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## Love in Limbo

Elizabeth Patten and Jonnie Terry, of Ann Arbor, were the first same-sex couple to marry in Washtenaw County. In March, they were wed in the basement of the County Clerk’s office, during a short window when it was legal. Today, they wait with their family, for the day when their marriage will finally be recognized by the state of Michigan.



As Elizabeth Patten hugged and kissed her soon-to-be wife, Jonnie Terry, on their wedding day, she held up the number she received last October that maintained the couple's first-in-line status until Michigan's same-sex marriage ban was struck down in March. KELLY BRACHA | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY NATALIE WRIGHT  
Editor  
AND JAMES SAOUD  
Managing Editor

Last fall, when the DeBoer v. Snyder trial began in Detroit, Elizabeth Patten and Jonnie Terry decided it was something their children should witness.

“We had them come down to the hearing because we knew that this is a part of their history,” Patten said.

But seeing their teenage children react to the courtroom testimonies was difficult, Terry admitted. On the day of closing arguments, Andrew Terry, 17, and his sister, Ryan Patten, 15, were the only children in the courtroom.

People in the front rows would crane and twist their necks to stare at them, Elizabeth said,

as the defense argued that children of same-sex couples are destined to be unintelligent and ill-tempered.

“You know it had to hurt,” she said. But the children scoffed at the testimonies. “The level of ignorance was through the roof,” Andrew said.

“I actually kind of found it funny, ‘cause I couldn’t take it seriously,” Ryan said. “It wasn’t hard for me, because it’s not like I was a naïve little kid. Like, I know people think that. I don’t have to agree with them.”

Andrew and Ryan are anything but naïve. They wear their knowledge about the gay-marriage controversy and gay rights history proudly on their sleeves.

They’ve had a lot of practice in defending their parents, and standing by their sides, in the face of discrimination and hatred.

They hold their moms’ hands – not exactly typical behavior for teenagers – but they also roll their eyes and grumble under their breath – usual teenager stuff.

Andrew and Ryan are different than normal teenagers, but not in the ways they heard in that courtroom.

### FACING DISCRIMINATION

While Elizabeth and Jonnie were happy to have brought their children to be witnesses to history, it was hard to watch them face the insults their parents have faced their whole lives, Elizabeth said.

“We’ve been out at about,” she said. “So we’re used to the protesters. It still hurts, but we’re used to the discriminatory comments.”

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## WCC hopes to invest \$19 mil in intelligent transportation

College to ask state for \$12.5 mil, and pledges to match another half

BY SOFIA LYNCH  
Staff Writer

A team of faculty and administrators in a variety of departments – automotive, welding, motorcycle and business and computer technologies – are joining forces to bring Washtenaw to the forefront of educating and training in the transportation industry.

Brandon Tucker, interim dean of Advanced Technologies and Public Service Careers, led the team, which presented a proposal for the construction of an Advanced Transportation Center to the board of trustees at their Oct. 14 meeting.

When the college presents the capital outlay plan to the state on Nov. 1, it will ask the state for \$12.5 million to fund the project, with the college matching half of that amount. The state will decide by the end of the year whether or not to fund it, Tucker said.

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## Lack of trust, communication at the heart of budget cut fears

BY NATALIE WRIGHT  
Editor

With her recent, public announcement insisting that “no one’s budget has been cut,” Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca surprised a lot of people.

With much talk about years of declining enrollment, cuts seemed inevitable, and faculty were expecting them, photography instructor Jennifer Baker said.

And when department chairs received their budgets in late June, two days before they went into effect, many found that their operating budgets were, in fact, significantly smaller.

They had been lied to, they thought.

And as they reviewed the new budgets with their deans, it became clear that administrators were not acknowledging the changes as “cuts,” said Michelle Garey, Foreign Language department chair.

Kim Hurns, interim dean of business and computer technologies, acknowledged that administrators are trying to stay away from using the term “budget cuts.”

“That caused a lot of discomfort,” said Kris Brandemuehl, interim dean of Math, Science and Health. “I think the huge, fatal flaw in this process was the college should have been more upfront. Instead of saying budgets wouldn’t be cut, they should have said budgets would be adjusted to reflect spending.”

Chief Financial Officer Bill Johnson maintains that these adjustments were not “budget cuts.”

“We had an increase in the total budget of the college, about \$1.2 million,” he said in a wide-ranging interview with *The Washtenaw Voice*, and instruction, as a whole, actually received an increase of about \$1.4 million.

The purpose of changes in budgets and the budgeting process was to move unused or unnecessary resources to areas where they could be put to better use, Johnson said. Therefore,

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## Trustee candidates to speak to students

BY NATALIE WRIGHT  
Editor

Seven of the eight candidates for Washtenaw’s board of trustees will visit campus on Wednesday to introduce themselves to students and answer student questions.

The college’s Political Science Club has been planning and pushing for the forum since spring, said club President Steve Kwasny, 27, of Ann Arbor.

“It was put together by students, for students,” club Adviser Donna Wasserman said.

Kwasny and Wasserman would not reveal which one of the eight candidates had not yet confirmed.

The club is asking for students’ input on the questions that will be posed to the candidates. The results of a survey on the club’s Facebook page will determine the discussion topics at the forum.

Club members hope students will appreciate this opportunity and turn out in big numbers.

There will be seating for 300, Kwasny said. “It’s a real struggle to get students involved,” Wasserman admitted, because they are busy and disinterested in local politics.

“But it’s the local politics and local politicians that are having a direct effect on student lives,” she said. “The board is responsible for college policies that affect every aspect of student life at WCC.”

“Most people don’t like politics nowadays,” Kwasny, a political science major, said. “But three

of these eight people will have an impact on (students’) college careers.

“It gives students the opportunity, at least the ones that want to hear from them, just to at least get a couple of questions answered, hear their voices and what their thought processes are,” Kwasny said.

“I really applaud and appreciate the hard work that students have been doing,” Wasserman said. “The club has been very active and intentional about getting politicians on campus this fall, leading up to the Nov. 4

election. It’s a small group of hardworking, dedicated students.”

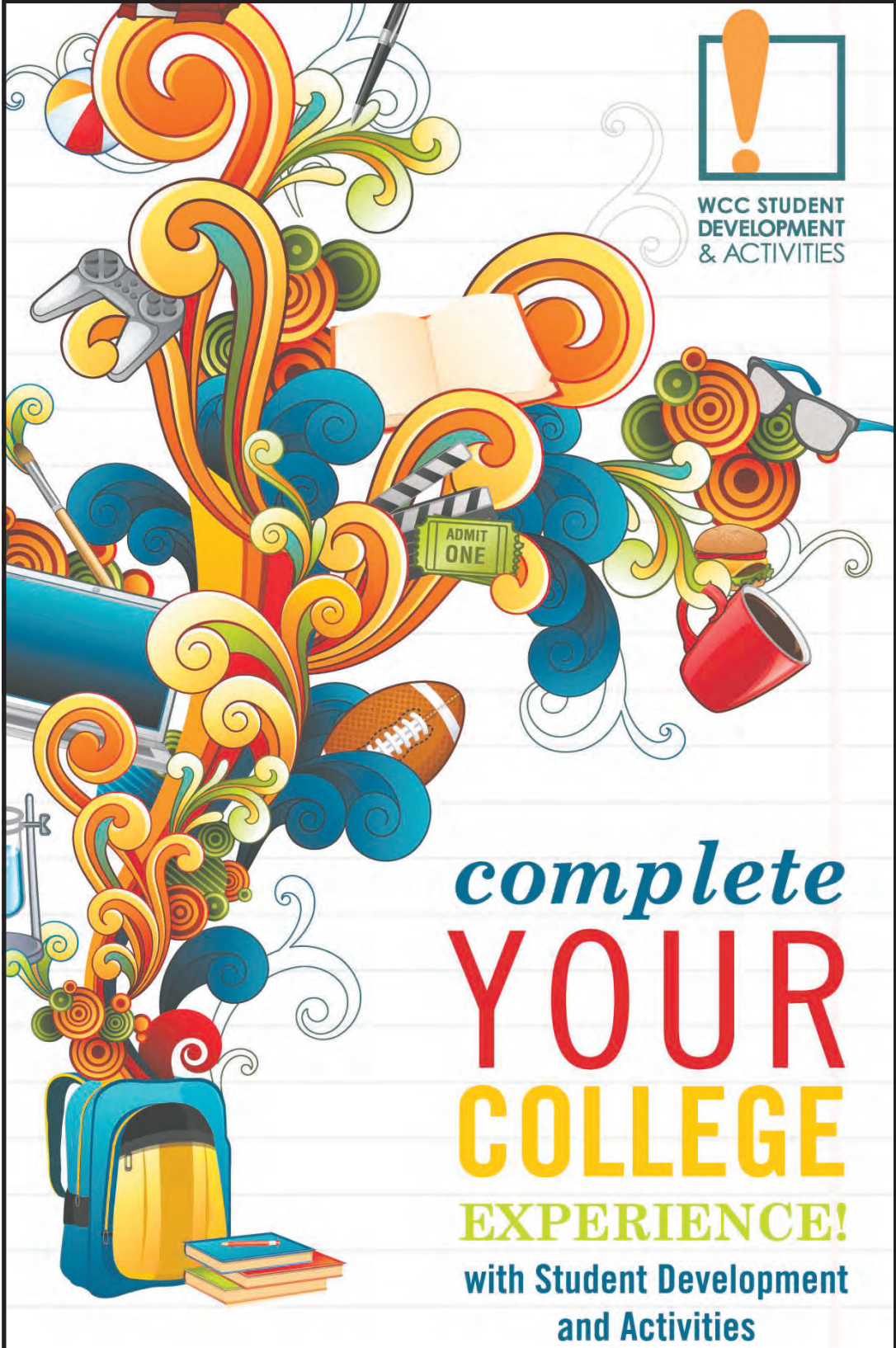
After the question portion of the forum, there will be a meet-and-greet, when students can speak with candidates one-on-one.


What: Trustee candidate forum  
When: Oct. 22, from 7-9 p.m.  
Where: ML building



WCC trustee candidates, clockwise from top left, Eric Borregard, William Campbell, Tony Derezinski, David DeVarti, Alex Milshteyn, Ruth Hatcher, Mark Freeman and Christina Fleming. COURTESY PHOTOS







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Passionately Pink Event

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LA 369

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Join the discussion lead by guest speakers from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Lunch will be provided to the first 30 participants that RSVP! \*Show your support by wearing pink!\*

To RSVP, call the SWRC at

734-677-5105.

### Veterans Day Event:

Details TBA soon!

Do you know a Veteran? We'd like to post pictures of Veterans and those in active service on our "Wall of Fame." Please submit pictures to Rachel Barsch at [rbarsch@wccnet.edu](mailto:rbarsch@wccnet.edu). Veteran's pictures can be of yourself, your grandparent, parent, sibling, or a friend.

### Business of Sustainable Foods Workshop

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

ML 103/123

Learn more on the business of sustainable foods with speakers Jane Bush, Grazing Fields Cooperative & Apple Shram Orchard; Jesse Raudenbush, Starr Valley Farms; Mary Wessel-Walker, Harvest Kitchen; and Mary Ann Nisley from Whole Foods. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Sustainability Literacy Task Force (SLTF).

### Breast-Feeding Matters!

Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ML 150

Human milk provides a healthy start that lasts a lifetime. This workshop is for any healthcare student or person who is curious about this amazing process. This event is run by Theresa Dubiel, MSN, RN and her students and is free and open to the public. Sign up by November 17 and get a light lunch! Sign up here (limit 50):

<http://tinyurl.com/WCCBreastfeedingMatters>

For further questions, contact:

[ethompson@wccnet.edu](mailto:ethompson@wccnet.edu)

### Lunch with the President

The winners of this contest will enjoy a FREE lunch with WCC's President, Dr. Rose Bellanca! Lunches will take place at various times throughout the semester.

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## WCC Sports

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**Intramural Dodgeball:** Sunday's beginning October 26th through December 7th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. @ the WCC Health and Fitness Center. Registration begins October 2nd through October 26th.

**Intramural Flag Football:** Wednesday, October 15th; October 22nd; October 29th; and November 5th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. @ the WCC Softball Outfield. Registration begins on October 1st and lasts until October 15th.

**Questions or concerns?** Contact our office at (734) 973-3720 or [mflucas@wccnet.edu](mailto:mflucas@wccnet.edu)

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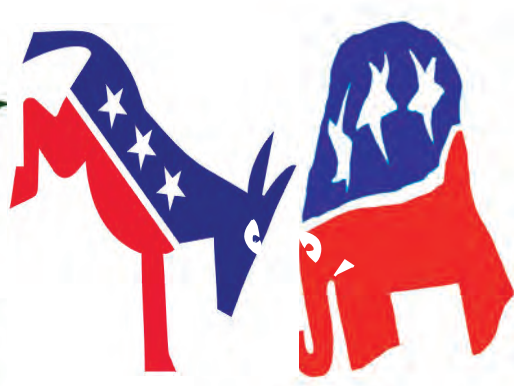
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# DTE charging WCC for energy it’s no longer using

BY **SOFIA LYNCH**  
*Staff Writer*

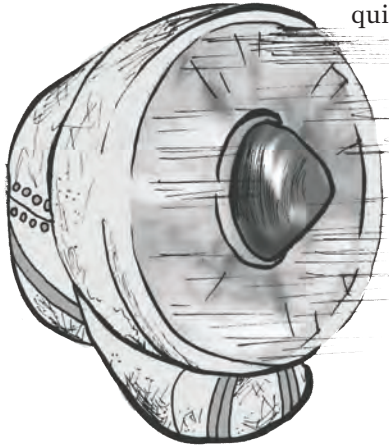
Washtenaw has always been a conservation-conscious school, sometimes even inadvertently. Last August, GEM energy installed a combined cooling, heating and power (CCHP) system, which consists of two micro-turbines, as a teaching tool for UA workers and for HVAC courses at the school.

But that isn’t the only thing the college gained from the CCHP system. These micro-turbines, when they’re finally operational, will run 365 days a year, 24/7, and accumulate about \$60,000 in energy savings for the college.

But \$60,000 in energy savings for Washtenaw means a \$60,000 avoidance of product from the school’s energy provider, DTE energy. So Washtenaw Community College is faced with a “demand charge” from DTE, for the energy the school won’t be requiring any longer.

So how is it possible that the college has to pay for energy it’s not using?

DTE is a regulated monopoly, meaning the service it controls is considered a human necessity and is thus regulated by the government. So the company must supply energy to all of its customers and in order to do this it has to build the necessary infrastructures – things like power plants – to deliver all the energy customers require.



“They always point out that by Michigan Public Service Commission regulations, if they are the territory owner of this region we fall in, they are obligated to always supply to the customers in their territory,” said

Bill Ghrist, manager of Energy and Systems Integration. WCC received 18 megawatts from DTE, prior to the installation of the new micro-turbines. So DTE built the infrastructure to supply the school with those 18 megawatts. Although the turbines only generate approximately 125 kilowatts, enough for a small portion of one building on campus, by no longer needing those 125 KW, the college is still putting

some of the infrastructure to waste, in a way, said Damon Flowers, associate vice president of facilities. Not only that, but if WCC’s turbines were to fail, it would need DTE to still be capable of supplying the

college with the 125 KW it said was no longer needed. To cover itself, more than a decade ago, DTE petitioned through the MPSC for a Rider 3 agreement. Essentially, it is a calculated rate of delivering energy based on how much is being self-produced to make up for the loss the company faces when entities become

partially self-generating. “Obviously we’d like to have no surcharge for self-generating, but I guess I sort of understand DTE’s position,” Flowers said. The \$60,000 that the turbines will save the school is taking into

account the fuel it takes to run the turbines, but not the demand charge. Based on discussions with DTE, the demand charge is going to come out to be approximately \$10,000-\$13,000, Flower said.

“When we first (calculated) it without DTE’s help, it was even worse. It looked like we’re going to almost end up paying all our savings back to DTE, but it’s not that bad,” said Flowers. The school has come to terms with the fact that the surcharge is inevitable.

Flowers said it’s not something it can appeal since it’s already part of DTE’s rate case, approved some time ago. “We’re kind of starting a consortium of other higher-ed institutions to sort of lobby that these rates need to be adjusted,” Flowers said. “They’re a disincentive to install self-generation devices and quite often there’s nobody on the other side.” Ghrist said WCC has sat down with MPSC to vocalize its concerns, and there are talks of a committee to review the Rider 3 agreement.

# WCC celebrates student and alumni entrepreneurs



The newly opened Entrepreneurship Center aims to bring departments together to support students in their entrepreneurial goals. BECKY LOUGH | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY **VIVIAN ZAGO**  
*Staff Writer*

Kristin Gapske owned her own business for almost 15 years. She’s experienced all the cycles of starting a new business, from taking something very small to seeing it grow into something substantial. She knows what it is like to have the excitement of seeing a new opportunity coming. Gapske is the new Entrepreneurship Center manager at Washtenaw Community College. And she’s thrilled to have this opportunity. “I just started a few weeks ago,” she said in a recent interview. “It’s so new, and I’m really excited to get the center going. When I found

“The center really required somebody who can be focused on building relationships around campus,” said Kimberly Hurns, dean of Business and Computer Technology. “Engaging students and other aspects of the college, we really want the Entrepreneurship Center to become part of the culture of WCC.” The newly opened center was still in the process of developing a programing schedule for the academic year. But twice a month it plans to have a research librarian do business research for people who need help exploring an idea. And once a week over coffee, starting in November, experts will come in and talk about their business ideas. On Oct. 30, from 3-6 p.m., the

Entrepreneurship Center will celebrate its opening. “It’s sort of an open house, but also a way to celebrate students and alumni entrepreneurs,” Gapske said. “We will have a pin board with bios of the successful entrepreneurs.” The greater goal is not only having a programming calendar, but having entrepreneurship infused into the whole campus, and binding all the departments together, according to Gapske. Workshops will be held on how to start a business, she said, and over the long term she hopes the center will give students momentum as they are going through the program and thinking about what they are going to do when they leave. “Or if they already left, become a solid base for them to come back and get all the support they need,” Gapske said. “We want students to understand that the skills they gain here at college could be used in a future business,” Hurns said.

**What:** Entrepreneurship Center Open House  
**When:** Oct. 30, from 3-6 p.m.  
**Where:** WCC Main Campus, Plant Operations Building, Room 120  
**For more info:** 734-249-5880, or entrepreneurship@wccnet.edu

# Crime Blotter

*Crimes reported Oct. 1-14*  
  
*Information from incident reports provided to The Voice by Campus Safety and Security Director Jacques Desrosiers.*

- LARCENY**

A purse, containing a cell phone, wallet and keys, was stolen from one of the restrooms in the LA building on Oct. 2, and reported to Campus Security shortly after noon. The disposition of the crime was unknown.
- LARCENY**

On Oct. 3, at 3 p.m., a backpack was stolen from a restroom in the LA building. It was later recovered, but with headphones missing. The disposition of the crime was unknown.
- LARCENY**

On Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., an iPad was stolen from a classroom in the OE building. On the same day, at 1:30 p.m., photography equipment was taken from a room in the GM building. The dispositions of both crimes were unknown.
- LARCENY**

An unknown individual walked away from one of the restaurants located in the Student Center Building without paying for food. The incident occurred on Oct. 14, at 1:05 p.m. and the disposition of the crime was unknown.

# Fears in Ferguson shared in Washtenaw County

BY **MYISHA KINBERG**  
*Contributor*

Nearly three months after an unarmed 18-year-old black man was fatally shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, citizens still gather and demonstrate there to raise awareness about how authorities treat people of color. And their message is reverberating nationwide, including Washtenaw County. “Nowadays, getting pulled over by

the police means more, especially if you’re black,” said Andre Franklin, 18, of Ann Arbor, a civil engineering student at Washtenaw Community College. “I don’t just have to worry about getting a ticket anymore; I have to worry about getting shot and dying.” Americans have been taught to depend heavily upon the police for safety. But Franklin, among many others, worries that some police officers are beginning to think they are above the law and thus ignore many rules and

regulations they’ve sworn to follow. “I don’t trust the police at all,” said Wan’ya Williams, 18, an automotive technology major from Ann Arbor. “In my opinion, they always profile African-American people. I can’t just do anything, like go out at night, without thinking about what might happen if I run into the police. “And when I am around them, I feel like I always have to watch my back.” While Williams hasn’t been personally affected by Brown’s death,

he appreciates the message coming from Ferguson. “I understand why the Black community is so upset,” he said. “It’s disturbing to realize that even though the police are supposed to be there to protect us, we really might not be able to trust them.” Brown was shot by a white police officer, Darren Wilson, who 11 weeks after the Aug. 9 shooting remained uncharged for his actions, sparking anger in the black community, and among activists of all ethnicities.

“Not all black people feel the same about this situation,” said 21-year-old Tre Marion, from the Ann Arbor area, who is majoring in criminal justice. “I think Darren Wilson acted more out of fear than racism when he killed Michael Brown, and there is definitely still a need for the police, even though they are doing things like this. “Putting Darren Wilson in jail won’t bring justice to Michael because there is no real justice for this situation.” Jasmine Cofield, 19, a literature major from Ann Arbor, suggested the goal of protesting should be centered around change in the way society thinks. “I try to solve most of my problems by myself instead of involving the police. And instead of trying to focus all of our energy on putting Darren Wilson in jail, we should try to change the mindset of the police. Equality won’t come until we change.” That said, she was quick to add: “I don’t trust the police, and I never have.”



Police quickly converge on a group of people along West Florissant Avenue on Aug. 19 in Ferguson, Missouri. MCT CAMPUS | COURTESY PHOTO

**RALLY HIGHLIGHTS  
ABUSE BY POLICE**

Washtenaw Community College alum Anthony Morgan is organizing an informational demonstration highlighting the issues involving minorities being mistreated by authorities. It will include a reenactment of the shooting death of a Missouri teenager that sparked months of protests. Morgan, 36, said the event will take place on Oct. 25 at 10 a.m., behind the Key Bank in downtown Ypsilanti, 301 W. Michigan Ave. It will begin with a rally followed by a discussion and a demonstration of what could happen when a person of color is confronted by a police officer.



EDITORIAL

Faculty, administrators, it’s time to find some empathy

With every contentious story we cover on this campus, we get closer to the heart of the conflict between Washtenaw’s faculty and administration.

After interviewing numerous department chairs, deans and other administrators about the new budgeting process and its results, we see the issues more clearly than ever.

We hear whispers and rumors every day on this campus, and we chase them – trying to hunt down the sources, to get a grasp on the underlying truth, or truths.

So much misinformation is allowed to thrive, perpetuating paranoia and anger. The lack of honest discussion between administrators and faculty only serves to escalate the conflict.

The party-line rhetoric from

administrators, and the instant assumptions from the faculty that nearly everything said by administrators is dishonest, are both to blame.

This bitter, cold-shouldered approach on both sides only prevents problems from being solved and creates issues out of non-issues.

Faculty members feel isolated from decisions and discussions, so when decisions are presented to them, any flaw or misunderstanding in the presentation plants a seed – a seed that grows into the worst possible assumptions. And often those assumptions turn into “truths,” as they spread through the grapevine.

Never is there a better chance for confusion than when dealing with the budget of a \$100 million institution.

After diving into the faculty’s concerns over their departmental operating budgets – some of which have been drastically reduced, some of which have been drastically increased, and everything in between – and the administration’s responses to those concerns, it is clear that the problem, in most cases, is an astounding lack of communication.

Both parties are to blame. The faculty is completely shut down to hearing what the administration has to say. And the administration is so focused on the semantics to control perception – calling the changes “adjustments” rather than “cuts” – that seemingly no time was spent explaining to faculty, or deans, exactly what

that distinction means.

Some faculty members have genuine concerns about their budgets being too small to get them through the year, and about this impacting their students. But administrators assure them that if they need more, they will get it when the time comes. Trust us, they say.

But the faculty doesn’t trust. And who can blame them? Every presentation and public “discussion” at every meeting of the board of trustees feels orchestrated.

How can instructors have faith in the system when they are barely recognized as a part of it? Yes, they had a hand in the budget process, aligning line items to the strategic plan, but

in many cases, it seems their contributions were disregarded. Budgets were simply adjusted to historical spending levels, regardless of what they asked for.

On the other hand, it’s hard to blame administrators for circling the wagons and keeping any information tight to their collective chest. Discussions and talking points are rehearsed and party lines are written because any hint of a flaw is seen as weakness and attacked.

As this conflict escalates, any sense of human empathy disappears.

If productive solutions are ever going to be reached, both parties need to let down their guards and find a hint of grace for each other.

How will today’s ‘unbiased’ reporting sound in 20 years?



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Journalists often need to emotionally separate themselves from stories, for the sake of fairness.

Many say they need to be “unbiased.” I hate that phrase. It’s impossible to remove one’s biases. A more appropriate charge is to be “balanced,” to present the best argument from each perspective – and let the reader decide.

But what’s a journalist to do when one argument in a contentious issue seems like common sense? How does one present the opposing argument when it feels completely and utterly wrong?

I’ve never felt this struggle more than after leaving the house of Elizabeth Patten and Jonnie Terry – the first same sex couple to be married in Washtenaw County last March.

After almost two hours with the couple, their two teenagers and Patten’s parents, discussing discrimination, civil rights and the status of their marriage, I left wanting to stand up for this family, to tell the world how unfair it was being to them.

I asked myself and my co-workers, “How can a reporter be unbiased in a story like this? And to what degree does one have to?”

It feels like I’m in the middle of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. It feels like history will remember this time as one of ignorance in regards to this issue. It feels like no journalist will need to be “unbiased” about this in 20 years.

Perhaps living in Ann Arbor, a “bubble” of gay rights support, as Patten called it, makes it hard to recognize the opposition. But rest assured, it’s there. The good news: it’s dwindling.

In March, when U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman

was hearing arguments for why Michigan’s constitutional ban on gay marriage should or should not be overturned, we wrote about the acceleration of acceptance of gay marriage and gay rights in this country.

It took nine years after Massachusetts legalized gay marriage for five states to follow suit and only two years after that for 12 more states.

Little did we know, the country was on the brink of a massive shift in the next few months.

Friedman ruled that Michigan’s ban was unconstitutional, overturning it, late on Friday, March 21. He wrote, “Today’s decision ... affirms the enduring principle that regardless of whoever finds favor in the eyes of the most recent majority, the guarantee of equal protection must prevail.”

On the following Saturday morning, four of 83 county clerk’s offices around the state opened, including Washtenaw County’s, with city workers volunteering their time to marry about 300 couples, before the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay, making same-sex marriage illegal again, indefinitely, pending the appeal process.

In the seven months since then, judges in 16 states have struck down their bans, but for most a stay was issued, just like in Michigan. Pressure was mounting, but the revolution was still on hold.

And then, on Oct. 6, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld appeals court decisions that struck down bans in Virginia, Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Utah.

Today, 31 states have legalized same-sex marriage and eight states are awaiting further action following pro-marriage rulings. Twelve states have bans in place, but lawsuits challenging the bans have been filed in seven, and the other five are next in line to legalize same-sex marriage after pro-marriage rulings at the appellate level.

As Patten said, “The dominoes are falling.”

One day, we will reflect on this time and think about how silly it was to try to be “unbiased.”



TAKE 5  
with

BRENT  
FAIMAN

WORDS AND PHOTO BY CONTRIBUTOR TAYLOR ROBINSON

*During the early afternoon hours when most students are eating lunch and buzzing around the Student Center, 22-year-old business student, Brent Faiman was enjoying the peace and quiet of the Business Education building. When asked about fall fun and a few current events, he broke the silence and shared his thoughts with The Voice.*

**WASHTENAW VOICE:** How do you feel about haunted houses?

**BRENT FAIMAN:** “I feel like they are good for scaring people, but they aren’t really my thing. I know it isn’t real, but even knowing that I’d probably still punch someone in the face.”

**WV:** What do you think about the Death with Dignity Act?

**BF:** “I think it’s right; it’s your decision about your life, usually. You shouldn’t have your life prolonged if you don’t want it to be.”

**WV:** Do you think college athletes should be given any monetary compensation?

**BF:** “They are already given a free degree from whatever college they go to. For a higher-end college, that’s about \$100,000 right there. It’s basically their internship for

professional sports. If you don’t have to pay interns, then you shouldn’t have to pay athletes.”

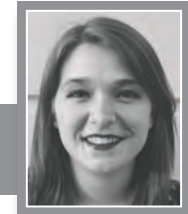
**WV:** How can the NFL take a stronger stance on the issue of domestic violence?

**BF:** “By actually banning people. By actually holding down their footing and not just say, ‘Ehh you can just come back later.’ No indefinite suspensions, it should be one way or the other.”

**WV:** Do you think the issue with police brutality is a big problem in local areas?

**BF:** “I don’t think I see it happening in Washtenaw County, but maybe Wayne County, around Detroit and Flint. I guess it could happen around here, but my perspective is that it wouldn’t.”

Journalism’s greatest reward



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As a cynical 18-year-old who has had the unfiltered imagination faded out of her, seeing the gleam in the eyes of a child – arm stretched to the ceiling with so much might his shoulder could pop, and an idea pushing against his teeth only held in by the polite policy ingrained in young students to speak when called on – and hearing what out-of-this-world idea his young brain could have possibly conjured is what makes it for me.

“You’re a lawyer, trapped in a hot chocolate ocean!!”

“The board of scary monsters and their accountant, Bob!”

“He gets on his boat, the Mona Lisa!”

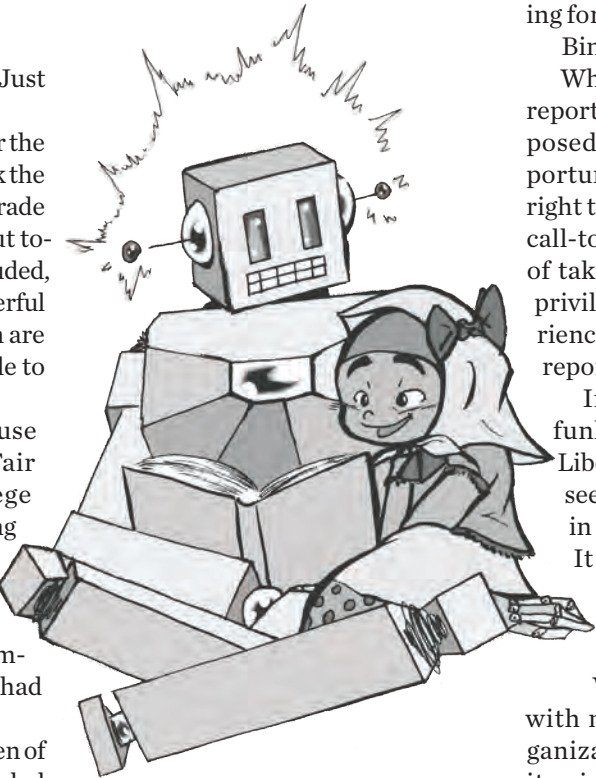
The creativity is copious.

The result: “The Lawyer Who Just Couldn’t But He Did.”

A title a young boy suggested for the “create-your-own-adventure” book the students of Jim Weindorf’s fifth-grade class from Haisley Elementary put together and the volunteers, me included, facilitated. Among the many wonderful programs offered at 826Michigan are these inventive field trips available to elementary school classes.

I got started with 826 because I reported on the Volunteer Fair Washtenaw Community College holds in its Student Center. Walking away without a single sign-up to my name, I felt guilty knowing I was headed back to the newsroom to write a story about the importance of volunteering when I had done none myself.

I reviewed the photos I had taken of the different organizations sprawled throughout the lobby and the gear logo



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of 826 caught my eye.

An organization centered around writing and its importance in learning for young students?

Bingo.

What is so gratifying about news reporting is that I am frequently exposed to new information and opportunities like this. It doesn’t feel right to cover an issue and send out a call-to-action if I have no intention of taking some action myself. This privilege of exposure, and the experiences that can stem from it, are a reporter’s greatest reward.

If you’ve ever passed by that funky robot repair shop on East Liberty Street in Ann Arbor, you’ve seen 826Michigan. It is intriguing in its programs and in its history. It was started as 826 Valencia in San Francisco in 2002 by educator Nínive Calegari and author Dave Eggers.

What really struck a chord with me about this nationwide organization was the fact that each of its eight branches have a themed storefront that Eggers wanted to

reinforce the idea that anything is possible. However, these stores ended up being a huge percentage of the non-profit’s revenue.

Walking into a robot repair shop – or a spy gear shop like that of 826 Chicago – while going to be tutored makes what is a stressful ordeal for most children, a fun adventure for all.

As anyone who has had the privilege of working with kids would know, there are few things more rewarding than seeing that light bulb go on in their heads and seeing how much more they understand than one would expect.

Much like reporting, volunteerism gave me that familiar bug; I walk away feeling like I can’t wait to get back at it again.

So if you’re looking for more ways to be an active volunteer or would love to get the chance to spend time helping out young students, 826 is the place for you. From the environment to the employees, 115 E. Liberty St. is a warm and welcoming atmosphere not only conducive to learning, but also to adventure and gratifying experiences.

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LOVE, From A1

What they weren’t used to was seeing the disappointment in their family’s faces when the lined up on Oct. 16, 2013, after hearing that the judge was going to strike down Michigan’s constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, only to find out that the trial was to be put on hold until February.

“They were taking so long with us at the counter, and I’m looking at a whole room behind us out there,” Elizabeth said. “Twelve couples didn’t make it that day. How many did we bump out? That’s something that I remember. That sticks with me.”

“That was the first time they’d really dealt with it,” Jonnie said of the disappointment. “That was a life-altering moment.”

After seeing protesters on the streets in Detroit, and hearing them testify in the courtroom, Andrew has little respect for the opposing side’s arguments.

“Whenever people are asked why they don’t like gay marriage, they give the exact same answer: ‘Because it’s not right,’” Andrew said. “They have no reasons; they have no proper research; they have nothing that could possibly ever give them a reason to think that, other than they think it.”

“I’m just embarrassed for society in general for being that ignorant.”

THE WEDDING

Despite the skin-piercing cold and fog the morning of March 22, 2014, the atmosphere was warm outside of the Washtenaw County Clerk’s Office.

Bundled and huddled under blankets, hundreds of same-sex couples lined up on the corner of Ann Street and Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor. Friends, family and strangers brought steaming coffee and flowers for the couples. Reporters and photographers flitted around the line. Honks blared frequently from passing cars, giving cadence to the hum of the eager crowd.

When the doors opened at 9 a.m., the crowd flooded the lobby, and one couple – Elizabeth and Jonnie – were allowed to move into the next room where they stood at a counter, accompanied by reporters and photographers, to fill out paperwork.

The women could feel the weight of the crowd behind them, they said, despite at least 10 feet of separation and a glass wall.

“I was very aware that the longer we took, the fewer people that were going to get married,” Jonnie said. “That

kept just running through my head.”

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When they were finished at the counter, Elizabeth and Jonnie were

“So we had a very impromptu reception,” Elizabeth said.

About 30 people showed up, they estimated, including family, friends and three other couples that were married that day.

**THE LONG WAIT**

Elizabeth, an Ann Arbor police officer for 17 years, and Jonnie, a phys-

ushed through the crowd, and down the stairs, to a room with dull gray walls. An un-wiped whiteboard served as the backdrop for their ceremony.

Their wedding photographers and videographers carried press passes and smartphones. It was difficult to shut out all of the flashes and shuffling of the crowd, Elizabeth said.

“The nerves weren’t about getting married, after 28 years,” she said, “but just about everything all around. And then you’re supposed to be there in the moment.”

They even lost one of their witnesses, Jonnie’s brother, to the crowd, they said, and had to have a stranger sign their marriage license.

As soon as the ceremony was over, Elizabeth’s mom, Pat Ballard, tried to hurry them out, so that other couples could get in and get married.

“Being the first, there was so much attention on them, so many reporters asking questions, that we couldn’t clear out to make room for other people,” Ballard said.

They made their way outside, and after more interviews and photos and hugs, they retreated from the spotlight.

“We got in the van, and we were like ‘What do we do now?’” Jonnie said.

“You go from this whirlwind of activity, from the cameras, to the interviews and whatever, and you stand outside and it’s all over now,” Elizabeth recalled. “The Broken Egg just didn’t seem appropriate across the street.”

So they called Weber’s and got them to open the bar early, and called friends and family, and posted invitations on Facebook, to come celebrate.

ical education teacher for 23, were together for 27 years before they were married last spring, but if they had the option, they would have done it much sooner, they said.

“We would have, I think, the first year. Maybe the second year,” Jonnie said. “We would have gotten married very early on.”

The couple has considered going to Canada to get married in the past, because Jonnie’s parents were growing old. But, they opted to wait it out at home, unsure whether the day would ever come.

If the ban hadn’t been struck down this year, though, Elizabeth said, they were ready to go somewhere else.

“Because at this point, we’re talking federal benefits and other things that we’re attaching it to,” she said. “Five years ago, that wasn’t necessarily the case ... I think that made it easier to wait and hope that Michigan came along.”

And it did come along, sort of.

While Friedman overturned Michigan’s ban, the U.S. 6th Circuit Appeals Court issued a stay the next

Elizabeth and Jonnie were stuck asking that same question they asked on that cold morning in Ann Arbor: “What do we do now?”

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Since that day, many states have followed Michigan’s course.

On Oct. 6, the Supreme Court finally took action on some of these pending cases when it upheld appeals court decisions that struck down marriage bans in Virginia, Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Utah. Today, 31 states have legalized same-sex marriage.

It has been a joy to see couples in these states on the news, Elizabeth and Jonnie said, though they admitted it can be hard at times.

“To think that they get to do what we got to do is just a gift,” Jonnie said.

The couple described seeing two elderly women on TV, both in their 90s, living in a nursing home together. They had been together since they were in their 20s.

“All of a sudden, that just put our wait into perspective,” Elizabeth said.

The couple is confident that Michigan, or the nation as a whole, is

tell them how you reacted?”

“As I walked up to the front of the room, first off, there was this gasp, and then dead silence,” Richard said. “And I looked over at the kid who had made the remark about the island, and he had is head down.”

And Richard made sure the lesson sunk in.

“We did have to talk about, the next day in class, that when you say things like that in a group, you have no clue who you’re hurting,” he said. “You have no idea how many people in that group are being hurt by the stupidity that has fallen out of your mouth.”

Just looking at the attitudes of school children, there’s been a major evolution in the 25 years since Elizabeth made that classroom visit, the family agreed.

“What you do see is a lot more kids in high school ... where kids are openly identifying, early on, and bringing their girlfriend/boyfriend/whoever to proms,” Elizabeth said.

“We have openly gay counselors, openly gay teachers, the gay-straight alliance, where kids openly identify with one, other, both, some



Patten and Terry exchanged rings in the basement of the County Clerk’s office in March, surrounded by family and reporters. Terry said that she never could have imagined how much a ring would mean to her. ‘I just can’t stop looking at it,’ she said. KELLY BRACHA | WASHTENAW VOICE

soon to follow.

“Right now, I don’t feel we’re in danger of not being recognized in Michigan,” Elizabeth said. “I think, actually, that it will soon play out in the Supreme Court, somewhere, and this will come through, and it will be OK.”

“When I see the other states, or the

have even come up with terms I’ve never even heard before.

“I mean, it’s just such a different day in age. And then, you go back even further, to when I was I high school – you didn’t say it; you didn’t think it. I mean, you were so afraid ... When I look at the transition from there, to

“You have no clue who you’re hurting,” he said. “You have no idea how many people in that group are being hurt by the stupidity that has fallen out of your mouth.”

other court rulings coming down, I think, well, the dominoes are falling, and eventually, this will come around. This is the time for it.”

A CHANGE OF HEART

All members of the family said they can see a change of attitude happening around them.

Pat’s husband and Elizabeth’s stepfather, Richard Ballard, used to be a teacher at Huron High School.

One day, about 25 years ago, in his class, the topic of homosexuality had come up, and one student said, “We oughta take all the homosexuals and put them on an island and burn them.”

So Richard said, “How would you guys like to meet one?” choosing not to explain that she was his step-daughter.

He had to send a permission slip home with his students.

Elizabeth, 25 at the time, came into the classroom and answered the students’ questions. One asked, “How did your parents react?” and she turned to Richard and said, “Do you want to

Richard’s class, to these guys here, each bit, each generation sort of opens it a little further.”

Elizabeth said that she thinks progress will be slow and steady from here, in terms of general acceptance, much like it was with interracial marriage.

“And eventually, give it 20 or 30 years down the line and it will be totally obsolete,” she said.

Ryan doesn’t think it will take quite so long.

“I think that the generation that’s coming up now, like kids that are being born now, when they’re in high school, like 13 years from now, this is just not even going to be a thing,” she said.

Pat is more skeptical.

“I’m not as optimistic, in 25 years, as that. I think that it’s going to be a whole lot better,” she said. “But, I think it’s, for the majority of the country, it’s still going to take longer than that, to get to where it’s just not even thought about, or it’s not even an issue.”

But until that day comes, the family waits together, hand in hand.



Surrounded by family, Elizabeth Patten and Jonnie Terry spoke about the difficulties they’ve faced in their 28-year relationship and the excitement of knowing the fight for marriage equality may soon be over. From left, Patten’s stepfather Rich Ballard, Patten’s mother Pat Ballard, Jonnie Terry, the couple’s children Ryan Patten, 15, and Andrew Terry, 17, and Elizabeth Patten. JAMES SAOUD | WASHTENAW VOICE

TRANSPORTATION, From A1

However, Washtenaw will push forward with the plan even if the state chooses not to appropriate the funds, President Rose Bellanca insisted.

“My philosophy is, don’t start something you’re not going to finish,” she said.

Washtenaw Community College would be unrivaled in training workers for this innovative field, according to Bellanca. And the school’s location and programs make it uniquely suited to become a leader in the industry.

Michigan is still the dominant force in automotive research and development in the country, said Mike Duff, chair of the Automotive Services Technology department, and that’s not isolated to Detroit. Ann Arbor is quickly becoming the nation’s leader in research and development around

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Tucker said.

ITS applies advanced communications technology and information, such as vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communications, to modes of transportation, to improve safety and mobility, while reducing the environmental impact. With V2V communications, vehicles anonymously exchange information, such as speed or position, with other cars on the road to calculate risk and issue warnings to drivers. Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) communications are also being developed, Tucker said.

WCC’s proximity to major automotive engineering facilities, such as the U.S. EPA National Fuel and Emissions Laboratory, the Center for Automotive Research and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

(UMTRI), gives the college an advantage in the industry. The infrastructure of UMTRI Safety Pilot Project is being extended to the entire area of Ann Arbor, according to Neil Gudsen, program manager of WCC’s Business and Computer Technologies division.

ITS is the latest and largest development in the automotive industry, the presenters said, and people are throwing money into research and development worldwide. By bringing ITS training to WCC, a college already strong in the areas it entails, the school will set students up to be ahead of the game for future employment.

Projections suggest that 19,430 jobs will be created in this industry, said Shawn Deron, motorcycle instructor, adding that there are many jobs available right now.

There are two paths for students

that the college should focus on, Tucker said. He hopes to form a “pipeline for transfers” to universities investing in ITS research and development and to train technicians.

“That’s where we want to rest our hat,” Tucker said.

“We have a unique opportunity here,” said Glenn Kay, a welding and fabrication instructor. “We have the capability to not only heed the call of the technological advances in welding and manufacturing, but our programs – which already produce nationally recognized welders – would be further renowned for the advanced skill sets they can attain.”

Cross-department collaboration is imperative to make this work, Kay said.

“Only through this combined effort, can we go beyond developing skilled welders and bridge, not one, but two very vital, high-demand gaps

that reside in the welding and manufacturing industry today.”

This industry needs workers who are multi-faceted, Kay said, and that’s what this training will produce.

The Computer Information Systems department has been hard at work forming relationships with the local and federal departments of transportation and many of the key players involved in ITS, according to Gudsen. They have also begun the process of identifying faculty, equipment and software resources for an ITS-based curriculum, he said.

“This has been brewing for a very long time,” Gudsen said. And if WCC acts now, the college can lead the way into the future of transportation.

*Additional reporting by Natalie Wright*



# WCC gives back to supportive community with free classes

BY VIVIAN ZAGO  
Staff Writer

Taxpayers have generously supported Washtenaw Community College for a half-century, and on a beautiful October Saturday, the college was able to pay it forward with its second annual Free College Day.

Offering a diversity of classes open to the public, and with more than 20 volunteers working at the event, including students and faculty, the day was an opportunity to represent school departments and showcase different areas of the college curriculum.

“It is a wonderful representation of what WCC is all about in one day,” said Janet Hawkins, the coordinator of the event. “It’s so nice to see students and instructors in such a great team effort.”

Alyssa Camp, 24, of Ypsilanti, is a nursing student at WCC and the volunteer coordinator of the event for the second time.

“I love it,” she said. “It’s great, because it gives back to the community what they have been giving to us for more than 50 years. It’s a way to invite them to see what we have to offer at WCC.”

Chef Derek Anders, a WCC culinary arts instructor, presented the world of spices with his lecture called “Spice: A Flavor for All Seasons,” giving students some expert advice for the kitchen.

“This is the best opportunity for us to give back to the community,” Anders said. “We begin to showcase the different kinds of skills and talents. It’s open to everyone, and it’s a great chance to have a solid educational experience.”

LeNeile Coves, of Ann Arbor, a former WCC student, attended the class not just because she enjoys cooking, but she always wanted to be a chef.

“The more I know about what I’m

working with, the more of my own dishes I can make,” Coves said. “When I understand what I’m working with, I can change the recipe. Everyone has their own taste.”

Barbara Snow teaches non-credit classes about genealogy at WCC. Her class, called “Finding Your Family History Online,” was an explanation on how to track down ancestors and generational history by searching specific websites.

“WCC does a lot for the community, and it’s a wonderful event,” Snow said. “I love to teach genealogy, and I want more people be able to do that too.”

Mary Beam, of Ypsilanti, was at the campus mainly to attend this class, and was thrilled about the event.

“I’m enjoying it and learning a lot about how to get some resources and things I can use in my own

research,” Beam said.

Debra Golden, a WCC instructor in continuing education, was invited to come to teach a class named “Wonderful Watercolors.” She showcased many of her own watercolor creations.

“It was nice to show off what I do to a different audience,” Golden said.



Michele Montour showcases felt pieces used in her course on hand-made craft items, ‘A Dyeing Art: Silk Dyeing and Felt Collage.’ NATALIE WRIGHT | WASHTENAW VOICE

## HARVEST DINNER, From A8

and aged gouda over a bed of sage and walnut pesto.

The grand finale provided a parsnip and rosemary cake with creamy vanilla “rice cream” and poached Honeycrisp apples surrounded by a salted whiskey caramel sauce.

The dinner guests gave the culinary students a standing ovation at the end of the meal.

“They did well with a little more ambitious menu,” Anders said, “But this student group is high energy.”

Tired but enthusiastic, Shameka Thomas, 36, a WCC culinary arts student from Belleville, said the

experience taught her to deal with the pressure and demand of serving many people at the same time.

“It was a lot of work,” Thomas said, “but worth it.”

Fellow WCC baking and pastry student from Ann Arbor, Amanda Sturges, 22, felt a sense of accomplishment.

“When things get hectic, stay calm,” Sturges said, explaining how she got through the day that lasted 11 hours for some of the culinary students.

“It’s almost like seeing my kids grow up,” Groce said, surveying the dining room full of music, food and people. “I couldn’t be happier.”

The CORE dinner will surely be an ongoing event, Groce declared.

Despite being the first growing season, with only one-third of the hoop house’s capacity used, the network of dedicated individuals and groups present left a strong impression that the project would be nurtured from many directions.

“I never thought it would be this grand,” Groce said. “When you talk about food, people get excited.”

For more information on the CORE Garden, visit:  
<http://sites.wccnet.edu/fpd/wccs-core-garden/>

## BUDGET, From A1

budgets were adjusted to reflect historical spending over the last 3-5 years.

“So, from my vantage point, we’re not cutting anybody’s budget,” Johnson said. “What’s a budget? A budget is what is needed to accomplish the goals of the college.”

**ADJUSTMENTS MAKE SENSE, FOR MOST**

For many department chairs and deans, the changes are not unreasonable.

Many departments always had money left over at the end of the year, said Johnson, so that is what was cut. In some cases, department chairs used that money to prepare for the next year, Johnson said, and in many cases, that money went unused.

Johnson recently reported a \$4.7 million surplus for fiscal year 2014, and \$393,000 of that was from unused instructional operating budgets, the surplus report said.

“In a way, we had pretty sloppy accounting before,” Brandemuehl said. “People like that little batch of money, because they could spend as much as they needed to. (The administration) is just asking us to be a little more thoughtful.”

Department chairs liked that cushion, Brandemuehl said, because it made them feel secure.

“But that’s not necessarily the best use of the college’s resources,” she said. “That pool of money could be going somewhere else to help students.”

“The majority of the budgets are lower than they were before,” Hurns said, of her division, but the cuts seem to fit the average spending in past years.

“No one is in a situation where the budgets are less than a degree of what they need,” she said. “There aren’t any

faculty who aren’t able to meet students’ needs.”

“I think that 99 percent of the time, when the dust settled, and we sent out the workbooks, the feedback that we got was, ‘This is fine; this is what I’ve been spending,’” Johnson said.

And for the few department chairs who were not confident in their budgets, adjustments have been made, he said.

Deans and department chairs will meet quarterly, and then the deans will meet with Johnson and Vice President of Instruction Bill Abernethy, so if any adjustments need to be made as the year plays out, that can happen.

“What we’re trying to do different than we’ve done in the past, is have a level of engagement and ownership of the budget,” Johnson said. “And we want to make that, not a once-a-year process, but throughout the year.

“The college is a living, breathing thing.”

### RELYING ON TRUST

Despite most chairs and deans agreeing that the new budgets are functional, faculty apprehension has not been put to rest.

“This discussion seems to persist,” Hurns said, “even now when the most common eyes see that it makes sense.”

The problem is, without that cushion in the budget, department chairs need to trust that if they go to the administration later in the year and say, “I need more money,” they will get it. Right now, that trust is not there, said Carrie Krantz, English and Writing department chair.

“Now we have to go hat-in-hand to our deans, and beg for money that we might need,” Krantz said. “It’s just so paternalistic. It says that department chairs aren’t trustworthy of maintaining their own budgets.”

“It feels like all of the power is being

taken from us,” Garey said, “like we’re being micro-managed.”

While Johnson maintains that these quarterly meetings are a great way to improve communication and understanding of the budgets, some department chairs they’re not worth the time.

“It’s a time-intensive process,” said Allied Health department chair Connie Foster. “My concern, if I’m putting all this time in, is, is there going to be any value from it.”

The Social Sciences department was one that actually saw an increase in its operating budget of \$6,384, nearly 40 percent above last year. But department chair Randy Lahote said he is still worried.

“That doesn’t mean I’m OK with what’s happening,” Lahote said. “I hear other chairs talking, and I’m quite concerned.”

Department chairs are wary of trusting the administration. Recently, they said, Johnson agreed to come to a department chairs meeting to answer questions about the budgets. When he didn’t show up, they felt betrayed, they said.

Johnson explained that he was asked by chairs to attend the meeting, and he said would – if the academic leadership team (the deans and Abernethy) wanted him to.

“I didn’t know if I should be at that meeting or not; it wasn’t my call,” he said.

It is important to respect the chain of command, Johnson said.

“I’m always glad to go to any meeting,” he said, “but here’s what I’m aware of: The trust needs to be, in the case of the academic units, between the chairs and the deans and the vice president of instruction.

“What I don’t want to do is work directly with the chairs except to support them, as they work with their leadership team.”

# WCC students win big at radiography conference

BY JAMES SAOUD  
Managing Editor

Nina Davidson, a 26-year-old radiography major at Washtenaw Community College, came in first place in the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technology student quiz bowl recently in Bay City.

Davidson commutes from Westland and is studying to become a nurse. She joined fellow radiography students to the MSRT annual conference, where she won the award for the college.

“We rubbed it in the face of the other schools and played ‘We Are the Champions’ when we won,” said Eric Lonnquist, a 42-year-old radiography major who also participated in the event, held Sept. 17-19.

“The MRST event is an annual meeting,” radiography instructor William Nelson said. “What we do is we meet and have educational courses.”

Nelson also said the MRST loves to hold competitions for the students. This event was a knowledge-based student bee.

“It’s like a spelling bee,” Nelson said. “The difference is the students are being asked questions about radiologic science instead of being asked how to spell words.

Davidson acknowledged that the award would be a good line on her resume, but was also excited that it awarded the department more funding from the MRST.

Students at WCC began practicing for the competition over the summer, on their own time.

“A lot of the questions we’re practicing are things we’re learning in class,” Nelson said. “It’s a huge advantage for students. We’re reviewing things that are going to be on the national registry, which is the exam they have to take to be registered in the country.

“It keeps it fresh in their mind, so it’s a huge advantage.”

# Health career fair links students with employers

BY VIVIAN ZAGO  
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Washtenaw Community College Career Services hosted a free career fair for those preparing for jobs in the healthcare industry, and Christina Clement made the most of it.

“It’s really great to get all different employees together at one spot,” said Clement, 46, a former nursing major from Willis. “It makes job searching less complicated.”

She and other jobseekers were able to meet in person with hiring managers from a wide variety of companies.

Jennifer Griewahn, a corporate recruiter from Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, was thrilled with the event.

“We get our hands on the students or candidates and they can learn more about the position so they don’t have to apply blind,” Griewahn said. “Talking to them face-to-face benefits us both.”

Which was precisely the purpose, said Marilyn Donham, interim dean of Career Services.

“It’s really valuable, the contact between employers and students,” she said. “At a time when many employment applications are only taken online, a career fair allows



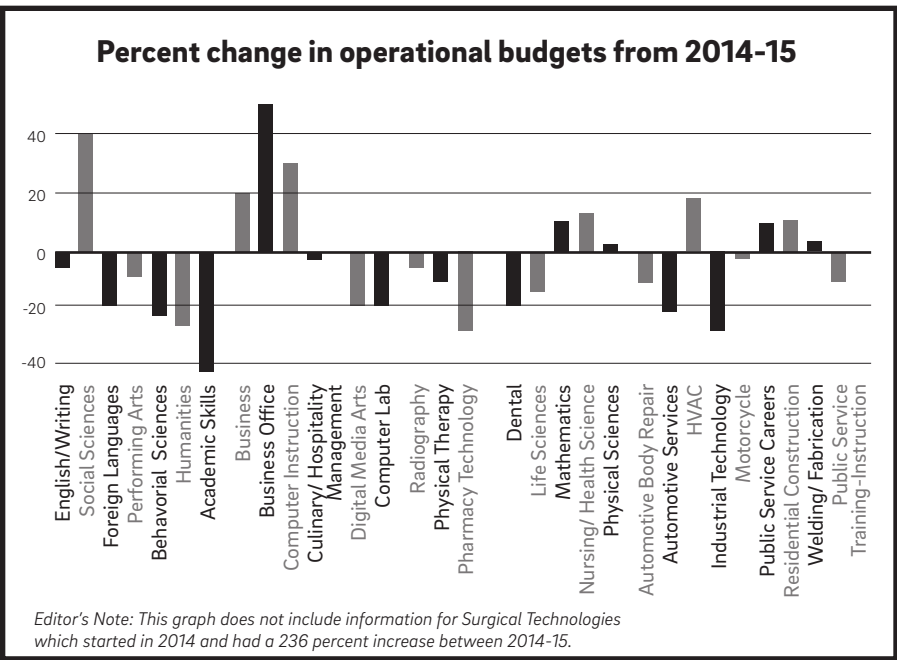
Marilyn Donham, interim dean of Career Services shakes hands with Jennifer Griewahn, Rainbow’s corporate recruiter, at the career fair on Oct. 15. VIVIAN ZAGO | WASHTENAW VOICE

employers and students to actually meet and make an important face-to-face connection.

“It also allows students to research the specific skills that employers may want.”

WCC’s Allied Health department has a long tradition of preparing students for healthcare careers, including: medical assistants, dental assistants, pharmacy technicians, registered nurses, nursing assistants, diagnostic radiologists, physical therapy assistants and surgical technologists.

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## COMMUNICATION ISSUES

But somewhere along this chain of command, information is not being passed on accurately, if at all. Many faculty and administrators were under the impression that, because enrollment is down, the college needed to cut costs.

“The adjustments are extremely reasonable, based on the reality we’re in,” Hurns said. “For me, it just seems fairly simple, with regard to where we’re at with enrollment.”

Everyone understands the effect declining enrollment has and expects belt-tightening, Baker said. But, declining tuition dollars were not what led to the cuts.

While the decrease in enrollment was expected to generate a nearly \$1 million loss in revenue, according to the budget presentation, the tuition hike more than offset that by generating an extra \$1.2 million.

The cuts were not due to a lack of funds for instruction, which received

a \$1.4 million increase, as a whole, Johnson said. The new budget process was created to eliminate wasted resources and increase efficiency, so that in a time of relatively flat revenue growth, the college can find funds to continue adding and improving resources. The hope is that with these new resources, such as the new programs this fall, enrollment will start to climb again, Johnson said.

Faculty, department chairs and even deans did not have a clear understanding of this, so when administrators avoided saying “budget cuts,” it made everyone suspicious.

“All that communication snafu, coupled with the rhetoric that feels so Orwellian, so ‘1984,’ that’s the sort of thing that makes people crazy and hopeless,” faculty union President Maryam Barrie said. “It’s maddening and makes people feel hopeless and defensive and suspicious.”

Barrie added that the “much more densely populated upper tier” leads to these communication issues.





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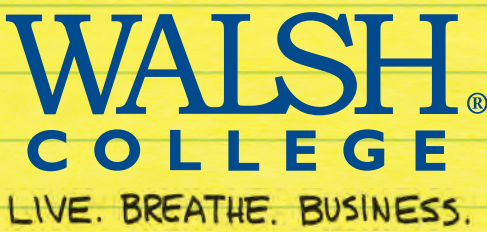
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# A cornucopia of benefits

## Garrett’s serves up feast with harvest from CORE Garden



The recent Sustainable Dinner was presented at Garrett’s by, from left, Chefs Alice Gannon-Boss, Derek Anders and Alex Young. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY M.M. DONALDSON  
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A short walk from Garrett’s to the CORE Garden provided a bounty of fresh herbs and vegetables for a five-course dinner served by the student-run restaurant. But a network of dedicated volunteers and supporters is responsible for the success of that short route.

Less than a year and a half since Kim Groce had the idea of growing vegetables on WCC’s grounds, the campus and surrounding communities combined efforts to celebrate the fruits – or rather vegetables – of her labor. Key leaders and volunteers in the creation of the CORE Garden and those interested in good food crowded the restaurant to celebrate the garden’s first annual harvest on Friday, Oct. 10 with the Sustainable Dinner at Garrett’s.

Within the sustainable food movement, “locally sourced food” is a dominant buzz phrase traditionally defined as food collected from within a 100-mile radius. The restaurant and garden at Washtenaw Community College, however, sit just two-tenths of a mile from each other.

“The vision was even bigger than I imagined,” Groce said. The WCC humanities, social and behavioral sciences counselor wanted to give students access to fresh vegetables and give them a chance to grow the food themselves.

Groce secured a spot on campus for a garden, including a temperature-controlled hoop house and raised beds for herbs. Expert horticultural advice and marketing strategies paired with countless volunteer hours led to an edible display of heirloom and rare vegetables prime to be transformed into gourmet meals.

The evening opened with Zingerman’s Roadhouse managing partner and Chef Alex Young, speaking to an audience of mostly WCC

culinary students and a handful of faculty and community members. Young’s work in education regarding sustainable farming practices has earned him national recognition, and he continues to serve on the WCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Advisory Committee.

Young encouraged the students to push themselves to be part of the change to create food that is healthy for both personal nutrition and society as a whole. He explained that “not all farms are created equal,” and consumers must make tough decisions that will shape future industry practices.

A brisk field trip to the garden before dinner stimulated appetites, not only from the exercise but also from the vivid descriptions and visuals of each planted item.

“Collards ... tomatoes ... peppers ... Oh, taste this!” could be heard as people call out various flora like an impromptu game of “I Spy.”

WCC biology student and CORE Garden volunteer Kady Maser, 25, was just leaving when the assorted group arrived at the hoop house. Despite a car full of freshly harvested tomatoes, Ann Arbor native Maser stayed and gave an enthusiastic tour of the garden’s features, pointing out unique vegetables and eagerly answering questions.

The mojito mint received a lot of attention during the garden tour.

“It’s better than chewing gum,” said Melissa Moffatt, 22, from Howell, after tasting the particularly sweet variety of mint. A WCC biology student, Moffatt decided to attend the dinner after knowing a classmate who was involved in the CORE Garden project.

Nearly 50 guests attended the dinner that followed and were welcomed by Kim Hurns, interim dean of Business and Computer Technologies, whose own students took the challenge to create several marketing and social media proposals for the project.

Upon entering Garrett’s, attendees received a “mocktail,” featuring the mojito mint with simple syrup and club soda.

The guests made their way to tables already decorated with tendrils of tomato plants, pumpkins and colorful hot peppers.

“This is all a synergy of really, really good work on campus,” Hurns said, introducing Groce at the head table as the special guest of the evening.

Chefs Alice Gannon-Boss, Derek Anders and Alex Young were recognized for their contributions in helping the Garrett’s culinary arts and hospitality management students showcase the CORE Garden bounty in full glory.

“This is to honor you, Kim, for everything,” Gannon-Boss, a WCC culinary arts instructor said about Groce’s efforts. The dinner was just one way for those involved to learn more about food sustainability and the importance of numerous groups collaborating to build a strong resource.

Anders, also a WCC culinary arts and hospitality instructor, described the menu and its consideration of ingredients that had a low-carbon

footprint and were accommodating to gluten-free and vegetarian diets.

The first course of the meal offered buffet-style small platters that included ingredients such as garden-fresh tomatoes, Swiss chard, and roasted pepper chutney.

Then, the culinary display kicked off in full gear. Students quickly presented the first course in neat choreography with the upbeat music provided by WCC Music Performance faculty member John E. Lawrence and his jazz band.

Working on assignments in the Writing Center, Tony Klee, 38, a WCC liberal arts student from Ann Arbor had just found out about the dinner late that afternoon and decided to attend.

A self-proclaimed foodie working as a sommelier consultant, Klee was particularly intrigued by the contrasting flavors of the first plated course: a hearty pumpkin soup topped with sweetened crème fraiche and peppered with bitter coffee dust.

Next, guests were treated to a simple but robust salad, highlighting the natural flavors of delicate baby greens and plump tomatoes that served to whet appetites for the upcoming entree. The main course featured a duo split on one plate: a pan-seared quinoa cake with roasted yams drizzled in honey next to a spaetzel with oyster mushrooms, roasted celery root



Dishes served at the Sustainable Dinner included a puree of pumpkin soup with coffee dust, baby green and spinach salad with roasted tomatoes and a rosemary and parsnip cake with salted caramel sauce. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

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Roughly 50 guests enjoyed the recent Sustainable Dinner held at Garrett’s in honor of the CORE Garden’s first annual harvest. Both the garden and the dinner represent the collaboration of many different groups on WCC’s campus. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE



Kim Hurns, left, interim dean of Business and Computer Technologies, congratulates CORE Garden founder Kim Groce at the recent Sustainable Dinner. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

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# FRIGHTENING FUN



'Terrifying isn't it?' makeup artist Ann Grimmett commented as she propped up a finished clown mask. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



Shelton Martin, the 36-year-old queen of Erebus, snarls for the camera. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE

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PONTIAC – For some, fall is about candy apples, pumpkin spice lattes and changing leaves, but for the Terebus Brothers, Ed and Jim, and the fans of their work, it's a time for bloodthirsty brides, asylum escapees and tormenting clowns.

The elder brother, Jim, had experience working in the haunted house industry. At the age of 28, he decided to build one of his own. With the help of his younger brother Ed, then 18, they turned their dream into a haunting reality. They began setting up an area in their own backyard, and by moving it to a shopping center parking lot, popularity grew. The house was 1,200 square feet and tickets went for only \$1.50. However, the unrelenting rain and wind was often not on their side, repeatedly causing destruction.

Trailers had become the next ideal destination. From there, the brothers began to make a name for themselves and called the attraction "The Haunted Galleries." Within the first few years, even more additions were made. The house progressed from 3,400 to 9,800 square feet. After 20 years, their ideas started to become too ambitious for the trailers.

Their father didn't want them to part with the name they had branded themselves with over the past two decades, but Ed Terebus thought they needed a strong, one-word name.

Just before the brothers

stumbled on their grand new location, Ed Terebus discovered,

corresponded so perfectly with their last name, he said.

The brothers found a four-story building in Pontiac, and everything was coming together. A new location and a perfect, one-word title, Erebus.

Southeast Michigan fashions itself as the haunted house capital of the world.

So many of these creators get together, share ideas, and even go to trade shows where most houses buy their attractions. But at Erebus, 95 percent of everything you see – and don't see for that matter – is created in house.

The owners of Erebus are also responsible for the publication, "Fear Finder," which includes all of Michigan's must-see spooky attractions – some that wouldn't get much publicity otherwise.

They started in a parking lot so they look out for the little guys.

Ed Terebus was looking at his competition in the field of haunting in a Guinness Book of World Records he had bought for a family member when he discovered they were only 100 feet short of the record.

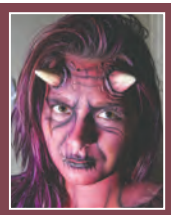
"Doesn't sound like a lot but that's 100 feet of electrical, displays, costuming..." Ed Terebus said. "My measurements were off, though, and we actually beat it by quite a bit."

This half-mile of horror held the Guinness world record for largest walk-through haunted house from the 2005 season through 2009.

"When we got that record, I thought we'd have it for hours. For us to hold it for five years is pretty cool," Ed Terebus said. "Nobody can ever take that away from me. They can be bigger, but I'll be the world record holder during that time."

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## WORLD-CLASS WIMP TAKES ON WORLD-RENOWNED HORROR HOUSE



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PONTIAC – I have always been the definition of a wimp.

Knowing this, my colleagues in the newsroom found it quite amusing when I volunteered to be the photographer who tagged along with Taylor Robinson, a fellow reporter, to go behind the scenes at Erebus, one of the most popular and scary haunted attractions in the region, an attraction I vowed I'd never experience.

But I'm drawn to scary things; I love the mechanics of them. On long cross-country runs, I used to have my friends describe in detail the haunted houses they had been to because they fascinate me. But I am no stranger

to fear, and I know these attractions are my quickest route to an anxiety attack.

"You just let your imagination get the best of you," my father insists. And that's exactly right.

As Taylor and I approached this fortress of fear on the streets of downtown Pontiac, eerie music played from overhead while we strolled beneath a hanging (and fake) cadaver. Already I felt the familiar feeling of fear pulling at the back of my brain, and my instincts were screaming for me to just go sit in the car.

Ed Terebus, the creator – and yes, that is his real last name – welcomed us at the door and led us up an aged staircase. At the back of the group, I continually stared over my shoulder as we went up the flights, assuming someone in costume might try to get a reaction from me. I was on edge from the moment

I walked in the building, expecting that a warehouse full of people who live for screams would pick me out as a weak link immediately – even just walking through the back rooms.

After getting to stick my camera in the face of actors in the make-up chair, preparing themselves for

the scares and screams that awaited them in the rooms around us, we sat down to talk with Terebus. I mentioned that getting a professional make-up job had always been a dream of mine, and he said after our interview, we could go back upstairs to don our own gruesome makeovers.

I expected the creator of Erebus would have zero sympathy to fear, especially since he and his young children live in the Erebus building. But Terebus turned out to be quite the opposite.

I was adamant that if I could barely handle the haunted hayride I attended, a half mile full of 90 actors and all sorts of mind tricks was not a force I could reckon with.

Terebus is a man who is proud of his work – rightfully so – and he and Taylor insisted I give the house a shot. I refused a few times, but cracked when he offered to come with us.

We wandered back up the stairs and down a dark hall and I tried to talk myself out of the panic-fueled mindset.

But with no knowledge of what was before me, my anxiety was rising with each step. I whimpered that I couldn't do it and turned to run out full force. Instead, I turned to meet a

security guard of sorts – with a baseball bat. He slammed the bat against the wall, blocking my escape.

My heart was in my throat.

Terebus chuckled heartily and grabbed my hand to pull me along in encouragement. Panic welled up in my eyes. Usually I'm a

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Voice reporters Sofia Lynch and Taylor Robinson stand with Erebus owner Ed Terebus after an inside look into the haunted attraction. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



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# Voice Box

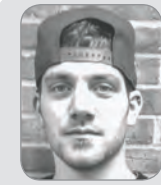
## What is the best Halloween costume you've ever seen?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY STAFF WRITER SOFIA LYNCH



"I helped my friend become a mummy once by buying burlap from Michael's and wrapping him up in it. It was cooler than my \$250 costume."

**Grace Faulhaber**, 23, Ypsilanti, *journalism*



"Last year for Halloween, me and my girlfriend were the zombie prom king and queen. I bought dress pants, a vest, and a fedora hat at the Salvation Army and then we cut sashes out of my old T-shirts."

**Matt Hogan**, 25, Garden City, *psychology*



"Last year, my boyfriend went as Sonic. He grew out his mohawk and dyed it and clipped a tail on."

**Laura Fisher**, 19, Ann Arbor, *undecided*



"I saw one, a couple of years ago, that was a pirate-zombie hybrid, with incredibly gory makeup, and the rest of the costume looked sort of like Jack Sparrow."

**Brendan Killaly**, 22, Ann Arbor, *academics*



"I did a really cool goth one time. I dyed my hair black and got white contacts. I had black pants and a spiky belt. And then I had a spiky bracelet and a bunch of fake piercings."

**Graham Rigby**, 17, Ypsilanti, *WTMC*



"There was a family here at WCC, and they did a demon family costume. The mother was like a demon sorceress queen, and the baby was on a leash since it was supposed to be like a scaly creature."

**Liz Jenkins**, 20, Canton, *anthropology*



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"I saw this guy that 3-D printed an iron man costume."

**Jacob Shreve**, 20, Fowlerville, *computer science*



"This one time I saw a Naruto costume and it was the sickest costume ever. He really looked like him. I was like, 'Oh my God, it's really him!'"

**Karolina Kocovska**, 19, Garden City, *photography*



"I dressed up when I was about 35, and went out with my kid, and my neighbors thought I was actually an old man."

**Scott Falconberry**, 62, Dearborn Heights, *mathematics teacher*



"I saw somebody dressed up as a Roman once. They had a metal chest plate that looked handmade and well done. And the hat didn't just look like some broom, it looked handmade and professional."

**Tyler Ramsdell**, 18, Ann Arbor, *graphic design*



"Headless horseman. They were shorter so they had the top part stop at their head. He could see through his shirt and he was holding a lantern."

**Kyle Hargrove**, 22, Dexter, *history*



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## WCC INSTRUCTOR KNOWS THINGS THAT OTHER NORMAL PEOPLE DON'T

BY M. M. DONALDSON  
Staff Writer

Beverly Fish wants to be a normal person. The Washtenaw Community College instructor has tried, but an enlightening experience changed her mind and she decided to be more public about being a psychic.

Dangly earrings, brightly colored clothes and other flamboyant flair might be the conjured look for the psychic stereotype, but Fish is an unassuming petite blonde who looks like she would let you cut in line at the grocery store with your two items while she has a full shopping cart.

Growing up, Fish knew that her whole family was psychic as they would sent thoughts to each other, she said. She laughed at the irony that there are no secrets in a psychic family. The knowledge was kept within the family as other people who would find out considered them weird and strange.

At a point in her life, she was ready to be done with her psychic abilities, but for her it was a characteristic she could not change. Several experiences changed her mind, ending with an email she received from the WCC Community

Enrichment department looking for instructors to teach paranormal classes.

"We are always looking for new and innovative classes that are unique," CE Director Monique James said. With the interest in the paranormal and time of year before Halloween, James said CE is always looking for classes that are fun and different.

While CE has offered a ghost-hunting class with Fish several times in the last four years, the psychic abilities class has been popular and offered three times this year.

"Some classes we put out there and give it a try," James said.

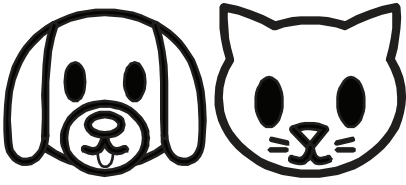
Fish said she starts her classes with participants sharing their paranormal experience. The stories are really interesting, but she tries to help people understand why those experiences happen. She said people can become more aware of these experiences through meditation, visualization and relaxation.

The hardest part of being a psychic is when she gets a name in her head and wonders why she is thinking about it and what it might mean. The worst part of being a psychic, Fish said, is having a vision where pain and suffering may be happening, and she can't do anything about it.

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# Arabic instructor and family find freedom, pride in Ann Arbor

BY VIVIAN ZAGO  
Staff Writer

America is a free country that accepts and embraces people from different parts of the world every day. With that in mind, and because of the perils of life in Iraq, amid fights between religious groups, Sabri Hummadi Alhussein sought a safer and more stable life in the United States. He brought his family to freedom and a better life in America five years ago. Four years ago, he began teaching Arabic at Washtenaw Community College.

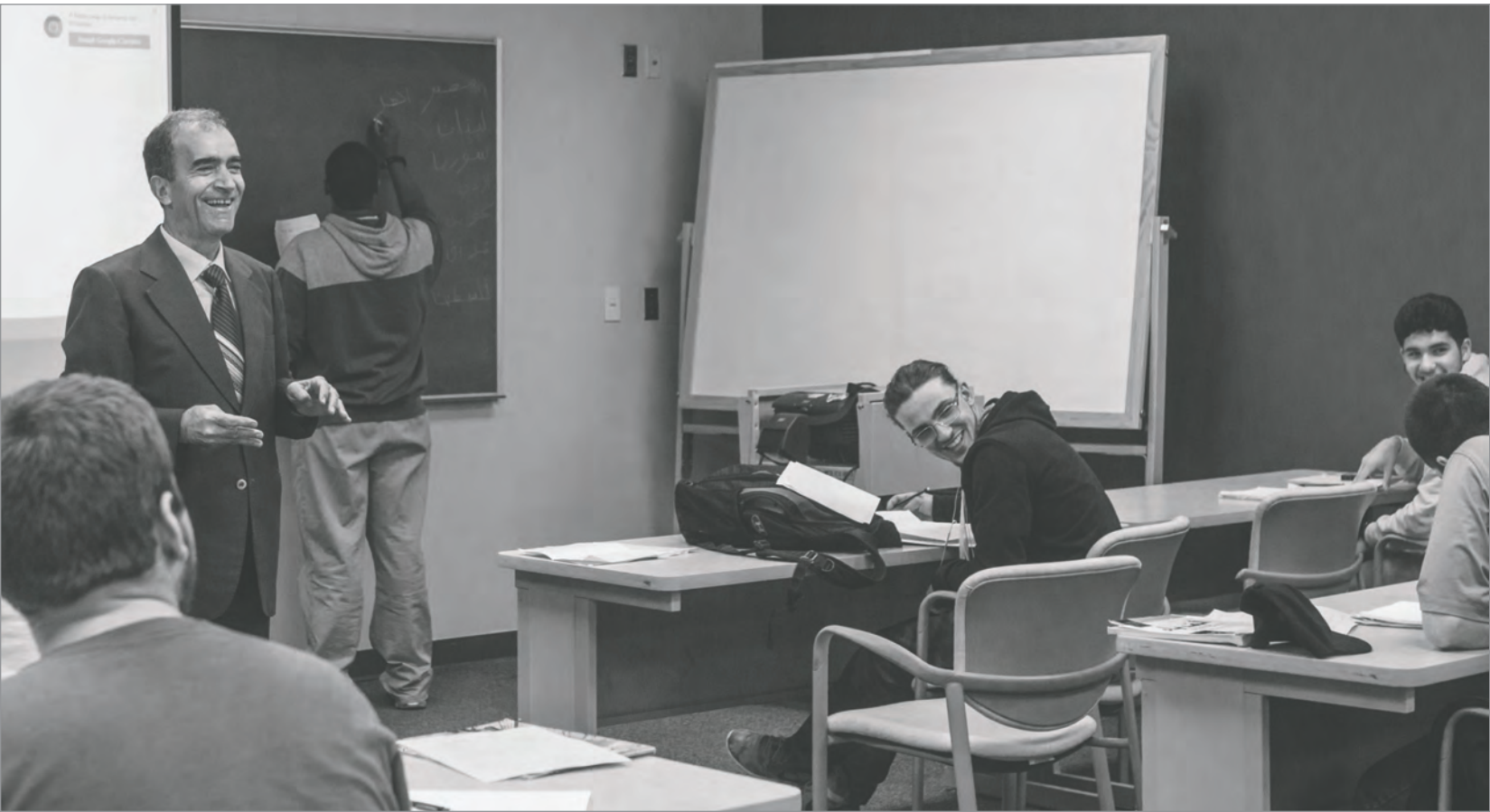
And during a recent visit with the WCC President Rose Bellanca, when she invited faculty to meet her over coffee, Alhussein expressed his joy in his work at the college by bringing his entire family.

“I thought it might be a good opportunity for me to introduce my family to president of the school,” Alhussein said. “She was very nice, very humble.”

“Some Arabic students are born here, but they want to have this connection with their families, or some can’t speak a different dialect,” Alhussein said.

It can be a challenge, acknowledged Michelle Garey, chair of the Foreign Language department. “Professor Hummadi is very respected by both his students and colleagues for his impeccable professionalism,” Garey said. “He does a remarkable job working with the diverse student population that enrolls in our Arabic courses.

“Our Arabic instructors, Professor Hummadi and Professor (Salah) Alabbasi, must perform a balancing act to meet the educational needs of both native Arabic speakers that are studying the ‘high form’ of the language for the first



Sabri Hummadi Alhussein and his students enjoy practicing Arabic pronunciations during a recent classroom quiz. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

time, as well as our American students that had never heard a word of Arabic before enrolling in class. It’s a very tall order.”

His students appreciate Alhussein’s commitment in the classroom, too.

“He’s a good teacher and really patient,” said Mary Abraham, 28, of Ann Arbor, who hasn’t declared a major. “He’s not biased. He is really good

at explaining the complexities of what is going on in the Middle East, without picking a side.”

Bassel Jafar, 20, a business major from Ann Arbor, agreed. “He’s an excellent teacher, he’s really nice and he helps students as much as he can,” Jafar said. “He teaches us about the culture and life in general, and is always in touch with us.”

Alhussein is encouraging the college to open another Arabic course that he insists “would benefit a lot of students.”

His suggestion seems to be gaining some traction in his department.

“Hopefully, we will be able to offer the second year sequence of Arabic in the near future,” Garey said. “At this time, we offer four semesters of Spanish, but only the first two of French, Arabic and German. My goal would be to offer all four semesters of every language that we offer at WCC.

“However, the enrollment numbers would need to support this. I’d be happy to discuss the possibility and timeline for a third semester Arabic course with our Arabic instructors as well as our dean.”

Born in Iraq in 1949, Alhussein grew up in a village in the Babil province. He graduated from the Department of Arabic Language Faculty of Arts at Mustansiriya University in Baghdad in 1973, then earned a master’s degree from Cairo

University in 1978 and a doctorate from the University of Baghdad in 1984.

Alhussein taught diverse literary courses for both undergraduate and graduate students in various programs, including Modern Arabic Literature (Poetry and Prose) and Modern Literary Criticism. He has published 12 books about the impact of folklore on the Iraqi novel.

Married to Widjan Alsayegh for 25 years, the couple has three children: a son, Qais, a WCC student; and two daughters, Shams, an Eastern Michigan University student, and Lilac, the youngest.

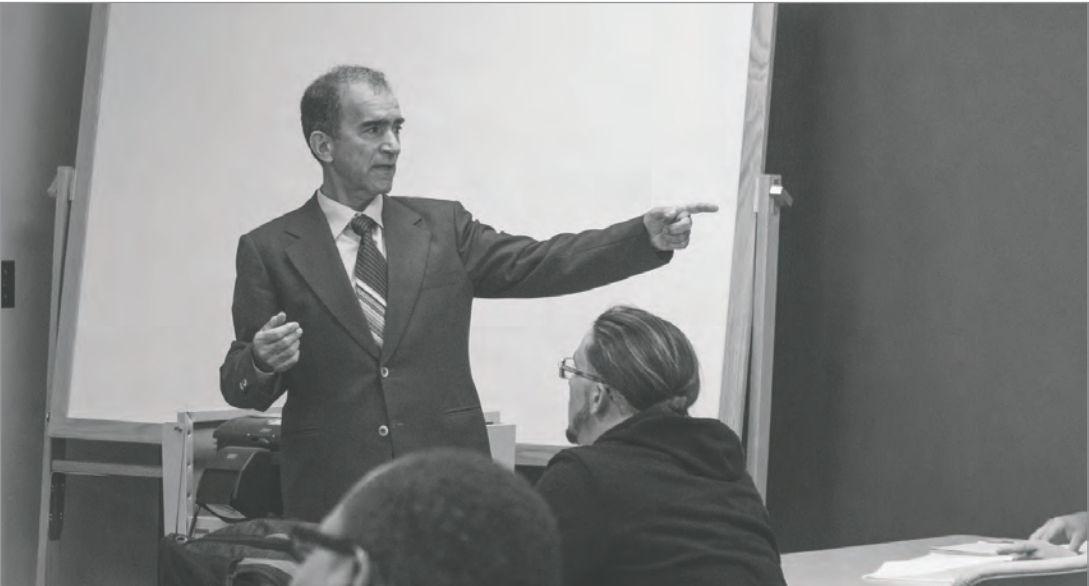
His wife teaches poetry at University of Michigan, and she’s also a writer. But living in Iraq, it was very dangerous for her to write about what she really wanted.

“We had to be careful about our writings,” Alhussein said. “It was dangerous, and we suffered discrimination.”

America gave them liberty and an opportunity to write about what they like, he said, and they have developed a good relationship with publishers of newspaper and magazines.

Meantime, Alhussein and his family have no plans to return to Iraq, except for family visits.

“Things here are great, especially compared to Iraq,” he said. “The life quality here is at another level.”



Alhussein moved with his family to the United States five years ago. The family has embraced life in America and at WCC, where Alhussein taught Arabic for four years. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

## Learn a second language, go to the head of the class

BY VIVIAN ZAGO  
Staff Writer

Language is the gateway to culture. Numerous studies have found that being bilingual helps to prevent dementia, develops thinking and communication skills and help people become better listeners.

Speaking a foreign language enables people to communicate with others they may never have been able to communicate with. Learning another language will change travel experiences, enabling people to immerse themselves into culture in a different way.

“It’s vitally important to start to learn a

foreign language,” said Michelle Garey, chair of the foreign language department at Washtenaw Community College, and also a Spanish teacher. “Some of the jobs right now, available in the U.S. are created as a result of a foreign trade, so to have the ability to speak another language does help getting a better paying job.”

Washtenaw offers four options for students who want to learn a foreign language: Spanish, German, French and Arabic. The idea is to help prepare students not just to be competitive in the market place, but also to provide them with the awareness of global diversity and cultural competence, according to Garey.

The choice of the language depends on what

students’ goals are and what they plan to do with the language.

“Students that are planning to transfer to U-M, they have a four-semester foreign language requirement, and so Spanish would be better for them, because they can get it done here at WCC,” Garey said. “Students that may want to go into international business might want to take Arabic or German.”

According to Garey, Spanish is by far the most popular language WCC offers, because it’s a very practical and marketable language. The majority of the students that are taking French or German are American students, and most of them either studied those languages in high school, or they

have some kind of passion or interest in learning those languages.

“Arabic has a different population than most of our languages classes,” Garey said. “It’s a very interesting language, where there’s a vernacular form of the language that’s spoken; there is a written form for academics, and it’s a very different form from the spoken form.”

Some of the students taking the Arabic class are American, one of them is from China, and some went to Iraq and had to learn the language, according to Sabri Alhussein Hummadi, the Arabic instructor at WCC for four years. But most of Arabic students are of Middle Eastern descent. Many know how to speak, but they might not know how to read and write.

“Some of them know dialect form, but here I teach standard Arabic,” Hummadi said. “And also, most of them couldn’t write in Arabic, so here they have the opportunity.”

“My husband speaks Arabic from the Army, and we’ve both been to Iraq,” said Megan Taylor, 25, a liberal arts major from Ann Arbor. “I have some skills, but I want to improve so we can talk to each other better.”

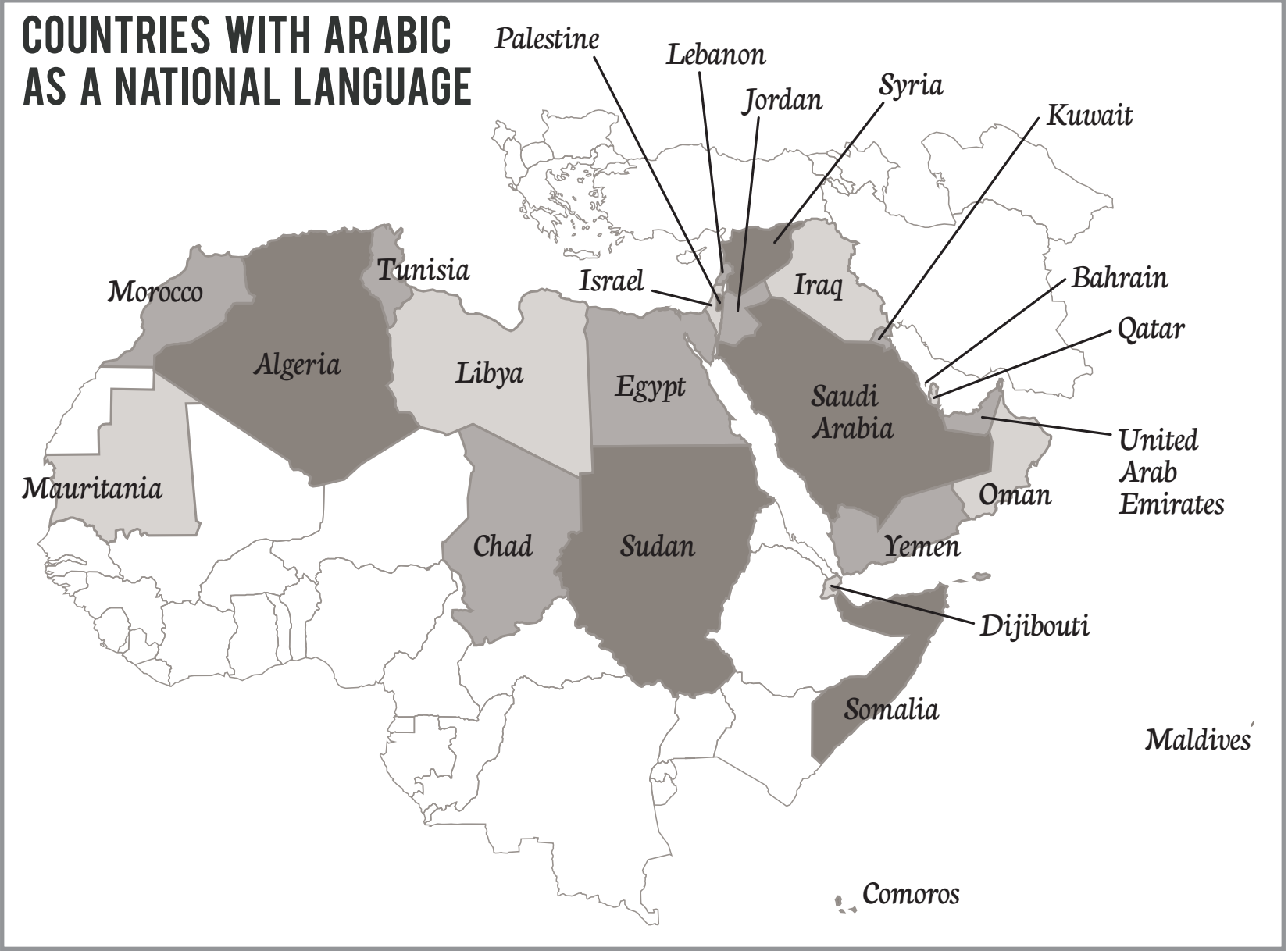
Arabic has a number of different dialects. Lebanon, Syria and Jordan might have a similar vernacular, but in Iraq the language can be very different. They couldn’t speak with each other and understand, but they all have the same written form, Garey said.

Abdollaah Irfan, 18, is originally from Missouri, and he is taking Arabic classes to improve his communication with his family.

“I went to Yemen when I was 1, and after I came back to America, I kind of lost the way we pronounce some words,” Irfan said. “Since my sister speaks Arabic fine, I want to learn to speak fluently with my mother.”

Hummadi is hoping to teach Arabic III for the Winter semester, a demand that many students are requesting.

“All of my life I was a teacher,” Hummadi said. “I’m really expecting that the department of Foreign Languages will give the continuity to the Arabic course.”



NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, FALL 2014:	
Arabic:	53 students
German:	53 students
French:	80 students
Spanish:	340 students



# Many options available for transfer students

BY PAULETTE PARKER  
Contributor

An array of tables covered in pamphlets, flyers and free pens filled the second floor of the Student Center as Washtenaw Community College hosted its Fall Transfer Fair.

Transfer representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities were on hand to answer questions and pass out freebies. Students weaved their way through the crowd seeking answers to a variety of inquiries.

Special Education major Kimberly Cotton, 30, of Ypsilanti, was looking for schools that could accommodate her specific set of needs.

“I asked schools if they have programs for special education students, because most schools don’t,” Cotton said. She found a few schools that provide services for students with special education needs, including Michigan State University. “Michigan State is the top school for people with disabilities,” Cotton said.

Bill Sieners, 58, a 3-D Animation and video production major from Adrian, visited the fair on his way to class. He gathered information on Columbia University’s prestigious film school.

“I used to do this full-time in the ’80s,” Sieners said. “But I don’t know any of the digital stuff.”

Daniel Medrow, senior adviser in the Office of Admissions at Eastern Michigan University, had no shortage of students interested in the transfer process to EMU.

“Students are asking things like what would transfer, when I should transfer,” Medrow said.

A common concern seemed to be shared among many of the fair attendees: making the most of transfer credits.

The process of transferring to a four-year institution will now be simplified due to the implementation of the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). The MTA is an agreement between Michigan community colleges and four-year institutions that guarantees the transferability of a block of general education credits. To fulfill the MTA, students must successfully complete at least 30 credits of coursework in six defined areas with at least a grade of 2.0 in each course.

The MTA replaces the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) agreement. Unlike the MACRAO, which was only accepted by a handful of colleges and universities, every two- and four-year institution in Michigan has agreed to sign on to the MTA.

“The completion of the MACRAO and the MTA simply verifies to the transfer institution that accepts MTA and/or MACRAO that the student has met the general education requirements and they can’t make them take more, more math, more science,” said John Rinke, director of support services in Counseling and Career Planning at WCC.

Students who started at WCC prior to fall of 2014 have the option to complete a MACRAO transfer until the end of summer of 2019.

“If you are a brand new student this fall, you only have one choice, that’s MTA,” Rinke said.

The best transfer option depends entirely



Bill Sieners, right, a 58-year-old 3-D animation and filmmaking student from Adrian, talks with a representative from Columbia College in Chicago regarding the school's prestigious film program. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

on the individual.

“The student can run their own unofficial audit of both the MACRAO and MTA, it all depends on what they’ve taken,” Rinke said. This process is done using the DegreeWorks database on the WCC website.

There is assistance available to those who need it.

“You can go to the Student Connections or meet with a counselor to learn how to use DegreeWorks,” Rinke said.

Students must apply for either agreement. Applications can be obtained through Counseling and Career Planning, the Student Connections or WCC’s website.

“That will generate an official evaluation, and you’ll get an official response,” Rinke said.

This can be done concurrently with a graduation application.

“Several months before you plan to finish, apply for all those things,” Rinke said.

It is possible to transfer at any time before fulfilling the MTA or MACRAO requirements. However, the advantage to transferring utilizing an agreement? “Money,” Rinke said. Earning as many useable credits as possible from a two-year institution is a huge money saver.

College counselors and academic advisers can assist you with career information, four-year college options, transfer plans and application deadlines.

“We pull up your WCC unofficial transcript, tell you what you can still take, when to transfer, things like that,” Medrow said. He is available to assist prospective EMU transfer students every Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. in the Counseling and Career Planning department.



Daniel Medrow, left, provides students interested in attending EMU with important transfer information. Medrow serves as a senior adviser in the Office of Admissions at EMU and is available on WCC's campus every Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

## WIMP, From B1

prideful girl, but I had given up all ties to my integrity as I cried against the man whose brainchild we were walking through.

Curiosity and my lifeline, Terebus, were the only things causing my legs to allow each forward step. I cowered in the neck of my sweater and somewhere in the rational part of my mind I knew it was all fake – as I watched one of the actors we interviewed run around the side of the room – but alarm had taken me over.

When the first room had run its course, I was a headless sweater, crying against a man I barely knew. Ed never poked fun, which meant more than he knew, but that doesn’t mean I wasn’t aware he immensely enjoyed getting to witness the horror his work can bring first-hand.

He gave me a personal peek – the scaredy-cat version – of what was going on inside some of the haunts I refused to step foot in, and even

let me check out the outskirts of one room, The Swamp, so that I wouldn’t have to encounter any of the actors.

I’m grateful that he didn’t point at me and laugh like he had full right to do and tried to share as much of his masterpiece with me as he could. So I can’t vouch for the inside of the attraction, but the owner is one hell of a guy.

I don’t know if you can count this experience as me facing my fears. More accurately, I was dragged to look them right in the eye, but it was my favorite field experience as a reporter to date.

At the end of my tour, Terebus escorted me to the board as sirens rang out, signifying that Erebus had claimed its 100th “wimp” for the season. And I wear that title with pride.

Now I can proudly say, I am truly a wimp by definition.

# College provides free instruction

BY M. M. DONALDSON  
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Everyone loves a free gift with purchase. Yet, many students at Washtenaw Community College don’t take advantage of the one student service that costs nothing to access, but could increase the money they make or affect the college they transfer to.

Any WCC student has the benefit of free tutoring services, whether or not tuition costs are out of pocket or covered by scholarships or grants.

Vanessa D’Souza, 19, WCC general studies student from Ann Arbor, is one of more than 1,300 students who uses the tutoring through Learning Support Services.

“I go there a lot,” D’Souza said. Her goals are to become an elementary teacher. She uses the biology and math tutoring at least two times a week because, “it helps a lot more when they explain it.”



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In the GM 201 Tutoring Center, on a Wednesday afternoon, D’Souza and nearly 20 students can be found studying cell membrane permeability, working with the Pythagorean Theorem and taking tests while anatomy dummies, with various layers of their viscera exposed, grin at nothing from the perimeter of the room.

The math and science tutoring are most used, according to Debra Guerrero, director of Learning Support Services. They are treated more like study groups, along with nursing, chemistry and computers. Most other subjects are covered under general studies tutoring, and can offer one-on-one help. Students using the tutoring services must be in a class to access the appropriate tutoring.

“We try not to turn anyone away,” Guerrero said, noting that LSS cannot cover every class offered at WCC, but there is usually something the student can be helped with. The needs of any enrolled WCC student, WTMC and even those dually enrolled can range from brushing up on note-taking skills or raising reading levels to qualify for college credit courses that require a minimum reading level.

Only about one-tenth of the WCC student population uses the tutoring services, despite attempts made to make students aware of the LSS services.

While new students are informed of the tutoring services during orientation, Guerrero said LSS also makes the rounds to various department meetings to remind and update the faculty of services, in addition to periodic emails sent to instructors and information tables at various college events. Some instructors identify the tutoring center on the syllabus and actively refer students.

As the needs of students change, LSS tries find ways to accommodate them. With more students taking notes on various mobile devices, the staff realized that there might be a way to

help students maximize the use of technology, Guerrero said.

LSS is using Strategic Initiative funding to provide workshops in which students can learn about the various mobile device apps that can be used for studying and note-taking. The WCC Strategic Plan priorities for student success



awarded LSS the funding for these and other workshops on time management, test-taking strategies and test anxiety.

LSS has about 16 tutors each semester, with many who are retired from education or current University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University or WCC students, Guerrero said. There tends to be a core group of tutors from year to year.

Tutor Carolyn Getz has been with WCC for eight years, providing help with biology, chemistry and math.

“We can help all students. Whether they are struggling in class or doing well. They can do better,” Getz said, taking a brief break while more students checked in at the front desk. She works with a variety of students, some who will come once and others who will come every day.

Occasionally, she will have a student who just wants the answers but does not want to learn the concept, and she finds the experience frustrating when the point of tutoring services is to help students understand the concepts.

The one-on-one work is rewarding, she said, when students tell her they have a better grasp of the material. She may not get the feedback until days or weeks later, but sometimes a student will tell her before leaving that session.

“We are here to help them to be successful in their classes,” Getz said.

Some concepts can be so difficult that they can make the tutoring sessions disappointing for Sarah Khan, 19, WCC liberal arts major from Ann Arbor who uses the tutoring centers once or twice a week.

“For math tutoring, I don’t like that they won’t sit with you at the computer,” Khan said, explaining that the tutors are instructed to only help with specific math problems. She expressed a desire for more feedback on a subject she doesn’t feel confident about. “I need help getting the gist of it.”

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# A SIP OF THE SEASON

A review of autumn-inspired beers from local and national breweries

BY EJ STOUT  
Managing Editor

Throughout the year, breweries across America work to capture and bottle the essence of each season. Crisp, citrus-forward wheat ales provide a refreshing companion to hot summer evenings while thick, malty stouts are distributed during the long winter frost.

In Michigan, however, no season produces more varietal brewing styles than fall. Brewmasters have latched onto the season’s potential and have worked hard to create recipes that go hand-in-hand with the state’s colorful and cozy autumn atmosphere.

*The Voice* staff rated a selection of these autumn-inspired beers to see what all the hype was about. We chose seasonal beers that represented a range of regions, price points and flavor profiles.

Samuel Adams, in Boston, Massachusetts, serves as a gateway to the craft beer industry with generic and safe offerings, while Dogfish Head’s unconventional brewing styles target a much smaller audience from its headquarters in Milton, Delaware.

Our goal was to use most of our taste buds evaluating Michigan breweries, so we sampled varieties from Short’s Brewing Company in Bellaire, New Holland Brewing in Holland, and local Ann Arbor spot, Arbor Brewing Company.

Some breweries focus on the crisp flavors of early fall, while others draw attention to the season’s darker, more powerful profiles.

We found that one stood out among the competition.

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WINNER IS ...

Overall, the craft beer industry has done pretty well. Any of these five styles will undoubtedly suit you better than the mass-produced and uninspired offerings of the corporate breweries. Our favorite? The hometown howler: Violin Monster.

## THE BEERS

OctoberFest Samuel Adams	Ichabod New Holland Brewing	Violin Monster Arbor Brewing Company	Autumn Ale Short’s Brewing Company	Punkin Ale Dogfish Head
5.3% ABV 16 IBUs \$10 per 6-pk	5.2% ABV 26 IBUs \$18 per 6-pk	9.3% ABV 35 IBUs \$13 per 6-pk	6.5% ABV 45 IBUs \$12 per 6-pk	7.0% ABV 28 IBUs \$10 per 4-pk
<b>Natalie:</b> This smells and tastes like fall leaves, but is also pretty bland. <b>EJ:</b> Woodsy with slight citrus overtones. Nothing exaggerated – this beer lacks distinguishing flavor. <b>Erin:</b> I got a strong sense of fumes in my mouth. <b>Taylor:</b> Medium-heavy classic Sam Adams; however, no prominent flavors.	<b>Natalie:</b> Smells like nutmeg with a sour pumpkin finish. <b>EJ:</b> Strong spice throughout with a sour finish. Overwhelming nutmeg. <b>Erin:</b> This is some kind of gland attack – not a big fan. <b>Taylor:</b> Lighter-bodied. The burp offers a shower of fall flavors.	<b>Natalie:</b> Sweet caramel smell, cinnamon flavor with a roasted finish. <b>EJ:</b> Chocolate aroma. Smooth caramel texture rolls over tongue. <b>Erin:</b> Very, very, very tart. <b>Taylor:</b> Mmm, love that dark beer! Chocolaty and smooth, balanced with a bitter finish.	<b>Natalie:</b> Sour, hoppy and refreshing. <b>EJ:</b> Very citrusy and bright flavors. More “late summer” than autumn. <b>Erin:</b> Bitter attack. <b>Taylor:</b> Tastes like (Sam Adams) OctoberFest, but better. More flavorful.	<b>Natalie:</b> Not overly flavored or sweet. How a pumpkin beer should be. <b>EJ:</b> Very balanced use of pumpkin, considering how wary I am of flavored beers. <b>Erin:</b> A cool slice of drink. <b>Taylor:</b> Hops take over the overall flavor and structure of the brew. Underlying pumpkin flavor.

ABV: Alcohol by volume, IBU: International Bittering Units, Prices are average



## New Weezer album is ‘alright’

BY JAMES SAOUD  
Managing Editor

My earliest memories of Weezer are playing street hockey with my neighborhood friends when I was 10 or 11 years old.

The band struck a chord with me, and thousands of people like me, around the world. Unlike most musicians, these guys were nerds, and we related.

We sang along to songs like “The Good Life” and “In the Garage,” and we sang along like we meant it.

When the group’s second self-titled record came out (known best as “the green album” or simply “green”) the band launched itself into the mainstream, while still keeping their nerd-rock origins.

However, once Weezer hit the mainstream, it became harder to relate to. We were still nerds and suddenly, the worst thing that could ever happen to a band that we praised for writing songs about playing Dungeons and Dragons happened. It became cool.

Weezer’s new album, “Everything Will Be Alright in the End,” doesn’t suck. Which is high praise considering the band’s last few records.

Since 2001, Weezer has become more or less irrelevant in the rock world with releases like 2005’s “Make Believe” and 2009’s “Ratitude.”

The band had regressed from the emo-pop masterminds that released its first self-titled album in 1994 (known to the band’s fans as “the blue album” or simply “blue”) and 1996’s

genre-defining “Pinkerton.”

With “Everything Will Be Alright in the End,” Weezer tries to return to its roots and write music that sounds more like its earlier music.

Unfortunately, it’s only somewhat successful with this effort.


“Ain’t Got Nobody,” the album’s opening track, starts off with a massive nostalgic bang. The song is loud, fun and has a melody similar to those of the earlier records. But things get a little messy with the next track, the album’s first single, “Back to the Shack.”

The song is little more than an apology to Weezer fans, acknowledging its musical shortcomings in the last decade. It would be a much better apology to just get back to writing good music, rather than writing lyrics about how bad the last three albums were.

However, while many of the album’s songs are forgettable, tracks like “Eulogy for a Band” and “Foolish Father” really are interesting songs – and I’m giving Weezer the credit for trying so hard please fans, even if it shows a little too much.

Though a few songs really stand out and “EWBAITE” is, by a long-shot, their best album in years, it’s obvious here, more than ever, that Weezer has truly lost its magic. It’s sad to realize that this is probably the best it will ever be again. I’d love to think otherwise, but the band has let us down far too many times to trust.


But fear not, Weezer fans, everything really will be alright in the end. So long as we still have those first few records.



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**HELP DESK SPECIALIST.** Provide entry level IT technical support for both hardware and software issues for Windows-based PC and notebook users.

**INSURANCE AGENT/INSIDE INSURANCE SALES.** Consult with prospective clients about their current and future insurance needs to help them find the right policy at an affordable rate. Use state-of-the-art technologies to quote and run insurance underwriting reports and process insurance applications. No cold-calling. Work 45-55 hours per week, which can include some weekends. Come as you are. We consider candidates with various work backgrounds and experiences. No insurance experience necessary. Four weeks of intense, industry-leading insurance-sales training. Opportunities for other incentives, rewards and

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**SEASONAL RETAIL STOCK MERCHANDISER.** Be an integral part of bringing the magic to shoppers during the fast-paced holiday season. While all seasonal positions require working as part of a team to meet department and store objectives, your individual responsibilities may include placement of new merchandise receipts on the selling floor, moving merchandise to prepare for sales events, pulling merchandise for shipping to customers, and completing price changes. Work hours are early morning between 5 a.m.-2 p.m.

**MATH INSTRUCTOR.** A math-only learning center in the Ann Arbor/Dexter area has an opening for a math instructor to work with students in grades 2-12. Curriculum and materials are pre-determined for each student, and instructor will apply the teaching methods presented during training. Exceptional math skills through Algebra II, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus required. Hours may vary, but could include mid-afternoon through early evening, M-Th and Sunday mornings, approximately 8-16 hours per week (flexible). Starting compensation is \$10/hour.

**LABORATORY TECHNICIAN.** 1st or 2nd shift needed to provide chemical and/or mechanical testing support for material, product/system development, validation and quality activities. Work closely with engineering and other technicians to provide testing support in a timely manner to provide analysis and test results so that projects are completed as scheduled and objectives are achieved. Monitor testing in progress, collect data and report results using hand-held instruments for precision measuring.





HAUNTED,  
From B1

Ed Terebus is extremely proud of his work, so proud that he and his family have made Erebus their home. Living on the third floor, they walk past skeletons, caskets and bloody body parts.

While visiting his best friend in Thailand, Ed Terebus met his wife. She worked at a beach apparel store and was also his tour guide and translator.

“She’s a pretty strong woman,” said Ed. She comes from a country where they don’t know much about haunted houses, and now she’s living in one of the world’s largest.

Not only do they feel right at home, but so do the 90-plus employees. Erebus may be a house of horror for some, but it’s a fun house for the actors.

Jessica Eden, 25, spent five years working for Erebus. Her job on her first night was to stick her head through a circular window and frighten passersby. The more she worked, the more she began to develop her own main character.

She was an asylum escapee yelling, “Come and play!” to anyone who dared to cross her path. Eden knew she had made a lasting and fright-instilling impression when she received a punch to the face and a stiletto smack to the head. Despite the injuries, she still said, “I think everyone should do it at least once; it’s a blast!”

Longtime friend of Eden, Misty King is the personnel manager at Erebus. She has worked for Erebus for 15 years and doesn’t plan on leaving anytime soon.

She started out as a customer and landed a job after running into Edward Terebus. She really enjoys the connection she has with all of the actors, especially the clowns who she said are “the core” of the haunted attraction.

Otto Ghee, 25, is one of the actors who loves his job the most. He and his brother work together in the mirror maze room. What’s worse than a killer clown? Two killer clowns. With the advantage of working at Erebus for six years, he has had time to evolve his costume to generate ultimate fear.

Jermaine Price, 27, said his job is at Erebus is, “to scare everybody and anybody I can, that’s my job. You’ve got to feel it. If you don’t, you aren’t going to do a good job,” Price said,



The make-up artists’ works are displayed at their stations. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



“The fact that we all love it makes it that much better.”

The Queen of Erebus is represented by 36-year-old Shelton Martin. Crawling on hands and knees, covered in blood, begging visitors to stay within the walls of Erebus. However, outside of the bride’s dungeon, he said, “Everyone here is like a family; this place saved me.”

This is his fifth year working at the attraction and mentions how much he loves his bosses.

“Every night, Ed walks downstairs and shakes everyone’s hands, thanking them for being there.”

The behind-the-scenes makeup artists bring the terror to life. Tamara Martin, 46, and Zoie Hill, 23, have worked together before. Martin has been at Erebus for three years and this is Hill’s first year.

They enjoy working together and contributing their gory talents. They agree that they love the pressure of doing the make-up for 80 people a night, including latex work, airbrushing, face-painting, and more.

Besides being the largest walk-through haunted house in the nation, Erebus employees focus on more than just giving people nightmares; they also help kids escape their own. Being a victim of bullying at a young age, Ed Terebus wanted to make a difference in children’s lives.

The Terebus brothers have paired up with another haunted house owner in Denver who created an anti-bullying campaign called, “Don’t Be a Monster.” Ed and Jim Terebus have helped spread the message to numerous haunted attractions.

“By the end of this year we will have been in front of over 10,000 kids,” Ed said. Although they agree that scaring people can be fun, bullying is never the answer.

**EREBUS**

**WHERE:** 18 S. Perry, Pontiac

**WHEN:** Refer to <http://www.hauntedpontiac.com>

**HOW MUCH:** \$23 weekdays, \$25 Sunday, \$28 weekends, group rates do apply

**WHY:** You’ll see

**OTHER HAUNTED HOUSES IN WASHTENAW COUNTY**

**WHAT:** Wiard’s Orchard- 6 haunted attractions

**WHERE:** 5565 Merrit Road, Ypsilanti

**WHEN:** Refer to <http://www.hauntedhousemichigan.com>

**WHAT:** Brandywine Cemetery

**WHERE:** 2727 Brandywine St., Ann Arbor

**WHEN:** Refer to <http://www.brandywinecemetery.com>

**WHAT:** Jackson’s Underworld

**WHERE:** 1318 Wildwood Ave., Jackson

**WHEN:** Refer to <http://www.jx-underworld.com>



A mask made by one of the make-up artists sits proudly on the counter while the artists work away in the background. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE

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