



President Barack Obama addresses a cheering University of Michigan crowd on the affordability of higher education. **FOR FULL COVERAGE SEE PAGE C1.**

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Bellanca heartened by Obama's stance on education

MATT DURR
Editor

When President Barack Obama spoke in Ann Arbor recently, Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca listened intently from the stage directly behind him.

Obama demanded that colleges across the countries strive to keep the cost of education affordable for students. However, during his speech, he praised community

colleges and their viability for students looking to gain an education without going broke.

Bellanca appreciated what she heard.

"As a graduate of a community college and a transfer student and now a leader in the community college system, I agree," Bellanca said. "A community college offers the same quality learning experience as found in colleges and universities, which is verified

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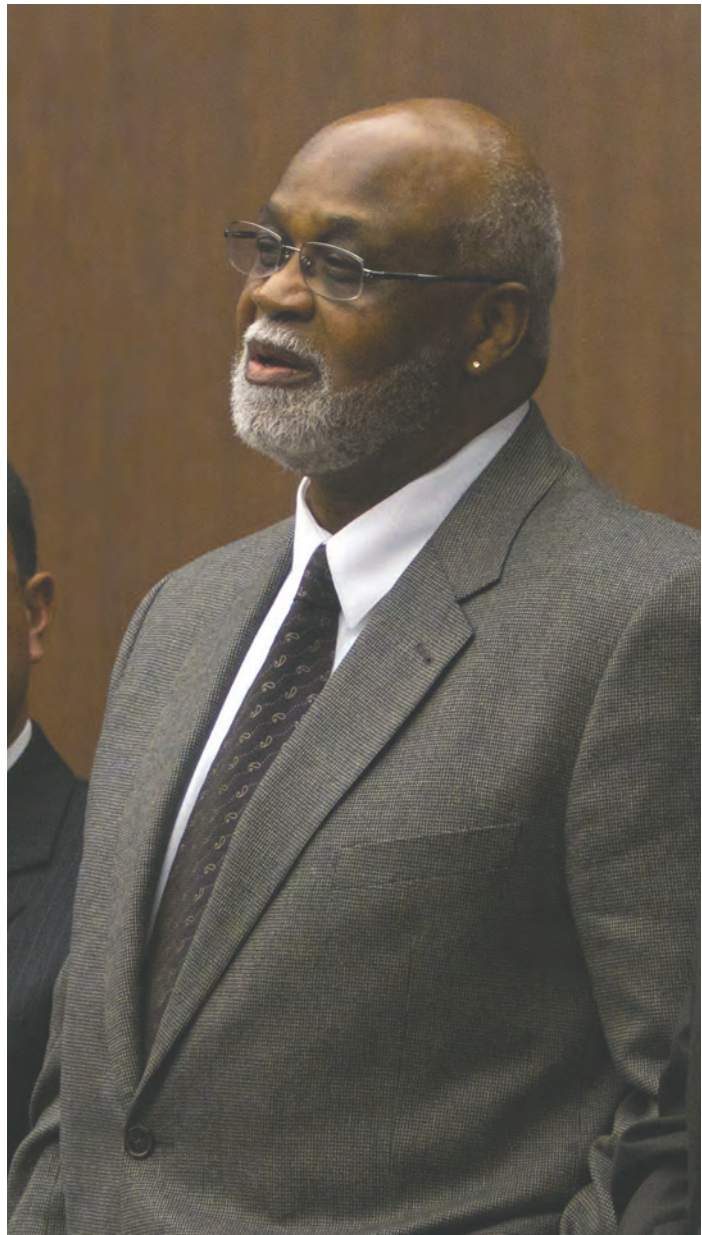


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Cole Jordan's sentencing delayed until March



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Former WCC counselor Cole Jordan, when he appeared in a California court room in November, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

MATT DURR
Editor

Former Washtenaw Community College counselor Cole Jordan appeared in San Mateo County Superior Court in Redwood City, Calif. on Friday, when he was expected to be sentenced for a crime he committed more than 40 years ago. However, the sentencing was delayed until March 23 by Judge Lisa Novak because of the amount of cases on the court's calendar.

Jordan, better known as Ronald Stanley Bridgeforth to authorities, pleaded no contest to charges of assault with a deadly weapon in a confrontation with a police officer in 1968. Chief Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti is seeking a prison term. Jordan's attorney, Paul Harris, feels that prison is too harsh of a punishment.

"Although the district attorney and probation office agree that Mr. Bridgeforth is

rehabilitated and poses no threat to society, they are arguing for a prison sentence," Harris told *The Voice*.

Jordan has received more than 60 letters of support from students, parents, colleagues, ex-police officers and others in the Ann Arbor/Detroit area, Harris said in a statement. He also received letters from prominent people in the San Francisco/Oakland area asking that the judge allow Jordan/Bridgeforth to do community service counseling instead of going to prison.

Guidotti has maintained all along that a prison sentence is necessary given the severity of the crime.

"At this point, I think shooting at a police officer merits a severe sentence," Guidotti said Friday, confirming what she said in an interview with *The Voice* in November. "I'm open to hearing what he has to say. But that doesn't take away from shooting at three police officers."

Office space: Arm-wrestling begins for space at former Campus Security offices

ADRIAN HEDDEN
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With Campus Security now perched on the second floor of the new parking structure, 2,500 square feet of prime office space is now vacant.

Despite continued concerns over space at Washtenaw Community College, the area in the Facilities Management Building is to remain in disuse for the time being, according to Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Operations Damon Flowers.

"Nothing has yet been decided," Flowers said. "There are a number of suggestions. The area has typically been for maintenance."

The vacant area, a rarity at the college, according to Flowers, won't remain idle for long. Demand for space runs high at WCC.

"Typically we have no vacant space," Flowers said. "There are a lot of needs on this campus."

While the value of the space is unquestionable, the best way to use it still must be agreed upon.

"Our primary goal is to wait for the strategic plan to be completed," said Steven Hardy, Vice President of Administration. "That will drive space utilization. Right now, we're in a fact-finding mode."

In hopes of addressing the

viability of various educational programs, Hardy expects accommodations to be made based on demand for available jobs.

"We need to advance our programs that have employment opportunities," Hardy said. "Filling space is based on enrollment and what the community's needs are. Instruction is always No. 1."

The strategic plan will span 3-5 years, according to Julie Morrison, executive associate to the President. Morrison has considered several avenues of community input with students her top priority.

"The plan looks at broad priorities for the college. It is a document to guide decision-making," Morrison said. "We've got to make sure that the space matches what students need."

Drawing inspiration from numerous sources in the professional community, Morrison hopes to not only look inward to address needs, but outward into the community.

"We are looking at internal and external data and feedback," Morrison said. "We have had listening sessions with the leaders of industries to figure out what the current difficulties are for certain industries."

Flowers cautions administrators to also consider the intended and past uses of the building, stating that not all forms of education would suit



ADRIAN HEDDEN THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Since Campus Security relocated to the parking structure the leftover space in the Facilities Management building has remained vacant.

the space. He is concerned for storage for the ever-growing occupational education programs.

"If the space is used for academics, it should be for OC Ed," Flowers said. "We have three skilled-trades programs here, and they have a lot of stuff."

Although fearful that expanding liberal arts programs into the building would be a bad fit, Flowers remains confident that whatever is decided on will be achieved by the college.

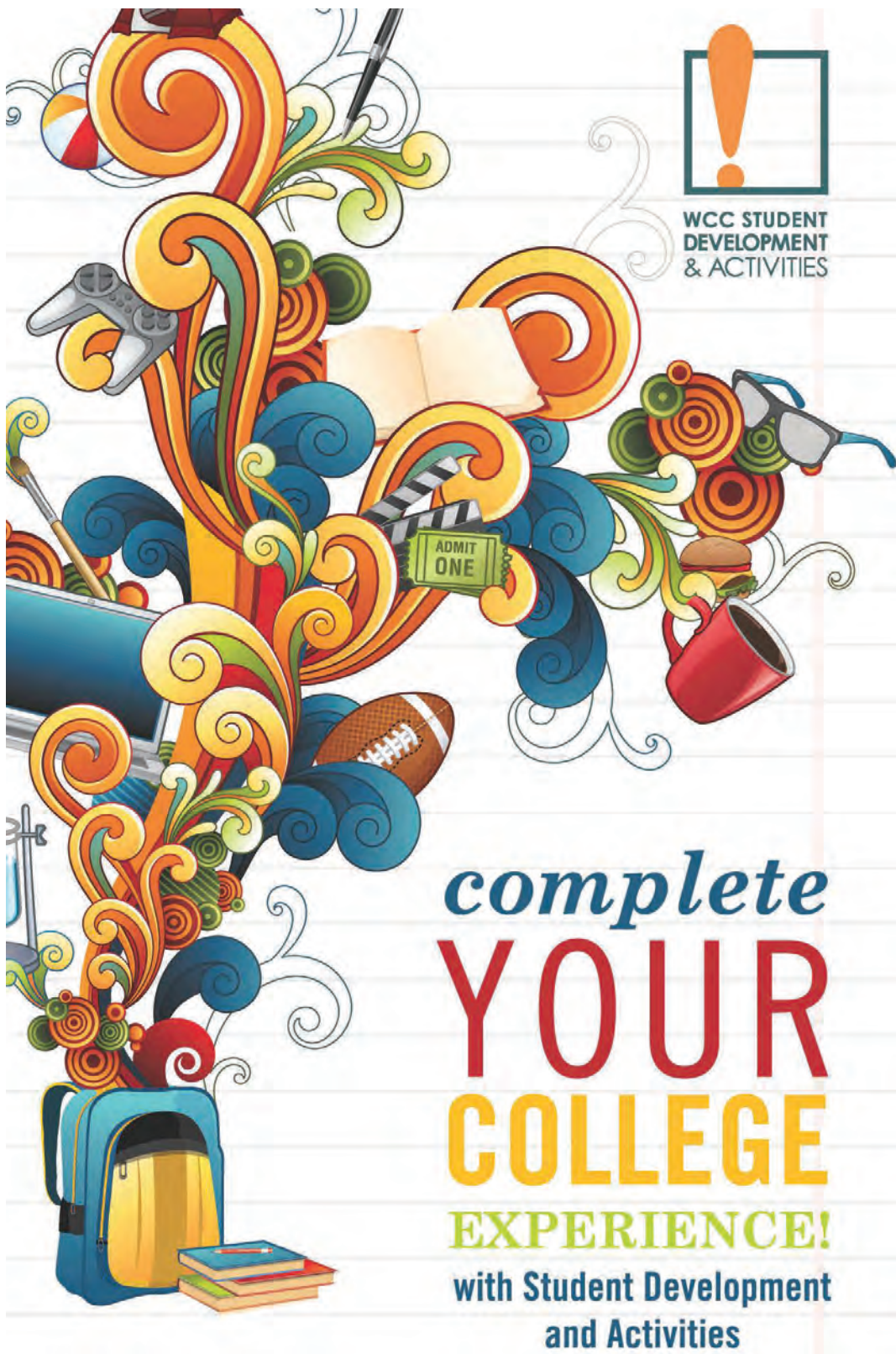
"It's not a commercial building set up for traditional

instruction. English classes would not make sense," Hardy said "It would take major renovations, but could it be? Sure. We can do anything."

Through meetings and listening sessions on campus, as well as "Lunch with the President" promotions,

administrators are open to feedback from students and faculty.

According to Morrison, the first draft of WCC's strategic plan will be ready by early-spring. She is unsure of when the actual plan will be finished.



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in SC118, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Game: February 15
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Division: Men's, Women's
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Intramural Foosball
Registration: February 20 – 22, 2012
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Game: February 22, 2012
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Days: Tuesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 23, 4:20 p.m.- 6:20 p.m.
Location: Wide World Sports Center- 2140 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor
Bring your WCC ID, indoor shoes, and arrive early for to take care of paperwork
The men will practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings at WCC and play games at Wide World Sports Center on Wednesday or Sunday nights in March and April.
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Women's Club Soccer
First practices/tryouts
Days: Wednesday, February 15 and Wednesday, February 22
Times: 6:20 p.m.- 7:20 p.m.
Location: Wide World Sports Center- 2140 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor
Bring your WCC ID, indoor shoes, and arrive early for to take care of paperwork.
The women will practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings at WCC and play games at Wide World Sports Center on Wednesday nights in March and April.
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- February 1 - Basketball Shootout Contest
- February 8 - Drop-in Table Tennis/Foosball Extended
- February 15 - Arm Wrestling Tournament
- February 22 - Foosball Tournament

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THE COMING FORTNIGHT

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

FEB 6 – THE GLOBAL JAZZ PROJECT. The Ark. 8 p.m. 316 Main St., Ann Arbor. This high-energy ensemble has been swinging Detroit jazz-heads, and now is Washtenaw County's chance to experience the funky jubilation. \$15. For more information, visit <http://theark.org>.

FEB 10 – CLIMBING EVEREST. 5:30 p.m. 218 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. This dual speaker presentation and marketplace exhibit will feature an inspirational discussion led by two-time Everest dominator Pem Dorjee Sherpa. Event is free. For more information: (734) 997-7229, or visit <http://the-himalvanbazaar.com>.

FEB 10 – THE DARKNESS
Saint Andrews Hall. 7:30 p.m. 431 E. Congress St., Detroit. Bringing some much-needed camp to modern rock, hair metal reanimations The Darkness will play with Michigan favorite Foxy Shazam. \$29. For more information, visit <http://livenation.com>.

FEB 17 – ARTINI MARTINI CRAWL 2012.
Ann Arbor Art Center. 7-10 p.m. Various locations. A local favorite, this bar crawl's proceeds will go to help fund programs at the AAAC. Tickets can be purchased at the AAAC between Noon-8 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 each. For more information: (734) 994-8004, or visit <http://annarborartcenter.org>.

FEB 6-MARCH 8 – WILD SWAN THEATER PRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF HARRIET TUBMAN.
Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College. Show times vary. 4800 E. Huron River Dr. A timely production chronicling the struggles of abolitionist Harriet Tubman with a story told through her own words. Ticket prices vary. For more information: (734) 995-0530, or email Kathy@wildswantheater.org.

FEB 10 – UMS PRESENTS: CHAMBER ENSEMBLE OF THE SHANGHAI CHINESE ORCHESTRA. Rackham Auditorium. 8 p.m. 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. A night of classical Chinese music played by the renowned smaller ensemble of the Shanghai Orchestra. Tickets range from \$18-\$38. For more information: (734) 764-2538, or visit <http://ums.org>.

FEB 11 – FORD LAKE FROZEN LEAP. Lake Shore Apartments. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 2500 Lake Shore Blvd., Ypsilanti. Take a flying leap into a frozen lake – or better yet, watch someone dive in – with this event to support community services via SOS. Teams of three or more are required to raise a minimum of \$50; all proceeds go to SOS Community Services. For more information: (734) 531-8939, or visit <http://crowdrise.com/fordlakefrozenleap>.

FEB 8-MARCH 11 – BILL DWYER. Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Show times vary. 314 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. The comedian known for lending play-by-play's for Comedy Central's Battle Bots will visit Ann Arbor for a special set of performances. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$15. For more information: (734) 996-9080, or visit <http://aa-comedy.com>.

FEB 10 – DILLA DAY DETROIT. The Fillmore Detroit. 8 p.m. 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. A day of musical celebration for the late, great producer and emcee J Dilla, featuring former cohorts Busta Rhymes, Jay Electronica, Guilty Simpson and Danny Brown. Ticket prices range from \$19-\$75. For more information, visit <http://livenation.com>.

FEB 12 – MY FOLKY VALENTINE. The Ark. 7:30 p.m. 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Share Valentine's Day with your special someone listening to tunes written by three singer-songwriting duos – which happen to be couples, too. \$15. For more information: (734) 761-1800, or visit <http://theark.org>.

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Climate change symposium

What we have here is a failure to communicate

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A crowd of more than 100 met to discuss “Cures for Climate Confusion” in a town hall meeting held recently at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. With the aid of an expert panel, they held a courteous conversation on the disconnect between broadly accepted science and public opinion.

“Climate change has become less of a debate within the public about climate models or CO₂ and more about ideologies, values, beliefs,” said Dr. Andrew Hoffman, of the U-M Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise. If the roots of public viewpoints on climate change are examined “you’ll find that the conversation is quite often not about

climate change at all.”

The group gathered on Jan. 20 hoping to find better ways to communicate the urgency of decisive action on climate change. Merely reporting the compelling evidence for global warming has not been working. The percentage of Americans who believe the science has actually declined in recent years, Hoffman said.

Most agreed that the issue must be addressed in language tailored for particular groups.

“In the religious community we have extended the definition of neighbor,” said The Rev. Sally Bingham, leader of Interfaith Power and Light. “Neighbor now is not just the person next door. Neighbor includes the next generation.

“If you love your neighbor, you don’t pollute your neighbor’s air and water,” Bingham said.



Katharine Hayhoe, associate professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas Tech University, spoke of why climate change will greatly disrupt human society.

In the conservative community we need to appeal to “an enlightened consumer acting in enlightened self-interest,” said Bob Inglis, a former six-term Republican congressman from South Carolina. He said that addressing climate change is “a terrific opportunity for the United States to serve the rest of the world and to make a lot of money in the process.”

Steven W. Percy, CEO of BP American during the 1990s, emphasized that successful businesses must consider climate change as a future business risk.

“It’s hard to find a major corporation now that does not have a very aggressive program addressing the issue of climate change,” Percy said.

Some of the meeting’s participants faced strong opposition from their own constituencies by accepting the science of climate change. Percy and BP were accused of “leaving

the church” by fellow oilmen. Inglis was accused of committing “not just a political heresy but a religious heresy.”

During the town hall meeting, many participants asked thoughtful questions. Panelists and other members of the audience offered possible answers.

Inglis suggested several concrete policy proposals that he hoped conservatives would accept. Many in the more progressive audience took issue with his proposals, especially his call to end all energy subsidies.

Throughout the exchange, however, there was a climate of civility, far different from the rancor that often pervades debates on this issue. This is the sort of “climate change” that is needed before the deeper issues can be addressed. Participants felt that this kind of forum could be the start of real progress toward mobilizing a reluctant public.



From the audience, Paul Edwards, a professor in U-M School of Information, speaks out at the townhall meeting. He argues that government incentives are needed to jumpstart alternative energy production.

Long, strange trip

Countywide transit authority vote stalls out in city council

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

You can’t fight city hall, but you can drag out a city council meeting into the wee hours of the night.

That’s exactly what happened recently when Ann Arbor’s City Council held a special public hearing to gauge the community opinion on the creation of a county-wide transit authority, spearheaded by the Ann Arbor Transit Authority.

The new authority proposal, which was drafted by members of the AATA last year, aims to

create a master transit authority that would oversee various modes of public transportation in Washtenaw County over the next five years. The authority will be governed by an “unincorporated countywide transit board,” overseen by an Unincorporated Act 196 Board of Directors, and would include participation from the four major parties involved: Washtenaw County, the AATA, and the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. The AATA project is called “Moving You Forward,” and is still in its planning stages.

The Jan. 23 meeting was not held just to hear residents’ views about the new plan. City council had planned to reach a vote that night on how and in what ways the new authority would be governed and structured. The vote would move the process forward into the next phase, which would allow the communities involved to start making the financial decisions necessary to fund the project.

However, the vote was ultimately delayed due to the length of the public hearing, and was rescheduled for Jan. 30. Yet that meeting was

ultimately cancelled as well in order to reassess the language of the proposal and the amendments discussed in the Jan. 23 meeting.

Lasting four mind-numbing hours, the public discourse from angered citizens focused mainly on where the money would come from to fund the project.

“Some folks were confused about what we were talking about tonight,” said Ann Arbor Council member Carsten Hohnke (D-Ward 5).

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BELLANCA FROM FRONT PAGE

by transfer agreements and the success of our students as they enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university.”

Bellanca also emphasized the hands-on attention that students at community colleges receive from their instructors and staff.

“Our faculty and staff make student success a priority,” she said in an email. “That personal attention and quality is offered at approximately half the cost of a four year degree and is the smart choice for students who want an affordable, quality education offered in a flexible format.”

For Bellanca, it was the fourth time she has heard a president speak. Previously she has met and heard Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

“It was an honor to have the opportunity to hear President Obama speak at the University of Michigan,” she said.



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WCC President Rose Bellanca stands with several dignitaries behind President Obama’s podium.

IN BRIEF

TRANSFER FAIR
The annual Winter Transfer Fair is scheduled for Feb. 22 on the second floor of the Student Center. The event will host representatives from 54 different colleges and universities.

Participating schools include the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University and even Columbia College in Chicago.

VICTORY BY DESIGN
A group of design students from WCC will be attending the Ann Arbor Ad Club’s Addy Awards on Thursday Feb. 9. Hosted at a local bar, Bab’s Underground. The ceremony will award students studying in the fields of graphic design and other creative services.

WCC entered six students in the competition, and the school was awarded two gold medals and four silvers. Gold medalists will be sent to a district competition and from there could move on to the nationals.

PAY IT FORWARD, SDA ASKS
In celebration of National Random Act of Kindness Day Feb. 17, Student Development and Activities staff will surprise some students with random acts of kindness on Feb.

13, in hopes that the student will pay it forward and treat another student similarly.

Random acts of kindness could include: holding a door open for others, offering an open seat in the library, buying someone a soda, and so on.

SDA will start the week with a random act of kindness and handing the recipient a small booklet filled with tear-off sheets. All it asks is that students who receive a random act of kindness tear off a sheet, write the act down and bring the sheet to the SDA office (SC 112).

The sheets will be displayed in the Student Center on Feb. 17.

U-M ANIME EVENT SET FOR FEB. 12
The University of Michigan’s Anime Club will hold its annual Con Ja Nai convention on Feb. 12.

Con Ja Nai, roughly translating to “Not a Con(vention)” attracts hundreds of visitors, many of them in costume, and features opportunities to cosplay, meet new and like-minded people, watch plenty of anime and attend a variety of panel discussions throughout the day.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to midnight in the Modern Languages Building. Admission is free.

CAMPUS EVENTS

FEB. 6, MONDAY NIGHT JOE
Enjoy free coffee courtesy of Student Development and Activities, 5-6 p.m. on the second floor of the LA building

FEB. 7, TUESDAY NIGHT JOE
Enjoy free coffee courtesy of Student Development and Activities, 5-6 p.m. on the second floor of the LA building

RESUME DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
This hands-on workshop will show students how to manage and develop their resumes in hopes of employment. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in SC 287

COLLEGES VISITATIONS
Each of the following universities will have representatives on the first floor of WCC’s Student Center to answer questions from students curious about transferring to the different schools.

10 a.m.-2 p.m., International University of Nursing Visitation and University of Medicine & Health Sciences, St. Kitts, West Indies

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Johnson & Wales University

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Spring Arbor University

FEB. 8, WII WEDNESDAY
Come play videogames on the Nintendo Wii in the student center. Games include Wii Sports, Just Dance 2, and Mario Kart, 11 a.m.-1p.m.

INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP
This hands-on workshop will polish student interview skills, 4:30-6 p.m., SC 287

COLLEGE VISITATION
Concordia and Eastern Michigan University, second floor of the Student Center, 1-5 p.m.

FEB. 9, THURSDAY SPEED BINGO
Snacks and drinks are provided for students looking to play a fast round of bingo on the first floor of WCC’s Student Center

COLLEGE VISITATION
Eastern Michigan University, second floor of the Student Center, noon-4 p.m.

FEB. 10, JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP
Participants will be educated in how seek employment and what resources are available in the process. 1-2:30 p.m. SC287

SECURITY NOTES

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REPORTED FROM REDACTED INCIDENT REPORTS PROVIDED BY CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY:

NOISE COMPLAINT
Security officers responded to call from the Bailey Library’s computer commons on Jan. 26 at 1:08 p.m. to quell a conflict between a student and a member of library staff. The student had refused to turn down the music he was listening to at one of the stations after being repeatedly told to do so, according to a report provided by Campus Security. After refusing to cooperate, the student was escorted from the library.

PARKING LOT CRASH
A driver reported that another motorist who wasn’t paying attention collided with her in an

attempt to merge with traffic while turning into parking lot 6H on Jan. 25 at about 9 p.m. The other driver said there was damage done to the front passenger side of her vehicle, the Campus Security report said.

AUTO VANDALISM
A man found his car vandalized in lot 3G after he returned to it from class on Jan. 25. The man alleged that someone had severely and deliberately scratched the paint with a key. He had no prior confrontations that day, according to the Campus Security 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

As election approaches, *Voice* strives to stay in the middle

With each passing day, the first Tuesday of November gets closer and closer. On that day, we as Americans will be asked to vote on who will be the next set of leaders to guide our nation and set the policies that impact all of us. Whether you're a free-spirited liberal or the strictest conservative, Nov. 6 shapes up to be an important day.

As the election of 2012 approaches, *The Voice* is committed to providing coverage of as many political events and rallies as possible. However, we are keenly aware that as we attempt to provide that coverage, we will no doubt be accused of slanting one direction and not providing equal coverage. As part of what some like to describe as “the liberal media,” we know that many of our readers will assume that our newspaper supports one side over the other.

This will be the first election that most of our staff has covered, and we will strive to present information as evenly as possible. As students we are taught to remain unbiased in our reporting and writing. Thus far, we think we’ve done just that.

When President Obama visited Ann Arbor recently, *The Voice* was there in full force to cover not only the speech but the spectacle surrounding it. As a staff we discussed making sure that our coverage was not completely directed to just Obama, but also the protesters around the University of Michigan campus that day.

In December, Photo Editor Jared Angle traveled to Iowa to witness the Iowa caucus and to hear what most of the Republican candidates had to say. Angle also covered a Republican debate on the campus of Oakland University late last year.

There will be many more rallies, speeches and protest along the way, and as we learn about them, we’ll be there to provide coverage. As always, if our readers feel we’ve been unfair, we’ll be available to discuss our content and hopefully after our discussion you won’t be seeing red... or blue.

Tea Party Patriots: Step up your game!



BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

I could be wrong or selectively forgetful, but has the entire Tea Party movement fallen into some dark bottomless hole off the face the planet?

Maybe it’s the cold of winter that forces any group dedicated to full frontal assembly into a self-imposed hibernation period that is to blame for the lack of recent media attention or public appearances.

But it has been several months since I have heard anything noteworthy from the eternally provocative appendage of the Republican Party, and in an election year, that might as well be a political lifetime.

As important as it is to have potential voters well-educated and informed on the issues that will become the hot-button topics in the coming year, it’s much more exciting to see people who have no idea what they are talking about out in the streets sharing their misinformation.

Sure, it’d be ideal to have groups from both sides of the political aisle engaging in a reasonable discourse. Still, who can deny the rush of being

stuck in the middle of two opposing activists with picket signs and pitchforks ready to tear each other’s heads off?

As far as I can tell, the political legitimacy score is favoring the liberal Occupy movement over the conservative Tea Party 2-to-1, and that isn’t because one is more hip or popular than the other.

The Tea Party is disintegrating in its own hot water because the Occupy movement, equally as misguided and poorly organized as members of the red equivalent, has taken much more drastic steps to get their voices heard. Occupiers are ready to be mace-sprayed, beaten and jailed for their relevance, while the Tea Party’s only avenue of protest are

clever shirts and frustrated buzzwords.

We know you hate Obamacare, and we know you are overwhelmingly worried that your long-held white privilege is at a crossroad, but it’s time to take your protests into the next phase of development. Call me a provocateur, but both sides need their Robin Hoods, and if a civil war breaks out, well, it was long overdue.

All I’m asking for is a little chutzpah from both sides of the aisle. The liberals have revolutionary behavior embedded in their DNA. So Tea Party patriots, put on your best war paint and step up your game!

The White House and your own political legitimacy depend on it.

Want to understand Valentine’s Day? Ask a single person



NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

When I check my calendar every morning, I usually groan and begin procrastinating whatever task is scheduled for the day or I look ahead and make plans for how I’m going to enjoy the next holiday. Groundhog’s Day has already come and gone, so I guess it’s time to plan something for Singles Appreciation Day, more commonly referred to as

Valentine’s Day.

I know a lot of you are probably saying you can’t rename a holiday. I’m not renaming it, I’m redefining it.

Valentine’s Day has typically been associated with two types of people: people who adore the holiday, believing that buying some flowers and chocolates will win them some brownie points with their significant other, and scorned the people who believe Valentine’s Day is just another way for businesses to make a little extra cash in February.

It doesn’t matter how someone views a holiday that makes it significant; it’s who the holiday effects that makes it significant. And no one is more affected than single people.

If there’s one thing that

Valentine’s Day can do effectively every year, it’s remind single people of just how alone they are.

When single people go shopping around Valentine’s Day, they have to wade through aisle after aisle of flowers, love cards and heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolates. Most people wouldn’t pay attention to all the items, but a single person does – and that can be depressing.

Some of the stores I go to have been ballsy enough to have all of the Valentine’s Day items lined up like a trail to the liquor aisle. Thanks for the walk of loneliness you jerks.

If the Valentine’s Day merchandise wasn’t bad enough, single people have to deal with the significant increase

in relationship questions from family members and friends in relationships.

The answers to all of their relationship questions are not going to change just because it’s Valentine’s Day.

Some singles are lonely enough to venture out of their comfort zone, but Valentine’s Day is no reason to go to a nightclub you hate, hoping to find that special someone in one night or to troll Craigslist for somebody who likes to “party.”

If you’re single on Valentine’s Day, don’t feel like you’re being left out. Being single on Feb. 14 holds no greater significance than being single on Feb. 20.

That reminds me, what am I going to do for Presidents’ Day this year?

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Cars, daycare, CCW license and gifts for friends

How students spend their financial aid overage checks

With overage checks in the bank, students who receive financial aid at Washtenaw Community College are left to spend the refunds as they see fit. But we couldn’t help but ask: Where should this money go? What will you spend yours on?

I used it to move. I had to move from Detroit to Novi. I wasn’t happy that I had to move, but I’m glad that I had the refund. Paid in full.

LAURA JONES, 29, Detroit,
Pharmaceutical Science

Just save it and use it to pay back loans and interest rates. When I transfer to Wayne (State) next year, things will get more expensive so I save it rather than going out and spending it on dumb shit.

JIZEL HICKS, 19, Detroit, Secondary Education

Books was sky high and I needed stuff for my car. Paid for my CCW liscense. I’m really still saving it, still have about 600 bucks. Books first, then pleasure.

ALAN BANKS, 21, Detroit,
Construction Management

I use it on transportation; we’re supposed to use it for that, and housing. Use it wisely.

STEVEN RADCLIFF, 19, Belleville, Secondary Education

It goes to gas to get here and basically bills: mortgage payment, car payment and to pay for daycare for my daughter, my beautiful, 3-year-old daughter.

JOHN WAGENTI, 27, Whitmore Lake, Radiography

On a car and house appliances. TV, furniture, silverware, clothing, soap and tissue. I also buy people gifts as well as pay bills. That’s the bad part. Buy what you need and then save the rest.

VAN MOSLEY, 19, Detroit, Anesthesiology

Gas, house payment, car payment. It was gone the first day. Also day-care for my daughter. It was very helpful. I wouldn’t be here without it.

ANGELA AVERY, 25, Whitmore Lake, Radiography

I’m relocating. I haven’t decided where yet. I just want a different house. It should help, but I might have to add some out-of-pocket. It all depends. I bought books too.

JASMINE GREENE, 33, Ypsilanti, Nursing

Outstanding bills. It usually helps out. Some of it goes into an emergency fund. If like, a car breaks. I’ve been here a year-and-a-half and gone through two cars. Other people should do the same: save for emergencies.

IAN RILEY, 31; Wagga, Australia; Business Management

I just put it in the bank to save it like for a car or something. A house maybe. People should save it to put it towards something really good that they need.

MARLENA CALMETER, 19, Ypsilanti, Criminal Justice

Everyone is saving up for a car because no one wants to take the city buses. They’re nasty and they stink. It’s not sanitary and it’s just too cold this time of year.

DANIELLE HUGAN, 18, Ann Arbor, Secondary Education

Pretty much on my mortgage, basically rent. In the past I spent it on electronics. It’s probably for people to spend on whatever they need. It takes the pressure off of having to work so much. It’s great.

BRIAN JOHNSON, 40, Ann Arbor, Psychology

Strike one on me for smoking on campus



BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

For the past two years, *The Washtenaw Voice* has covered the Washtenaw Community College campus smoking ban like a blanket. We know the rules, regulations and what kind of trouble students or employees can get into if they are caught lighting up on campus.

So it would make sense that I would know better than to smoke on campus, seeing as how I know exactly what it means for my college and newspaper career if I get kicked out of school for smoking. Well, just because I know that I shouldn't do it, doesn't mean that stopped me from lighting up a cigarette last week in front of the TI building.

As you can guess already, I was caught red-handed at the

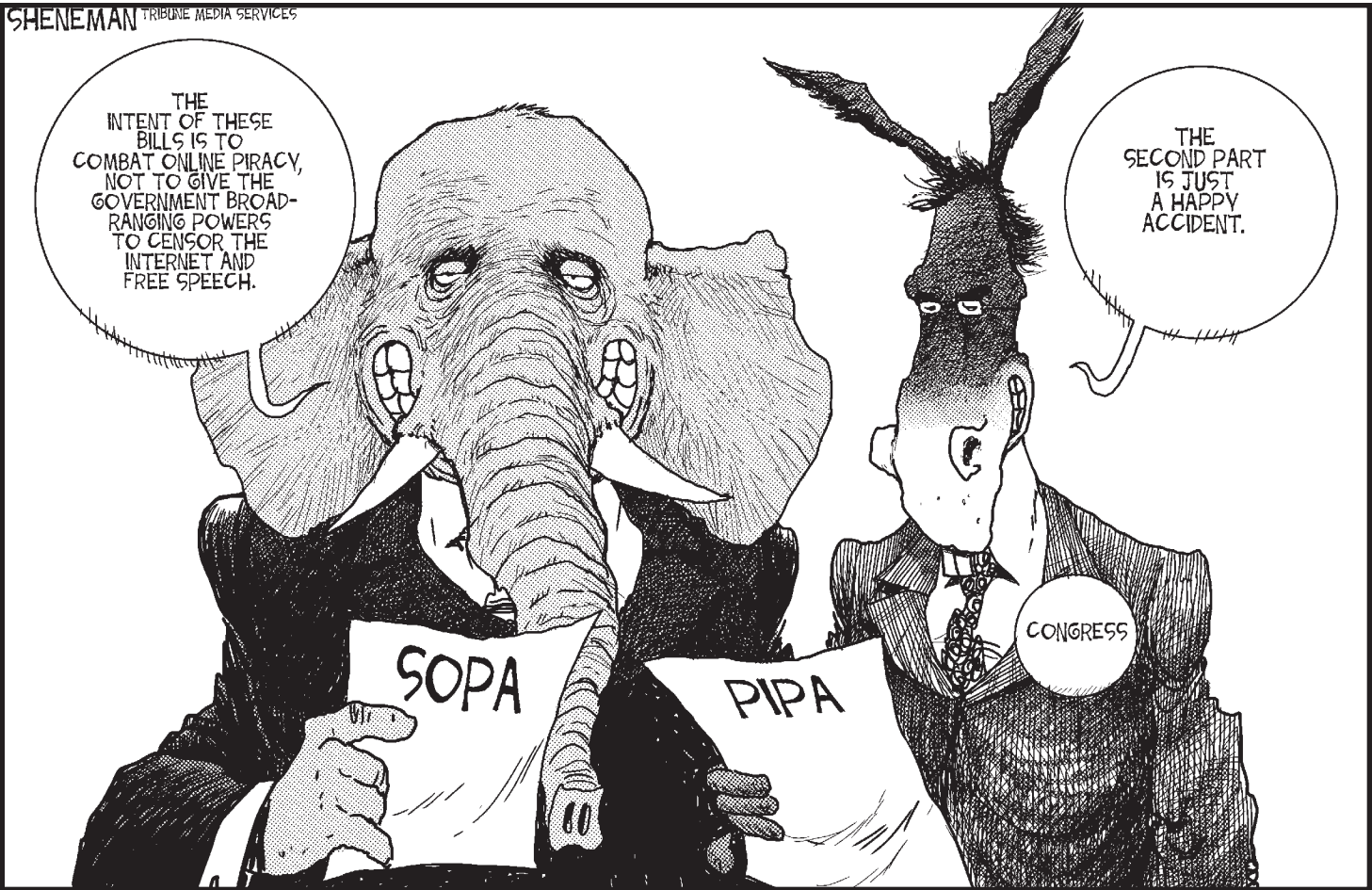
end of my smoke.

Not only was it embarrassing and startling to have the director of Campus Safety and Security pop out of nowhere like a CIA agent, but it puts everything I do here at *The Voice* into an ethical paradigm.

Fortunately, I was only given a stern verbal warning, but it could have been a lot worse. Some of you may ask why I am outing myself if I didn't get the maximum punishment. The answer is because as a member of the press, whatever that means, I am obliged to follow all of the rules that I clearly know like that back of my hand. How can I write articles asking students to follow the rules, or else, if I don't?

I believe in personal responsibility and accountability, and I am willing to admit when I screwed up. So if you feel you need a smoke on campus, learn from my example and just wait till you leave the college.

Trust me (I'm a journalist), I know exactly how stressful a nicotine fit can be. But if you take you college career seriously, hopefully you'll butt out with me off campus



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TO THE EDITOR: SHAME ON THE VOICE

While skimming *The Voice*, I read and became extremely disturbed by the security notes brief titled, "Child Endangerment?" While the idea of unsupervised children was upsetting enough, even more problematic and disturbing was the described response of the vaguely described law enforcement personnel involved. By police, did the reporter mean campus security, the Ann Arbor police, or the county sheriff's department? In any event, law enforcement personnel are considered mandatory reporters in the state of Michigan, and if the situation

were as confusingly described (LA building?, parking lot?) whoever responded to this call was remiss in their responsibilities.

Considering the source, I contacted Campus Security to verify this account and was informed that the situation had not been accurately described in the paper. The children had not been left in a car and there were more details. I am now wondering what other information in this short article was incorrect?

News should be accurately reported. The fact that these were news briefs does not lessen the responsibility of the paper or those who compile the information. The campus safety and "police"

were portrayed in this brief account as being negligent, a portrayal which effects campus perception of the caliber of both campus security and local law enforcement. It also conveyed the impression that these entities do not take either child safety or Michigan Law seriously. While I am less disturbed about the content of the brief, I am disappointed in *The Washtenaw Voice*.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

As part of our duties as the campus newspaper at Washtenaw Community College, *The Voice* makes every attempt possible to inform it's readers when incidents and crimes occur. However, it is almost impossible for our reporters to do a responsible job reporting the news when the information given to us by Campus Safety and Security contain more redacted details than information on the incidents.

The report featured to the left of this letter is an example of just what we are left to deal with on a weekly basis when trying to report the news on

campus.

We've tried repeatedly to work with campus security officials and others responsible for protecting us here on campus and apparently this is the best they can do.

That's not say campus security is poor or not doing its job, but when college officials fail to provide critical information to the public, it makes our jobs very difficult.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act does not restrict the disclosure of any of this information and under the Freedom of Information Act, our newspaper has a right to view those reports in full. It should be up to the judgment of this

publication and it's editors in charge to make the decision on what information is included in our reports.

The Voice is committed to putting an accurate account of what happens on this campus out for our readers and doing it in a timely manner. However, when we are illegally prevented from providing all the detail, we simply cannot to our jobs effectively.

Matt Durr
Editor
The Washtenaw Voice

Washtenaw Community College Campus Safety and Security Department Initial Case Report

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Security Officer [REDACTED] stayed with the three-(3) children while I went to make contact with the children's mother. I went to room [REDACTED] and made contact with [REDACTED] and she asked me if there was a problem; I explained that she had left her children unattended and that she needed to go and attend to her children. As we were walking to where her children were at, I explain that she could not leave her children unattended. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said that leaving your children alone is a problem.

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A few hours of discomfort to save a life? Count me in



RACHEL BARSCH

After returning to my office after six straight mind-numbing meetings, I wasn't quite ready for the words "urgent request for you" while I was checking my voicemail at the end of a long day. That's all I needed as I tried to get my mind on my Administrative Law class that evening.

Turns out, it was exactly what I needed to help me realign the priorities in my rather hectic life. The message was from the National Bone Marrow Registry telling me that I am a potential match for a 51-year-old patient who

needs a life-saving bone-marrow transplant.

After finishing the call, I rushed off to class. And I have to admit, sitting there listening to the professor drone on about "regulatory capture" was not easy. I wanted to shout, "Who cares? I might be able to save a life!" But I managed to stop myself.

Count me among the lucky ones. I signed up to be on the "Be the Match" National Bone Marrow Donor registry in March 2011 right here at Washtenaw Community College, and have been excited ever since about the prospect of being a donor. But I wasn't holding my breath. I have heard from countless people that they have been on the list "for many years" with nary a call. This runs through my mind as I return the call, and I cannot help but think about my good fortune. I've made it on to Step Two—blood donation

for DNA-level testing—in just 10 months.

During the time between the initial call and giving the blood sample on Jan. 30, I have thought incessantly about being a donor. While I do not wish to place a value judgment on anyone—I realize people have many reasons for doing or not doing something—I wonder why more people do not join the registry. I recently read an article about a Japanese-American young woman who needs a transplant, but is finding some difficulty finding a donor because of her somewhat unusual heritage. The image of the striking young woman haunts me.

I have told anyone who would listen, and even some who cared not to, about being a potential match. Many expressed excitement for me while others have politely mentioned that bone marrow aspiration hurts. Apparently big

time.

However, I cannot help but think that a few hours of discomfort is worth it if it gives another human being a chance to live a longer, more productive life. I have birthed four children, and while that caused some discomfort, I can't think of anything that has made me prouder. In fact, since having children, being on the registry has been a goal of mine. If one of my offspring were to be in need of a bone marrow transplant, I would hope they would find the help they needed from like-minded people who signed up to be tested. So how can I do anything less for anyone else?

Testing on my blood will take several weeks, and can even take up to 90 days. In the meantime, I will think often of the cancer patient who is awaiting the test results with me – a wait more excruciating than mine, to be sure.

Want to save a life? You can!
Be a part of Student Activities'
"Be a Lifesaver Week!" April 9-13h!

Register for the "Be the Match" Bone Marrow Registry—representatives will be on campus during this week (TBA)
Give blood at a blood drive in ML 101 on April 11 or 12
Sign-up for an organ donation drive (TBA)
Take part in a suicide prevention panel discussion with area experts (TBA)
Take part in a self-defense workshop (TBA)

For more information contact Rachel Barsch at rbarsch@wccnet.edu.

Rachel Barsch is the events coordinator for Student Development and Activities.

What to do in an emergency

NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

Medical emergencies occur every day in America, and occasionally one of those emergencies happens on campus. When lives are in jeopardy and time is critical, only trained professionals with the right equipment can swing the odds in your favor.

Washtenaw Community College strives to have the right people with the right tools.

On Jan. 12, a student had a seizure and collapsed in the middle of the Student Center. Another student who witnessed the collapse, rushed to the nearby Student Development and Activities (SDA) office and immediately called Campus Security and 911.

“We have really good responders,” said Rachel Barsch, Events Coordinator for SDA. “We try not to be the expert when someone is sick, so we

call Campus Security. But if the situation seems life threatening, like a seizure or something like that, we call 911 as well.”

Campus Security arrived moments later, took control of the scene and notified EMS of the situation. Paramedics arrived to transport the student to the hospital.

“We might get three medical emergencies in a week and then we might go a few weeks without anything,” said Jacques Desrosiers, director of Campus Safety and Security. “Sometimes there are students with low blood sugar who push themselves all day, don’t eat anything and pass out. Give them a candy bar or orange juice, and they’ll come back. We don’t have to call for medical transport as many times as you would think.”

While calling 911 would never be discouraged in a life-threatening emergency, Campus Security is trained to handle emergency situations.

The staff of Campus Security has training in basic first aid, CPR and how to use emergency medical devices.

Littered throughout the WCC campus are Automatic External Defibrillator’s (AEDs). They are emergency devices that deliver a jolt of electricity to a person in cardiac arrest.

The device verbally leads you through how to use it step by step, so in an emergency nearly anyone can probably figure out how to use the device, said Desrosiers, adding that Campus Security is fully trained on how to use them, so calling there is preferred.

In the event of a major emergency requiring the evacuation of campus, Campus Security has drafted a protocol on how to conduct a mass evacuation.

Drills were conducted in the Liberal Arts building during the break after the Fall semester ended, and more drills are planned in the future.

New club to help promote ‘Black History Month’ events

WILLIAM ISAAC WINSTON
Contributor

In late January, the Black Student Union, a new club, burst into action to fill the void left by the African American Student Association and the African American Humanities Club.

The AASA and the AAHC disbanded last semester after their respective advisers left the college. “There wasn’t a club that focused on issues that impact African American students at the end of the fall semester,” said Rachel Barsch, events coordinator in Student Development and Activities.

Aveia Morris, the adviser for the AASA, left the college after the grant ran out that funded her position. Also, Cole Jordan, the adviser for the AAHC, retired after working for the college for more than three decades.

“Those were longstanding clubs that were largely supported by their faculty members,” said Ryan Hunter, the president of the BSU and a Washtenaw Community College student. “When those faculty members departed from this college, some of the momentum in driving events was lost.”

In the BSU’s first meeting, the members worked with Peter Leshkevich, the director

of Student Development and Activities (SDA) and Barsch to schedule events for Black History Month.

“We are trying to jumpstart African American events and programs,” said Hunter. “Also, I believe the faculty and the administration would support what we would do as long as it is positive.”

Barsch added that Student Activities wants student-driven Black History Month activities. Her department is working to support what the BSU is planning.

The club and SDA are co-hosting several events during Black History Month. They are scheduled to hold a movie discussion each Tuesday in February in the Student Center. The dates for these events are Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Also, they are slated to have a “Make it, Take It” event Monday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Center.

Near the end of February, SDA is scheduled to host a summit that will feature a panel discussion about diversity issues in the local community. Burton Lowe, a Tuskegee Airman and a retired WCC faculty member, will be leading the discussion at the summit.

Hunter said the BSU wants to host events on campus that are meaningful to people from all backgrounds.

In addition to the BSU events, Gallery One has an exhibit on display by Jacob Lawrence, a Harlem renaissance artist, called “The Legend of John Brown.” The artwork depicts the life of abolitionist John Brown, and it will be available until Feb. 17. The exhibit was provided by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

“Student Activities is going to post a picture and biography of an influential African American from history for each day of February,” said Barsch. “The pictures and biographies will be posted in front of the doors of the Student Center.”

Barsch said that with the help of the past AASA and AAHC leadership, WCC hosted a trip to the Holocaust museum and a trip the Underground Railroad in Cincinnati. These events attracted a diverse group of students.

Hunter said the BSU wants to continue the spirit of African American clubs from the past, but be something entirely new that is built from the ground up. A core part of the BSU’s mission statement is creating strong bonds with the surrounding community through diversity.

To learn more about the Black Student Union, visit Student Activities in SC 112.

AATA FROM A3

“This meeting was not on how to finance the proposal. It was simply to lay out for the voters what the structure would look like.”

Misinformation and a general lack of understanding on the proposal dominated the hearing, and the citizens of Ann Arbor present took the opportunity offered in the public hearing to talk about issues not relating to the initial vote, Hohnke said. These issues ranged from government corruption to mismanaged city funds.

“The point is that you have another project that you want to develop,” said Ann Arbor resident Odile Hugonot-Haber, who insisted that the city council was not telling the public everything it needed to know to make an informed decision about the new authority. “You

take public land and public money, and only after you do the groundwork do you hold these public hearings where we are invited to speak. Instead you should have involved us from the beginning.”

Haber saw the proposal and it’s mode of funding as another way the city would pull federal and state taxes from priorities, like improving the existing transportation services of the AATA, to fund pet projects of city council, like a potential light-rail system.

While the majority of those who spoke openly about their concerns to city council shared only negative attitudes, many were still in favor of the plan, even if they didn’t agree with every step in the process.

“I am here in support of the four-party plan,” said Chuck Warpehoski, the director of the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. “Some of the

arguments I have prepared are some of the same I have already heard from both sides here tonight – that we need to do a better job connecting our cities in transit. We need stable funding, and I want better bus services in Ann Arbor. But we cannot wait for the government to get all of this in order before we move on to the next process.”

Another speaker, an Ann Arbor resident named Keith Borg, shared his sentiment.

“Transportation is one of the most powerful engines for economic development,” Borg said. “We often hear from companies that the availability for employees to commute to work is among the highest factors of their employability.”

Until a vote can be reached on how to structure the plan, no action can be taken by the parties involved. The next public hearing on the issue was scheduled for Feb. 6.

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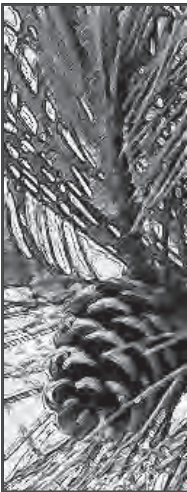
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Rainbow reaches resource center

Student resource library expands for LGBTs

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

More than instruction weighs on the mind of Layla Ananda. She has always understood the hardships of the LGBT students populating her classes.

Openly bisexual, the part-time psychology instructor at Washtenaw Community College has lived it.

“I’ve found times in my life where I’ve been misunderstood and often times rejected for my sexual orientation,” Ananda said. “It’s part of my motivation. Being gay and out can be very hard.”

Ananda’s personal connection with the LGBT community drove her to contact Eleanor Brundage and Liz Orbits of the Student Resource and Women’s Center in hopes of increasing support and visibility for the LGBT community on WCC’s campus via the SRWC.

“It was very important to me that there be some kind of on-going, stable, school-supported presence that would be supportive of LGBT students,” Ananda said. “We want to let them know that we know they’re there and we are aware of their unique issues. This fall, I was finally able to meet with Liz and Eleanor. They were very supportive.”

With the SRWC’s initiative to increase visibility for the LGBT community in full swing, Orbits, manager of the SRWC, is eager to help a minority group that she believes to have often been misunderstood.

“We are a non-judgmental, open center. Students come to us,” Orbits said. “It is a safe place for them to get help if they need to talk. We are hoping to provide resources to a

population that has historically been oppressed.”

One of the faculty advisers for the Spectrum Center, WCC’s LGBT student club, Ananda worked with the SRWC to establish a special section in the center’s resource library, providing pamphlets and other literature concerning developments and events in the LGBT community. The space also serves as an area for students looking for a haven from the general campus population.

Danielle Mack, 31, of Ann Arbor, asserts that the SRWC’s new accommodations are long overdue. The elementary education major points to LGBT resource centers at both the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University that have long provided countless resources for students in need as well as space to

congregate.

“It says that these people are here, another flavor of humanity,” she said. “It’s about time Washtenaw got something going. Other colleges have it. UM’s library got so huge, they had space issues.”

Mack is not only excited for the literature offered in the SRWC’s library. Born male, Mack is well aware of the important role communication and belonging take in developing a personality that is not always accepted. For non-LGBT students, she hopes the increased visibility will expose unawares to the reality of LGBT.

“I would like to see it become a separate entity, a space to socialize and network,” Mack said. “I think that’s really important. People who have never met or been exposed to this can come and meet an actual person.

Ultimately, I think it will out-grow the space.”

WCC’s LGBT club is resurfacing this semester as the Gay/Straight Alliance. As time goes on, Ananda hopes to keep adding materials to the list of LGBT resources, but asserts that her mission is to provide care to students of all walks of life at WCC. Unity is Ananda’s main concern.

“My hope is that we will be able to grow in terms of all students, not just LGBT,” Ananda said. “I really want to thank the SRWC for taking this role. As with any minority group, it’s very helpful to know there are others like you who understand.”

Located in the SRWC on the second floor of the Student Center, the resource library is open to any students in need of information or just a place to relax, according to Orbits.

LGBT RESOURCE MATERIAL

Literature now offered in the SRWC resource library’s LGBT section will contain reading concerning recent developments and events in the LGBT community.

Titles included are...

Lesbian mom network pamphlet

U-M Spectrum center pamphlet

EMU LGBTRC pamphlet

EMU LGBTRC Top Ten list

Between the Lines weekly paper

Transgender Visibility guide

Resource guide to coming out

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A shelf in the SRWC’s resource library has recently been dedicated to the LGBT community.



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Crusaders of many religions fight for peace and justice

Words and Photo by:
BOB CONRADI
Staff Writer

The Ann Arbor-based group Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice counts among its members: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Baha’i, Native Americans, and atheists – and they get along.

“From whatever religious or philosophical background, there is a shared call to be peacemakers, and we are able to better fulfill that call if we work together across our differences,” said director Chuck Warpehoski, 33, of Ann Arbor. “That collaboration is also part of peacemaking.”

ICPJ was founded in 1965 when a group of Unitarian, Christian and Jewish religious leaders came together to promote peace and social justice. Now the group includes about 750 members and six task forces focusing on specific concerns.

The six divisions are: NOW -- NO Weapons, NO War; Hunger; Latin America; Racial and Economic Justice; Common Ground for Peace in Israel/Palestine and Climate Change and Earth Care.

In each task force there are about six members who design programming and make it all happen. Three paid staff members oversee these events. The staffers are also assisted by a group of interns.

Interns are not paid, but they have more set schedules and office hours like the staffers. Their work is mostly behind the scenes. Shahar Ben-Josef, 22, of Ann Arbor is an intern helping with the NOW and Common Ground task forces.

“So, for example, when the

Common Ground task force wants to have some sort of event, then you’ll have the task force members and the intern and Chuck, who is the staff member for the task force, all work together to pull together this event,” Ben-Josef said.

Sarah Jadrich, 23, of Ann Arbor, is another intern helping with the Racial and Social Justice group. Janrich is working on a master’s degree in social work at U-M and is required to do 16 hours per week of fieldwork. Her work for ICPJ not only expresses her passion, but also helps her toward a degree.

At noon on Wednesday, Jan. 11, about 20 members of the NOW task force of ICPJ assembled in front of the University of Michigan Museum of Art. They were there to protest the detention camp at Guantánamo Bay. Some of them were dressed in orange, symbolizing the orange jumpsuits worn by the detainees.

The occasion was the 10th anniversary of the opening of the prison. The Ann Arbor demonstration coincided with the “national day of action against Guantánamo” sponsored by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. Protestors want the prisoners released or at least given a fair trial.

Anne Garcia, a psychology instructor at WCC, was one of the demonstrators. Garcia has been a member of Michigan Peace Works, which is disbanding, but which has often co-sponsored events with ICPJ. She, like many of her companions, will now put her energies into ICPJ activities.

Garcia has also been the faculty adviser for Students for Peace and Justice at WCC. The group did not form this year

because student commitment was too low.

Sporting a cervical collar, Garcia explained that she had recently been in a car accident and was forced to take a semester off from teaching. It has not diminished her zeal.

“People are being held without due justice, without habeas corpus, without a defense lawyer, without even being accused,” Garcia said of Guantánamo detainees. “Everyone can’t be guilty until proven innocent; it’s against the American system!”

Garcia’s passion for justice was shared by the other demonstrators.

“There are a lot of ways people can get involved,” director Warpehoski said. “Some people get involved being on one of those six task forces, helping us make things like this happen: coming up with the ideas, doing the outreach, doing the publicity, organizing logistics. Other people want to get involved in more behind-the-scenes levels, they do data entry or they help in website design or other tasks.”

Warpehoski emphasized that the staff tries hard to match the skills and interests of volunteers with the jobs they are assigned, “so everybody is getting something out of the engagement.”

Those who are burdened with concern about social injustice, racism, wars, environmental degradation, world hunger, and other such causes will find a way to make their voices heard through ICPJ.

To find more information, a list of upcoming events and to volunteer, visit icjp.net. There is a volunteer form under the heading, “Get Involved.” ICPJ staffers are available at (734) 663-1870.



Anne Garcia, an instructor in behavioral science at WCC, participates in a protest at U-M against the prison at Guantánamo Bay.

Voice vs. Food

TACO SHOWDOWN!

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When it comes to getting great food, real fast, at cheap prices, the overall quality of the items are often sacrificed. With fast food joints like McDonald's, Wendy's and Burger King cornering the burger market, Taco Bell seems to be the only reigning champion of quick, albeit highly Americanized, Mexican food. We've all become accustomed to "think outside the bun," as the restaurant claims its customers do when choosing their product, but what about the real deal? What about the kind of authentic, tacos that only a local restaurant or market can offer? Where do these places exist in Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor, and are they worth the time?

¿Si Habla?

We're going for the real deal, so to save time and space, we'll use real Spanish words to name the meats and other items we encountered.

AL PASTOR: marinated pork

CARNITAS: braised pulled pork

EN POLLO: boiled, pulled chicken

CARNE ASADA: marinated, grilled steak

CHORIZO: spicy, ground sausage

JARRITOS: a product of Mexico, this soda comes in many different flavors, including lime, tamarind, mandarin orange, and strawberry, and is made with real sugar.

GOYA: the Mexican equivalent to American food suppliers such as Kraft or Nabisco.

CILANTRO: a leafy herb chopped with onions to top authentic tacos.

We graded the tacos on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 tacos being the best.



Tios

401 East Liberty St.
Ann Arbor

price per taco **\$2.49**

Tios is well known around Ann Arbor, and has been visited by *Man Vs. Food* star Adam Richman—Richman took on Tios' signature, five-pound heavyweight, the Mount Nacheesmo nacho platter.

Each taco was served differently. Two of the tacos were served on flour tortillas and one of them was served on a crunchy corn shell. Each taco had its own flair based on the order. Drinks were extra, but be sure to check out Tios' signature Sangria.

JOSH AND BEN'S TACOS: Al Pastor, Americano, Authentico (The Americano and Authentico are Tios creations).

JOSH: While not authentic, the Americano satisfied our hunger the best of the three—it was crunchy, fatty, and full of dairy, and we're in the Midwest. The Al Pastor had pineapples to sweeten the deal, but was nothing compared with the flavor of the other restaurants. Our wallets empty and stomachs grumbling, we left disappointed.



BEN: I thought that these tacos were at least better than Sabor's, but they still lacked the authentic zing of fresh ingredients and biting lime. The sour cream, cheese and beans added to the Americano was a different take, although it was an American take, and spiced up our lives from the onslaught of tacos we had been consuming all day. Tios was not what it's cracked up to be.



La Casita

2866 Washtenaw Ave.
Ypsilanti

price per taco **\$1.59**

La Casita has a simple atmosphere with a few small tables packed in. It's a great to-go stop for residents of the nearby apartments on Golfside Road, and as a result focuses on food over atmosphere.

Each taco was served on two corn tortillas, with fresh onion, cilantro and lime wedges. Tortillas were lightly fried, and items were served a la carte. Mexican Coke and Jarritos are extra.

Josh's tacos: Al Pastor, Carne Asada, En Pollo
Ben's tacos: Chorizo, En Pollo, Al Pastor

JOSH: The Al Pastor was a definite highlight, with strong flavors and decent spice. The chicken tacos were too juicy and lacked flavor, but we still had no problem finishing them.



BEN: La Casita was met at an advantage because it was first on our stop. The meat was a little overcooked, and the chicken was a tad bland, but the combination of the meats and the fresh ingredients sold the package.



Dos Hermanos Mkt.

410 West Michigan Ave.
Ypsilanti

price per taco **\$1.60**

Dos Hermanos Market is exactly what it says it is—a large Mexican market store featuring everything from fresh meats, fruits, imported snacks and beverages and most importantly hand made tacos. The small taco stand in the middle of the store serves freshly cooked marinated meats like Carnitas, Lamb and Beef.

Each taco is served on a corn tortilla, fried to perfection on a flat iron press. The tacos come with fresh onion, cilantro and lime but can be garnished with lettuce and tomatoes.

JOSH'S TACOS: Carnitas, Barbacoa beef and lamb
BEN'S TACOS: Carnitas

JOSH: Each choice of meat is unique and incredibly flavorful, due to the authentic tradition of keeping chunks of bone in the mix while being braised. Children used to this learn to chew carefully early on for the occasional (one in every 20 tacos or so) bone—don't let this scare you away, because the flavor is well worth it.



BEN: Dos Hermanos rocked my world. Everything tasted fresh, warm, and you could see that the meat was stewing and broiling from earlier in the day. These tacos stole the show. Plus, the addition of eating imported Goya treats and Jarritos soda made the whole experience that much more valuable.



Sabor Latino

211 North Main St.
Ann Arbor

price per taco **\$1.99**

Sabor Latino functions more as a sit-down restaurant than a taco stand with a full bar and menu. Sabor's menu is pan-Latino, meaning that it covers dishes and delicacies from the entire Latin world. The price was modest considering the atmosphere, but a tip is expected.

Each taco was served on three corn tortillas, with fresh onion, cilantro and lime. Tortillas were steamed, and items were served a la carte. During happy hour, enjoy frozen margaritas for \$3.

JOSH'S TACOS: Al Pastor, Ground Beef
BEN'S TACOS: Grilled Shrimp, Roasted Veggie

JOSH: The free chips and salsa lacked any spice besides garlic, and couldn't even be used to add interest to our bland tacos. Each of the choices lacked flavor more than the last, with the only dominant taste being oil. Sabor Latino's full menu is renowned in Ann Arbor, but we were disappointed with the tacos. They appeared authentic, but bored us out of the restaurant.



BEN: I wanted to try something out of the box, and the veggie and shrimp were much too far of a reach in terms of getting a good taco. The shrimp had no flavor, and the veggies were mushy. Even the tiny bit of cilantro and onion couldn't save it. Steamed tortillas made the unsavory combination even worse. Sad for a joint with much better, more traditional dishes.



La Fiesta Mexicana

529 West Cross St.
Ypsilanti

tacos not sold a la carte;
platters range from **\$6–\$8**

La Fiesta Mexicana is a family owned restaurant founded in Ypsilanti by Michelle Roman in 1989. Roman's authentic recipes are exclusive to her kinfolk in Jalisco, Mexico, and have been keeping Eastern Michigan University students full ever since. La Fiesta has similar items to the other restaurants we visited, but our focus was on tacos.

Each taco item is served with different fixings depending on what you order. However, the items are only served in platters, and ala carte items are not available. Each taco is served on two lightly fried corn tortillas.

JOSH'S TACOS: Fried potato
BEN'S TACOS: Steak Taquitos

JOSH: The standout at La Fiesta is the potato taco, with soft chunks of potato seasoned perfectly inside a lightly fried corn tortilla. Here, I welcome a little sour cream and lettuce to bring some freshness to the dense potato. With La Fiesta's excellent homemade salsa, this meal wins an award from the annual Taco Tour every time. The service is hit-or-miss, however. Despite this, it's hands-down the best sit-down Mexican restaurant out there.



BEN: While the food was excellent, the service and prices at La Fiesta Mexicana were undoubtedly horrible. At first, the owner did not greet us at the door and barked across the restaurant in an attempt to ask how many people we had in our party. When we sat down, she brought us fresh salsa and no chips. After ordering the \$6 item, chips were still not brought to our table. Finally I asked, and was charged \$2 for the minute basket of burnt chips. Great food, but I probably won't go back ever again.



and the winner is...

Dos Hermanos Market

Not only did Dos Hermanos meet our expectations on taste and authentic flavor, but the fact that you can only get these tacos on weekends before 4 p.m. makes them a hot commodity. The small barrio feel of the store, and the fact that every sign is written in Spanish, gave us the feeling of being in the heart of Mexico.

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Lead Jammer Kortney ‘Roofs on Fire’ Roof forces her way past a member of the Mid Michigan Derby Girls.

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‘ANNAPOCALYPSE’
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MOUNT MORRIS—On a cold, Saturday night in a small central Michigan town, two ambulances sit outside the Skateland Arena, motors running, just in case. Inside fans cheer as 30 women dressed in fishnets, booty shorts, ripped-up tank tops, tattoos, dyed hair and gaudy makeup are sporting the tools essential to their trade—quad roller skates and elbow pads. They skate onto the flat track.

More than 100 fans begin to cheer, “A2D2! A2D2!”

As part of a pre-bout warm-up routine, a woman in a jersey that reads, “Big Banger,” yells, “Keep your butt low and skate

to a stop.” As all come to a stop, she yells, “And skate.”

Their wheels take them on a sprint. There goes “Queen McLighting, Hermione Gank-Ya, Court nasty, General Strike and Whiskey Drifter” fierce and proud women of roller derby or, as they call themselves, derby girls.

Among them is Amy “Collete RL Jammage” Fredell. With a kid-in-a-candy-store smile, she leans over and whispers, “This bout is going to be intense.”

Which is exactly what the crowd expects, especially those who strategically positioned themselves near a sign on the track that reads: “Suicide seating, 18 and older allowed.”

These are the Ann Arbor Derby Dimes. Or A2D2 for short.

“I’ll even joke with the other girls when we get to practice and I’ll say ‘Girl, I just got to hit a bitch right now.’”

—Kayleigh ‘Queen McLightning’ Cyrus

Danielle “Cranberry” Muntz, 27, of Ypsilanti, a graphic design major at Washtenaw Community College, revels in the glory of being a derby girl. Straight out of the 12-week “fresh meat boot camp” training program, Muntz passed the difficult qualifying test on her

first try, a rarity on the circuit.

“The skills test is all of the information that you need to know before you get in, and it’s very challenging,” Muntz said. “You have to learn how to skate and skate fast, fall small (tumble without getting injured), get through the pack and not get penalized. It’s tough and a lot of information to memorize.”

In January, Muntz was drafted to one of the two home teams, the Tree Town Thrashers.

The Ann Arbor Derby Dimes is comprised of two home teams, the Thrashers and the Huron River Rollers. Top players from both teams make up the Brawlstars, A2D2’s travel team.

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HOT WHEELS

Ann Arbor Derby Dimes get down and dirty—and look good doing it

Roller derby basics

Bouts last one hour and are broken up into two 30-minute periods. Each period contains two-minute “jams” and there are 30-second intervals between jams to allow for a new line-up of skaters.

The bout contains 10 women on the rink, five for each team. A bout consists of two positions throughout: jammer (one for each team), the player who scores points and breaks through the pack.

The next is the blocker, the women who protect their jammers and try to keep the opposing jammer from coming through the pack.

Once the jammer makes it through the pack the first time legally is when they start scoring points for each person they pass. Each opposing team member is worth one point.



Kayleigh ‘Queen McLightning’ Cyrus talks with teammates during halftime at the Jan. 28 bout.



The jammer from the Mid Michigan Derby Girls falls to the floor during a jam.

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WCC goes ‘bang!’

Campus gun range is locked and loaded for law enforcement training



Officer Bernie Mundt of U-M Public Safety fires a handgun down Lane 4 of WCC’s gun range.

ADRIAN HEDDEN THE WASHTENAW VOICE

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Features Editor

Shots rang out on campus, deep in the Morris Lawrence building. But there was no danger. No one was in peril. Out on Washtenaw Community College’s gun range, it was business as usual for Sergeant Gene Weincoff of University of Michigan Public Safety.

Taking his officers to WCC’s shooting range at the school’s Police Academy for their annual hand-gun qualification exams, Weincoff has always been pleased with the facility’s state-of-the-art accommodations available to the law enforcement community.

“Every department should have one,” Weincoff said. “It has everything we need, a real

asset.”

Behind sound-resistant glass, officers operate a cutting-edge computer console, controlling targets on electric tracks and altering lighting settings for the various drills and tests required.

Exclusively for law-enforcement training, the indoor

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‘Spice’ ain’t nice—the price of a legal high

KODY VITALE
Contributor

Actress Demi Moore was rushed to a Los Angeles hospital recently after she allegedly smoked a mysterious blend of herbs. A friend who made the 911 call on Jan. 23 was concerned when the star lost consciousness and began convulsing on the floor of a Beverly Hills home.

Euphoria hasn’t been easy for Brenden Liss to achieve either. The 20-year-old Brighton resident fearfully recalls a medical emergency he suffered while experimenting with a legal, smoke-able blend of herbal incense.

Once the smoke cleared, Liss found himself further from the party than he had ever been. It was the summer of 2009, and he was down for the count.

“I got dizzy, next thing I knew all my friends were helping me off the ground,” Liss said. “It’s like every possible negative thought I could have ran through my head and it

only took one big hit.”

Users experience a psychedelic, paranoid sensation upon inhaling the smoke from the incense. The blends are being smoked through various paraphernalia such as small hand pipes and rolling papers.

Herbal incense blends have been available across Michigan for years, but only until recently have they been marketed as alternatives to illegal drugs. Customers can now purchase these products in small plastic baggies, under brand names such as “Spike Maxx” or “Zombie Matter.”

Like tobacco, the legal age to purchase these products in Michigan is 18. But at age 17, Kaleb Franks has had no problem acquiring it.

“Getting your hands on the stuff is easier than buying cigarettes,” Franks said.

The Brighton resident has noticed several business owners making age exceptions. He’s even seen some cashiers go as far as recommending certain blends of the incense for their potency.

“We are selling the hell out of the stuff,” said Wanda, a manager at Smoke ‘N’ Gifts, a Brighton head shop.

Wanda refused to reveal her last name to avoid association with the potential misuse of her products.

Psychoactive herbal blends contain a variety of different chemicals. Each spice blend has its own, unique, chemical makeup. The active chemicals in these products are designed to stimulate the cannabinoid receptors in the brain causing the euphoric effect.

This incense is very popular amongst those who are looking to achieve a marijuana-like high without failing a potential drug screening.

“It’s keeping me out of jail,” said Nathan Spence, a music production major from Brighton. “It gets me high, and I won’t fail a drug test.”

While public knowledge and awareness of the relatively new product have recently increased, potential dangers

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Mother and student by day, derby girl by night

Kayleigh “Queen McLightning” Cyrus, 24, of Ypsilanti, is a technical writing major at Washtenaw. She is mother to 2-year-old Audrey Grace, and holds a full-time job as a hair-stylist. Roller derby is more than a hobby or pastime for Cyrus, who describes it as the foundation to everything else in her life.

“When my child grows up and is able to understand derby, I want her to be able to say, ‘That’s my mom and she is tough and that is so cool. How many of my friend’s mothers do that?’” she said.

For Cyrus, derby is another way for her to channel her natural aggression.

“I’ll even joke with the other girls when we get to practice and I’ll say, ‘Girl, I just got to hit a bitch right now,’” she said. “Sometimes after a drill or two, if we didn’t feel like we got it out, we’ll keep hitting each other until we feel better.”

For Cyrus and Muntz, derby takes away from studies, time with their daughters and time away from their families.

But is it worth it?

“Hell yes,” Cyrus said, unflinching.

Although the adrenaline rush is addictive and the time commitment challenging, most women find derby for the camaraderie it brings to their lives.

“I have never had 105 best friends and no one can say that,” Cyrus said. “If I need a babysitter, a friend or a shoulder, those 105 friends are always there no matter what.”

A2D2 founder Kellee “Cha-Cha Chingona” Gallarel, 34, of Saline seconds that notion and credits the fellowship of derby for getting her through her divorce.

“You post something on Facebook about having a bad day, you’ve got 20 people commenting on it for encouragement,” she said. “It’s a force field to be reckoned with.”

Rink rash and injuries

Cyrus lay on the flat-track rink injured while other derby women tended to her. While everyone takes a knee to show respect, they’re all hoping and praying their fallen friend will get back up and skate again. Injuries frequently happen at the bouts, and sometimes their weekly practices.

While derby is a serious contact sport with a concrete competitive disposition and major potential for injury, the women are also expected to carry their own health plans along with the USA Roller Sports insurance (USARS). While USARS doesn’t cover major injuries like broken bones, it does cover spectators sitting in suicide seating at the bouts.

John “Coach Slyde” Miller, 50, of Ann Arbor is no stranger to roller derby – and how not to get hurt.

“When one of the girls gets hurt, they all take a knee just like in any sport,” he said. “And that’s my No. 1 goal when coaching: Teach them how to fall small and how not to get hurt so they can return day-after-day to play this sport.”

A veteran to coaching hockey with his son, Miller started skating at Riverside Roller Rink in Livonia and got a chance at a little fame when Drew Barrymore came to town to produce the derby girl-themed film “Whip It.”

“A lot of derby girls from Detroit started showing up and I started teaching them how to skate,” he said. “And then the movie, “Whip It” came to town, forcing roller derby’s explosion in Michigan.”

With injuries, comes equipment and getting the best that one can afford.

“The knees are the most vulnerable in this sport,” he said. “We do exercises at practice to strengthen and to avoid as much injury as possible, and I always tell the women to buy the best pads they can. It will only save their body in the long-run.”

For the skater, by the skater—The birth of A2D2

The seed was planted in May 2010 when Gallarel stepped out of her house and said, “Let’s form a derby team.”

The next month, A2D2 started scouting for practice space unsuccessfully in Ann Arbor. The closest flat-track roller rink happened to be in Belleville about 20 minutes from Ann Arbor.

Closed due to lack of business at the time, A2D2 approached the owner of Rollers Skate Park asking for him to reopen so A2D2 could have a place to call home.

“There was no carpet there and no paint, but we were able to use the floor,” said Amber “General Strike” Cooper, 31, of Whitmore Lake. “The owner originally opened just so we could practice but eventually he opened it back up for open skating and it’s been great ever sense.”

While A2D2 calls Rollers Skate Park their home for now, the long road that lies ahead is eventually to become affiliated with the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association—a network of other leagues to help facilitate development of athletic ability, sportsmanship and good will among member leagues. WFTDA is also the guideline that A2D2 uses for training, testing and bouting.

Gallarel marvels at what has transpired in such a short time.

“My gosh, seeing these women and the way they’re competing brings tears to my eyes,” she said. “Of course, I love how far they’ve come but I didn’t think that in just a year and a half, we would have three teams competing at a level like this.”



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Kayleigh ‘Queen McLightning’ Cyrus waits on the sidelines as the next jam is about to start.

PRZEMEK OZOG CONTRIBUTOR



Kayleigh ‘Queen McLightning’ Cyrus hugs a friend after the Brawlstars’ 139–89 win.

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The jammer from the Mid Michigan Derby Girls races toward the Brawlstar blockers to score points.



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A referee watches the action from the sidelines.

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range boasts 10 lanes, each roughly 45 feet long. It can be rented out by any law enforcement agency in need for \$85 per hour at a minimum of two hours.

The variety of settings and ability to fine-tune situations sets WCC’s range aside in the eyes of Officer Pete Pressly of U-M Public Safety. Pressly often works the console for his department, gleeful at the convenience.

“The main benefit is the ease and quickness where we can run drills in low-light training,” Pressly said. “It’s really the ability to do multiple things out here. You can change things up quickly”

WCC’s gun range can go from night to day, in a matter of seconds.

“The ability to control lighting allows for flashlight drills, where officers carry a gun in one hand and a flashlight in the other,” Weincoff said.

The variety of instruction has been embraced by Weincoff’s colleagues as well.

“It saves a lot of time because

targets can move and change faster,” said Janet Conners, another instructing sergeant with UM Public Safety. “You can challenge them more.”

Eric McLaughlin met that challenge. The 2008 graduate of WCC’s public safety program admires his schools unique provisions at the range, seeing such a hands-on experience as essential to an adequate education in law enforcement. He now works as a patrolman for the Milan Police Department.

“It’s nice WCC’s program has the range on-site,” McLaughlin said. “We can do drills right there in the range. The fact that it was right down the hall was a big benefit.”

The Police Academy runs for six months from June to December. For the rest of the year, the shooting range will serve several law enforcement agencies, providing firearms training in a controlled setting – a rarity according to the academy’s Director, Larry Jackson.

“Sometimes departments have to travel very far to find facilities,” Jackson said. “They’re all looking for a place, but these places are tough to find.”

Jackson points to the difficulty of keeping in-door ranges up to legal standards as the cause of ranges like his being uncommon. He thanks his school for its assistance in range maintenance.

“The Facilities Management team has worked closely with us to keep this thing going,” Jackson said. “We’re really lucky to have such strong support.”

Lead content in the air is kept below dangerous levels by large fans circulating air. Only companies with proper certification can be brought in to remove the hazardous waste resulting from the excess lead. A forklift must be used to remove lead by the barrel. According to Jackson, lead barrels usual weigh about 800 pounds.

Despite the challenges of maintaining the indoor range, the freedom it permits is nevertheless valuable to the experience behind the barrel.

“There are some private ranges that are smaller. They limit you,” Weincoff said. “You’ve gotta go slow. Usually it’s a shot per second or two, but here it’s ‘bang bang bang!’”



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Officer Bernie Mundt communicates with his fellow officers from the control station at WCC’s gun range.

WCC hoops star has sights set on EMU

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

On the court, Kiere Daniels is a force to be reckoned with. Off the court, he’s been the right-hand man to his mother his entire life.

At a shade under 6-feet, basketball is his game and he doesn’t take well to finishing anything but first. His passion and his drive are second to no one on the court.

“I think it has a lot to do with my father leaving when I was born,” he said. “I got into this mindset that I had to prove everyone wrong about me and be better than my dad.”

It started at a young age—about the time he picked up a basketball for the first time. It got him through Canton High School and now Daniels, 21, of Belleville, is an electrical engineering major at Washtenaw Community College, playing on one of its two men’s basketball teams.

“The extra roles throughout his childhood taught him discipline and how to schedule his time,” said Kim Daniels, 43, Kiere’s mother. “Instead of being a follower, he’s a leader, and it shows through to his two younger brothers.”

His leadership on the court has his team undefeated, and the talent he’s displayed so far has made him a prospect for a Division I program like

Eastern Michigan University’s when he concludes his studies at Washtenaw, according to Daniel’s coach, Jamal Poplar.

“Kiere’s getting-to-the-basket ability is phenomenal,” Poplar said of his floor leader’s ability. “I currently have three players prepared to play at Division I and I’m taking the proper steps to getting them ready to be seen.”

In other words, if Poplar has his way recruiters from some of the larger schools in the region will soon be in attendance at WCC games. But that only means higher standards by the coach with his players.

“You come to practice, Jamal wants nothing but 210 percent,” Daniels said. “He pushes me hard and knows I got the talent. I get no breaks with Jamal.”

Along with his full-time studies at WCC and the basketball team, Kiere works at Bayloff Stamped Products in Belleville. It helps him pay the bills and give back to his family.

“My mom is a single mother, and having the added income helps make things a little easier on all of us,” he said. “For my brothers, I just want to show them how to overcome a situation like this. Through hard work, perseverance and dedication, they can get what they want.”

While Kim made sure to get Kiere involved in sports to

ensure he had some discipline in his life, she’s thrilled about how he has developed as a role model for his younger brothers.

“The things that he does make an impact on others, and at such a young age,” she said, “and I’m proud that he understands that.”

Club Sports Coordinator Erica Lemm views Daniels as a great role model for the college’s sports program, too.

“He’s the first one out there and the last one to leave,” she said. “He’s also very coachable and has a complete game.”


Poplar has faith that Daniels can do well for himself at the next level if he can continue to improve his game over the next few months, making his resume more appealing to university programs.

“Playing at a Division I school for him is a very real possibility,” Poplar said. “If we could just refine that jump shot of his, his game will be complete, and he’ll be ready to move out.”

While Kiere’s sights are set on transferring to EMU, his immediate goal is to keep his team at WCC undefeated – if for no other reason than that he doesn’t have to deal with defeat.

“I hate to lose,” he said. “I show no mercy out on the court, but when I lose, I’m very sore about it. It’s something I need to work on.”

Hoke’s first recruiting class draws raves



MATT DURR
Editor

Last year at the time, University of Michigan head football coach Brady Hoke had been on the job for less than a month. Essentially he dropped his stuff off in Ann Arbor and hit the recruiting trail. This year, Hoke has had plenty of time to recruit the players he wanted—and it showed.

“We hit some needs, and some areas of need that we needed to address,” Hoke said about the style of recruits coming to Michigan. “I’m excited about the kids in the class.”

As of Wednesday afternoon, Hoke’s class was rated the number eight class in the nation by ESPN.com and sixth by Rivals.com two spots behind rival Ohio State in both rankings. On scout.com, the Wolverines were fourth, one spot behind OSU.

When Hoke took over last year, he made it clear that recruiting in Michigan and Ohio was a priority. With 18 total recruits from the two states, it appears that he has reached his goal.

One commit from Ohio is offensive lineman Kyle Kalis. The No. 1-rated prospect in the state according to Rivals.com, Kalis comes to the Wolverines hoping to make an impact on a line that just lost All-American David Molk.

“A powerful, strong, road-grating type of offensive lineman that we want to have in the offense, very talented,” said Hoke about Kalis.

Kalis is part of a recruiting class that focused on adding depth to both the offensive and defensive lines, something that Hoke says can never be fully

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Blake Bars	OL	6’5	275	Nashville, Tenn.
Joe Bolden	LB	6’3	230	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ben Braden	OL	6’6	319	Rockford, Mich.
Jehu Chesson	WR	6’3	175	St. Louis, Mo.
Jeremy Clark	DB	6’4	195	Madisonville, Ky.
Amara Darboh	WR	6’2	200	West Des Moines, Iowa
Devin Funchess	TE	6’4	205	Farmington Hills, Mich.
Allen Gant	DB	6’2	205	Sylvania, Ohio
Matthew Godin	DT	6’6	265	Novi, Mich
Willie Henry	DT	6’3	273	Cleveland, Ohio
Sione Houma	RB	6’0	215	Salt Lake City, Utah
Royce Jenkins-Stone	LB	6’2	215	Detroit, Mich.
Drake Johnson	RB	6’1	205	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Kyle Kalis	OL	6’5	305	Lakewood, Ohio
Erik Magnuson	OL	6’6	275	Carlsbad, Calif.
Dennis Norfleet	RB	5’7	170	Detroit, Mich.
Mario Ojemudia	DE	6’2	220	Farmington Hills, Mich.
Ondre Pipkins	DT	6’3	320	Kansas City, Mo.
Terry Richardson	DB	5’9	165	Detroit, Mich.
Kaleb Ringer	LB	6’1	225	Clayton, Ohio
James Ross	LB	6’1	215	Orchard Lake, Mich.
Tom Strobel	DE	6’6	265	Mentor, Ohio
A.J. Williams	TE	6’6	275	Cincinnati, Ohio
Jarrold Wilson	DB	6’2	190	Akron, Ohio
Christopher Wormley	DE	6’5	250	Toledo, Ohio

stocked.

“We’re always going to take guys up front. You just think about the pounding of the game of football,” Hoke said. “We’ve always got to be recruiting three or four or five offensive linemen a year, same thing with defensive line.”

Blake Bars, Ben Braden and Erik Magnuson round out the offensive line recruits.

On the defensive line, Ondre Pipkins, a five-star rated recruit by Rivals.com comes to Ann Arbor via Kansas City and leads a class that includes Matthew Godin, Willie Henry, Mario Ojemudia, Tom Strobel and Chris Wormley.

“He’s a big man, and he’s a big man in the middle, which you need in the middle,” said Hoke about Pipkins, referring him by his nickname “Pee Wee.”

Hoke and his staff surprised many experts by pulling in running back Dennis Norfleet, who was a verbal commit to Cincinnati until the day before national signing day.

“This guy is a guy that returns kicks. He’s got speed. He can do a lot of things catching the football,” said Hoke.

Norfleet attended Martin Luther King high school in Detroit and joins Ann Arbor Pioneer running back Drake Johnson in joining the Wolverines.

“He had tremendous numbers,” Hoke said. “He’s a bigger back, physical runner, I really like what Drake does.”

Johnson led the state of Michigan in rushing yards and touchdowns last year with 2,800 yards and 37 touchdowns.

Hoke attributed the ability to spend more time with recruits and their families as a reason why the class was much stronger this year.

“You’ve got a chance to start on guys, having a whole year to get to know families and make those relationships,” Hoke said. “The longer you’re engaged in building those relationships, it’s like going to the bank, you’re putting your money in the bank.”



Kiere Daniels prepares to shoot at the Jan. 30 game.

DAVID ARTUSHIN CONTRIBUTOR



WTMC students practice Ultimate Frisbee in 2006 at the Concordia University soccer fields.

THE WASHTENAW VOICE FILE PHOTOS

For WTMC students, it’s all school, no play

JENA JENKINS
Contributor

Washtenaw Community College offers 36 sports-related activities for most of its students, but for those under 18, mainly the Washtenaw Technical Middle College students, sports activities are hard to come by.

“We have an Ultimate Frisbee team,” said WTMC Dean Karl Covert, who estimates that about 10 percent of the WTMC population participates in that activity.

Some people enjoy the Ultimate team and think it’s the perfect sport for students here, but others don’t feel it’s enough.

“I think that although Ultimate is really awesome, we need more sports,” said Travis Anderson, 17, a music major from Ypsilanti.

There have been a few attempts to start sports teams at WTMC. Recently cricket and soccer teams have been brought up.

“I feel like Ultimate Frisbee is not a good replacement for sports here at WTMC,” said liberal arts major Taylor Shaffer, 16, of Ypsilanti. “Some people don’t even realize that the team exists. Others think it’s really nerdy.”

WTMC students are encouraged to participate in the physical fitness classes offered here on campus, such as yoga or dance. Others choose to participate in community club sports.

Monica Cialek, a WTMC base adviser and math instructor, agrees that sports activities are important, but cites a combination of a lack of funds and resources for not having more sports available for the charter school students.

“Sports play is an important developmental part both physically and mentally,” she said. “Sports also build camaraderie and teach conflict resolution.”

But the school has its mission, and it doesn’t include athletics, Covert said.

“Our priority is academics,” he said. “It would be more than just coaches to build a team. It would take time, equipment, fields, transportation and participation in a league for teams to work.”

With WCC’s club sports program, however, a different issue prevents WTMC students from participating.

“The college insurance doesn’t allow for minors to participate, it’s a liability issue,” said Erica Lemm, club sports coordinator.

Meantime, some WTMC students lament what they passed up to attend the school.

“I gave up varsity baseball to do WTMC,” Anderson said. “Lack of sports here honestly made me not want to come,” Shaffer said. “I even considered transferring to the Early College Alliance program at Eastern because of the access they have to sports.”

“I’d love to have the WTMC students participate,” Lemm said. “They just can’t... It would be nice to see WTMC have sports too.”

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Man on a Ledge



‘Man on a Ledge’ should just jump

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

High above the crowded streets of Manhattan, a man steps out of a window. Balancing precariously, he soon grasps the attention of concerned onlookers below. Questions about the man’s agenda immediately arise, and by the end of the boorish and cliché “Man on a Ledge,” audiences will be just as confused and exhausted as the film itself. Sam Worthington stars as Nick Cassidy, a desperate man. Fitting the profile of the standard renegade cop on the edge, Worthington’s character endeavors to turn the entire city upside down to clear his tarnished name. As in nearly all crime-drama suspense films, the protagonist is a good guy who feels he was handed a raw deal. Moviegoers will be cheated as well if they expect anything they haven’t already seen before this flick. From the crusty police captain barking orders, to a saucy femme fatale involved in the heist, the characters fill the basic requirements

for a movie of this nature with no additional flare to make “Man on a Ledge” original or worth seeing. The plot twists around about as much as it can in a film with no more drama or suspense than an episode of “Law and Order.” Audiences are left to yawn in their seats, easily predicting the outcome early on, despite looks of false surprise and fear on the faces of the actors. This fast-paced nail-biter heaves predictable scenarios and one-liners at viewers in rapid succession. Scenes are hastily developed as the direction rushes through the plot, stopping for a breath only to wallow in the beefy charm of its hunky star. “Man on a Ledge’s” only saving grace is the speed at which it unfolds. Sure, the characters end up poorly developed, and many of the scenes struggle to connect with one another, but at least the pace keeps viewers distracted as they must claw blindly to make sense of this wannabe thrill ride. You’ll wish he would just jump, putting you and himself out of misery...

GENRE **SUSPENSE**
RUN TIME **102 MINUTES**
RATING **PG-13**
RAVE **\$7.50**
QUALITY 16 **\$7**

The Grey



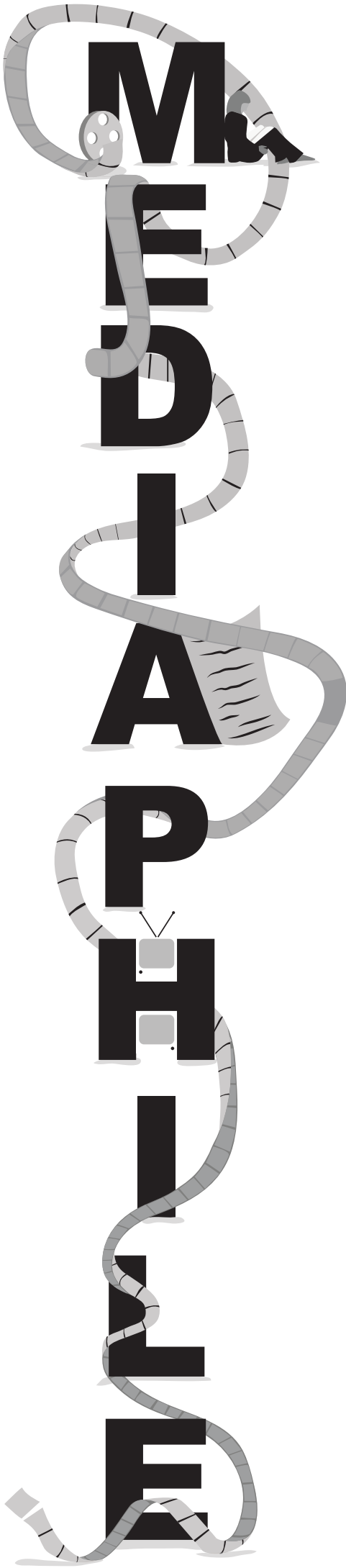
‘The Grey’ is missing some color

NATHAN CLARK
Staff writer

In the cold dark reaches of northern Alaska, survival of the fittest is the law of the land and humans have no place being there. In the movie “The Grey,” wolves run the show while man does a lot of running. Isn’t Liam Neeson supposed to be fighting these things? Liam Neeson stars as John Ottway, a lonely man contemplating his purpose in life hired by oil investors to protect their Alaskan workers from wolves while they work. While flying to Anchorage, the plane has a mechanical failure and crashes into the barren wilderness, killing everyone except Neeson and six of the workers. As night descends, so do the wolves. Knowing the likelihood of being rescued is nonexistent and how much of a threat the wolves are, Neeson takes charge and leads the survivors south toward civilization. “The Grey” is featured as an action-adventure thriller, but it has far too many slow, dramatic scenes to qualify as an action movie. Moviegoers looking forward to seeing some man vs.

wolf action, look elsewhere. While there are a few graphic scenes of the wolves attacking, the animals are visually absent throughout the majority of the film. The attack scenes are so fast and chaotic that you know the wolf is going to win the fight. And as for the idea of man taking the fight to the wolves, forget about it. Kudos to whoever chose the location for this movie. The film does an excellent job of making the audience feel extremely cold and isolated. Every fine detail put into make-up and wardrobe in the film paid off. Every close-up of Neeson looks like it’s the worst day of his life. Given his character’s current predicament, it probably is. “The Grey” has a lot of dramatic scenes that could have made it a hit with drama fans, but the action scenes derail any hope of catching any attention from that audience. The film isn’t that bad; it’s just not what the previews pumped it up to be. “The Grey” is worth seeing at matinee prices, but viewers beware. Never judge a book by its cover and never judge a movie by its trailer.

GENRE **ACTION**
RUN TIME **117 MINUTES**
RATING **R**
RAVE **\$7.50**
QUALITY 16 **\$7**



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Sundance Festival Ann Arbor— ‘For a Good Time, Call...’



Sundance Festival provides ‘Good Time’ for Cinephiles

TIMOTHY CLARK
Contributor

For independent filmmakers, the Sundance Film Festival has been a staple for more than 30 years. In an attempt to expand audiences across America, nine select cities, including Ann Arbor, were chosen this year to screen one of the movies from the original festival in Park City, Utah. The Michigan Theater was elected to screen the movie “For a Good Time, Call...” to a sold out crowd of 1,700 people on Jan. 26. “It’s a very special theater,” said Laurie Raymond, one of those moviegoers. “In 2010, I saw the Sundance shorts here and laughed my butt off.” Raymond added she hopes Sundance continues to include the Michigan Theater in the future. “This theater has a very old and ornate feeling to it,” she said. “It’s great.”

Russ Collins, the executive director and CEO of Michigan Theater, took the stage before the movie and called it “the biggest venue in Sundance history.” “For a Good Time, Call...” is a self-proclaimed raunchy comedy directed by Jamie Travis and stars Justin Long, Seth Rogen, Lauren Miller and Ari Graynor. One of the supporting actors, James Wolk, is a native to Farmington Hills and a graduate of the University of Michigan drama school and was one of the surprise guests at the Q&A after the show. During the session, there was a big announcement made. “We got a distribution deal about 24 hours after the debut” said Miller, who also co-wrote the movie. “Ten-thousand films get submitted to Sundance, and there are literally a dozen or so that get decent distribution deals,” Collins said, calling for a round of applause. The Sundance festival in Ann Arbor also had a second showing on Jan. 29, which showcased the best Sundance shorts from 2011.

One for the Money



‘One for the Money’ not worth it

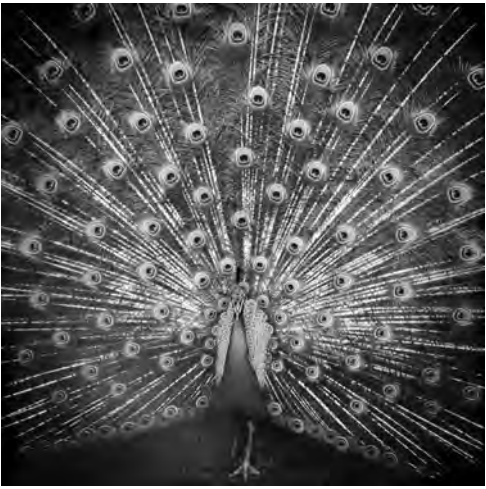
ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

‘One for the Money’ stars Katherine Heigl stepping into the high heels of the cutesy and witty yet unemployed lingerie saleswoman, Stephanie Plum. Sporting brunette hair, a dull wardrobe and an awkward, wobbly Jersey accent, as the turned “bounty hunter,” Heigl wavers throughout. The execution is embarrassing. A broke Plum is forced to beg a job off her sleazy cousin Vinnie (Patrick Fischler). Plum takes on the \$50,000 job of bringing in ex-boyfriend and first lover Joe Morelli (Jason O’Mara). While trying to play investigator, Heigl comes up short, finding herself in less-than-nice situations, constantly having to be saved by fellow bounty hunter Ranger (Daniel Sunjata). Heigl isn’t remotely close to the tough-as-nails character in Janet Evanovich’s book. Plum’s weakness in the film adaptation will doubtlessly leave fans disappointed. The plot revolves around her assignment to capture a dishonest, crooked Morelli in a constant cat-and-mouse

game that bears distinct resemblance to the gender-switching disparity of 2010’s, “The Bounty Hunter.” Oddly, very little romance seems to coagulate between Morelli and Plum, but love seems to come to fruition for her with Ranger. Perhaps because Ranger predictably comes to her rescue every single time she’s in trouble. It isn’t until Plum becomes defeated that she starts toughening up a bit. But by then the flick is almost over. Many of the surrounding characters in this cheaply-done film deliver highly comical performances, including Fischler as her bail-bondsman cousin, Sherri Shepherd as the sociable and heavy-set hooker and Fisher Stevens as Plum’s doomed rival. However, John Leguizamo as the sketchy gym owner was not only unconvincing but also awkward to the point of annoyance. He did not fit. For fans of Evanovich’s novels that may have grown up with Stephanie Plum as their heroic role-model, this film does not do the character or the story itself any justice. For those looking for a cheap laugh, as the saying goes, you get what you pay for.

GENRE **COMEDY**
RUN TIME **106 MINUTES**
RATING **PG-13**
RAVE **\$7.50**
QUALITY 16 **\$7**

Ani DiFranco—¿Which Side are you On?



No disappointments from the dividing line

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

After two decades of crusading for social awareness and change, Ani DiFranco has retained the universal appeal to continue her musical message of equality and justice for people of all ages and walks of life. While the singer-songwriter continues to put out quality, thought-provoking music – as evidenced on her latest release “¿Which Side Are you On?” the groundbreaking artist has sadly not given herself much room to grow. But the same old sound does not deter listeners from enjoying the overall brilliance of her newer work. Still Relying on intricate acoustic guitar work, with added flourishes of fuzzed-out guitars and studio tricks, DiFranco’s words are still the focus. While she may not be tackling the common thread themes of rape, abortion and human rights, her strong push for a wider understanding of a contemporary feminist dialogue is still intact. For old fans of DiFranco, the disc is a welcome addition to her

catalog. New fans will find joy in a modern classic. However, the disc still draws a dividing line. Listeners looking for the angry rallying cry of early Alanis Morissette and DiFranco’s first few albums may not be able to comprehend the overly positive lyrical and sonic compositions on “¿Which Side Are you On?” The music requires a certain amount of introspection and prior exposure to the strong subjects displayed on the album, which could make newer listeners uncomfortable. This is not a negative reflection on her output itself, but rather on a society that still exudes the same patriarchal and cultural stereotypes that prevent women like DiFranco from being fully accepted by a wider audience. But these pressures hardly affect her state of mind, and a wider appeal would only hurt DiFranco’s hard-fought struggle for her social status as folk’s most “righteous babe.” If you are willing to take the time to explore a new way of thinking, all you have to do is buy this disc, and ask: Which side are you on?

GENRE **FOLK ROCK**
LABEL **RIGHTEOUS BABE RECORDS**
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- 12 One who “must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES”: Eliot
- 15 Stage manager’s exhortation
- 16 Opposite of hence
- 17 1870s period costume named for a Dickens lass
- 18 Grille cover
- 19 Composer of “The Lovely Bones” music
- 20 1986-to-2001 orbiter
- 21 In sequence
- 23 Mason’s fee
- 26 Ones waiting for bottle openers?
- 27 Storm’s dir.
- 28 Ulster, for one
- 30 Indicate indifference
- 33 Printers’ primary colors
- 34 Debt-laden fin. deal
- 35 Derisive call
- 36 Pep rally climax, perhaps
- 37 Transfer consequence, familiarly
- 38 Wood used in bows
- 39 Grinds
- 40 Auto club recommendation
- 41 It’s for the dogs
- 43 Trig. function
- 44 Like some prescription lenses
- 45 Took after
- 50 Establish firmly
- 52 __ Zion Church
- 53 Soprano Marton
- 54 Milne tyke
- 55 Hippie era swinger?
- 58 Heel in a bakery
- 59 Life-support system?
- 60 Paris’s Pont __ Arts
- 61 Mona Lisa Vito in “My Cousin Vinny,” for one

Down

- 1 Improved, perhaps, as a road
- 2 Mark Yom Kippur
- 3 Letter-shaped workbench groove
- 4 School subj. for an au pair
- 5 Seuss hallmark
- 6 Big ox, say
- 7 Au courant
- 8 Copier tray size: Abbr.
- 9 Adriatic vacation destination
- 10 Coming into view
- 11 Chicken option
- 12 Two-wheeled carriage with a folding hood
- 13 Easy
- 14 Forest dweller with a cap
- 22 Ref. work
- 24 “Everybody Loves __”: Johnny Cash album
- 25 Sovereign euphemism
- 29 37-Across rentals
- 30 Like a prime candidate for disillusionment
- 31 Duffer’s dream
- 32 Mars and Mercury
- 33 Mint family plant
- 36 Eleventh-hour panic
- 37 “The Horse Fair” artist Bonheur
- 39 String in a preschool class?
- 40 Subterranean rodent
- 42 Narrow waterway: Abbr.
- 43 Fluffy clouds
- 46 Colorful talker
- 47 Style, as hair into a bouffant
- 48 Crusader’s targets
- 49 Kierkegaard et al.
- 51 Butler’s estate, for a time
- 56 __ Bund: Swiss newspaper
- 57 Pewter component

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Dawes, a self-described 'American rock and roll band,' brings a classic rock edge to the evening.



Devotchka showcases their blend of Eastern European gypsy punk.

Photos and Words by:
DAVID ARTUSHIN
Contributor

An eclectic mix of performers gathered at the Hill Auditorium and delighted the sellout crowd at the 35th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

The evening's line-up included bands like Elephant Revival, a five-piece neo acoustic quintet and a folk girl with a guitar, Sunny War. Headliner Ryan Adams closed the Jan. 27 show with a very intimate, all-acoustic solo performance, playing some of his most popular songs and bringing a satisfying finale to a night of amazing music.



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JOSH CHAMBERLAIN THE WASHTENAW VOICE

President Obama addresses the audience of 3,000, backed by dozens of dignitaries at the University of Michigan’s Al Glick Field House on Jan. 27.

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama called Friday for the reconstruction of the higher education tuition system and cautioned colleges and universities to control tuition increases or face federal funding cuts. Addressing more than 3,000 students in the Al Glick Field House at University of Michigan, Obama said he was “putting colleges on notice” that

the era of never-ending spikes in tuition each year was over. “You can’t assume that you’ll jack up tuition every single year,” Obama said on a stop near the end of his three-day post-State of the Union address. “If you can’t stop tuition from going up, then the funding you get from taxpayers each year will go down.” At the start of an election year, the president directed his address toward students and working families, two groups

important to his 2012 re-election. And he conceded that his college affordability plan may face odds down the road because each aspect of it has to be approved by a contentious Congress before it goes into affect. “Higher education is not a luxury,” he said. “It’s an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford.” “And when I say higher education, I don’t just mean

four-year colleges and universities; I also mean our community colleges and providing life-long learning for workers who may need to retrain for jobs when the economy shifts.” As Obama came to the defense for families and students, he announced that his administration is increasing federal student aid so more students can afford college. “Tens of billions of dollars that were going to subsidies for banks are now going to

students in the form of more grants and lower rates on loans,” he said. “We’ve capped student-loan payments so that nearly 1.6 million students are going to have to pay 10 percent of your monthly income towards your loans once you graduate.” Obama asked the crowd to urge Congress to do more. “They (Congress) need to stop the interest rates on student loans from doubling this July,” he said. “They need to extend the tuition tax credit that

we’ve put in place that’s saving some of you and millions of folks all across the country thousands of dollars.” Obama advocated to Congress to give more young people the chance to earn their way through college by doubling the number of work-study jobs in the next five years. “If tuition is going up faster than inflation, faster than even health care is going up, no

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Conservative protesters send message to Obama: ‘GET OUT OF ANN ARBOR!’

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While President Barack Obama gave a campaign speech to nearly 3,000 adoring supporters at the University of Michigan, a small political storm was brewing outside the Al Glick Field House. “He is the worst president in American history,” said Hal Dotson, 63, a conservative protester from Scio Township. “He’s just as bad as slick Willie (Bill Clinton) and the peanut farmer (Jimmy Carter).” Gathered near the gated entrance of the building where Obama roused his supporters, different crews of anti-Obama and Conservative groups held steadfast with signs, shirts and flags as the president’s supporters moved past them. However, the activists did not find a large or receptive audience. Many of

the attendees had made their way inside the building before the bulk of the protesters had arrived. Amassing a total of nearly 50 Obama objectors, the miniature rally did not fail in expressing the individual protesters’ controversial views, and signage, on the president and his policies. “We’re here to let people know that Obama-care doesn’t work,” said Otto Gago Jr., a 50 year-old protester who was joined by his friend Ian Chapman, 59. “Free health care de-incentivizes companies from offering their employees health insurance, and makes them want to employ less people.” Among the groups represented were the anti-abortion oriented Students for Life,

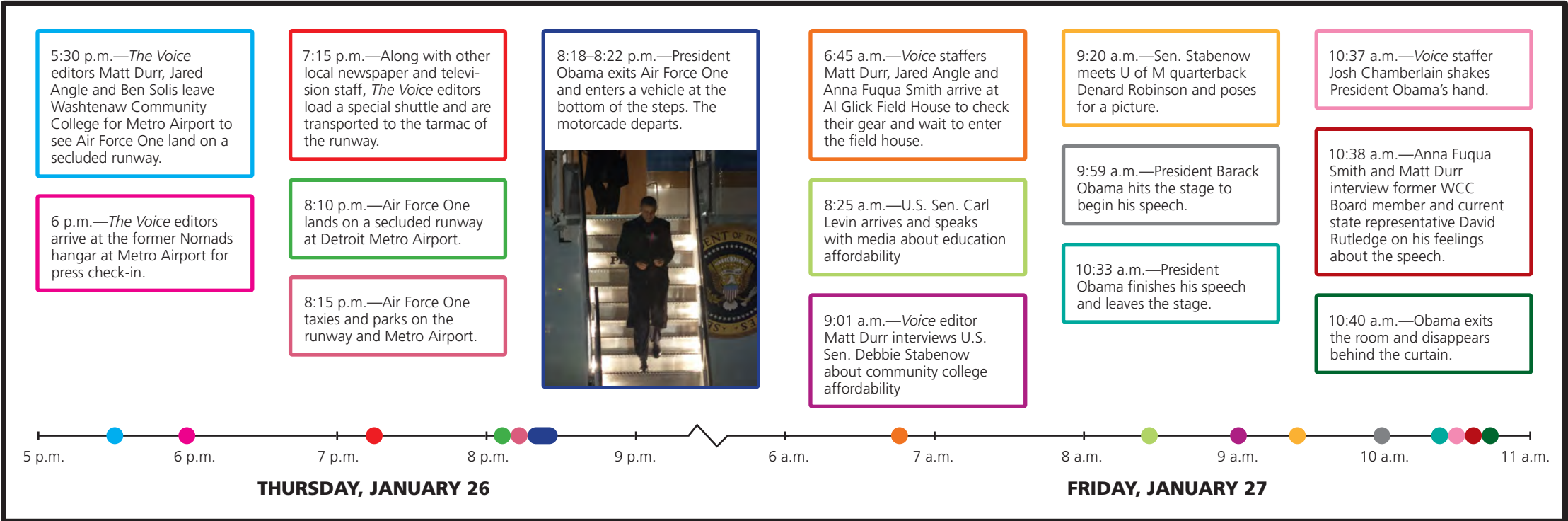
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A group of about 25 Tea Party activists presented their dissenting views outside of Al Glick Field House where President Obama was to speak. Left, a security man tells activists to move to the edge of the street.

TIMELINE: The Voice staff keeps up with the president



I met Obama



JOSH CHAMBERLAIN
Staff Writer

When the President of the United States approaches you for a handshake, you forget everything. The most important person in the country is, for the briefest moment, focusing his attention on my hand, my two words, mouthed because of crowd's noise: "Thank you."

He had already spoken for 35 minutes, and was making his way around to the first few rows of the standing-room-only event recently at the University of Michigan. The crowd was no longer manic with anticipation, but we still leaned forward to meet the president.

President Obama's hands are cool, strong and smooth from shaking thousands of hands. They're small, to fit his body—he's imposing but he's a slender dude. Standing next to dozens of suited guards, he might have disappeared if not for his crisp white shirt and instantly recognizable face.

Secret Service agents silently edged behind us in the narrow roped-off area. The shouting high school girl behind me had been replaced by a 6-foot-4 wall of a man, moving parallel to the president around the semicircle of people. We were instructed to keep our hands

visible at all times. Every person within 20 feet of President Obama was within arm's reach of at least one man who never smiled and kept his eyes on your every move.

President Obama had just finished his speech to follow up his State of the Union address a few days earlier. Cynics might know it as a "campaign speech."

The audience was no longer manic, from anticipation, and absolute silence fell when he commanded it. The tone was light and the president acknowledged many interjections from audience members, but the palpable respect held the crowd and kept us listening hard.

From the start to the end of the address, there was one theme: fairness. The idea that all Americans should have access to an education and a job is a cornerstone of the hardworking American perspective. This focus is an important one, because everyone feels they have worked hard for their money and status. He identifies with the majority of Americans who feel cheated by the wealthy minority – between this and a "go, Blue!" President Obama, in an instant, has the crowd behind him.

Apparently, he's done this before.

The speech continued to build on the bedrock of hardworking mentality in the Detroit area, with references to the formidable power of a successful automotive industry. I'm sure I wasn't the only one taking pride in the place I live, motivated to take action and

focus Michigan on education. It was the power and energy represented by that car commercial from last year's Super Bowl, but Eminem had been replaced by the leader of the free world.

The bulk of the speech dealt with higher education, and how we must work together to make it affordable for everyone. To work most jobs, some college education is required, so to make college unaffordable is to limit our own potential. People who have succeeded in this country did so by standing on the shoulders of the infrastructure and education system that's unique to powerful nations such as ours. By paying the country back with employment opportunities and a fair tax system, the cycle of education and prosperity for everyone can continue.

President Obama wasn't here to fire liberals up about his campaign, though many organizers were in attendance. He wasn't here to ask for donations, though his supporters would have gladly showered the stage in checks had security allowed it.

He instead came to our city to speak frankly about how wrong it was that the top tier of Americans pays less in taxes than their fellow citizens. He is trying to prove his allegiance to the people by imploring Congress to extend a tax cut for poor Americans, and by openly calling for people like him—wealthy Americans—to be taxed fairly.

And the crowd went wild.

Shaking the president's hand, and learning the secrets of success



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Josh Chamberlain, one of several Voice staffers to attend the event, extends his hand towards the President of the United States seconds before the handshake.



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President Obama greets audience members after exiting the stage.

U-M campus 'a ghost town'

Ann Arbor on lockdown for President Obama's visit to campaign for education, jobs—and himself

ADRIAN HEDDEN
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Slamming car doors, blue and red flashes of light and the beeping of construction vehicles in reverse shook Ann Arbor. Despite being choked of traffic, the typically sleepy streets in the downtown area were brought to life earlier than usual on the morning of Jan. 27.

The president of the United States was coming.

"The entire area will be locked down," said Diane Brown, a University of Michigan Public Safety spokeswoman, three days before President Barack Obama was set to speak on University of Michigan campus at the Al Glick Field House. "The streets will be blocked and no pedestrians will be allowed. It will be a ghost town."

One thing was clear outside during the presidential address. The community was at a hush. Ann Arborites young and old stood to watch the police activity as it unfolded, some stepping right out of their front door from the houses lining the west side of State Street.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Otto Gago Jr., a 50-year-old demonstrating outside the event has seen his fair share of

police-secured events on U-M's campus. Gago knows what goes on.

"They secured it like a week ago," Gago said. "The community just shuts down when the president comes."

Gago remembers Obama's 2010 commencement speech to U-M graduates as having a stronger police presence than this year's campaign stop.

"(Then) they had him flown in in a helicopter. There were planes and officers everywhere," Gago said. "It was a bit more intense at the commencement speech."

Displaying hand-made signs along with Gago, Ian Chapman, 59, of Ann Arbor was fairly pleased with the few interactions he had with officers, citing the good manners of police at the event.

"We were stopped on foot trying to cross the baseball field. It was blocked off and they asked what we were doing," Chapman said. "No one has really bothered us since. They've been very polite this time."

On the day of President Obama's visit to Ann Arbor, officers of the law descended from across Michigan onto U-M's south campus around the site of the address, scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

From 5 a.m. to noon, police

were situated with barricades and large utility trucks to block access to South State Street from the corner of State and Stimson and northward to Granger Avenue. Pedestrian traffic was restricted to the east sidewalk only. Officers lined State Street in groups of three or four, watching to keep pedestrians back.

"Our agenda is to ensure safe movement of participants and speakers in the event as well as to control crowd movement," said First Lt. Joel Allen of the Michigan State Police at the Brighton Post. "Our job is providing a safe environment."

Coordinating with the president's secret service, MSP officers throughout the state assisted in blocking roads along the path of the presidential motorcade from Detroit Metro Airport to his hotel and then into Ann Arbor.

Police could not reveal what hotel the president was staying at. Secrecy was also high on the agenda of law enforcement in preparation for the visit.

Only able to confirm that check points were to be utilized as the president approached his destination, Lt. Renee Bush of the Ann Arbor Police Department was wary of potential dangers involved in revealing any other

information.

"We alert the public as soon as the plan is ready," Bush said. "All I can say is that we work with Secret Service to ensure the safety of the president and the community. But we don't discuss it at all ahead of time because it is a safety issue."

Knowledge of the visit wasn't made public until Mon., Jan. 23, four days before the speech. A press release from the AAPD regarding the road closures was not sent out until Jan. 25.

The University of Michigan was also tasked with keeping information about the President's visit under wraps.

"If we talked about security measures, they would not be secure," said Rick Fitzgerald of U-M Public Affairs in an email. "It is something we never discuss."

Surveying the streets after the president had finished his final words and the event began wrapping up, Sgt. Matt Lige of the AAPD, in charge of his

department's security detail, was satisfied at a lack of incident. He pointed to teamwork exhibited by the various law enforcement outfits present.

"It's gone very smoothly. A successful operation," Lige said. "It was a good example of co-operation between state and federal agencies to protect the president."

There was not a single adverse occurrence during the president's visit to U-M, according to Lige.



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Along with other security efforts, Several Secret Service agents faced away from the stage inside the event, watching the audience for any sign of trouble.



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Top, police stand near a road block on State Street outside Al Glick Field House. Bottom, a group of police seen through barricades used to keep pedestrians on the sidewalk.

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matter how much we subsidize it, sooner or later, we're going to run out of money," he said. "And that means that others have to do their part. Colleges and universities need to do their part to keep costs down as well."

While asking Congress, colleges and universities to take responsibility, he also challenged the states.

"We're telling the states, if you can find new ways to bring down the cost of college and make it easier for more students to graduate, we'll help you do it," he said. "We will give you additional federal support if you are doing a good job of making sure that all of you (students) aren't loaded up with debt when they graduate from college."

"And you know what else it means? It means that we renew the American values of fair play and shared responsibility."

Obama further expressed his displeasure by saying that the future that's on the table isn't the future he wants.

"I want this to be a big, bold, generous country where everybody gets a fair shot, everybody is doing their fair share, everybody is playing by the same set of rules," he said to rousing cheers.

While Obama applauded students who made the decision to pursue higher education, he made sure to remind everyone that he can sympathize with their current situation.

"Your president and your first lady were in your shoes not that long ago. We didn't come from wealthy families," he said. "The only reason that we were able to achieve what we were able to achieve was because we got a great education. And we could not have done that unless we lived in a country that made a commitment to opening up opportunity to all people."



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President Obama waves to the crowd just before exiting the stage.



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Christina Beckman, a University of Michigan sophomore, introduces President Obama.



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DeAndree Watson, president of the U-M student government, speaks before Obama.



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Attendees who arrived hours early got space in front and began waiting for President Obama to take the stage.

Unity in the shadow of the president

Chanters called for concord in advance of Obama's speech

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Features Editor

Behind the Al Glick Fieldhouse, as President Barack Obama prepared to take the stage inside, the air was thick with political tension. Bands of opposing demonstrators continually collided in clouds of heckles and name-calling while police nervously looked on.

One group however, stood aside from the conflict, and stood out—musically.

Accompanying the cries of protestors and gruff scolding from police officers as they kept pedestrians in line, chants of, "Hare Krishna" could be heard echoing harmoniously from within the dissenting crowds.

"We chant 'Hare Krishna' because it is a spiritual sound vibration. It cleanses the atmosphere and uplifts the

conscious," said Navadwipa Das, leader of the band of Hare Krishnas situated at the demonstration. "It's a different form of medication."

Members of the ISKON Temple of Detroit journeyed to the University of Michigan's south campus on Friday, Jan. 27, playing hand-drums and chanting to spread their message of unity amid crowds gathering in response to the president's address.

"We go wherever there are lots of people," Das said. "We go to Lions games and any other big event in our community."

Followers of Hare Krishna hold a non-partisan stance, simply insisting on global harmony through the belief in an inherent connection between all people on Earth. All humans are related, according to temple members who adopt spiritual names to reflect various

holy locations.

"People must come together. The whole world, we are a single family," said Riz Kahn, of Detroit. "We believe Hare Krishna will improve lives. It means no war and no violence."

Das voiced opposition to organized religion, fearful of cultural barriers resulting from such social constraints.

"Sectarian religion only separates people from one another," Das said. "We come from all different religious pasts. I was Christian, but we have members who come from Islamic, Hindu and many other backgrounds."

The ISKON Temple of Detroit is eagerly open to membership. The temple encourages those interested to attend a free vegetarian feast every Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information, visit detroitiskcon.org.

"There is only one sun,



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A 'Hare Krishna' group gathered outside the Al Glick Field House because of the large audience, drumming and chanting their message of global harmony.

although it may shine through many different windows," said a member known as Kun Kun Bhaddacharya. "We are one on this planet."



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Beth Justice, 68, of Dexter, holds two signs outside Al Glick Field House.

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members loosely affiliated with the Tea Party and agents of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, all of which had something different to say about Obama.

"We want him to know that we don't want him here or in office," Chapman said. "He's not here to help or do anything. It's just a campaign speech about education. We don't need that."

Chapman added that as a parent of two, he would have liked the president to explain how to create more jobs, instead of focusing on an education system that may not hold much for students like his 25 year-old daughter, a WCC student.

"We need jobs in our state first before (students) can take care of planning their education," Chapman said.

Gago and Chapman identified themselves as Republicans and held signs attached to the long cardboard boxes that called Obama a liar and a cheat.

Neither men heard the president's speech, but hoped that their involvement outside would send a clear message to the GOP candidates to take Michigan, and Ann Arbor, as seriously as Obama has.

"We thought that by having Gov. Snyder here in office, less of Obama's policies would affect us. Now we're playing experimentation with our economy and we don't know if it'll work," Chapman said.

Other protestors focused instead on social issues.

"President Obama has taken away our right to practice our religion openly," asserted Beth Justice, 56, of Dexter. "I'm here to protest his attack on the Catholic Church."

Justice held a sign denouncing the president, calling him an "Uncle Tom" and claiming that he supports the genocide of African Americans. She also told passersby that the Planned Parenthood

organization aids in sex trafficking and prostitution.

A Right to Life protester even went so far to tell a reporter for *The Washtenaw Voice* that Obama was a "goon" and that he wanted his cohorts "out of his church." Others carried signs of dead fetuses, protesting the president's stance on abortion.

Yet not all objectors chose to protest Obama's appearance in anger and were happy to have him as an honorable guest.

"While we don't always agree with the president's policies, it is an honor to have him visit the University of Michigan again," said Brian Kozaria, the vice external chair of the U-M College Republicans, a day before the president's address. "We know that he will be talking about education, we just hope that it won't be another campaign speech. As opposed to being 'Campaigner in Chief,' instead we'd rather have him come up with some solid education proposals and work with congress in getting them done."

However, Kozaria did admit that much of the U-M College Republicans' work to bring awareness to important party platforms happens off of the U-M campus, a serious challenge in a vastly Democratic stronghold such as Ann Arbor.

For Dotson, the occasion was about sticking it to all parties in support of Obama – with Ann Arbor included.

"I'm just here exercising my right to protest, but you couldn't pay me to live in Ann Arbor," said Dotston, a WCC graduate who has held various positions within the Republican Party and even ran for mayor of Saline in 1988 after serving two terms on city council. "The city council here thinks that art is more important than employing the police and fire departments."

Staff Writer Bob Conradi contributed to this report.



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Hal Dotson of Scio Township says, 'I'm just exercising my rights to protest, like I did in the '60s.'

State political leaders rally behind President Obama's U-M message

MATT DURR
Editor

While President Barack Obama is traveling across the country to support the various agendas he laid out at the State of the Union Address, politicians here in Michigan are rallying support for Obama's vision.

"I really believed that when he said 'we've got to out-educate and out-innovate in the world economy,' that's exactly what I want," said U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Obama visited the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor last week to deliver a speech on the affordability of higher education and the importance it has on the future of the U.S. Stabenow also felt that

Obama's message applied to the struggles workers in Michigan face as the economy tries to rebound.

"I think that first of all, as a lifelong Michigander, we want the president of the United States here in Michigan understanding the sacrifice, the hard work and the turnaround that's going on," Stabenow said. "The president has really focused on Michigan for all of his presidency in the sense that understanding that we need to make things in America."

In his speech, Obama spoke about the need to keep tuition rates at a level that college students can afford without having to go into debt to do so. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin felt the president made a good choice of where

to deliver his message.

"There's no better place than Ann Arbor to make a speech like this because Ann Arbor has played such an important role in higher education in the country, not just in Michigan," said Levin.

While the majority of the speech was focused on four-year institutions, Obama did mention the practical role that community colleges play in students' lives.

"Higher education is not a luxury. It's an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford," Obama said. "And I don't just mean four-year colleges and universities; I also mean our community colleges and providing lifelong learning for

workers who may need to retrain for jobs when the economy shifts."

Former Washtenaw Community College trustee and current state Rep. David Rutledge said the president's remarks were in line with the beliefs and goals of those in charge at WCC.

"This is a unique space and place in order to talk about student tuition and keeping tuition low. And of course, at the community college level we know that," Rutledge said. "Our board of trustees and administrations are always seeking ways to keep tuition low, because it is education that is the key."

During his speech Obama made it clear that colleges that do not make efforts to lower tuition will not be given as much

federal funding. Rutledge, however, said he believed that sentiment was directed towards four-year institutions.

Obama also said that as industries change, students must be able to adapt to those changes without having to go broke doing so. Stabenow agreed.

"It's not only critical for four year institutions like U of M, it's critical for community colleges as well. When we talk about the future and the opportunities for us in new technologies, in skilled trades, engineers, science, it doesn't happen without education," Stabenow said. "And it doesn't work if when you get out of school, you've got more debt than if you were buying a house."

Education was the focal

point of the speech, but Obama also used the opportunity to criticize the wealthy for not paying their fair share of taxes. Levin was extremely frustrated with how the tax code allows for more deductions than he thinks are necessary.

"We've gotta do something different in the tax code," Levin said. "We've gotta close the damn tax loopholes."

With the Presidential election just around the corner, Levin thought that Obama's visit was a clear indication about how important Michigan and its 16 electoral votes will be in deciding the next president.

"The state is always a battleground state," he said, "We're confident that the president is going to win Michigan."



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Clockwise from top left: U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) talks with Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje after President Obama's speech; Mayor John Hieftje speaks to media after the event; U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) speaks to media; Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, poses for a photo.

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