

THE GREEN SHEET, *the savvy student consumers' guide*

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WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You don't need us to tell you times are tough around here.

Factories and businesses are closing daily. We all know people who have lost their jobs, some of them their homes. Many businesses are having trouble making payroll. And people are flocking to college even as students are themselves besieged, losing financial aid benefits they once counted on to help them prepare for an ever-challenging and uncertain future.

We're here to help, in our small way.

Welcome to The Green Sheet, the savvy student consumer's guide — a publication of *The Washtenaw Voice*. It's our attempt to bring together some of the most important people in our universe — our students, and the businesses that go out of their way to give them a little break.

If it works the way we hope, the nearly 14,000 students at Washtenaw Community College will use this guide throughout the year to conserve a few dollars here and there and perhaps save enough in the end to afford that expensive biology textbook, or the fancy calculator they'll need for the next math course. Meantime, the businesses that are featured in this guide perhaps will find a bit more on the right side of the ledger in their books — and they'll discover the importance of establishing regular contact with their customers in the pages of *The Voice* with well-placed and inexpensive ads throughout the school year.

Then everybody wins, and together we can begin to energize our local economy.

To our students, we say "good luck" as you begin another year in the classroom.

And to our business partners, we say "thank you."

~ *The Washtenaw Voice Staff*