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Lend a helping hand



(from left to right) Heather Duval, club president, brainstorms with club members Teya Bond and Kamryn Auguste at their Monday meeting on how to help the WCC's and surrounding communities.

Students reaching out into the community

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Editor

New to campus, but passionately driven, Washtenaw Community Outreach Club is reaching out to students on campus to support their introductory mission, to help end local hunger.

Heather Duval, club president, is taking her first opportunity to reach into the community after founding the official school club last month.

"This is our fourth meeting," Duval said. "I am really into giving back to the community and I think a lot of students on campus want to give back, but don't know the means to do so. Our food drive here makes it easier for people to contribute."

WCOC is sponsoring a food drive with Food Gatherers, a food warehouse based in Detroit, until Dec. 15.

"After we finish our first event, we will begin next semester with bake sale fundraisers, awareness nights, where there is a topic like the Flint water crisis and we will have someone come

in and discuss the implications about what is going on, and how people can help solve that issue," Duval said.

WCC's food pantry also takes donations from students. This continuous food drive on campus may be the next prospective target for the club's helping hands.

"We have a lot of resources on campus that students don't know about, so we will be spreading the word about those sources," Duval said.

"I like to volunteer and give back," Teya Bond, club member and digital video production major, said.

"One thing I am really passionate about is helping my community, where I can walk and see people being helped. I like that it's accessible to me, especially our local canned food drive," Bond said.

"I went to Ann Arbor Public Schools and there are people that don't know there are kids that need tutoring and can't afford it," Bond said, "I would like to reach out to help tutor low income kids in our (club's) future."

Duval has goals of lifelong servitude, striving to help underprivileged children in her hometown of Ann Arbor.

"My main goal is to either work for nonprofits or start my own non profit for minority youth," Duval said.

"There is a program being started up by AAPS that focuses on kids who don't have access to college accessibility awareness or preparation resources. I didn't have that, and I know that many first generation college students don't know about the application process and things like that," Bond said.

Beyond the difficulties of paperwork, some first generation college students are missing out on perks like scholarships, Duval and Bond contended.

A trip with the group to offer advice and help students prepare for the transition into college life is an aspiration of Bond's.

"I feel like I might go into working with younger kids or high school students," Kamryn Auguste, global studies major said. Auguste will pursue French as a major in her next

step towards being an interpreter or translator working with students.

Club meetings are an open forum of ideas where club members share ideas for events and ways to help the community.

"We brainstorm on the board and narrow it down to what will work the best," Bond said. Everyone is included in conversation and invited to participate, she mentioned.

Duval takes her role as the club's president seriously, making sure the members are engaged and gaining professional skills.

One way she has done this is through demonstrating solid technical writing procedures with sharing documents. She offers an outline for professional emails and structured note taking.

"I write up all of my notes and send them out so everyone knows how to take the meeting notes for the club. I want us to pick up on things you have to do in the real world as well," Duval said. "So, here, you give back but you're also gaining."

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

NON PERISHABLE FOOD

- Low Sodium Hearty Soups (Beef Stew, Chili, etc.)
- Low sodium canned meats (Tuna Fish, Chicken, etc.)
- Low Sodium or No Salt Canned Vegetables
- Canned or Packaged Pasta
- Rice, Beans (Canned or Dry)
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Nut Butters or Jelly (Plastic Jars)
- Baby Food & Formula (Plastic Containers)
- Ensure® & Other Nutritional Supplement Drinks

PERSONAL CARE

- Diapers
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Soap & Shampoo
- Disposable Razors

RISE IN REPORTED HATE CRIMES

K-12 through higher education campuses affected

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS
Contributor

A shared recognition and concern for the uptick in hate crimes reported in Washtenaw County brought community members to the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College on Monday, Nov. 21.

Washtenaw Community College hosted the fifth session of The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Community Education Series, "Strategies for Responding

to Alleged Ethnic Intimidation or Discrimination-Related Incidents in Washtenaw County." Four different speakers took the stage to speak on hate crimes, hate incidents, and their effects on individuals, children, and the larger community.

Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton moderated the event. During the opening remarks Clayton spoke of the timeliness and urgency of this issue, warning about creating divides. "It is really around the climate

that we create for each other as we try to navigate all the difficulties associated with (not just the political environment) just life in general," Clayton said. "We are better off when we pull together to navigate these things than [we are] separating off into different factions."

Anthony Lewis, with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, explained that a hate crime is not attacking someone because of what they do, or because of who they are, but

because of what they are; that they belong to a targeted group.

In Michigan, in 2015, the top biases included: anti-black, anti-male homosexual, anti-islamic, anti-arab.

Although official FBI crime statistics for 2016 won't be released for another year, Lewis was able to offer anecdotal data about the increase in reported bias incidences. His office receives calls from locations around the state to report incidences of bias and hate crimes.

"Since Tuesday [Nov. 8] we have had approximately 30 locations of incidences that have been reported to us," Lewis said. "Normal to this point in the year, we would only receive about 8-10 for a year." These reports largely came from K-12 school districts.

Children are able to submit confidential reports on criminal activities or potential harm to

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Felicia Brabec, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, and private practice therapist shared her advice on helping children cope with the confusion and stress that this election cycle has evoked.

Michelle Slocum, an audience member, found this advice pertinent to her work.

"The impact on kids has been pretty apparent, recently," Slocum said.

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FEATURED TEACHER



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BY MICHAEL MISHLER
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Instructor: Virginia Burkel
Subject: physical science/chemistry lab instructor, 12 years

Q: What made you want to teach at Washtenaw?

A: I taught at Eastern Michigan University and I liked the interaction with the students and seeing their faces light up when they understand a concept.

Q: What is your favorite pastime?

A: Watching the Red Wings.

Q: What is your favorite meal?

A: Thanksgiving dinner! But I really like New York style pizza.

Q: What is your favorite song right now?

A: I haven’t actively listened to anything in awhile, but I could give you some classical music that I like. I just listened to Handel’s “Water Music” while I was in lab. That’s a good one.

Q: What is the most concerning thing you’ve seen in the news lately?

A: This is really terrible, but the fire in Gatlinburg and they had to leave all the animals in the aquarium behind, and that was heart-wrenching to me because

I love animals. Also, this plane crash that just happened with the Brazilian soccer team. There were a couple survivors but not many. Just so terrible.

Q: What is the most satisfying part of your job?

A: Seeing the students understand something that they thought they couldn’t understand, because I know how that feels myself and to see someone else go through that is satisfying when they get it.

Q: What is your dream travel destination?

A: Russia. I’d like to go to the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. I’ve been to Prague, but that’s only slightly similar.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: I believe I’ll still be here, and a research scientist at my current position at NSF International.

Q: If you could meet any famous figure, living or dead, who and why?

A: I think I’d like to meet Teddy Roosevelt. I just think he had a really unique perspective on the world and he really pushed us into the next century.

Q: What is your biggest motivation to come to your job as a chemist and instructor?

A: Discovery for both of them. Like my discoveries in my own work, and helping students discover things in school.

Campus safety message

Ohio State University has released the names of the 13 victims of a recent attack on the college’s campus. The attack was a single student who used a motor vehicle and a knife to injure fellow students and faculty. In light of this latest attack, personal safety and awareness are highlighted courtesy of Campus Safety and Security.

Washtenaw Community College works to be a safe college campus. In an effort to be proactive in creating awareness, the Campus Safety Department provides a series of Campus Safety Tips for students, faculty, and staff. It should be noted that these tips apply to any public place including: shopping malls, special events and even to places of worship.



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A student lights a candle inside a cross during a prayer vigil that was held on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 at Jacob’s Porch, the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ohio State University, after a man attacked pedestrians with a car and then a knife.

CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

General Safety Guidelines:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid isolated areas.
- Try to avoid walking alone at night and walk with friends when possible
- Call Campus Safety (734) 973-3411, or 3411 from one of college house phones for an escort if needed.
- Notify Campus Safety immediately of suspicious or criminal activity
- If an emergency arises – a serious health issue, a crime, or any situation in which you feel endangered, contact Campus Safety. There are phones located in all buildings across campus, as well as in several key areas outside

If Walking Alone:

- Keep your mind on your surroundings, who’s in front of you and who’s behind you. Don’t get distracted.
- Walk purposefully, stand tall, and make eye contact with people around you
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave

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What is going on at Standing Rock?

WCC student heads for the frontlines to find out the truth

BY ANDREW GASIOROWSKI
Contributor

Concerned people traveled and are still traveling to North Dakota to support the Great Sioux Nation in their fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Though united by a unified by a common goal there are many reasons to stand with the Sioux. According to the Seattle Times, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declined to include an environmental impact statement in their already limited review of the pipeline.

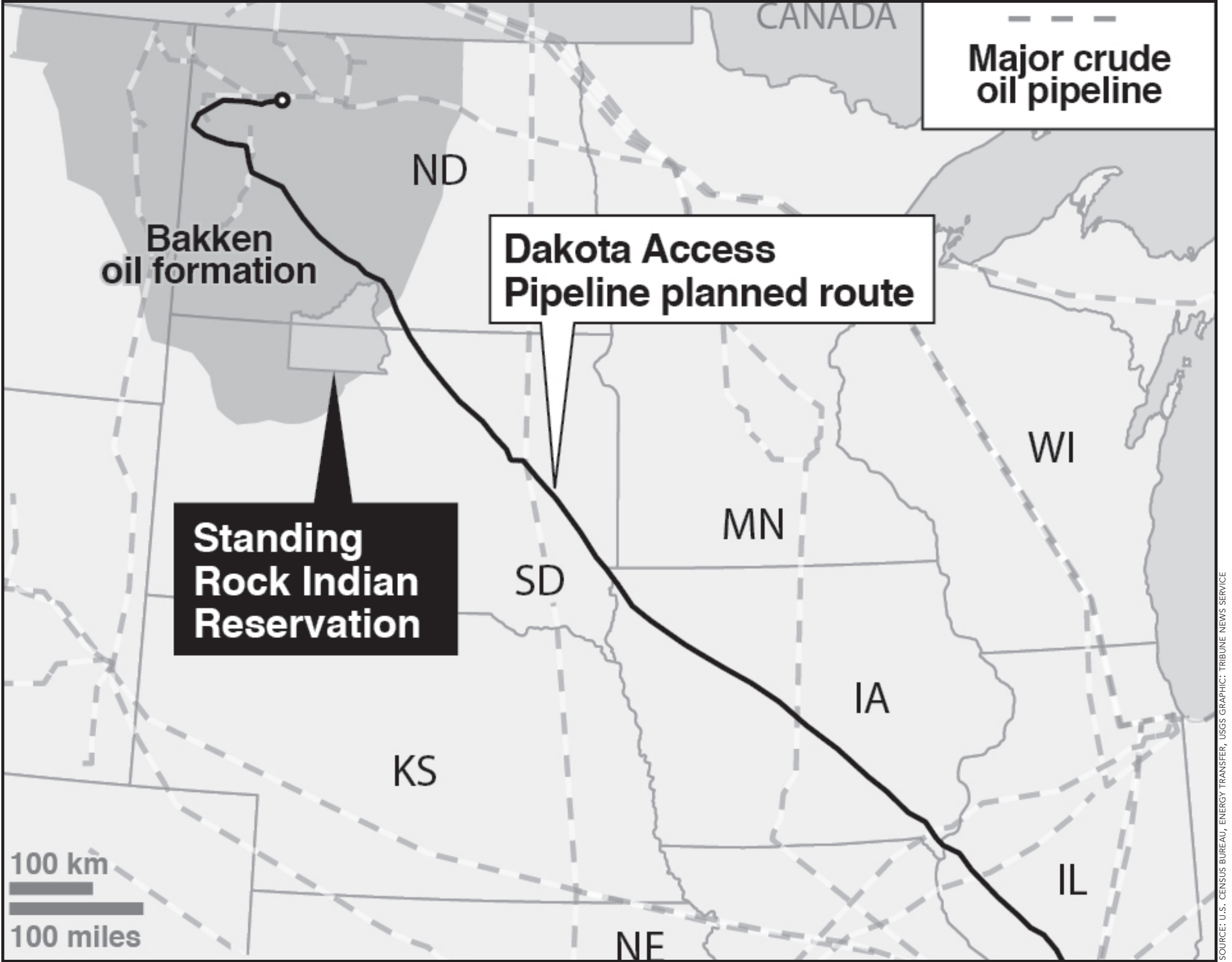
This pipeline passes through the Missouri River, which a primary source of drinking water for the Sioux according to a recent article by Business Insider. As people continue to ask questions, the paramilitary forces guarding the construction grow more aggressive. Each day's end marks a decline in the relationship between police and water protectors, the name the opponents of the pipeline have taken on. On Nov. 28, Gov. Jack Dalrymple of North Dakota issued an executive order calling

for the mandatory evacuation of the protest area in reference to the harsh winter weather. Although Dalrymple indicated having no plan for forcibly removing protesters from their camps, the evacuation order means that first responders are not obligated to come if called . This may cause problems if more violence breaks out. Parallel to Dalrymple's order, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a similar statement about the protests that occur on their land. After Dec. 5, it will be unlawful to remain in the camp

area. On Sept. 3, Marcus Frejo and Ursula Young Bear were victims in the first attack in a string of increasingly worse attacks on the water protectors. They were with a group walking up a hill towards a sacred site when they saw bulldozers and trucks. Frejo yelled for them to stop before security threw him to the ground. He says they began using their trucks and bulldozers as weapons, driving dangerously close to them according to an Indian Country article from Sept. 4. It climaxed when

attacked by dogs went after six people--the bites left marks, 30 more were victim to pepper spray. "It felt like a set-up," Young Bear said. Since then the attacks have escalated; rubber bullets and tear gas are now a mainstay. On Nov. 20, police used water cannons in below freezing temperatures to break up crowds. There is an amount of mystery on the exact amount of force used against protesters. Isolated and away from big cities this isn't a situation where

everyone has a smart phone and is a few clicks away from Facebook. People will spend days in peaceful protest only to find themselves thrust into a violent attack from dogs, rubber bullets, or water cannons according to recent reports. The next few days will be decisive for the water defenders. The entire country will be watching to see how they handle this transition. People will continue to be skeptical of the police and security forces present. This isn't over—not by a long shot.



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Slocum is the program director for an after school program in Ann Arbor. "Kids have no idea, really, what's going on, so it's good as an educator to gather more resources," Slocum said.

Audience thoughts and questions showcased the fear people have from the election.

Questions were asked about the possibility of local enforcement of a muslim registry, and whether it's safe to report hate crimes if the reporter has undocumented status.

Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton expressed doubt that a muslim registry would ever get traction in Washtenaw County and said that although the Sheriff's Department will "support other law enforcement agencies in carrying out their lawful duties," the Sheriff's Department does not directly work with ICE or Immigration and Customs Enforcement. They recognize the importance of protecting undocumented immigrants from being targeted by perpetrators of hate crimes, Clayton said.

Erin Himrod, Ypsilanti Township resident, and audience member was happy with the event.

"I was very pleased by everything that I heard, I really liked a lot of the questions that were

asked—really good information," Himrod said. "Everybody presented really good information that will be useful to the community members, moving forward, to help protect the groups that are part of the target communities." See splcenter.org for data on hate crimes.

HOW TO REPORT A HATE CRIME

CALL 9-1-1

If not an emergency, you may respond to your local police agency to file a report. 3rd party reporting through Jewish Social Services, Arab American Cultural Center, NAACP, places of worship or other civic groups who will contact the local police agency.

MOBILE RESOURCES:

Crisis text line: 741741
Hotline: 1-800-273-talk



Protestors march from MacArthur Park to the U.S. Federal Building in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016.

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Holidays and community help



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This time of the year the American capitalist way urges people to spend more money than usual this month. The holidays, in a lot of cases equates to spending money to share care or love, and so often the gifts are not supportive of values that support local and greener businesses.

This year, it is a good thing to make a change in a world where things are a little upside down with a climate change denying president-elect and a world that the fashion trends hardly out-live the clothes. According to the EPA Office of Solid Waste, Americans throw away more than 68 pounds of clothing and textiles per person per year, and

that figure isn't fixed. Let's make a change together, starting with where the money goes.

Buy Thrift.

This isn't the sexiest concept, but in reality, vintage is in. Retro is in. And for the sake of the planet, green and sustainability are in. According to the U.S. National Labor Committee, some Chinese workers make as little as 12–18 cents per hour, working in poor conditions.

So many goodies can be found at local thrift stores, and not only is it an environmentally conscious decision to not buy new, but so many of these businesses support programs that feed the homeless, clothe the needy or provide care for the community that is close to home.

Salvation Army Ann Arbor thrift stores proceeds go to helping in adult rehabilitation said Chris Cunningham, office receptionist and Adopt-A-Family coordinator. "The money here goes back into the community," she said.

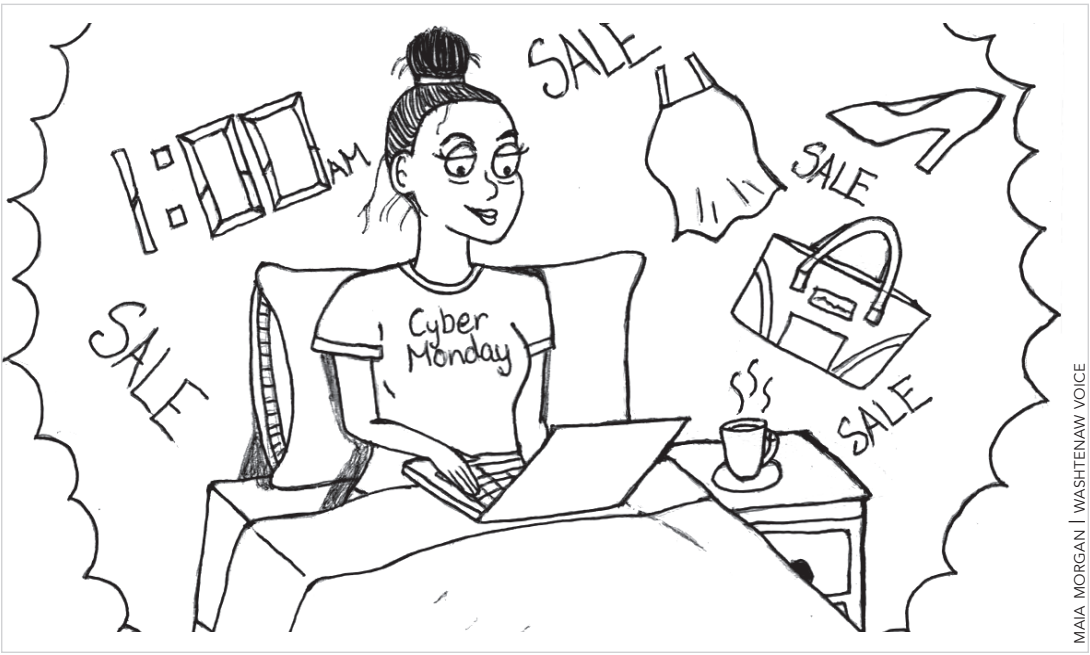
Buy handmade.

Buy from that girl that makes jewelry that works in your coffee shop? Or maybe there is a holiday art and craft event nearby? DIYpsi holds events that showcase locally made goods that go right into the pockets of those in the nearby area. There are so many artists that could use a little extra cash flow, and it feels good to know where money goes, and who wouldn't love a handmade gift from a local artisan.

Make something.

This is always an option. No matter the occasion or the person, handmade shows personality and shows care. It has that certain level of creativity that is mixed with the time that is spent to craft a gift for someone special.

The idea isn't that someone spent a ton of money, it is the thought, the process and the value that it brings to life. Commercial gifts, made in China, things that are produced from sweatshops really only go so far, and are easily forgotten. Give gifts that mean something, and that will be remembered.



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— COLUMN —

A hopeful transition



BY BRITTANY DEKORTE
Staff Writer

This past Monday, my partner Tessa went out wearing a dress for the first time.

I'm using the words 'they' and 'them' to refer to one person, because the pronoun doesn't infer gender. My partner is transgender, which means their mental and emotional gender identity doesn't fit with the physiological sex they were assigned at birth.

Like sexuality, gender identity falls along a spectrum, with some falling near the middle, and others to the fringes. Tessa is their chosen name; they are uncomfortable with their current legal name being used, because of fears of discrimination.

In the past, them going out has involved androgyny; tight clothes subtle make up, nothing that would make them stand out too much. Which is different, because usually, they dress to stand out on purpose.

I've been watching my partner transition for three years; hormones, buying new clothes and speaking with a supportive therapist. A lot of transitioning is a search for comfort; imagine

being born into skin that didn't feel right, parts of your body that stick out or feel like they are alien.

Imagine looking into a mirror on a daily basis and just thinking, "That's not me. That can't be me. That could never be me." Going through the process of making yourself look how you want, present how you want, be seen in the way you see yourself, the way that makes you comfortable is challenging.

At the same time, transition involves stepping out of comfort zones, boxes you've occupied your whole life, like the first time wearing the dress out.

This first dress comes very close to TDOR, the Transgender Day of Remembrance. The TDOR was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, according to their website.

The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on Nov. 28, 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder - like most anti-transgender murder cases - has yet to be solved.

This year's TDOR was held on Sunday, Nov. 20. The TDOR site lists the names, death dates, causes of death, and death location of all of the out transgender people who have died in the past year: 15 alone for the U.S., more than 80 globally.

Their causes of death are brutal; gunshot, slashed throats

and set on fire. One was dismembered, stuffed in a hotel bed frame, and was only found after customers complained about the smell. The number of transgender people killed this past year is only based on what hit the news and what was reported; many expect the number to be higher, due in part to the police or unsupportive family misgendering the victim.

It's been a tough year for trans rights activists and allies.

'Bathroom Bills' popped up in multiple states, blocking trans people from using the bathroom that matches their gender identity, some of which also planned on repealing hard fought for local ordinances that protected people of differing gender identities.

The election of Donald Trump and a Republican majority in Congress was also seen as a setback by many, as Republicans often put forward this kind of legislation.

Legal protection for transgender people is rare, and often set by local or state government. This makes transgender people susceptible to work and housing discrimination, and prone to homelessness, more likely to commit suicide.

All of this scares me and my partner. "I fear that if I am unable to pass well enough for a female, I will be attacked or killed. Passing can mean life or death to a lot of transgender people, especially transwomen," Tessa said.

This all stems from a stigma

Transgender citizens' experiences include:

- Those who expressed a transgender identity while in grades K-12 reported alarming rates of harassment (78 percent), physical assault (35 percent) and sexual violence (12 percent); harassment was so severe that it led almost one-sixth (15 percent) to leave school or college.
- 19 percent reported having been refused a home or apartment because of their gender identity/expression.
- 11 percent reported being evicted because of their gender identity/expression.
- One-fifth (19 percent) reported experiencing homelessness at some point in their lives because they were transgender.
- Fifty-three percent (53 percent) of respondents reported being verbally harassed or disrespected in a place of public accommodation, including hotels, restaurants, buses, airports and government agencies.
- A staggering 41 percent of respondents reported attempting suicide, compared to 1.6 percent of the general population.

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and a general misunderstanding of transgender people. Many people do not understand the difference between crossdressing and being transgender, or being gay and being transgender.

Just the stigma of dating someone who is trans is difficult for me to deal with; I can't be out to the majority of family, who are very conservative and religious, who I have heard make comments against the LGBTQ+

community before.

Even if they told me to my face that they were fine with it, I know that it would be lip service; they would still feel that it was wrong, they would vote for people who are against giving transgender people the rights they deserve as human beings.

There is hope, though. Hope in a younger generation who is more accepting of LGBTQ+ people; hope in the coming out

of celebrities in recent years, like Laverne Cox, scriptwriting sisters Lana and Lilly Wachowski, and Chaz Bono; hope in the popularity of shows that shows transgender people's struggles in a humanizing light, like Transparent and Sense8.

And of course, hope in a new dress, in bright makeup, in being embraced by your friends and peers on your first night out as the real you.

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We can make a significant difference

Student addresses concerns of climate change

BY ALAA ABDULLAH
Guest Columnist

So far, 2015 and 2016 were the hottest on record. Will 2017 be even warmer? Saudi Arabia and Africa had record high temperatures this summer. In the last decades, the Earth’s average surface temperature has steadily increased.

An environmental-science student has an obligation to increase people’s awareness of climate change, to inform and educate others about the effects of climate change now and in the future.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – or IPCC – report of 1990 created more awareness within the scientific community about climate change. Since then, the awareness of climate change has increased, but there was no action mirroring the degree of awareness.

Anyone who denies climate change should go to the islands of the Pacific, the Caribbean,

climate change is already occurring, will affect them, and has immense consequences. One way is using a scientific cartoon. While taking climate change seriously, the use of comic characters allows humor to raise awareness about climate change.

Using a scientific cartoon as a magazine cover or full page in a newspaper like polar bear has a tan or stands on a piece of ice at Miami beach, helps people imagine the urgency of the issue.

Artists are taking a stand to highlight the effects of climate change as well as using this as a podium to express their creativity.

Scientists, teachers, artists and many more professionals have a responsibility based on their occupations to help increase awareness.

The second way to educate people on climate change is making information widely available and simple to understand. A well-written article, a decent presentation or video, or even something



come from groups who deny climate change.

Exxon Mobil is under fire for its aggressive anti-climate change stance even though it was one of the first companies to conduct climate research in the 1970s. Journalists and others are exposing the company’s behavior. At the same time that fossil fuel companies deny its threat, there is evidence that indicates how fast climate change is occurring.

The most important evidence includes very heavy storms that cause floods, hurricanes, increasing sea levels and rising level of greenhouse gases.

These could have important consequences for human health and safety, agriculture, water resources, transportation, energy supplies, and the resilience of ecosystems. Some evidence is rising sea level, but how could climate change affect sea level?

The Earth’s surface has a huge ice-covered area in Arctic and Antarctic. The amount of ice actually moderates the planet’s temperature by its ability to efficiently reflect the sun’s light into space.

As a result, less snow on the ground means more of the sun’s heat that is absorbed into the oceans. The increasing of ocean’s

temperature directly affects the ice sheet that raises global sea levels for the next century up to several meters.

A rising sea level could directly threaten the coastal cities and the health of ecosystems in United States.

THE THIRD CONCERN

There are some effective ways to reduce climate change as governments and individuals. We need to address how governments and people can help save the planet.

After 20 years of United Nations negotiations about climate change, Paris held the first global agreement on the reduction of climate change within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

There were 195 UNFCCC participating members to set strategies to guide efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The aim is to reduce emissions as part of limiting global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius as soon as possible.

In an individual’s personal life, the one largest contribution he or she can make toward mitigating climate change effects is the consumption of food.

Most food is grown on massive farms, also needing power and transportation.

People could make positive impact if they changed their diet.

For example, palm oil is in almost everything we buy. It is in cooking oil, processed food, cosmetics, and detergents because it is very cheap vegetable oil and companies make tremendous profits when using it.

Southeast Asia and South America have many palm oil plantations. They burn forests intentionally to create these plantations. This releases massive carbon emissions to the atmosphere.

“Cutting carbon emissions from tropical deforestation could play a critical role in limiting the impacts of climate change,” according to authors of “The Impacts of Oil Palm on Recent Deforestation and Biodiversity Loss.”

Eating less meat in is another effective way to attach the problem. Livestock is a big source of methane in the atmosphere. In comparison to emission from other sources, livestock releases about 10 to 12 percent of the total U.S. emissions according to the Journal Of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics.

OUR CONCERNING FUTURE

Although the level of awareness has increased over the years, there are not enough effective actions to reduce climate change.

The only thing that people could do is control what they do next, how they will live their lives, and what decisions could be made to make a difference. A massive change in the planet requires everyone’s sense of urgency to have responsibility about climate change.

After years of negative effects of climate change, it is time to declare no more excuses, no more studies, no more evidence, no more greenhouse gases emissions and no more ignoring the problem.

The fact is if people are creating the problem now, they will face it in the future. Thus, people need to solve this issue in their daily life. Minor changes will make a significant difference in a few years.

If everyone in the world takes it upon him/herself to change certain behaviors to reduce climate change, that will be a good reason for hope.

Alaa Abdullah is an environmental science major at WCC.

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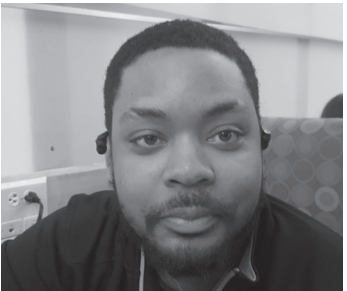
“How do you feel about your safety on campus?”

BY HEBE ORMSBY
Contributor



“I feel like I’m pretty safe on campus. I don’t have any night classes so I don’t really have to worry about walking around at night by myself. But yeah, I feel like it’s most definitely a safe campus.”

Sadie Keen
19, Ypsilanti, biology major



“It’s pretty good. You see the security guards patrol all the time, so I’d say it’s pretty safe.”

Kenneth Boozer
22, Detroit, culinary and hospitality major



“My safety is really good around here. Whenever I see one of the security guards around I feel like it’s a good place.”

Tyler Strickland
18, Ann Arbor, animation major



“I feel pretty safe here. I feel like they provide the best for the students.”

Said Al-Jazaeri
22, Ann Arbor, biology major



“Pretty good. I haven’t really encountered anything that’s dangerous, but if I did I’d feel fine coming up to one of the campus safety people and asking for help.”

Alex Crandall
19, South Lyon, business major



“I think campus safety here is fine, and there’s nothing really for us to worry about.”

Masimiliano Arturo Nardeli
17, Northville, welding major



“I feel I’m relatively safe on campus. I don’t ever really feel like I’m in danger.”

Cody Sharp
18, Milan, game design major



“I feel pretty safe on campus a lot of the time. I usually come here at night and it’s dark and I walk around alone and it’s fine.”

Ben Johnson
18, Saline, computer science major



“I haven’t really had any trouble aside from losing my stuff. So other than that, yeah I feel pretty safe.”

Li Rasavong
17, Ypsilanti, engineering major

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6 Ocean breaker
10 Former Iranian ruler
14 From another planet
15 Golfer's club selection
16 Golfer's target
17 What the star gets on a marquee
19 Express checkout lane unit
20 "___ Haw"
21 Contemptuous manner, in slang
22 "Pet" annoyance
23 Dejected
26 Wrap tightly, as in bandages
30 Poker holding
31 Charged atoms
32 Madame of physics
34 Guy's partner
37 Level of optimal accomplishment
41 Bygone jet, briefly
42 Act with passion
43 Caution
44 Song at the Met
45 Like most peanuts
47 Meeting of world leaders
52 Name on rented trailers
53 Lane with a nose for news
54 Pasta suffix
- 57 Dirt road grooves
58 Honorable ... and like the starts of
17-, 23-, 37- and 47-Across
61 Emancipated
62 Pigmented eye layer
63 Watchdog warning
64 Part of NIMBY
65 Swiss capital
66 Foul, weather-wise
- Down**
1 It's drawn in a tub
2 Natural skin soother
3 Unlike green tomatoes
4 Star of the ball
5 Tattletale
6 Witty Oscar
7 Astrological Ram
8 Maria ___ Trapp
9 Subj. with grammar
10 Handheld riot gear
11 Marriott facility
12 Advil competitor
13 Macho guys
18 Tempt
22 "The Hunger Games" nation
24 Severe pang
25 Carnival
- 26 Drinks that make a drink last
27 Troubles
28 Vet sch. course
29 Disdainful click
32 Zagreb native
33 N.Y.-based educators' union
34 Insect in a dusk swarm
35 Realtor's lot unit
36 Allow to borrow
38 Danger
39 Give out
40 Tapered tool
44 Ticked
45 Less than 1%?
46 Give, as homework
47 Like the beach during a storm
48 "Star Trek" lieutenant
49 Alma ___
50 Rags-to-riches author Horatio
51 Lindsay who played Liz in "Liz & Dick"
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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the openings.

Auto Body Technician:

Plymouth, MI Immediate openings for qualified and State Certified Auto Body Technicians. The Automobile Body Technician repairs damaged body parts and bodies of vehicles in accordance with factory and dealership specifications, using hand tools and power tools. Responsibilities include: Examine damage vehicles, read and understand body repair estimates. Remove upholstery, accessories, electrical and hydraulic window-and-seat-operating equipment, and trim to gain access to vehicle body and fenders. Fill depressions with body filler. Remove damaged panels. Bolt or weld replacement parts in position, using wrenches

Associate Teacher-

Early Childhood Ypsilanti, MI The Associate Teacher works as a part of a teaching team to assist the Classroom Teacher in the preparation, planning and executing of the daily operations of the District's Pre-kindergarten classroom (Head Start and GSRP) including building relationships with families, supporting the transportation of children when needed, taking the Classroom Teacher role during teacher planning and occasional absences and implementing the Head Start and GSRP Performance Standards. This position works with families to promote parent involvement in the program.

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Ann Arbor, MI Assistant Baker to

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or welding equipment. Straighten bent automobile frames. File, grind and sand repaired surfaces. Refinish repaired surface. Aim headlights, align wheels, and bleed hydraulic brake system. Repair or replace defective mechanical parts. Full time position.

work the overnight shift and prepare cookies, quick breads, cakes, pies and some savory dishes. Evening availability a must. Commercial kitchen experience. Natural/Organic baking experience a plus.

Auto Technicians/ Mechanics-Prototype-

Livonia, MI Requirements include: High school diploma or equivalent. Well rounded mechanical experience. Must have own tools and rolling, lockable tool box. Must have good organizational skills. Must have good attention to detail. Must possess the skills to read, comprehend, and execute written procedures. Must be an auto technician / mechanic that is a self-starter, self-motivated and willing to learn. Must have reliable attendance and be willing to work overtime/weekends.

Leasing Accountant-

Multiple locations Responsibilities include: administer, track, and process prospective tenant's applicants, fully

execute leases and update property management system accordingly. Job Summary: Coordinate with real estate sale agents and lease apartments to prospective residents. Call, email and coordinate appointments with prospective tenants and real estate agents. Answer prospective tenants and broker's questions regarding units and overall property. Fully informed of current rental rates, sizes, locations and all amenities of property. Knowledgeable of current market conditions. Thorough knowledge of lease terms, specifications and all community policies. Develop full knowledge of application information required, screening processes and policies regarding rentals. Responsible for proper maintenance of prospective tenant's applications and documents.

Systems Technical Specialist-
Detroit, MI- This position will oversee the control and regulation of pumping and electrical system activities as well as the operation of collection system equipment and perform minor repairs to equipment, request repair and generate work orders for maintenance service as needed. React to emergency situation and notify the appropriate personnel immediately of emergency situation and obtain necessary assistance. Coordinate control

systems functions with other systems operations staff. Enter data to generate daily reports and operating logs; record reading readings and observations and analyze them against previous readings; prepare periodic and/or special reports. Recommend process control strategies.

IT Summer Intern-
Ann Arbor, MI- ITS Internships are paid, full-time positions which provide an opportunity for students to gain valuable experience while making connections in the professional field they are considering for a career. Interns will have the opportunity to work on meaningful projects in a structured and supervised learning program. Interns in the past have worked on projects involving strategic planning, responsive web design, and even application development. Interns will learn valuable professional skills at weekly intern retreats, which feature roundtable discussions with executive directors, presentations on emerging technologies and business skills, and other group activities.

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NATURE’S GARDEN: PAINTINGS BY JOANNE PORTER

A solo exhibit showcasing Joanne’s watercolor paintings and her love of nature.

Malletts Creek Branch | 3090 E. Eisenhower Pky., Ann Arbor

Now through Dec. 15

3RD ANNUAL ART OFF THE WALL EXHIBIT

Support local artists with shopping at the gallery for holiday presents.

117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Now through Jan. 7

THIS, TOO, IS IRAN: PHOTOGRAPHS OF MODERN DAY IRAN BY SALLY BJORK & U-M DEPT. OF HISTORY OF ART

A photography series that explores the other sides of Iranian life and culture that is hidden in current coverage.

Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room Exhibit | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Now through Jan. 12

CLASSICAL BELLS HOLIDAY CONCERT

“Michigan’s Premier Handbell Ensemble” returns for their annual concert.

Downtown Library: 1st Floor Lobby | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Dec. 17, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

JAZZ NIGHT

Every Thursday evening, Depot Town gets jazzy at the taphouse and with weekly performers.

Cultivate Coffee and Taphouse | 307 N. River St., Ypsilanti

Every Thursday 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. | Free

OPEN MIC WITH THE MARTINDALES

Each Thursday the stage is opened up for bands and musicians to come and play 3 songs.

Tap Room | 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

Every Thursday 9:00 p.m. | Free

BEYOND THE BUSINESS PLAN

Use the Law to Protect Yourself and Your Business

Entrepreneurship Center holds a workshop to help students with their business endeavors.

Business Education Building, Room 270

Dec. 6, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Free for students, Registration required.

FILM & DISCUSSION:

“One: A Contemporary Journey Towards A Timeless Destiny” with Local Filmmaker Carter - Carter shows his film in the 10th anniversary of its release asking 20 teachers the same questions about the meaning of life.

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Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Free

CAN FOOD BE ADDICTIVE?

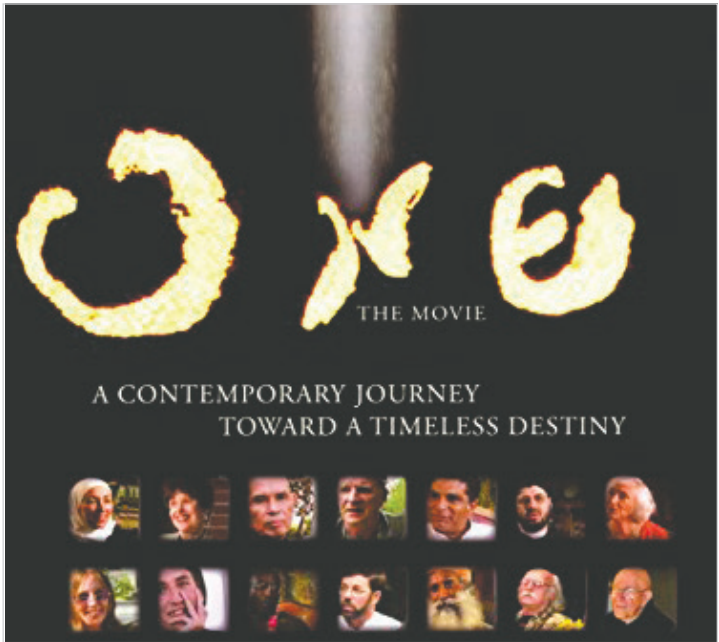
A Look At What We Eat And Why. U of M Professor Ashley Gearhardt explains why and how food can affect the mind

Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



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Graduate's solo exhibition

Inside the Ford Building at EMU, artist Julia Windom showcases her pieces created during her two-year fine arts program. Windom captivated audiences by combining her wide ranges of art skills, influence of Japanese arts, and also her story of language barrier while she was doing an internship in Kanazawa, Japan.

Windom received her master's of fine arts degree in Fiber Arts in 2016. After trained in wide area of art in her BA program, now she focus on embroidery and floriography to express her thoughts of skin, identity and languages with a tendency towards handmade creations and showing the ongoing struggle with technology of a millennial.



Julia Windom, a fine arts graduate specializing in fiber art, showing her artwork made during the 2 years she spent in the fine arts program at EMU.



(Left) Sarah Niese, occupational therapy student, and Megan Wyandt, secondary education, from EMU, are writing about their interpretation to Windom's piece "Natural Order" for Eastern's Studio Art 101 class.

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"Translation#1~5" is a earlier piece of Julia's "Floriography"series. Photographing herself with eating the flowers, Julia expresses her experience of lacking of communication due to language barrier when she was in Japan.



In "Hibiscus" the part of hand-embellished floral imagery seen was taken away from the original portrait's background, highlighting parts of the textile image corresponding to the "Floating Garden" series on display.



In "Floriography #3" Windom is seeking to expand her textiled language of imagery and materials as they move across boundaries she has experienced in language and conversation.



In the series "Floating Gardens", Windom is making her visual interpretation of the term "Ukiyo-e," a Japanese woodblock printing, can be translated as "floating world."



"Floralskins" Embroidery done on women's stockings is the latest art piece Windom created to display her thoughts of how people present their identities through their skin and choice of clothes. Windom's post-graduation exhibition was on display from Nov. 28-Dec. 2.