour appointment after the intended director backed out.

John Fountain is another radio personality in the lunch group. After several years reporting U-M games, he became the voice of EMU athletics for the next 44 years. He was recently awarded the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association (DSBA) Ernie Harwell Lifetime Achievement Award for his radio work with U-M and EMU.

Understandably, the conversation at Banfield's often turns to recollections of earlier days: great Michigan football plays, the glory of radio, career moves, published works and memorable travels by members of the group.

Leslie recalled a memorable play in the Michigan-Michigan State rivalry. It was in 1960, an

era that MSU usually dominated.

"Little Denny Fitzgerald from Ann Arbor St. Thomas High School, a walk on, took the ball on the kick off at the 1 yard line and ran straight down the east sideline. I mean, he didn't dodge. He didn't stiff-arm. He didn't do anything," Leslie said. "He just ran as fast as he could. He got some blocks along the way of course and he ran all the way for a touchdown! It was unbelievable! And there's only been one Michigan player to match that, Tyrone Wheatley."

Remote broadcasting was new when these men were on radio. "Satellite changed our whole world," Johnston said. "Before that, we had to carry the stuff in and plug it into the wall and make sure our phone lines were alright."

"We had to be our own engineers more often than not," Stegeth added.

Occasionally military service comes up in conversation. Stegeth flew B-24 bombers during WWII and Stein served on a

PT boat off New Guinea.

There is also talk of family. Stegeth has a daughter living in Oman and Leslie has a son in the Navy who serves on an aircraft carrier deployed in the Persian Gulf region. Messages from these loved ones are always big news.

But the discussion seldom ventures far from U-M sports. A friendly competition to predict the score of upcoming Wolverine football games is a regular feature. Since it is rare for any of these men to predict that the Wolverines lose, the winner is determined by point spread and total points scored. To a casual observer it is just a boring group of old guys sitting around a table in a nondescript tavern near the edge of town. But don't believe it.

In their lifetimes this group has had a profound influence on our community. And in their golden years, through their supportive friendship, they have a profound influence on each other.

Rivals gear up for coming intramural dodgeball tournament

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

In recent months, the intramural section of the WCC Sports Department has seen a lot of competitions as students are quick to sign up for specific events.

But none of the sports have seen as much hype and as much furious competition as dodgeball.

Ricky Logan, 23, an animation major from Ann Arbor, is captain of the Reservoir Dogs, the first-place team of the Fall 2011 season.

"Our goal is just to be better than everyone else," he said, sharing one secret to his team's success: "I don't get why no one has gotten this yet, but if (the ball) bounces off the wall, you can turn around and catch it and get the thrower out."

Sports Coordinator Erica Lemm says she sees this kind of passionate competition among a variety of teams.

"These teams are very intense about their dodgeball," she said. "They are constantly picking the game apart, what they did and what the other team did."

Co-captain of Reservoir Dogs, James Driessche, 20, also an animation major from Ann Arbor, has refined his techniques to stay on top. He joked about not being too keen on cheaters.

"There's this guy, whenever he's the last one in, he goes and sits on the back wall and doesn't move," he joked. "Cheater, such a cheater. I'm looking forward to this extended, fun rivalry."

Four teams competed on Jan. 22 in a tournament that will continue each Sunday for the following four weeks at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Health and Fitness Center.

All are welcome. To get involved, stop by the Sports Department at SC 118.

Whitmore Lake hockey tournament rescheduled again

ANNE DUFFY
Contributor

The Michigan Pond Hockey Classic, a hockey tournament for kids pay to participate in athletic activities, had to postpone the event for a second time. Moving the event from Jan. 27-29 until Feb. 17-19, organizers hope the weather stays cold enough to freeze at least eight inches of ice on Whitmore Lake.

More than 800 players from all over Michigan and Canada are set to compete this year on 20 ice rinks. The three day marathon of ice hockey has something for everyone.

The opening ceremony with fireworks starts Friday evening, "chilly dippers" jumping in the frozen lake and kids games and prizes are on Saturday. The beer tents with live music are open both nights and the championship games are on Sunday.

Contraband



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'Contraband' delivers the action, but lacks plot

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

The fast-paced thriller "Contraband" stars Mark Wahlberg playing the role as Chris Farraday, the typical paycheck-to-paycheck guy living in the gritty city of New Orleans. A reformed top-notch smuggler, he is husband to Kate (Kate Beckinsale) and father to two young boys while owning a business installing home-burglary systems.

While enjoying life as the family man, Chris's brother-in-law Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) gets involved in a drug-smuggling affair that goes horribly wrong. He brings in Chris to help end the battle with the recently released prisoner-turned-drug lord Tim Briggs (Giovanni Ribisi).

For Chris, there is no reasoning with the frightful drug lord, forcing him into one last job smuggling goods from Panama to protect his family.

The reformed crook is not only dragged back into crime but forced to risk his family and

life to bail everyone out of trouble - including himself. Yep, it's a plot straight out of Hollywood and rigged with predictability.

Unfortunately, Ribisi plays a good bad guy doing a very bad job at pulling off the unpleasant role of drug lord by failing to do the single thing necessary to make his part believable: remaining tough. Even worse, his gangster New Orleans accent only serves to annoy.

But while the story line is easy to foretell - the action is not.

The plot is complex enough to keep you watching. The script makes sense, but all Wahlberg does is play the poker-faced macho-man and this role was nothing short of typical for him. And very similar to "The Italian Job."

Naturally, Wahlberg could sleepwalk through this role - and nearly does - but the movie remains just suspenseful enough to keep viewers from nodding off.

RATED R
RUN TIME 110 MINUTES
GENRE THRILLER
RAVE \$7.50
QUALITY \$7.00

Mutemath



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Mutemath hits its stride on 'Odd Soul'

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

Initially typecast as a Christian-Rock equivalent to U2, Mutemath has been steadily gaining more mainstream recognition, building an easily identifiable sound that defies modern cliché's and the pretentious failings of the past.

On "Odd Soul," Mutemath cultivates a lyrical philosophy that rocks hard with surprising operatic fullness, while still allowing the band the dissonant space needed to not overcomplicate their simply constructed pop songs.

Don't let the hard-edged exterior and low-in-the-mix guitar leads fool you; this is just sophisticated pop wrapped in the layered textures of synthesizers, orchestral strings and compressed guitars - all of which are staples of the smart pop music of David Bowie and The Talking Heads. These subtle mixtures even capture the advantageous post-rock sound of Tortoise, which is impressive for a band that had to engage in a lawsuit with label heads at Warner Bros. Records for a mainstream marketing effort. Aside from the technical

aspects of the music's construction. "Odd Soul" gives Mutemath a naturalistic staying power. The rhythmic nature of the first half of the disc is apparent in every drum roll and fill, relying heavier on the drummer's virtuosity than any other instrument. Innate and overwhelmingly tight grooves are the glue that holds "Odd Soul" together, and without it, all of the fancy trickery mentioned would just seem like an un-enjoyable phantom mist of mismatched tracks.

In fact, the album spans so many different genres in one sitting, it would be hard to pinpoint what kind of band Mutemath really is. The painfully dated vocals help give listeners clarity. This can be seen as both a negative and a positive, and can be the truest litmus test of who will enjoy the music or pass it off as another failed attempt at bringing retro elements back into music.

However, these head-scratching abnormalities make Mutemath, a band known for writing theme songs for movies like "Transformers" or "Twilight," that much more inviting, and interesting to listen to.

ARTIST MUTEMATH
ALBUM ODD SOUL
LABEL WARNER BROS. RECORDS
GENRE POP ROCK

Britney Spears



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'Femme Fatale' - same old Britney, with a few twists

JAEI GARDINER
Contributor

The pop queen Britney Spears hasn't been doing anything new lately. She is even rereleasing albums with a few new songs instead of recording a whole new record. Her latest album, "Femme Fatale," isn't terrible, but it seems like every song fades into the next. Only a few of these songs, particularly the ones with guest artists, offer a twist.

Britney doesn't always get it right, but she attempts to fuse her style with other genres. "Big Fat Bass," featuring Will.i.am, offers some rap.

She also did a song with Sabi, "(Drop Dead) Beautiful," that has a very new sound as well. It's nice that she stepped a little bit outside her comfort zone when she did this song. However, this particular song isn't great.

While many of the tracks on the album were released over the summer, the deluxe edition of the album, featuring several new tracks, hit shelves recently. With songs like "Till the World Ends" and "I Wanna

Go," most of this recording has the same sound Spears has made for years. For much of this album, the beats were catchy and the lyrics were cute, but it was still the same thing Spears has been doing her entire career.

The new single "Criminal" is something different. Instead of only a beat and her singing, there is guitar and drums in the mix. It's a different sound fused with her usual style. The music video is also very unique. It's a story about Spears meeting a criminal, falling in love with him and then becoming one herself. It's good to hear something a little bit new from Spears, as sometimes her songs can get monotonous.

While many of these songs have been played endlessly on the radio, some of the less popular are the best. "How I Roll" is one of the songs that has a slightly different sound, but that makes it better. It's a fast song for the most part, but the chorus really changes pace.

Those who love Spears may enjoy the album, but the repetition of similar sounds gets boring. Don't go for the whole album, just buy one or two songs.

ARTIST BRITNEY SPEARS
ALBUM FEMME FATALE
DELUXE EDITION
LABEL JIVE RECORDS
GENRE POP

Beauty and the Beast 3D



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Fall in love again in 3D with 'Beauty and the Beast'

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

Disney, the iconic creator of a vast multitude of animated classics has always insisted its fans believe in magic. No film encapsulates that sense of wonder like the melodic and tragic "Beauty and the Beast."

Fans young and old packed theaters on opening night of the re-release, some hoping to relive the glory of their childhood splendor, some enticed by the magic for the first time.

As the audience gazed at the stained glass of the enchanted castle as it loomed above, transfixed from the woods below, "The Beauty and the Beast" was once again in theaters for a new generation of starry-eyed believers.

They were immersed in the romance, and they fell in love with the characters. They sang along with the songs; Disney new to the ballroom and talking tea set eagerly learned the words and lapped up the dream as never before.

With more depth and detail than previously achieved by the Disney classic, the Real-D updated version was given the similar treatment

as the "The Lion King" had last fall. Although much darker than the feline fable, "The Beauty and the Beast's" gorgeous, state-of-the-art 3D effects also drew viewers deep into the mysterious and shadowy environments of the tale, casting light across furniture and through the many rooms of the Beast's regal lair.

While few pop-out effects were added to the movie, a wider variety of light intensities afforded by the dimming effect of Real-D created a greater sense of immersion into the scenes of the story. From the vast ballroom where Belle and Beast first fall in love, to the death-defying fight between the Beast and the wicked Gaston atop the castle, the updated detail is undoubtedly apparent in the backgrounds and breathes new, emotional life into the aging tale.

The heart-warming songs and classic themes engulf viewers from newly updated sound systems as they are transported to a magical place of love and glory and asked to "Be our guest."

"The Beauty and The Beast 3D" marks a landmark in special effects and animation that even rivals its original release.

RATED PG
RUNTIME 84 MINUTES
GENRE FAMILY
RAVE \$13
QUALITY 16 \$9.50

Iron Lady



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I am 'Iron Lady' - hear me roar!

NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

Movies revolving around influential people in history have come and gone since the beginning of motion pictures, but rarely have they ever been this good.

"The Iron Lady," starring Meryl Streep, portrays the thoughts and emotional state of Margaret Thatcher, the former prime minister of England, as she copes with the loss of her husband in 2003 while living in a changing world that's getting harder to understand.

The film opens with an aging Thatcher sharing hial breakfast conversation with her husband, Sir Denis Thatcher, who has recently passed away. It is very clear from the beginning that he is dead and that Margaret is the only one who can see him. As Margaret struggles to cope with the death of her husband, everything around her brings up memories of her past. She recalls memories of growing up as a grocer's daughter,

running for Parliament and being prime minister during the tail end of the Cold War.

The film continuously bounces back and forth from present-day to key events in Margaret Thatcher's past, such as the struggling British economy in the 1980s, and the invasion of the Falkland Islands.

Meryl Streep's performance, which has already won her a Golden Globe for best actress, as both the aging, elderly Margaret Thatcher and the strong, powerful middle-age Margaret Thatcher, is superb.

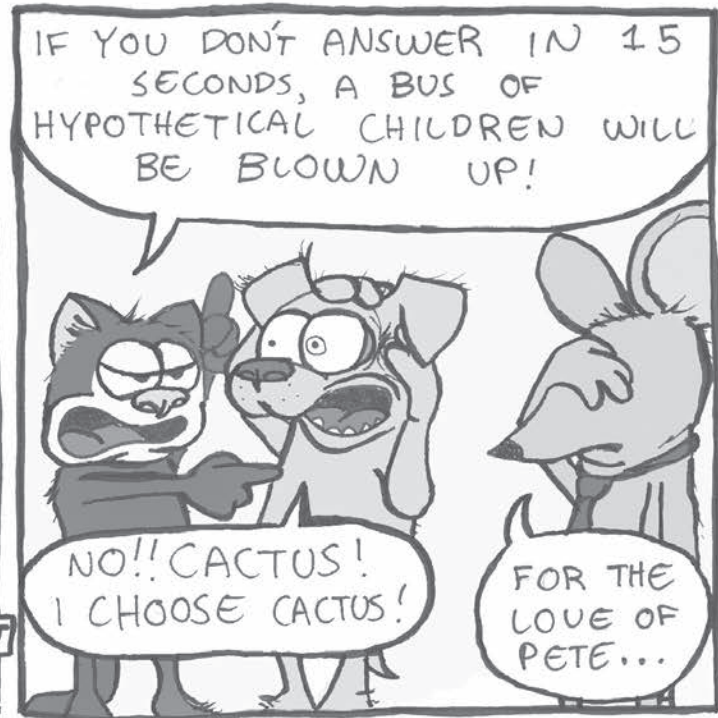
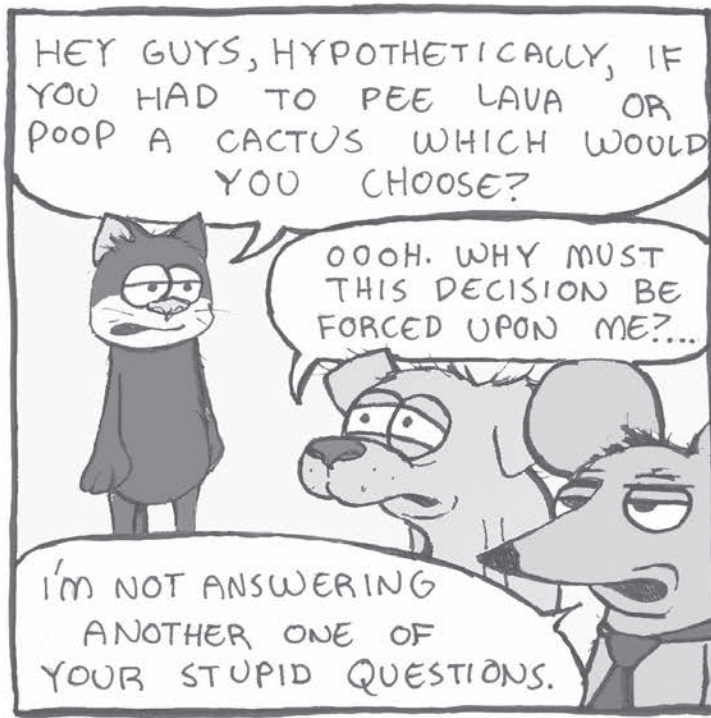
Playing the role of one of the most influential women of the '80s takes much more than just being able to do a British accent. It requires a tone, body language and aura of leadership that only the most seasoned and skilled actress can pull off.

I'm sure that in time "The Iron Lady" will fade into obscurity like so many other great productions, but I see no reason why it should. The film is a thought-provoking, Oscar-worthy, biographical drama that belongs on everyone's must-see list.

RATED PG-13
RUN TIME 105 MIN
GENRE DRAMA
RAVE \$7.50
QUALITY 16 \$7.00



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Dear Readers,
We regret to inform you that the graphic novel "Rx. Z," will no longer continue because illustrator Frances Ross has resigned to concentrate on her studies. Ross is an immensely talented artist whose 17-part comic, "Coddle Me" won first-place honors from the Michigan Press Association in October.

The Voice remains committed to showcasing the similar works of students in Washtenaw Community College's renowned graphic arts program. To learn more, visit our newsroom at TI 106, or email kgave@wccnet.edu.

Meantime, we thank Ross for sharing her fine work and wish her continued success.

The Washtenaw Voice staff

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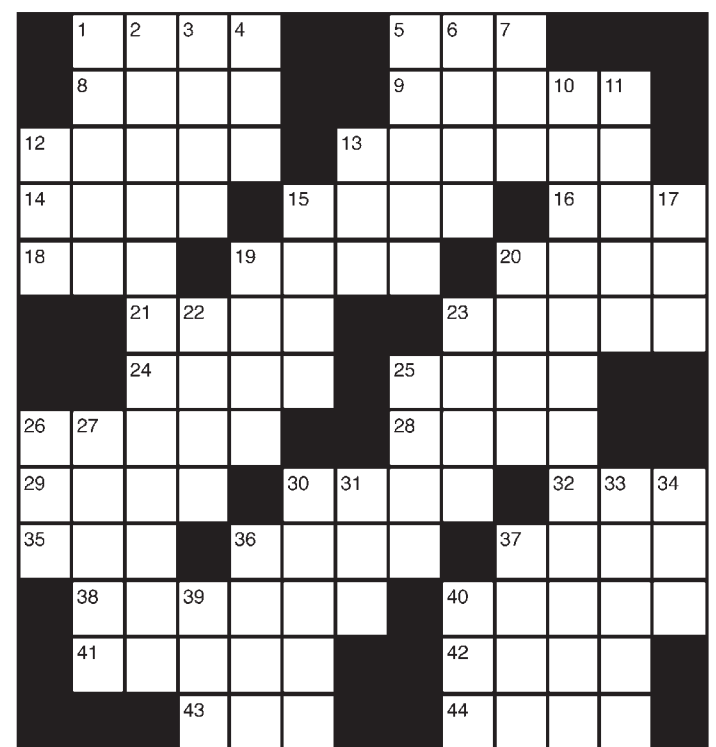
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Crossword



Across

- 1 "Whose Line ___ Anyway?"
- 5 "American ___!"
- 8 Rogers or Kennedy
- 9 Fails to include
- 12 Stewart or Garner
- 13 Ted of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 14 "___ You Babe"; signature song for Sonny & Cher
- 15 "Close Encounters of the Third ___"; Richard Dreyfuss movie
- 16 Period in history
- 18 "___ in Trees"
- 19 Hayworth or Moreno
- 20 Sitcom about Deacon Frye
- 21 "See No Evil, ___ No Evil"; film for Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder
- 23 Like caramels and granola bars
- 24 Actor Estrada
- 25 Part of the leg
- 26 Opposite of hollow
- 28 Actor Brad
- 29 Kathryn of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
- 30 Hawaiian taro root dishes
- 32 Biting reptile
- 35 Edison's monogram
- 36 Iowa export
- 37 Guinness or Baldwin
- 38 "Jeopardy!" host
- 40 Jennifer Garner spy series
- 41 Wading bird
- 42 "___ Man Standing"
- 43 Pauser's syllables
- 44 ___ in one's pants; nervousness

Down

- 1 Spitting ___; exact likeness
- 2 Actor on "The Big Bang Theory"
- 3 "How ___ Your Mother"
- 4 "...___ the season to be jolly..."
- 5 Laura Prepon's role on "That '70s Show"
- 6 Surrounded by
- 7 Like, hippie-style
- 10 Series for Simon Baker
- 11 Scatter
- 12 Nabors or Belushi
- 13 Caboodle's partner, in phrase
- 15 Douglas or Cameron
- 17 "___ Given Sunday"; film for Al Pacino and Dennis Quaid
- 19 Surprise attack
- 20 Make ___ with; impress favorably
- 22 One of the Great Lakes
- 23 Greek letters
- 25 "___ City"
- 26 ___ up; arrange
- 27 Give a speech
- 30 Wordsworth and Longfellow
- 31 Mork's planet
- 33 Does an usher's job
- 34 Mac alternatives
- 36 Short-distance two-way radio user
- 37 Actor Rachins
- 39 Prior to
- 40 State whose capital is Montgomery; abbr.



Adrienne Berry plays saxophone and sings for Troubadabamos as they perform at the Far House.



Fans dancing during a performance at the Jan. 14 concert.

more than mere music

FAR HOUSE FROM B1

performing in its underground sound stage in the house's basement. All proceeds go to the bands.

"The money always goes to the bands," Stephenson said. "We've never kept any money."

Patrick Doyle, 22, has been journeying from West Sumter to perform at and enjoy many of the Far House's shows over the past two years, citing the importance of independent music.

"I come here for the community. It's a great place for friends to get together and listen to music," Doyle said. "They're very supportive of the underground music scene."

Doyle enjoys the support his own independent record label, TF Records, has garnered within the walls of Far House, satisfied despite turning very little profit.

"Here, we have non-corporate musicians that are doing it just because they like to, not to line their pockets," Doyle said. "Sure, it's nice to make some money, but that's just not a concrete reality these days."

Other residents at the Far House have begun to use the property to address other

realities. One such inhabitant, Adrienne Berry, has found herself studying and developing environmental practices in the Far House's backyard. With chickens, a greenhouse and even a worm bin for compost, Berry enjoys the freedom granted at the Far House for her endeavors.

"It's a house for experimentation," Berry said. "I'm glad to be able to experiment with sustainability. We've always tried to keep a self-sufficient ideology."

The ideology of the Far House hasn't only been embraced in Michigan. Twenty-five-year old Mike Taylor, of Chicago, has never felt more at home when traveling to Ann Arbor to perform his experimental electronic music under the name "KKrusty" at the Far House.

"I come up here whenever I get the chance. There's nobody who appreciates what I do like the people here," Taylor said.

Taylor cherishes the Far House and the surrounding music scene's open-mindedness and diversity.

"Equal opportunity is the first thing that springs to mind," Taylor said. "You can see anything out here."



Eric Stephenson resident of Far House succeeded in raising \$412 for his emergency dental work at a Far House event called 'Tooth-a-palooza.'



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earn a living.

"Sustainability, for me, for her means that she wouldn't have to work at a coffee shop during the day to sing," he said. "Our No. 1 goal is getting her in front of as many people that will listen."

Thomas's view for the future is similar.

"The next step for me is to keep practicing and refining my

skills," she said. "I'm not anywhere (near) where I want to be, but I'll be there soon. I know that I will be coming out with another EP or another album relatively soon."

At Crossroads in Ypsilanti, Thomas's sister, Elly Thomas, had the chance to see her little sister play for the first time.

"I don't know how she does it. For her, it just seems so effortless," Elly said.

Her mother, Anne Hawkinson, 54, agrees.

"It wasn't until 2 1/2 years ago, she decided that music was her passion," Hawkinson said. "Her dad and I are supportive of her, and I'm just glad she's found something she loves and she's good at it."

For more information on Jo Pie Whyld visit <http://jopiewhyld.com>.



Jo Pie Whyld plays her song, 'Despair' at Crossroads Bar and Grill on Jan. 14.



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