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Locals from Ann Arbor protest Rick Snyder because of the Flint water crisis. COLIN MACDOUGALL | WASHTENAW VOICE



Nina Pu, a 21-year-old economics student of Pittsfield, helps volunteers to fill a semi with the water WCC is sending to Flint. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC donates 30,000 bottles of water to Flint

BY COLIN MACDOUGALL
Contributor

Washtenaw Community College joined the county-wide Washtenaw Water Drive Coalition to assist in providing the citizens of Flint, Michigan bottled water in their time of need. WWDC's goal was to send

100,000 bottles of water to residents of Flint.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 through the 28, students and volunteers worked in Parking Lot 2 collecting water and loading it into the WCC automotive technology trailers. The WCC Automotive Technology Department delivered the

water to Flint.

WCC's Political Science club joined in the efforts, volunteering their time to the cause. The treasurer of the PSC Davon Shackelford, a 22-year-old math and science major from Ann Arbor said, "E Pluribus Unum, (meaning) out of many, one. We represent

many backgrounds, interests, creeds, and religions. However when it really matters, we stand by each other."

Joe Chapman, the vice president of the PSC, and 20-year-old sociology major from Ypsilanti said he was impressed at the amount of water collected – coming in at over double

the original estimate of 600 cases – as well as the willingness of community members to volunteer.

Pete Leshkevich, director of Student Activities noted, "I'm just really proud of our students and community to provide support for Flint in their time of need. We are really impressed by

the generosity of the donors and we had to get a second trailer to transport to Flint."

Chapman added, "Kudos to Pete for just being so committed to it. He was there at 7 a.m. on Thursday and was there everyday and handled every situation that came up. Pete was the biggest person to thank."

Instructors work toward providing relief to students amid rising textbook costs

BY MADI TORTORA
Staff Writer

With the exponential rise in textbook prices combined with the already overwhelming cost of tuition, it seems as though it's becoming more and more difficult to attend college on a budget.

It was estimated by the American Enterprise Institute that textbook prices have increased 812 percent over the past few decades. This skyrocket in prices is increasing faster than inflation, and is outpacing the 559 percent increase in tuition and fees over nearly the same period.

"As the cost of textbooks continues to rise, students are buying them less, which means that they don't have the information they need," said Claire Sparklin, a communications instructor at Washtenaw Community College. "We've made it so that in classes with high-price textbooks, students

at a financial disadvantage are also at a disadvantage in the classroom."

According to a study by the United States Public Interest Research Group, 65 percent of students decided against buying a textbook because it was too expensive, and that 94 percent of those students were concerned that doing so would negatively affect their grades.

"From our basic research that we've done on this area, it has been suggested that there are students who don't major in a certain subject because of the cost," said Bonnie Tew, a WCC communications instructor. "Some students, as a result, can't sign up for as many classes to stay on track with their program, because they can't afford the textbook. It literally serves to close the door on opportunity."

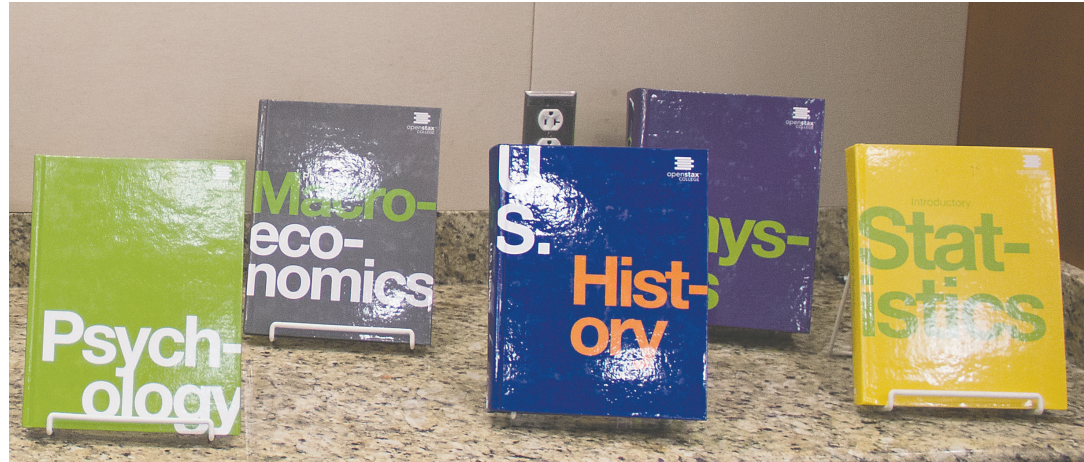
At WCC, an in-district, full-time student would pay approximately \$1,128 per semester, at \$94 per credit hour. Assuming

that one year at WCC is two semesters, the average total tuition fee would be \$2,256, therefore making the average cost of textbooks more than 50 percent of the total tuition paid for one year.

"What I have been able to glean and see, unfortunately – and this is criminal – is that the community college students seem to be paying more money for the same textbook, some of which are being used in four-year institutions, and that's a problem," Tew said.

Part of why community colleges were created is the significant lower yearly tuition rate than the average four-year school, which, for in-state students, is sitting at nearly \$9,200 minus housing, food, books and supplies, according to an article by Bigfuture.

Sparklin and Tew, along with several other members of WCC faculty, are working on structuring a program, called Open Education Resources, which



Open-educational resources could be the future of college textbooks. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

offers free college textbooks online. These textbooks are readily available to their students.

"It was getting to the point where this (communications) textbook price had been risen to \$200 per book, and we tried working with the publisher and stripping out the nice paper, colored pictures, and hardcover, but one year later, the price was already soaring right up," Tew said.

Sparklin, Tew, and other members of faculty interested in making OERs common in general education classes performed a survey on students who are using OERs and how it

affects their learning. Although the survey was anonymous, the answers are explanatory of how OERs really can help students.

"The OER gave me peace of mind. I didn't have to freak out trying to figure out how to pay for a book," said one student. Many other students share the same opinion.

"It means having groceries for the month," another student said. "When I'm not hungry, I can learn better."

Because the rise of textbook prices can affect the amount of students that actually attend school, OERs could provide an improved way to support

students financially both inside school, and out. OERs are obviously not the only solution to this problem, and may not fit every class offered, but they offer a sliver of hope in these trying times of piling student debt.

"I really see this as a new opportunity to support students, and their access to education, their access to academic success, and their access to current and future opportunities," Tew said. "It's an important tool in the process of education. Frankly, I think it would be possible to one day have a full track of general education courses that offered Open-Education Resources."

WCC to negotiate safety and security contract with Washtenaw County Sheriff's office

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

At their most recent meeting, the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees took action on a recommendation to negotiate a contract with the county sheriff's office to have armed school resource officers on campus.

The board discussed the drafted guidelines summary provided by the sheriff's office and Chair Richard Landau entertained broad discussion. Trustees continue to address concerns including the effect of introducing armed officers into a campus culture and how much influence they will have.

"I continue to be concerned about the speed we're moving ahead with this," said Trustee Dave DeVarti. "I'm still grappling with bringing that police presence on campus where I think it would have negative

implications for students here that could damage their process toward achieving a completion of higher education. I'm just wondering why we're moving so quickly."

Landau commented that although he understands the concerns about instating police officers on campus, University of Michigan has their own actual police force and he doesn't recall it having an effect on student's success.

"I understand deliberation and I respect deliberation, but we cannot be unmindful of current events and the unfortunate frequency with which incidents of active shooters and other incidents of mass violence on college campuses is occurring in this country," Landau said. "I loathe to delay this type of decision

very much longer since we do have an obligation to ensure the safety of the faculty, staff and students on this campus."



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- Trustee Dave DeVarti

Dilip Das, a WCC trustee and an employee of U-M, provided feedback concerning Landau's comment. While U-M does have their own police force, Das said they also have an oversight committee consisting of students, faculty and staff which examines the actions of the officers.

"I would hope that we also compose a body that regularly examine the activity of the SROs, including any estimated uptick in arrests that they've already assured us will likely happen, just because of a presence of police officers on this campus," Das said. He adds that the job of a police force is to "fulfill their function and to arrest and detain."

The board agreed that incorporating an oversight committee is something

they need to seriously look at and add to the drafted contract. Treasurer Stephen Gill reminded the board and attendees that the draft is not final and they still have an opportunity to reject, and or adjust, the guidelines and expectations.

Trustee Ruth Hatcher's response was that the more they look at the guidelines, the harder it is to say no. She also supports the idea of incorporating an oversight committee or task force to make sure the SROs are acting correctly.

Although the administration is recommending four SROs at an annual cost of \$626,908, Hatcher commented that she could support one, because that would already be a huge increase in security, compared to the previous contract.

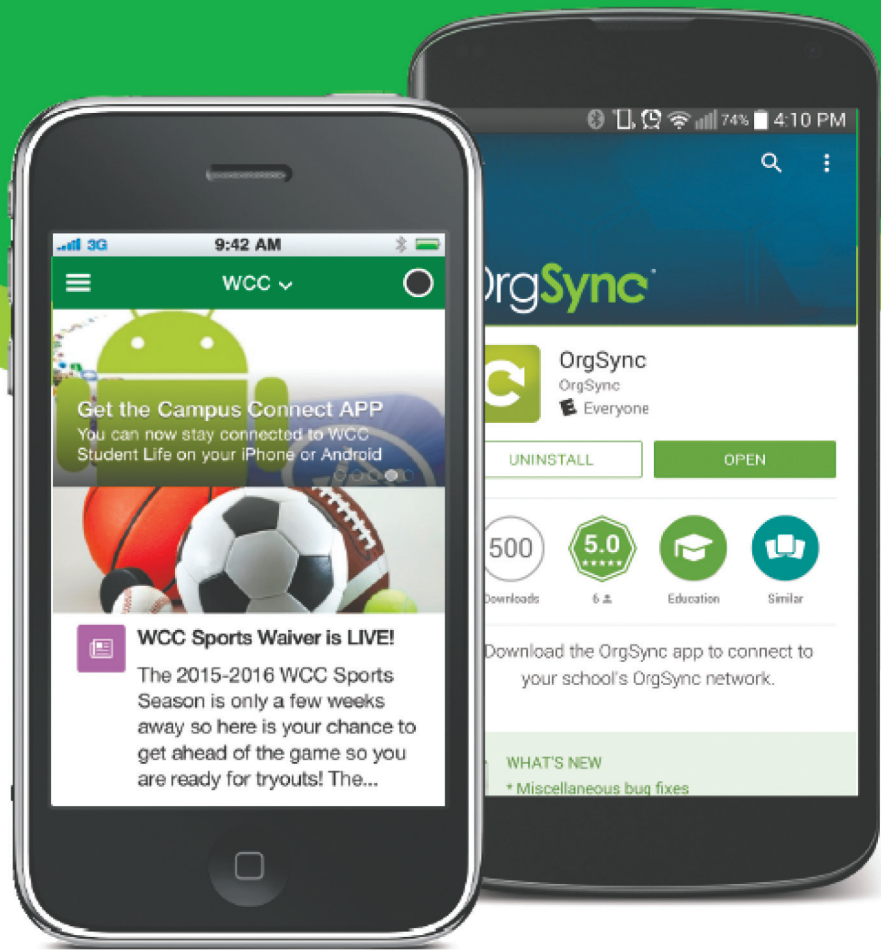
"Before we hurry into

something that is spending \$600,000, frankly, I'd rather take that \$600,000 and put it toward an increased counseling presence so we'd have more counselors to assist," DeVarti said in his remarks. "I think that would be a greater enhancement to the safety and security of the campus, to have more counselors available to meet the needs of our students. I want to evaluate what's the appropriate way to spend this money... I think we're rushing into an ongoing expenditure and could have effects on some of the lives of the students here."

Ultimately, the board voted in favor of the negotiation, 6-1, with DeVarti voting "No." Questions and concerns will be taken back to the sheriff's office and the board will vote on approval of the contract at a future meeting.

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5 THINGS YOU MISSED... AT THE JAN. 26 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

I. WCCEA PRESIDENT MARYAM BARRIE DELIVERS MONTHLY SPEECH

Maryam Barrie, president of Washtenaw Community College’s Education Association, addressed the board about her concerns regarding the support faculty will receive if they need to return to school to accommodate the Higher Learning Commission’s new faculty guidelines.

She mentioned that she’s inquired on multiple occasions and while ideas have “bounced across the table,” nothing definite has been discussed.

“I want to be able to say to them and to our community, that our college values and supports its faculty - and for that to be clearly demonstrated in how this issue is handled,” Barrie said.

As a likely outcome of this situation, Barrie urged the board to hire more qualified full-time faculty and “ensure that as we get closer to the HLC’s deadline (September 2017), we remain able to meet our student’s needs,” Barrie said.

She spoke of the board’s inclusion of campus security on the agenda and also urged the board to look into hiring more Licensed Professional Counselors. Two new part-timers have been hired, but Barrie questioned as to whether or not that would be enough to supplement the recent loss of two full-timers, John Rinke and Pat Taylor.

Barrie concluded by mentioning an anonymous letter accompanied by a book she received; William Deresiewicz’s “Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite.” The letter was also addressed to WCC President Rose Bellanca, Vice President for Instruction Michael Nealon, Vice President for Student and Academic Services Linda Blakey, and Dean of Mathematics, Science and Engineering Technology Kris Good, according to Barrie.

The letter concluded by saying, “Happy New Year from just one of the many disheartened, disappointed and sad faculty members who does happen to remember - and believe in - what the purpose of true education is, and who therefore laments how difficult it is to be a good teacher at WCC, given the administrative policies that frame our working conditions do not create the necessary ‘space’ for genuinely good teaching.”

2. HUMANITIES INSTRUCTOR RE- QUESTS NEW VANS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Elisabeth Thoburn, WCC humanities instructor and adviser of the Arts Club, provided public comment concerning the need for newer vans to take students on educational field trips. She relayed to the board that their club is probably one that uses the vans the most to take students off-site. During the board’s comments, President Rose Bellanca mentioned that they have already been looking at possible replacements.

3. FORMER BOARD MEMBER’S ROLES FILLED

As a result of former Treasurer Pamela Horiszny’s retirement last semester, two other board members have taken on her roles. Trustee Stephen Gill has taken on the office of board treasurer and Secretary Christina Fleming has filled her position as WCC’s Foundation liaison. WCC Foundation works toward assisting students through scholarships and other philanthropic efforts.

4. NEW AND DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS

The medical office administration certificate is being discontinued as of Fall 2016, due to an overall low enrollment. The agenda also states that some students have confused this area of study with completing a certified medical assisting certificate. Secondly, the certificate for hospitality management has also been discontinued, due to a low completion rate.

The agenda says that most of the students have received substitutions for necessary courses to complete the program, and “substitutions will be created as needed to facilitate graduation for remaining students.”

The two new programs introduced are a core business skills certificate, and an advanced machine tool programming advanced certificate. The CT certificate provides students with a series of courses in which they’ll gain a “basic understanding of business and the core foundation of business principles.” The certificate will consist of 21 credit hours and is a new program for 2016-2017.

The CV certificate consists of 16 credit hours and students will learn “advanced CNC programming skills. Students will practice the fundamentals of Intuitive Probing Systems and Visual Quick Code needed to create machine tool programs.” According to the agenda, WCC is also working with Eastern Michigan University to develop in the area of 3-D printing.

5. BOARD TO CONTINUE VIDEO RE- CORDING MEETINGS

The board discussed the recommendation to continue the pilot program of video recording each meeting. They were presented with the metrics after having posted four meetings total. While some board members questioned whether or not it’s worth the time based on the average number of viewers, others wanted to continue. The cost of producing and posting each video costs approximately \$320.

“I have had several people thank us for putting this up, so I do know that some people are watching it and I see this cost as such a small cost – it’s just the fact that we are showing our meetings is a step toward increased transparency,” said Trustee Dave DeVarti.

The original recommendation was to continue the recordings through and including the September board meeting. It was then recommended to continue them through December and was approved.



WCC’s Recycle Mania 2016

The Recycling Operations Department at Washtenaw Community College invites everyone to participate, students, staff and faculty, in the Recyclemania 2016 competition.

RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities.

Over an eight-week period, Feb. 8 – April 2, colleges across the United States and Canada report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week. They are in turn, ranked in various categories based on who recycles the most on a per capita basis, as well as which schools have the best recycling rate as a percentage of total waste and which schools generate the least amount of combined trash and recycling. With each week’s updated ranking, participating schools follow their performance against other colleges and use the results to rally their campus to reduce and recycle more.

The college will compete in the “Grand Champion” and “Waste Minimization” categories. The “Grand Champion” category combines trash and each of the core recyclable materials, plus food organics to determine a school’s recycling rate as a percentage of its overall waste generation. The college ranked 52nd in 2015 with a recycling

rate of 46.3 percent. In the “Waste Minimization” category, schools compete to see which produces the least amount of recyclables, food organics and trash on a per person basis. Where other categories recognize school efforts to collect the recyclables generated on campus, this competition focuses on their efforts to reduce the amount of waste generated, including recyclables. WCC ranked 5th amongst colleges and universities competing in this category.

The goals for 2016 is 50 percent overall recycling rate, or better. With everyone doing their part, the goal is achievable.

There are four separate targeted material categories for paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, and food service organics that the college also competes in.

PAPER

The following materials can be included in the paper category:

Office paper, shredded paper, boxboard / chipboard, catalogs, hard and softbound books, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, phone books.

CARDBOARD

The following materials can be included in the cardboard category:

Baled and unbaled cardboard boxes, boxboard / chipboard, kraft paper materials

CANS AND BOTTLES

The following materials are included in the Cans and bottles category:

#1 through #7 Plastics (e.g., soda, water, juice, beer, laundry detergent bottles), aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, steel cans.

FOOD SERVICE ORGANICS

This category tracks food waste and any organic materials handled alongside food waste. Food waste generated in office and campus special events can be included in addition to that collected from dining facilities. The following materials are included in the food service organics category:

Pre and post-consumer food waste, compostable dinnerware, napkins, etc., used cooking grease. Recycling is important for making the environment a cleaner place, conserving materials, saving energy and reducing the amount of garbage in landfills.

One of the most important benefits of recycling is the impact it has on the Earth. Recycling different materials helps the environment by reducing the use of natural resources. For example, recycling paper goods reduces the number of trees cut down each year.

BARRY WILKINS
WCC’s Recycle Operations Manager

Security Notes

Jan. 12 - Jan. 28

Information from incident reports provided to The Voice by Campus Safety and Security Director Jacques Desrosiers

LARCENY

On Jan. 12, a credit card, keys, and cash were stolen out of a locker in the HFC between 7:30-9 p.m.

THREATS

On Jan. 26, one student verbally threatened another student in the BE building at 11 a.m. and the Washtenaw County Sheriff was called.

HIT AND RUN

On Jan. 20 or 21, the owner of a 2012 Toyota Prius discovered at approximately 5:30 p.m. that someone struck his vehicle damaging a fender then left the scene. The hit and run occurred in the HFC parking lot and was reported on Jan. 25.

Campus Safety Tips

Vehicles:

- Never leave your vehicle running while it is unattended
- Roll up your windows completely and lock your doors
- Take your keys and never leave a spare in or on the vehicle
- Keep out of sight all valuables and packages that may tempt a thief
- When available, use auto theft deterrents such as car alarms and steering column devices

Electronics:

- Do not leave laptops, smart phones, or tablets unattended
- Record serial numbers of electronic devices
- Use anchor security devices to lock personal computers

Parking:

- For your safety and security, as well as a courtesy to your fellow students, faculty and staff, please park in designated parking spaces only

IN BRIEF

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Talent Show auditions are being held in the Towsley Auditorium Thursday, Feb. 18 from 4-8 p.m. If you can dance, sing, twirl a baton or amaze an audience, sign up for the auditions on campus connect.

WCC’s MARDI GRAS

Volunteers are needed for the WCC Mardi Gras Fundraiser, hosted by the WCC Foundation. Volunteers are needed Friday, Feb. 12 for set-up, as well as at the event on Saturday, Feb. 6. Those who volunteer for four or more hours on the day of the event will be invited to an exclusive appreciation event on Friday, Feb. 12.

TRIP TO CHARLES WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN- AMERICAN HISTORY

Tickets to visit the Charles Wright Museum of African-American History will soon be available for the Friday, Feb. 19 trip. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale soon at the Cashier’s Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center Building. Tickets include college-van transportation, museum admission and lunch at Mongolian BBQ.

TRIP TO KALAHARI WATER PACK

On Thursday, Feb. 25, a trip to Kalahari is offered for the ticket price of \$30. Tickets include motor coach transportation, admission and a voucher for pizza/pop. Tickets will be on sale soon at the Cashier’s Office.

FUN WITH WINTER SEED SOWING

On Feb. 17, Lifelong WCC instructor Monica Milla will be leading a winter seed sowing workshop, sponsored by the Sustainability Council. The workshop will take place in library room 118, in the Gunder Myran building, from 12 – 1 p.m. This is a free event.

TASTEFEST

The event will showcase many local restaurants with a sample tasting of what they offer, a silent auction which features many items and gift cards from local artists and businesses, as well as music and a cash bar. The 3rd annual event will be held in the Morris Lawrence Building from 5 – 8 p.m. The ticket price is \$30, and a special discounted ticket price of \$20 for students and veterans with a valid ID. All money raised will benefit housing and employment services for veterans and people with disabilities.

-Sofia Lynch

EDITORIAL

Can we really ensure campus safety?

With the ever-increasing gun violence in America, schools across the country are trying to be prepared in the unfortunate case that theirs is next. According to Sgt. Keith Flores with the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department, out of the 52 recorded mass shootings in 2015, 21 were in college or university settings. (See related A5 story “Active shooter scenario...”)

Although the possibility of an incident occurring at Washtenaw Community College seems unimaginable, taking the precautions to make sure that not only employees, but also students, are ready is not a bad idea.

The creation of Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate training was a result of the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine High School. WCC’s employees have undergone ALICE for a number of years, and some students have taken part in the training as well.

Even though it’s distressing that schools and other institutions have to take these precautionary steps because of the instability of the country, it’s better to be prepared and have nothing happen, than have something happen and not be prepared.

But, how has the implementation of active shooter training affected campuses? Schools are supposed to be places of growth, education and safety. Not a place where students should have to feel like they need to fight for their survival.

Incorporating students into the training is timely, since the school is trying to revamp its security by negotiating a contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department and adopting an undetermined number of armed officers on campus.

While taking into consideration the fact that this is not an unusual occurrence on school grounds, having police officers in an educational setting requires special skill sets. Since students, faculty and staff are not used to having officers on campus, the concern for an “uptick” in arrests has been brought up on a few occasions in the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees meetings.

While the longer the school waits may leave potential for threats, this is not a decision to be made lightly. With the board agreeing to negotiate a contract with the local Sheriff’s Department, it is paramount that the campus community remains involved in the decision-making processes.

It is more than understandable to be prepared in the event of a tragedy, but it is scary that students should have to consider whether or not attending their safe school space will put them in the crosshairs of another massacre. Adding armed officers may seem like the only option for those who fear for the worst, however, adding more guns to the scenario may not be the best answer. Let the campus community decide.

GUEST COLUMN

Looking at another take on safety

Lately, it’s been more difficult to re-produce the friendly touch of earlier days at WCC. We’ve gotten more bureaucratic even within our own interpersonal connections. We’ve lost some of our spirit. And we’ve forgotten that this spirit is what keeps us safe and makes learning possible. If a Boeing 747 falls out of the sky and hits the college, people will die. Yes, an anti-aircraft installation may have shot it down, but....

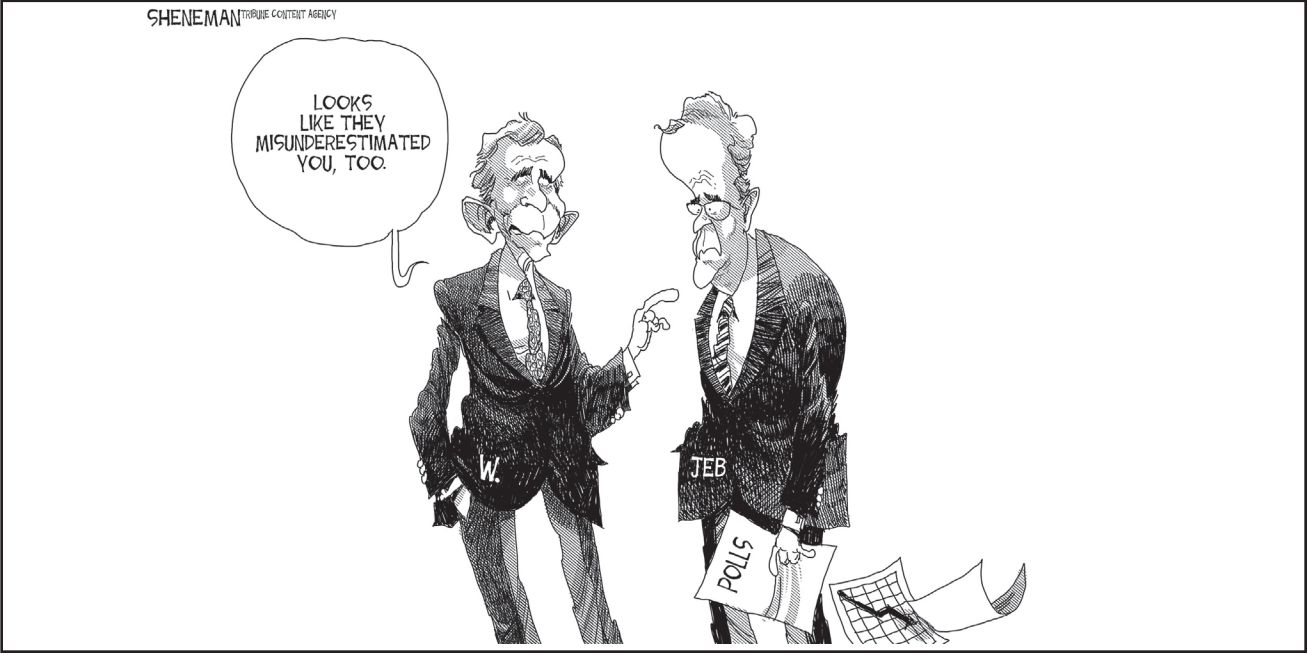
Safety, in our line of work, depends upon our relatedness to students, not a commodity like extra divisions for the Army, simply because relatedness is so very complicated. Our staff’s ability to be helpful, understanding, resourceful, compassionate and timely has kept our college safe. That, and the perceived empowerment that students feel. People who feel accepted, understood, and valued do not feel like killing someone. Yes, this won’t stop the airplane from falling, or the invasion of the Moon People. Our job is to enhance enlightenment, not to promote force.

The challenge of engaging students on the college campus is an old one, partly addressed in

many colleges by separating the roles of special people while giving them a free run of the campus. In medieval times, these people were called Proctors. They were deemed officers of the college and reported to the dean of students. And here is the kicker: they had open access to other members of the college hierarchy and their advice was frequently followed, be it a small student loan, a ride home, a square meal, a listening ear.... They had a discretionary fund for helping students immediately without consultations. In the movies, this role is often played by a Father O’Brian. Elsewhere, it is played by Proctor Moore. Give students more attention outside of the internal bureaucracy.

Horse breeders have learned the difference between breaking a horse and gentling a horse. The Canadian Mounties favor gentling their horses. Creating a caring community is our best chance for safety and one with a long proven track record.

HAL R. WEIDNER
WCC emeritus instructor
Ann Arbor



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader argues legitimacy of Ann Arbor deer cull

This letter is concerning the article “Ann Arbor Deer Cull Causes Controversy” in the Jan. 18 edition of the Voice. I will preface with this disclaimer: I am an animal lover, not lacking in compassion, and believe that humans are generally destructive and harmful to all other creatures and nature.

However, I found this article to be alarmingly one-sided.

Many students and others who read the voice may not be aware of the legitimate reasons to cull animals, or even what it means from an ecological perspective. I have been at WCC for several years as a student and tutor, and despite what was written in this article, I can attest to the deer population being a problem in this immediate area.

Twice in my time here, I have seen deer hit by cars on Huron Road directly in front of the school. On the more horrific occasion of the two, the adolescent deer was injured and

proceeded to run around frantically in stopped traffic, ultimately running into another car and collapsing.

The quotations given in the article seem bias, and in some cases lacking explanation. For example, Karen Patterson of the Huron Valley Humane Society, is quoted blatantly slamming the USDA Wildlife Services and citing confusing statistics. She mentions the “recommended deer densities of 15-20 deer per square mile” as per the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, a program of Michigan State University Extension.

I am curious whether that recommendation is affected by human population in the area in question. Also, what are the consequences of having or not having the “recommended deer density,” and why should we be concerned if the actual number is lower?

What little opposition is offered to what appears to be the author’s opinion is conveniently placed in

the continuation of the article on an inside page and consists of only four short paragraphs. While I personally do not have a problem with the cull or the method by which it is being executed, my purpose here is not to debate whether it should or should not be happening.

My reason for responding to this article is that I believe if a topic is controversial, such as this one, your readers deserve to be presented with the facts in a reasonably impartial way. The National Geographic article titled “Killing Wildlife: The Pros and Cons of Culling Animals” published in March 2014 offers a brief, unbiased view of the debate surrounding culling in general. Many of the pros of culling presented there may be relevant to the situation in Ann Arbor as well.

CARLY SLANK
WCC tutor and EMU student

COLUMN

Heteronormativity holds back pop culture



When you think of a romance movie, which is the first to come to mind? The Notebook? Titanic? Without even realizing it, our society has become accustomed to romance existing only between a man and a woman.

Heteronormativity, according to the Gender and Education Association, is a term used by social theorists to discuss the way in which gender and sexuality have been separated into hierarchically organized categories. This idea implies that men and women are set into certain roles in society, and those roles are supposed to be joined in a consensual, heterosexual-specific relationship.

The concept of heteronormativity can be extremely limiting. The focus on heteronormative programming marginalizes and outcasts many gay and lesbian individuals, which causes unnecessary stress for individuals struggling to define their

sexual identity.

Our society today identifies as heteronormative, although it is understood that heterosexual-specific relationships are not the only relationships that exist. More and more attention is being drawn to the LGBTQA+ community through celebrities who have come out openly as gay or bisexual, like Neil Patrick Harris and Ellen DeGeneres, but the divide still exists in many outlets of media.

Television series like “Modern Family” and “The Fosters” are just a preview of what modern programming can look like if society continues to be open-minded. But even with this progress, heterosexual men and women are still being hired to play gay and lesbian characters, which leaves the door open for stereotypes to be upheld.

A remake of the movie “Stonewall,” focusing on the Stonewall riot that sparked the birth of the mainstream gay rights movement, was an example of this. The focus on all of the white, straight roles in the movie called for critics to label it a “whitewash,” and boycott the movie.

Celebrities are attempting to draw attention to the lack of both openly gay and lesbian and black nominees at awards shows like the Oscars. Jada Pinkett Smith, a well-known actress

and wife of Will Smith, swore off the Oscars this year because of the lack of black nominees. Ian McKellen, a British actor known for the “Lord of the Rings” movies, commented on the lack of gay and lesbian nominees at the Oscars, expressing that “they were being ill treated and underestimated.”

No openly gay man has ever won the Oscar,” McKellen said to The Guardian. “I wonder if that is prejudice or chance.”

Of course, this issue extends far beyond media and enters our daily lives, whether subconsciously or consciously.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, four in 10 LGBT youth say that the community they live in is not accepting of LGBT people. Along with that, LGBT youth are twice as likely as their peers to say that they have been physically assaulted, kicked or shoved at school.

Before attempting to completely expel heteronormativity in media, society must begin to focus on making members of the LGBT community feel safe in their own homes and neighborhoods. With approximately nine million Americans identifying as a part of the LGBT community, our society as a whole should be doing more to represent them in both media and everyday life.

CORRECTION

The editorial in the Jan. 18 issue incorrectly said that absentee voting had been eliminated in Michigan. A proposal to join other states in allowing voters to cast absentee ballots for no reason was, in fact, eliminated from election legislation acted on by the state Legislature. However, absentee voting remains available to registered voters who are:

- Age 60 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expect to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

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Four new laws introduced in Michigan

January 2016 brought more than just new year’s resolutions, it was also the beginning of new laws in Michigan.



With the proper documentation, service animals can now accompany their human companions. COURTESY | ZACHARY HOFFERBER

1. SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animal owners are now able to obtain a voluntary state ID, and patch for their companions. These service animals and their owners are now more protected when entering businesses and public accommodations as of Jan.18th, 2016.

Punishments for falsely declaring an animal as a service animal also stiffened, according to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, penalties include: jail time, heavy fines upwards of \$500 and a misdemeanor charge. Veteran’s diagnosed with PTSD,

and other disabilities are now stated as necessitating a companion animal.

Army Veteran Zach Hofferber, 29, of Ann Arbor is studying to be a physical therapy assistant at WCC. He currently has Maggie, his future service dog, in a 6-8 week training program. “I look forward most to bringing her to class,” Hofferber said.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act, landlords cannot consider service animals to be pets, and they cannot ask specifics about tenant’s disabilities.

“She is free of pet fees,

pet rent, and license fees,” Hofferber said.

2. SEARCH AND SEIZURE

New law mandates for more rigorous definition on search warrants before police can enter or take personal property, and a new database for storing asset sums. The bills passed unanimously on Oct. 7, 2015 and were implemented on Jan. 18, 2016; requiring police departments to report all assets received from raids and seizures. According to the Institute for Justice, the standard of proof must now be deemed “clear and convincing evidence” from a crime before it can be seized.

Dayana Sanchez, 20, of Ann Arbor is a Psychology major at WCC. Sanchez has had her vehicle searched by officers during a traffic stop.

“They searched through everything but didn’t take anything with them. I was given a ticket for no proof of insurance and then they let me leave,” Sanchez said. She was unaware of the D-grade Michigan received from the institute of Justice prior to Jan. 18.

3. E-INSURANCE

Effective Jan. 18, drivers only need a digital copy of their auto insurance to show police during a traffic stop, and are not required to keep a paper copy in their vehicle. According to Michigan legislature, police officers are only able to view the

insurance and are not able to manipulate the device in any way, and may request a copy to be forwarded to them for verification.

Although communications major Brooke Mcallister, 18, of Ypsilanti wouldn’t mind handing her phone over to an officer on good faith to make things easier, she will continue to keep her paper copy.

“There are so many things that could happen, like your phone being dead, for one. You would get a ticket if you didn’t have a way to charge it,” Mcallister said.

4. POWDERED ALCOHOL

Powdered alcohol was approved for sale in the United States on March 10, 2015. As of Jan. 26, 2016, Michigan has banned the sales and use of palcohol. Palcohol has not been released for purchase, only previously approved by the Tax and Trade Bureau.

According to creator Mark Phillips’ online video, Palcohol packets contain the same amount of alcohol as one liquid shot. When asked about the dangers of a powdered form of alcohol, WCC healthcare foundations major, Imad Alghazali, finds the ban to be an overreach by the legislature.

“If there will be fines and repercussions that could lead to jail time, it is not improving our state. The sale and consumption of alcohol is already monitored, so our previous laws could have been adapted,” Alghazali said.



Vice President for Instruction Michael Nealon greets the honorees. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

HONORS CONVOCATION

166 WCC STUDENTS
TOOK PART IN THE HONOR'S
CONVOCATION ON JAN. 28

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GRADUATING STUDENTS
WITH 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER RECEIVED
HONORS GRADUATE CERTIFICATES



Active shooter scenario played out on WCC campus



After the first scenario, Sgt. Keith Flores debriefs and talks to students about the dos and don’ts in certain situations like the given scenario. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY JON PRICE
Contributor

Representatives of the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department teamed up with the administration at Washtenaw Community College to present a “personal survival training plan” in the event that a live shooter were on campus.

Last week, 15-year veteran of the WCSD, Sgt. Keith Flores,

along with Deputy Jess Spike, gave a two-hour training session to students and staff on the most current safety practices and survival tips if the unimaginable were to take place.

“The person who does this is very committed, you have to be equally committed, committed to survive,” Spike told the room of about 20, most of whom were students or employees at WCC.

The presentation provided students and employees with critical information on how to conduct themselves in the event of a school shooting. While it seems improbable that one might be faced with this scenario, Flores said that of the 52 recorded mass shootings in 2015, 21 were in college or university settings.

“Is it happening more, or are we just hearing about it more?” Flores asked rhetorically. “My answer, both.”

Officers advised students on how to barricade doors and the best means of communicating with emergency services if a shooter were to enter a campus building. The presentation, a slide show accompanied by some rather graphic video footage, was followed by students and staff participating in a simulated live shooter scenario.

While some found the experience, which involved training guns that mimicked the sound of actual gunfire,

jarring, most participants said they left the seminar feeling more prepared if gun violence were to erupt at WCC.

“I think it was well run,” Zach Baker said. “It makes me want to encourage more students to make the campus safer.”

Baker, a 36-year-old Ypsilanti resident and an employee at WCC, said he realizes it’s not something people care to think about but ultimately feels the training is a necessity.

“It sucks we have to prepare for this,” Baker said. “But, it also sucks to change a tire without a jack or stand, but you have to do what you have to do.”

“Our job is to get you thinking,” Flores said, noting that there is no protocol that is applicable to every violent situation. “(The shooters) are practicing, you should be too.”

Those who are interested in learning more about what to do in the event of school or workplace violence may contact the WCSD at (734) 971-8400.



Erin Wade, 15, and Anthony Zorney, 19, made a quick blockade as the mock gunmen tries to enter into the room. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

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WCC DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM SHINES

BY **SOFIA LYNCH**
Managing Editor

Washtenaw Community College offers a number of highly-acclaimed programs that are a source of pride for those in and around the WCC community. What it is that earns these programs their notoriety, however, is not always as commonly known. While many view career preparedness as one of the main jobs of a college, programs like WCC’s Dental Clinic go beyond the call of duty and provide in-field job experience for its students. Through the Dental Clinic, WCC dental assisting students will work alongside University of Michigan third-year dental students to provide economical oral care to those at WCC – all under the supervision of licensed community dentists. The clinic opens for treatment Feb. 2, and continues through April 14.

“The whole point of the

clinic is to give a service to students, staff and faculty here at WCC, but then also to give our traditional students in our program an opportunity to have that first patient experience... Otherwise, many times their first experience with patients in a clinical setting is private practice,” said Tina Sprague, one of the three dental assisting full-time faculty. Sprague and the two full-time faculty that work alongside her – Kathy Weber, the program director and Jodi Neuman, a clinical instructor – are all WCC alumnae. Weber taught Sprague, and they both instructed Neuman.

“I think that my program is great in the fact that we have three women who work really well with one another. Everything we do is a team,” Sprague said. Although WCC houses the only dental assisting program in the state that has a working clinic for dental assistants, the

program is by no means limited to the services provided by the dental clinic. The Dental Assisting program provides an American Dental Association accredited, one-year certificate program that prepares students for the legally delegated duties of a dental assistant, in agreement with the Administrative Rules of the Michigan Board of Dentistry, according to the program’s website. “In order to be a dental assistant in the state of Michigan, there are no requirements unfortunately,” Sprague said. “However, if you want to legally take radiographs – if you want to be employable, let’s say that – you need to be educated and, in this area a lot of times, have your license.” The only way to obtain registered dental assistant licensure is to be a graduate of an ADA accredited program, Sprague explained. So due to WCC having an ADA accredited

program, students like 24-year-old Sammy Creekmore and 35-year-old Candis Smith seek out WCC specifically for its ADA accreditation. “It was the one that was most highly recommended by any people that I spoke to, and it is the only accredited college in the area,” Smith said. Beyond being ADA accredited, the program also prepares students for the Dental Assisting National Board examination, which leads to the nationally recognized status of a Certified Dental Assistant. WCC’s program lays claim to the highest pass rate on the board exam in the state. With the current shortage of dental assistants in Michigan right now, Sprague reported that dentists call all the time looking for graduates. “I probably wouldn’t have learned 50 percent of what I know right now if it wasn’t for this clinic and what we have here,” Smith said of her



Dental assisting student Hannah Osborne, 21, of Belleville practices taking X-rays on the Dental Assisting Program Director Kathy Weber. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

program. As far as the facilities and equipment WCC students get to utilize: “there isn’t anything any better,” Smith said. “Anywhere,” Creekmore added. “Even the people that come to do the accreditation were amazed by all the equipment we have.” For those WCC students, staff or faculty interested in taking advantage of the WCC dental clinic, appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. throughout the winter semester in OE 106. To schedule an appointment, call 734-973-3332.

Vets grow beards to raise money for homeless vets

BY **IVAN FLORES**
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College’s veterans have been rocking beards with a purpose for a couple of months now. The Student Veteran’s Association is running a GoFundMe campaign with Michigan Ability Partners to support homeless veterans. The fundraiser, called Bearded Vets for Homeless Vets, started on Veteran’s Day and will continue through Memorial Day, with the goal of raising \$5,000. Bruce Portnoff, president of SVA and Hospital Corpsman, second class, explained how the project got started. “In the military, you have to shave every day. The beard just



From Left, Landon Dupee, Thomas Sullivan, Bruce Saunders, and Bruce O'brian are veterans whom are growing their beards in hopes they receive donations for homeless veterans. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

became this thing that veterans hold dear because they couldn’t have it in the military. It’s kind of like a sign of freedom that’s shared among veterans. They wanted to grow their beards out, but they wanted to do it for a

good cause,” Portnoff said. In an effort to raise more awareness for the cause and to help those less endowed with facial hair, SVA is also planning a 5k run called the Funk Run. The event is named in honor

of Sgt. Major Leonard Funk, a Medal of Honor recipient. He received the medal for overpowering his German captors during World War II after his laughter at their language caught them off guard. The

event will tentatively be held in the spring and the date is yet to be determined. The fundraiser follows an earlier initiative by SVA to help veterans in the community. During the fall semester, the club ran a successful clothes drive. However, the Bearded Vets fundraiser has had a slow start. As of Jan. 27, the donations stand at \$250. Army veteran Landon Dupee, commented on the fundraiser: “We need a lot more support. We’re coming up real shy of where I think we should be, especially for the cause.” Dupee also cited Virginia’s efforts to combat homelessness in the veteran population as an example worth following.

According to the Huffington Post, Virginia became the first state to officially end veteran homelessness in the fall of 2015. Josh Jones, also an Army veteran, is among those who have been wearing a beard since before the fundraiser. Why? Because, “they’re freaking amazing.” The other vets interviewed for this story had their own reasons. Among them, “It covers up your ugliness.” “I don’t want to look like a 12-year-old.” “It covers up the double chin.” “If you were required to shave every day for nine years...” To support the veterans, please go to tinyurl.com/beardedvets.



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An Acura precision concept car showcased at the North American International Auto Show. COURTESY | EVANS KOUKIOS

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO TECH-SAVVY NAIAS

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Contributor

President Barack Obama visited Detroit and made his first visit to the North American International Auto Show, in late January.

New technology was a highlight with the buzz including new auto show vehicle premieres, Willow Run plant testing facility plans, and automakers showcasing hybrid electric cars.

The ZF automated driving display was the first stop for the

all views from the public.

“The visit will cause mixed emotions,” said Ernest Porter, a security officer who had a 1 o’clock post along the curtain near the event entrance.

Upon entering, commuters who needed to take public transportation, parents with children in school, and time sensitive visitors were grumbling about missing out on seeing the American side of the auto show.

“It will put a damper on the early afternoon visits, but some will be happy because he

driver capable of reading a book while driving. The concept includes a self-retracting seat and steering wheel.

Across the show floor, Mercedes-Benz displayed a fleet of vehicles with autonomous safety features.

“Mercedes Benz has been a leader in safety incorporating the autonomous features. It’s going to know if you are going to be in an accident and it moves the seat sideways for a side impact,” a Mercedes Benz product specialist said.

The 2017 GMC Acadia boasted a list of 10 high-tech features, and the 2016 Yukon had a list of five new features. According to the Lexus product specialist, the Lexus LF-FC concept “was built for people who like to drive, and those who like to be driven.”

It comes with four bucket seats, cameras in place of mirrors, swiveling rear seat tray tables, and responds to hand motions.

“Autonomous features are the wave of the future. I would say autonomous driving is mainstream in 10 to 15 years,” said Washtenaw Community College automotive body repair instructor, Scott Malnar.



The presidential motorcade was greeted by a small group of bystanders as it left NAIAS. JENELLE FRANKLIN | WASHTENAW VOICE

He has his eye for detail on the 2016 Lincoln Continental, which will be released with a voice command center, rear hinged “suicide” style doors, and multiple Ecoboost engine options.

The WCC Automotive Department has been part of distinguished projects with both GM and Ford, bringing in engineers to work with students. Because of the quality of the students’ work, their vehicles have been featured in Car and Driver magazine, and

on the TV show “Rides,” featuring the Ford Five Hundred GT-R, boasting a \$500,000 price tag.

Three universities, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State all brought their latest championship winning cars. From solar technology to international diagnostic champion precision, students from all of the automotive technology fields were looking forward to their next trophies.

The students reported that

some of the cars brought to NAIAS may be seen battling it out at the Formula Michigan race this upcoming May 11 – 14 in Brooklyn.

Just after 3:30 p.m., and once the president had his fill of American innovation, his presidential motorcade left the auto show mostly unobserved, and only a small crowd gathered near Fort Street to see Obama continue on to give his speech at the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources in Detroit.



The new 2017 Chevy Cruze. COURTESY | EVANS KOUKIOS

president on his private tour of the American automobile side of the NAIAS. The tour shut down half of Cobo Center for Obama’s walkthrough from 12 – 4 p.m. Black curtains were erected along the aisle blocking

came to see the American cars. It would be funny if he peaked his head through for just a second,” Porter said.

The technology spanned the floor of Cobo Center, with Volvo Concept 26 displaying a

WCC hosts 8th annual HomeGrown Local Food Summit

BY JENEE GREGOR
Contributor

A day filled with locally sourced food and the community that makes it happen is nearing. An event based around education, involvement and community, the Local Food Summit is Feb. 15. This year’s theme is “Local Food For Everyone,” and is held in Washtenaw Community College’s Morris Lawrence building.

The food summit is put on by Slow Food Huron Valley, who is also responsible for the HomeGrown Food Festival in September each year. Slow Food is an international organization that spreads their manifesto to detach from the “fast life,” and begin the defenses at the dinner table with Slow Food – referring to food grown with care, being ethically and locally sourced.

Caitlin Dickinson, 27, a co-chair of the planning committee for the Local Food Summit and member of the board of directors for Slow Food Huron Valley said, “Good, clean and fair food,” when asked about the premise of the organization.

Dickinson mentioned the new additions for this year



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consisting of adding a panel and moderator, a community building exercise, and also the Youth Track for the second year.

“Another thing that we are trying to make happen is to have a community building exercise with everyone that’s in attendance,” Dickinson said. “The idea is to have some sort of a proposal from the community on an issue that needs to be resolved or something that needs brain power.”

A keynote panel will be introduced this year with a goal of education through different perspectives in the local food movement.

“We’d really like to work on increasing participation in the food system,” Dickinson said.

Youth Track, which is geared toward ages 5-17, teaches kids about where their food comes from, and to appreciate the connection to local food at a young age. Added to the Local Food

Summit last year, this year is being run by volunteers Nathan Wells and Erika Shaver. Wells said there were about 12 children of ranging ages last year, but they are hoping for 20 -25 kids, so they have planned activities to give them choices.

The Local Food Summit and Slow Food Huron Valley are both volunteer-run organizations, where in a year, up to 100 volunteers take part in events like this, and the Homegrown Food Festival.

“Our community is very engaged in community building,”

said Jason Frenzel, a co-chair for the Local Food Summit planning committee. “It allows the Summit to continue to be vibrant year after year.”

“I’m always excited to see something we’ve been calling ‘Local Food Victories,’” said Shannon Brines, president of Slow Food Huron Valley.

As well as anticipation of the food at the event; Dickinson, Frenzel and Brines all mentioned their excitement for the food provided for breakfast and lunch at the summit, which is mostly donated from local farms and vendors, showcasing the taste of the movement.

Nearly 60-80 people will be involved volunteering at the actual event on Feb. 15, and Washtenaw Community College is sponsoring the event which allows students to be able to attend at a lower cost, either by scholarship or by volunteering for a discount or free access.

Registration has begun, and if interested visit www.localfoodsummit.org and apply for a Local Food Summit ticket scholarship. Tickets range from free – \$40, depending on involvement. The event starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

Local Food Summit

Morning Keynote speakers include:

Shane Bernardo of Earthworks Urban Farm
Megan DeLeeuw of Hand Sown Farm

Moderated by: Stephanie Stauffer of Tillian Farm Development Center

Programming includes

COMMUNITY BUILDING EXERCISES

A communicative brainstorming session to create solutions as a community.

CELEBRATIONS OF LOCAL FOOD VICTORIES

Local food pioneers and community members that are making headway in the slow food movement are nominated and shared with the attendees.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Demonstrations and panel discussions on varying topics from the morning sessions.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Three sets of age grouped activities available for children between the ages of 5-18 including: food mileage mapping, herb planting, food poetry and junior journalism projects covering the event on social media.

MOVIE REVIEW

THE BOY

GENRE: HORROR
RUNTIME: 96 MINUTES
RATING: PG-13



COURTESY | STX ENTERTAINMENT

BY MADI TORTORA
Staff Writer

“The Boy,” directed by William Brent Bell, takes the classic scary movie involving an eerie, seemingly innocent doll and takes it to the next level.

Bell is known for several scary movies, including “The Devil Inside” and “Wer.”

Although there were no recognizable actors in The Boy, their performances were nowhere near disappointing.

The movie begins by introducing the main character Greta played by Lauren Cohan. She is young and looking to make some money, so she takes a job as a nanny for an unusual family in a remote English village. Upon arrival, she is introduced to Brahms, the young boy she has been put in charge of nannying — only he’s not exactly what she expected.

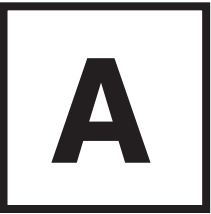
Brahms is a doll — cherished and loved by his parents as if he was an actual eight-year-old boy. After violating a list of strict rules set in place to ensure that Brahms stays sane, Greta learns, with the help of Malcolm, the grocery boy played by Rupert Evans, that the job she signed up for is actually her worst nightmare.

In the beginning, this movie seemed to be the cliché horror movie, consisting of themes similar to “Annabelle” or “Child’s Play.” Brahms didn’t look extremely menacing, his face made entirely of porcelain with a content look on his face. Eventually, he started acting up, moving things around and making things disappear. Frightening wasn’t a word I would’ve used to describe this

movie in the beginning, but as the movie progressed, it became more and more menacing. Without spoiling the ending, I can add this: it was unexpected, and completely worth the wait. The movie began kind of slow, but by the end, it was hard to sit still in my seat. This movie exceeded my expectations, and as a self-professed horror movie buff, it managed to actually provide the sense of being “scary.”

As expected with a scary movie, the focus wasn’t necessarily on cinematography and acting. The main goal of a horror movie is to provide a scare to its audiences, and these types of movies usually use sound effects and suspenseful camera angles to achieve this. “The Boy” stuck to that goal, as expected. The sound effects were extremely loud, to add that extra ‘umph’ to the already suspenseful scenes.

“The Boy” eventually proved its worth with its terrifying plot twist, suspenseful camera angles and sound effects.



COURTESY | STX ENTERTAINMENT

FEATURED TEACHER



BY MICHAEL MISHLER
Contributor

INSTRUCTOR: Elise Thompson
AGE: 26
CLASS: Science and BASE adviser at Washtenaw Technical Middle College



Q: What’s your favorite movie and why?
A: Any heist movie. It’s interesting to see how they think. It’s so intriguing, Like “Ocean’s 11, 12 and 13.”

Q: What famous figure, living or dead, would you want to meet?
A: Heath Ledger. He’s such an iconic figure, you know?

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?
A: New Zealand. I’ve heard the scenery is gorgeous and they’ve got good hiking and trekking. I’m outdoorsy so I like hiking. Also, they filmed “Lord of the Rings” there.

Q: What advice would you give to your younger self?
A: Don’t stress over school and grades so much. Just make sure you focus on understanding the material and getting help early. Also, don’t forget to take a break from school and have fun sometimes.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant and why?
A: Tomukun in Ann Arbor. I’m a vegetarian, so I like their noodle soups. Plus, their service is really good.

Q: What is the most rewarding experience of your life so far?

A: I was captain of my college volleyball team. We went to Nationals two years in a row and won the Regional Championships in 2007. I think being champion of anything is rewarding.

Q: What is your favorite part of your job?
A: Interacting with my students, outside of class, actually. I enjoy getting to know the people that have the motivation and dedication to come to a school such as WTMC.

Q: Where is your favorite place to travel to?
A: The mountains out west, since I like to hike and camp. I really like Wind River Range in Wyoming. I actually did an 80-day backpack trip there and I can’t wait to go back.

Q: What do you do when you’re not teaching over the summer?
A: I travel out west. This summer I’m trying to get to the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park.

Q: What’s the scariest thing you’ve seen on the news recently?
A: The misconceptions around gun control. There’s not a lot of data on how people actually feel about it, just a lot of politics. It’s both interesting and scary to me that safety is still controversial.

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59 Secondary business venue, as for auto accessories ... and, literally, where the starts of the answers to starred clues can go
62 Mini-exam
64 Ancient region of present-day Turkey
65 Racer Yarborough
66 Speeder's payment
67 Lovers' meeting
68 Sch. near the Rio Grande
69 Fir or ash
70 Enjoy a cigar
71 Places to sleep

DOWN

- 1 " __ on!": "Dinner!"
2 More than sufficient
3 Family car
4 Ice-cream truck treat
5 Consequence of selfish acts, some say
6 Actor Morales
7 "The Mod Squad" role
8 Hanukkah pancake
9 Scornful looks
10 Smartphone download

- 11 *Split the taxi fare
12 Numbered book part
13 Call it a day
21 Suffix with 22-Down
22 Cowboy's home
26 Witness
28 Pulled in different directions
29 Hold in high respect
31 Narc's discovery
32 Do in, as a vampire
33 Tandoori flatbread
34 White House worker
35 *Travel website pitched by William Shatner
37 Fork feature
40 Tropical fruit
41 Love of one's life
44 Pilot's prediction: Abbr.
46 Grizzly youngster
48 Gets new supplies for
50 Salty expanse
52 Tempest
54 Slide on ice
55 Sought morays
56 Arthur Murray moves
57 Floor plan meas.
58 Sierra Club founder John
60 Greek war goddess
61 Take a chance on
63 New York's Tappan __ Bridge

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NEED HEALTH CARE? Are you between the ages of 12–22? Contact the Corner Health Center at 734-484-3600 or visit online at <http://www.cornerhealth.org>.

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facilities in the Detroit Metro Area. Gymnastics experience is preferred, but not necessary. We will train the right candidate(s)! Flexible hours, late afternoon, evening, and weekend. Interested in joining our team? Please give as a call 734-737-9500 or you can email as aturostargymnastics@gmail.com for more information

WAIT STAFF: Michigan Catering is looking for student wait staff who are able to interact with guests, work as a team and manage time efficiently – all with a positive attitude. Shifts can be anytime between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3 a.m., depending on your availability. The starting pay is \$3.40 per hour plus tips. Tips are automatically paid by the event sponsor and average \$6-\$7 per hour, making the typical rate about \$9.40-\$10.40 per hour. Apply online at <http://www.jobs.studentlife.umich.edu>, send an email to: workforus@umich.edu, or at 734-615-6759.

DINING STAFF: Michigan Dining is looking for students who enjoy working with people and want to be a part of a team. Flexible schedule, promotional

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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to

find out how to apply for the openings. Career Services is located in ML 104. For more information, phone 734-677-5155, email careers@wccnet.edu or visit <http://www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection/>

ACTIVITIES SPECIALIST: Are you creative, compassionate and a self starter? Do you have experience interacting with those with dementia, including those with late to end stage dementia? Facilitate appropriate activity programs to meet physical, social, cultural, spiritual, emotional and recreational needs of each resident.

REFRIGERATION MECHANIC: This is skilled work of a journeyman level in the installation, testing, repair and alteration of refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating system equipment and controls.

CENA: Are you a Caregiver that: • Is dedicated, professional, dependable, and compassionate? • Is committed to work with integrity • Is able to adhere to established policies and procedures? • Works within a team or individually to make a difference in the care that our residents receive?

DANCE INSTRUCTOR: Large Dance Studio in the suburbs of Ann Arbor seeks a qualified teacher with experience in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Modern and Contemporary. Competition choreography and Cecchetti training is a bonus! Position to start immediately.

MOBILE DEVELOPER: Currently

searching for qualified iOS and Android Mobile Developers with experience in the following: Experience working with third-party libraries and web service integration (SOAP, REST, JSON, XML) to connect mobile applications to back-end services.

IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN. We have an opportunity to add an entry level IT Support Technician to our Team. Four Star Greenhouse is home of the #1 Plant Brand, Proven Winners. Join a winning team of technology experts that support 300 employees utilizing over 800 network assets in a manufacturing environment. Gain valuable experience with enterprise level systems, and be rewarded with many great perks; including Tuition Reimbursement. Expect a challenging environment with varied assignments that will allow you to be a hero throughout the organization each day.

EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER: Coordinate the activities of the Education Project for Homeless Youth (McKinney-Vento services to children and youth in educational settings), as well as educating students and families about services available to them through Ozone House and partner providers. Help homeless students succeed by providing transportation, basic needs assistance, school supplies and referrals to local services. In addition, the Program Manager educates schools and communities about what services are available to students and families via in-person presentations and an electronic newsletter and partners with volunteers,

interns, educators and service providers to ensure students have access to services.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN: We are looking for part-time/full-time Pharmacy Technicians to work at our Pharmacy located in Inkster, MI. Negotiable salary. Assist Pharmacist with filling prescriptions, answering phones, checking out customers, stocking, etc.

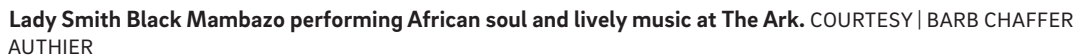
RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT: A Receptionist/Office Assistant position is available for a busy, fast paced office. Applicant must be dependable, detail-oriented, and adaptable, answer multi-line telephone, able to multitask, work well with others and a self-starter. They must have Microsoft office, including Excel, spreadsheets, data entry, and number calculations experience. Hours are 8:30am-5:00pm. Entry level position.

AUTOMATION TECHNICIAN: VRSI (Variation Reduction Solutions, Inc.) is seeking candidates for permanent full-time employment. We are a rapidly growing company in need of entry level Project Engineers to support existing and future applications throughout many industries. The successful candidate will work with senior project managers and application engineers to develop and deliver high quality vision-based solutions to our customers.

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EDUCATION

WHAT: Broccoli Samurai with Liquid Monk –
A hybrid of jamtronica and EDM brought together



to tour Midwest festivals entertaining with progressive beats with a band.

WHERE: The Blind Pig
208 S. First St., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 11
Doors open at 9 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$10 | Age: 18+

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WHAT: Black History Month Film: *The Whole Gritty City* – A documentary following the lives of school marching bands in New Orleans.
WHERE: Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room
 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 3
 7 – 8:30 p.m.

WHAT: City Of Ann Arbor 2016 Sustainable Ann Arbor Forum: Resource Management – A brainstorming session to talk about issues and problems within the community.

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



WHAT: Nature and Nurture: Art teachers as Artists – Showcase of art teachers' current and retired showing their own works with a wide range of mediums.

WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library – Mallets Creek Branch

3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor

WHEN: Feb. 2 – March 9

Monday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Tues.-Thur.: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 12 – 6 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 4
7 – 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
This event will be recorded.

WHAT: Opportunities for Veterans: A Look at Housing, Employment, and Your Rights - A panel discussion for the help and community involvement for veterans.

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

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 9
6:30 – 8 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHAT: Ypsilanti as an African-American City with Local Historian Matt Siegfried – A lesson on the origin and the history of Ypsilanti, from EMU history graduate.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 10 | 7 – 8:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free | This event will be recorded.

WHAT: #UMBlackout: Mobilizing Black Communities for Radical Transformation in the Digital Age – An education event by the University School of Social Work educating and advocating for black leadership and forward movement.

WHERE: Rackham Graduate School (4th floor rooms)

915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Feb. 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration required

WHAT: Soviet Constructivist Posters: Branding the New Order – A 1920s approach to reaching the masses with art in a time when a new social scheme was needed.

WHERE: The University of Michigan Museum of Art
525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

WHEN: Now – Feb. 21, 2016
Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 – 5 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$10 suggested donation

WHAT: Breaking Borders: Spellbound - A night of many things esoteric and occult, including: snake charming, art, music, fashion and performance in a gathering of creativity.

WHERE: Tangent Gallery/Hasting Street Ballroom
715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit


WHEN: Saturday Jan. 30
7 p.m. – 12 a.m.

HOW MUCH: \$15 | Age: 21+

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