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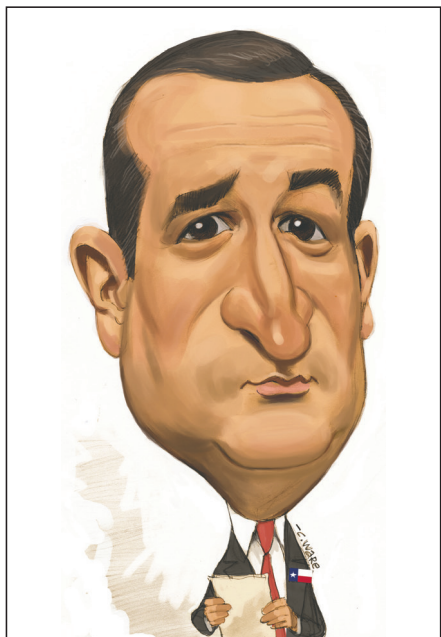
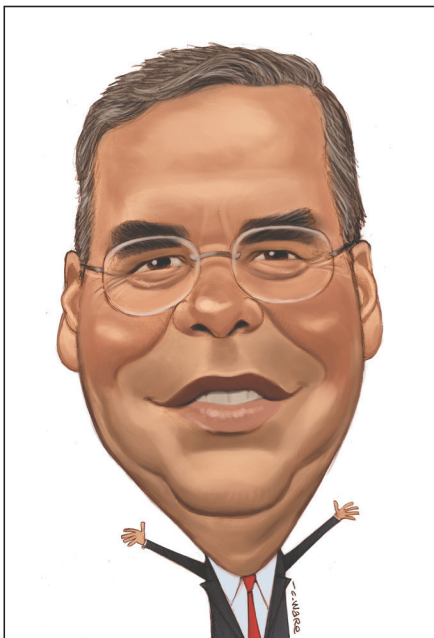
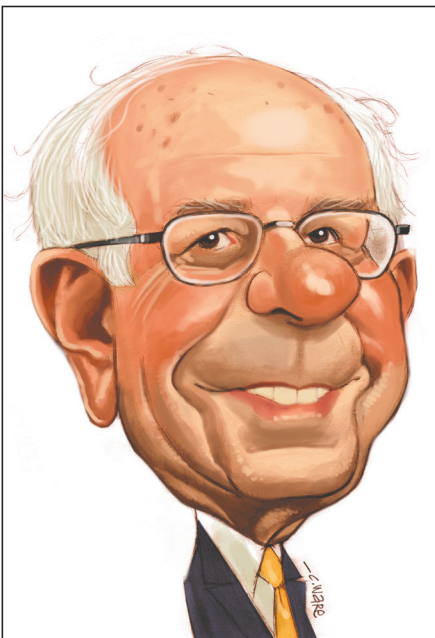
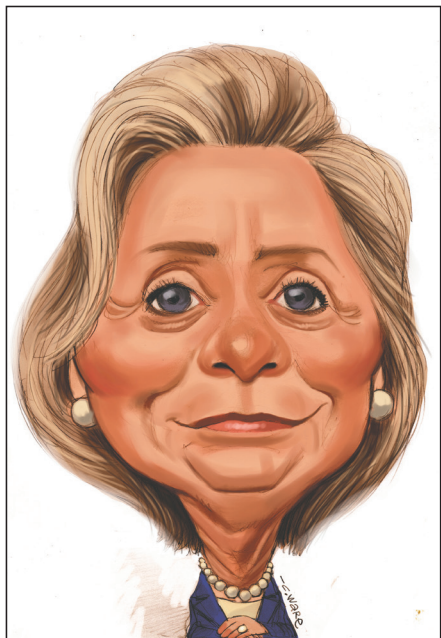
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PREPARE FOR YOUR PRIMARY PICK



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As the March 8 Michigan primary draws closer, the Voice wanted to take the opportunity to provide the community with some of the main issues candidates are focusing on. After talking with dozens of students at the most recent Welcome Day, we gathered some insight on which issues students are most interested in

candidates addressing.

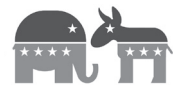
For the Michigan primary, people have the chance to cast their vote as their voice for who they want to lead the country in the not-so-distant future. With more than seven million Michiganders registered to vote, our state has the opportunity to make our mark this election season. Show your

support by voting, or if you can't that day, make sure to contact your city or township clerk to request an absentee ballot. The deadline for doing so is Saturday, March 5 by 2 p.m.

By providing the candidates' stances on key issues, we hope to not only inform readers, but also motivate them to cast educated votes.

The Voice staff compiled side-by-side comparisons of the current candidates, as of Feb. 12th

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A large number of people showed up to support the launch of the Making Movies YouTube channel. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Digital Media Arts Department launches 'Making Movies' YouTube channel

BY MADI TORTORA
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College's digital media arts faculty have created a way for WCC students and surrounding community members alike to get a behind-the-scenes look into the department – without ever having to step foot on campus.

Dan Kier, a professional faculty member in the Digital Media Arts Department, along with the help from many others, came up with the idea to start a YouTube channel based out of WCC. This channel, called Making Movies, focuses on the details that come with making a great film, and uses WCC students to get that point across.

"The way of the world is going online, going social. Youtube more than ever is becoming – video production in general – is becoming the most ingested form of communication," said Garrett Sammons, a part-time faculty member who is involved with the YouTube channel. "There's no college in the country that has done this. We're the first to get a YouTube channel for film production education."

This channel stars actual



From left, Brad Tennant, Garret Sammons, and Shane Law worked on the videos that are posted on the Making Movies YouTube page. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC students, faculty and equipment, and includes short films to show how certain techniques are used.

A major purpose of the channel is to help other local filmmakers master their craft, and to show people that WCC is a good place to go to further with a career in film, Sammons said.

Making Movies is not the only inspiration for people to attend WCC for film. Students are encouraged to participate in multiple film festivals, including the 48 Hour Film Festival and the Broke Student Film Festival. Many film professors incorporate these opportunities into their

curriculum to further help their students compete and succeed.

"What I learned here more than anything was that it's good to collaborate with other artists, even if you disagree with them and even if you have a lot of differences as far as what you deem to be quality in film," said Patrick Fifelski, a WCC graduate from Dexter. "Working together with them can create new ideas and new experiences, and they're really good."

According to Kier, many schools, including the University of Michigan, don't

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Not an average summer road trip

BY IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

When Justin Corry and Beth Caton graduate from their respective schools this summer, they will hook up a Teardrop trailer to their Jeep Wrangler, hop in with their two dogs, and take off on a long road trip. However, theirs is no ordinary journey.

They've already traveled all over the continental United States, seeking remote and scenic locations. Now they're ready to tackle the whole continent. If everything goes according to plan, Corry and Caton will drive up through Canada to Alaska and all the way back down the coast until they get to Argentina.

Corry, 30, studies filmmaking at Washtenaw Community College. He is also a barber and business owner. Caton, 29, is getting her Master's degree in Arabic from the University of Michigan. The couple live in Dexter with their dogs, Trigger and Judah.

For the past 18 months,

Corry and Caton have been preparing to leave everything behind. They've been living frugally to save money, looking for insurance suited to their needs, and stocking up on parts for the car and gear for themselves. Six of the 18 months were spent designing and custom building their trailer. Corry is in the process of selling his business.

"(Traveling) was something we felt really inspired to do," Caton said. "It started with wanting to live simply."

Corry added, "We're trying to break out of the monotony of working our lives away and living outside of that expectation."

Caton and Corry have enough money for the first 13 months. During that time, they will be working to build a brand out of their travels called Teardrop Trekkers. The name comes from the manufacturer of the trailer. Corry will use his filming experience to document the trip professionally in hopes of drawing attention from people and manufacturers alike; in the

long run, the expedition will depend on followers, sponsorships and endorsements from various companies.

Matt Zacharias teaches digital media arts at WCC and has more than 20 years of experience as an editor and producer for the Public Broadcasting Service. He is currently mentoring Corry through an independent study, and helping the Teardrop Trekkers prepare to launch their website.

"(Corry's) plans surfaced in a documentary class last semester," Zacharias said. "Everyone was really intrigued. The (marketing) is a great idea. What they're doing is so unique and it takes a lot of guts."

ON THE ROAD

Caton and Corry travel for the sake of traveling.

"We like to get an early start in the morning," Corry said. "Get up, feed the dogs, cook breakfast, get the camp and ourselves cleaned up for the day and head out of camp with

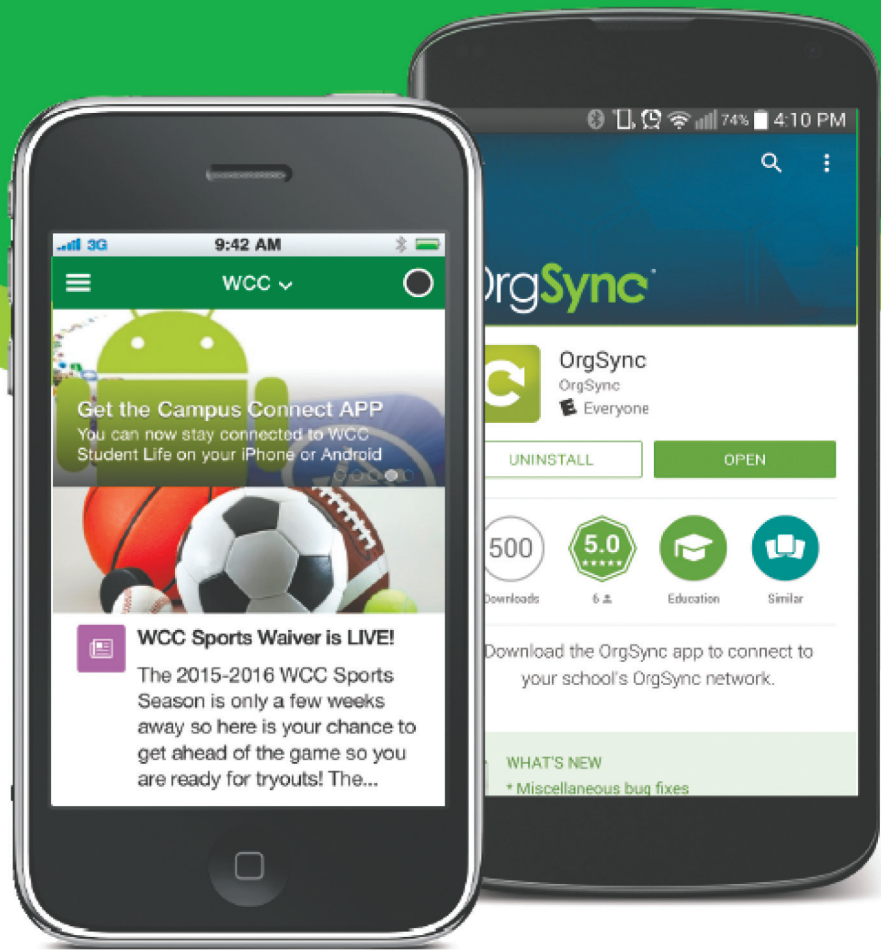
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At Black Bear Pass in Colorado, Justin Corry and Beth Caton are pose with their dogs. COURTESY | JUSTIN CORRY

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Voice Box

If you could go back and meet any United States President, who one would it be and why?

PHOTOS AND INTERVIEWS BY COLIN MACDOUGALL, CONTRIBUTOR



“Abraham Lincoln. It was a really racially charged time... and I’d like to know more about his decision to free the slaves – like what was behind it, because there were still slaves in the north and that’s why the south split.”

SARAH CHANCE, 37, ANN ARBOR, web application and development



“Theodore Roosevelt, the war hero. He was a tough guy and always rode horses. His demeanor was strong and he really cared about the people and soldiers he was fighting with.”

STEVE IGNASH, 32, HOWELL, computer science



“George Washington, I’d ask him his opinion on what politics has turned into today – the two- party system and how they treat elections almost as a sport. I’d ask him whether it disappoints him or how he feels about it... Was it what he envisioned when he helped found the country or did he envision it more cooperative by choosing our president?”

LAVIA REYNOLDS, 17, ANN ARBOR, math and science



“William McKinley, to tell him to watch out.”

JOSEPH LONGO, 20, ANN ARBOR, philosophy



“Theodore Roosevelt, because he’s kind of a badass.”

SHELBY KAUTH, 20, YPSILANTI, technical science



“George Washington, to talk about the Revolutionary War, also to try on his powdered wig and to look at his teeth because I heard they were beautifully white.”

TREVOR WARDELL, 16, GARDEN CITY, liberal arts



“Franklin Pierce because nobody knows anything about him. I’d like to find out if he did anything that was actually important.”

CHARLOTTE PARDO, 17, SOUTH LYON, liberal arts



“Abraham Lincoln, to try on his top hat and then I could feel like I was a part of history.”

KEEGAN DUNNING, 17, BRIGHTON, WTMC - welding



“Richard Nixon, just to see what’s behind the Watergate footage.”

MIKE EBBERT, 22, ANN ARBOR, liberal arts



“John F. Kennedy because he was one of the real one’s. There is a lot of presidents who aren’t down with the agenda. They got their own little sneaky ways.”

DEVONTE LONG, 24, YPSILANTI, nutrition



“Abraham Lincoln. He helped free the slaves. He’s a big famous president and there is a bunch of weird movies about him.”

ANDY MOJICA, 16, YPSILANTI, undecided



“Ronald Reagan, I want to know how he got everyone to cooperate.”

CONNOR MCGRATH, 19, BELLEVILLE, computer science

EDITORIAL

Feelin' the Bern

“When we stand together, we will always win. When men and women stand together for justice, we win. When black, white and Hispanic people stand together for justice, we win.”

-Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders

Along with this edition’s primaries package, we, as a student newspaper, wanted to take the opportunity to endorse a candidate of our own. While we wanted to provide information about each candidate still in the running, we also wanted to let our readership know where The Voice stands on the candidates. Although we encourage any vote placed for a candidate other than Donald Trump, our publication stands behind the voice of our cohort – we want Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. And who does the majority of young voters want? Sanders.

2016’s presidential campaign has been an unusual one. With no emerging front runner from the get-go, the race left room for unconventional candidates to take center stage. While this has a severe downside on the GOP side of the campaigns, it has also given other norm-breaking candidates, like Sanders, the chance to reach the voters. And the young generations have heeded his call.

Sanders is viewed as the “every man’s president.” Our generation, the millennials – with as bad of a rap as we get – have watched the generations that precede us, and seen the errors of inequality, ecological ignorance, and imbalanced wealth distribution. The foundation of Sanders campaign is built on the very issues that the youth vote wants to see addressed.

With the national student debt toppling trillions of dollars, Sanders is calling for free tuition at public colleges and universities. While some may be skeptical that this can be achieved, he mentions that about a century ago, some people said that working class and low-income children deserve to also get a free education

– referring to first through twelfth grade.

“The world has changed. This is 2016. In many ways, a college degree today is equivalent to what a high school degree was 50, 60 years ago,” said Sanders in the recent Democratic debate in Milwaukee. “So, yes, I do believe that when we talk about public education in America, today, in a rapidly changing world, we should have free tuition at public colleges and universities. That should be a right of all Americans, regardless of the income of their families.”

This is an issue particularly community college students can resonate with. We ask ourselves, “What are we doing after this? How are we going to afford university tuition?” For some, that’s what keeps them from continuing their education. By having a more educated workforce, it would ultimately improve the economy and the overall well-being of the nation. This is what Sanders stands for.

He speaks for those whose voices go unheard – voices that get lost amongst the noise of billionaires counting their cash. And that’s another thing – Sanders doesn’t accept donations from those billionaires responsible contributing to income inequality.

He’s received more than two million individual contributions to his campaign, more than any other candidate in history. If that’s not a campaign that is actually working for the people, then we don’t know what is.

If you’re looking for a candidate with a consistent voting history, authenticity, and a sincere concern for where this country is headed, we encourage you to look to Sanders.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Guns won’t make the campus safer

In November 2014, when Aura Rosser was killed in Ann Arbor by a police officer who had been in her home for less than a couple of minutes, I was so horrified that I told the (then) police chief that I would never call for a police officer to enter my home, because I never want a gun in my house.

Just because I have white privilege and would be much less likely to be shot by a police officer is no reason for me to make life less safe for people without white privilege. We live in a country of institutionalized racism. This means that racism, like the air we breathe, is invisible. Like air, it is as ever present, and like air, many of us believe that it is as necessary for life as air. But we know for sure, living north of the Mason-Dixon Line, that we better not

say this out loud.

The most likely person to get shot with a gun in our country, our state, our county, our college, is an African-American. But who are the people who commit “incidents of mass violence on college campuses?” By and large they are white males. Why not increase the counselors at our college and directly address some pressing concerns of males?

For instance, feeling they have to do better (financially) than their parents; that they have to prove something or bring honor to their family and so on. Are we ready to work on these issues? Then we have the “I” word. Are we able and willing to talk about our prejudice regarding immigrants? My best friend from forty-plus years back is afraid to visit me in Ann

Arbor. She has Islamophobia. I live in a neighborhood where many of my neighbors wear a hijab and they are my sweetest neighbors.

There are no world religions that teach violence. However, there are fake Christians (like the KKK) who have committed lynchings and other terrors. They are not real Christians. There are a few fakes in every religion who pretend violence is condoned. If I see an SRO (police officer) with a gun, I’m outta’ there. I do not believe I’m safe near a weapon that’s for killing people. Having police with weapons that kill is not the best way to stay safe.

-Judith Bonnell-Wenzel
Ann Arbor, 74

COLUMN

State's freshwater under fire

With the rising awareness of water pollution throughout the country, it's time to reverse the negative effects.

The disaster that happened in Flint should be a wakeup call to citizens all over the United States and especially us here in the state of Michigan. The U.S. has a growing problem with freshwater being too polluted to drink.

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters report card on “How Green is Your Governor?” gave Rick Snyder a “C” for the year 2014. I’m sure that by the time the 2015 report card shows up his grade will soon drop lower. The MLCV tracks all the actions that the governor and his administration make concerning protecting Michigan’s environment and re-energizing the economy.

According to the United States Geological Survey, the “Great Lakes State,” has the highest percentage of freshwater area of any state making up 41 percent of its surface area. This is more than 40,000 square miles of water, with a shoreline that stretches more than 3,000 miles.

The Great Lakes contain nearly 21 percent of the surface freshwater on Earth. For the most part, the water in the



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upper lakes is generally good, meaning that the pollution levels are relatively low. But in the lower parts of the lakes, there’s lower quality due to the intense agriculture, industrial manufacturing and runoff caused by motor vehicles.

In 2010, an oil spill dumped 1.1 million gallons into the Kalamazoo river. The Enbridge Energy pipeline ruptured a little more than a half mile from Marshall, Michigan. Original estimates for the cleanup was \$5 million, but by the summer of 2011, the cleanup cost had totaled more than \$765 million. The Federal Department of Transportation did fine Enbridge Energy company. Sadly, the fine was only \$3.7 million and some are still not convinced that the river has been fully cleaned.

Several different grassroots movements have sprouted in Michigan to further enact legislation to prevent future water-related issues, one of them being Oil and Water Don’t Mix – a movement concerned about water quality, pollution and a sustainable economy. The group looks to shut down the aging Enbridge Line 5, a

60-year-old oil pipeline that spans the straits of Mackinac.

The Committee to Ban Fracking is another grassroots organization looking to ban hydraulic oil fracturing in Michigan. The group is concerned with the chemicals that are pumped into the shale level. The chemicals have been known to show up in underground aquifers and can be harmful for humans.

According to GrinningPlanet.com, 40 percent of rivers and 46 percent of lakes in the U.S. are too polluted for swimming, fishing and aquatic life – the Mississippi River being one of the most polluted rivers in the country. It carries about 1.5 metric tons of nitrogen-based pollution from the central farmlands creating a large dead zone in the in the Gulf of Mexico, the Ohio River being one of its largest tributaries of the Mississippi and is considered the most polluted river in the country.

The Flint water crisis brings out questions as to the direction the state and the country should take. Water is essential for all life on the planet. If we continue to pollute our rivers and lakes at our current rate, we all will soon be drinking the devastating effects. The current ecological standards that our state government has implemented are not sufficient. We need to take action now and enact legislation to protect this pristine ecosystem.

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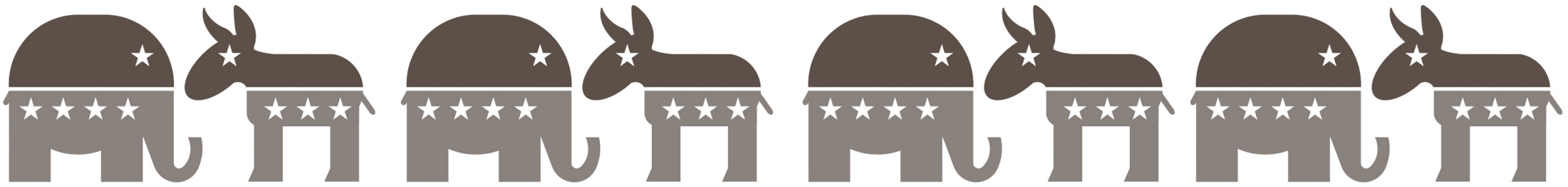
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EDUCATION



DEMOCRAT HILLARY CLINTON

Under Clinton’s plan of action on student debt, the New College Compact, community college would be free, and the cost of attending a university would be reduced by thousands of dollars. Students would prospectively contribute their earnings from working 10 hours a week, while having their families make a realistic contribution as well. She wants states to also do their part to invest in higher education by maintaining current levels of funding and reinvesting over time. Everyone will be able to enroll in a simplified income based repayment program so that borrowers never have to pay more than 10 percent of what they make.



DEMOCRAT BERNIE SANDERS

Sanders’ main goal is to make tuition free at all public colleges and universities. He wants to put an end to the federal government making money off of student loan programs. According to Sanders, over the next 10 years the government will profit \$110 billion from these programs. He plans to impose a small tax on Wall Street to aid the cost of public education. Public universities and colleges would be expected to meet 100 percent of the needs of the lowest-income students, including room and board, living expenses and books.



REPUBLICAN BEN CARSON

Carson says, “the American education system is failing our children.” He proposes five principles to address the problem: school choice, granting school districts greater autonomy, encouraging innovation, rewarding good teachers, and removing the Department of Education from student loans. The first four principles would allow for more charter schools, and loosening Federal involvement in K-12 curriculums. As for funding college, Carson said, “There’s a four letter word that works extremely well, it’s called w-o-r-k, work.”



CLIMATE
CHANGE

Hillary Clinton says she plans to take on climate change by making America the world’s clean energy superpower. She wants to set national goals to generate enough renewable energy to power every home in America and install half a billion solar panels by the end of her first term. She thinks this is possible by cutting energy waste in homes, schools, and hospitals by a third, as well as American oil consumption by a third. By launching a \$60 billion clean energy challenge to partner states, cities, and rural communities she believes this will give people the tools and resources they need to go beyond federal standards in cutting carbon pollution.

Sanders’ main policy initiatives include: reclaiming our democracy from the billionaire fossil fuel lobby, accelerate a just transition away from fossil fuels, invest in clean and sustainable energy, revolutionize the electric and transportation infrastructure, and lead the international community to solve climate change and prevent international conflict. In Sanders full-length plan, he begins by stating that America must lead the world in tackling climate change to make sure the planet is habitable for future generations.

Carson believes the climate change debate is “irrelevant.” He does not believe climate change is man-made. Carson sees the climate change debate as a “distraction from the role of the Environmental Protection Agency’s role in regulation.” However, speaking at an event at the University of New Hampshire in 2015, Carson said, “I don’t care whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, a liberal or a conservative, if you have any thread of decency in you, you want to take care of the environment because you know you have to pass it on to the next generation. There is no reason to make it into a political issue.”
-pbs.org



GUN POLICY

In the fight against gun violence, Clinton supports instating comprehensive background checks, and keeping guns out of the hands of those who mean to do harm, like terrorists and domestic abusers. She plans on cracking down on illegal gun traffickers, and holding dealers and manufacturers accountable when they endanger Americans. She also plans to close loopholes in existing laws that prohibit those suffering from severe mental illness from obtaining firearms, as well as, work to keep military assault weapons off the streets.

Sanders thinks the government should take action against those who illegally and knowingly sell guns to criminals. He’d require instant background checks on those who wish to purchase a gun and would also ban the purchases of certain semi-automatic weapons. He’s voted to end the “gunshow loophole,” which essentially allows the purchase of guns without background checks. Also, those with a criminal history or history of mental illness would not be allowed to purchase guns.
-ontheissues.org

According to On the Issues, a website dedicated to where presidential candidates stand on various matters, Ben Carson believes there should be no limit to firearm ownership except in cases of insanity. He is “extremely pro-second amendment (and) would never let anyone tamper with it. Carson believes that Americans should have access to assault rifles and armor-piercing ammunition to defend themselves from an “overly aggressive government’.



HEALTHCARE

Throughout her career, Clinton has been fighting to expand access to quality, affordable health care for every American. She plans to continue and build on these efforts to ensure that families can also benefit from these reforms and not just the drug and insurance companies. By lowering out-of-pocket costs and reducing the cost of prescription drugs, Clinton believes in slower growth of national spending through lower costs. As a planned parenthood defender, she wants women to have access to reproductive health care, such as breast exams and cancer screenings.

Sanders strongly believes that healthcare should be recognized as a right, and not a privilege. He says the only long-term solution is to have a single-payer, national healthcare program. One way he would ensure this would be to make sure that anyone who is making more than \$250,000 yearly income is paying their fair share in taxes. According to his health plan, families in America would save an average of \$5,000 per year. He also says there needs to be a system where the health of working-class families takes priority over the profits of insurance companies.

Carson would fight to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Health insurance would cease to be mandatory. Medicare beneficiaries would be given a fixed amount of money towards paying for insurance. Also, the Medicare eligibility age would be raised to 70. Carson would introduce Health Empowerment Accounts, which “will enable patients to have increased options and choices at lower costs.”



IMMIGRATION

Clinton wants to push for immigration reform that provides an equal path to citizenship and treats every person with dignity – while still upholding laws and national security. She will focus enforcement resources on detaining and deporting those individuals who pose a violent threat to public safety, and work to ensure refugees a fair chance. She believes we should let families—regardless of immigration status—buy into the Affordable Care Act exchanges, and that families who want to purchase health insurance should be able to do so.

Sanders would like immigrants to be able to purchase healthcare under the Affordable Care Act. Instead of building walls, he’d instate proper oversight which protects border communities. He would dismantle inhumane deportation programs and private detention centers and would support humane local and state laws that integrate immigrants into the communities.

Carson’s immigration plan can be divided into three major parts. The first is border security. Carson would like to complete a layered wall along the southern border, increase the number of border patrol agents, allow local law enforcement to be more involved in border protection, and use the National Guard when necessary. The second part addresses legal immigration, and the implementation of a biometric screening process. Finally, Carson would grant the 11 million undocumented immigrants temporary work permits without a path to citizenship, provided they meet certain requirements.

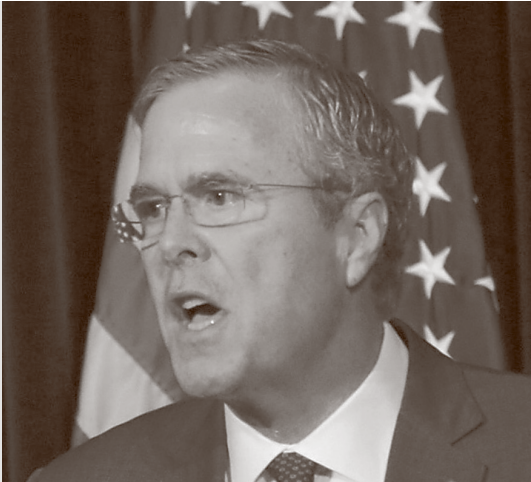
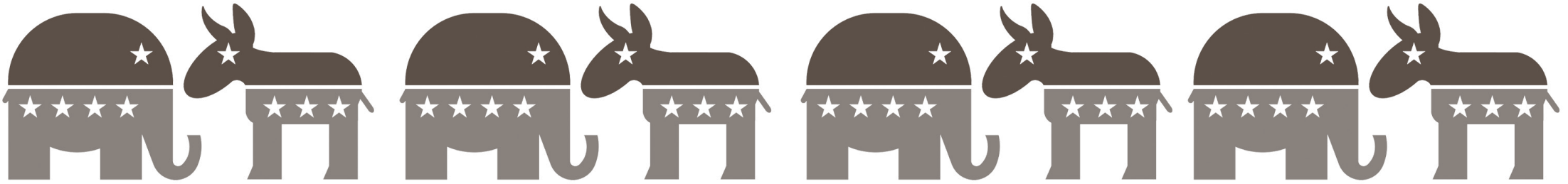


MARIJUANA

Clinton wants to move marijuana from a Schedule 1 to Schedule 2 drug, so that researchers at universities and national institutes of health can start researching its health benefits and see how it works with other medications. Clinton supports medical marijuana, but has not endorsed legalization. Clinton said she first wants to see “how it works” in states that have legalized, before considering any national plan.
-cnn.com

Overall, Sanders believes that the “war on drugs” has failed. Instead of punishing those because of drugs, he’d like to see more done when it comes to rehabilitation. Sanders wants to take marijuana off the government’s list of outlawed drugs. He says marijuana has medical uses and should be legalized, and that he would vote “Yes” as a resident of a state considering the recreational use. For federal legalization, he has said that he supports ending the federal prohibition and allow states to opt for legalization if they choose.

Carson accepts that marijuana has medicinal benefits, but does not endorse its recreational use. Carson believes that the effects of marijuana can have permanent effects on developing brains and lowers IQ. Carson administration would enforce federal drug laws in states like Colorado and Washington, where recreational use has been legalized.
-marijuanapolitics.com



REPUBLICAN JEB BUSH

Bush has recently proposed a new method for students to pay back their student loans. His solution to the problem is allowing individuals to repay their student loan based on how much they earn after college. Bush wants students to pay one percent of their income for each \$10,000 they borrowed, over the course of 25 years. The interest and total payments are capped at 1.75 times the amount borrowed.

-brookings.edu

Bush is an opponent to climate change. He looks to repeal EPA restrictions on the clean water and clean power. He thinks that we should let the market decide whether or not to use ethanol instead of gasoline. Bush embraces the idea of the Keystone XL pipeline. When it comes to global warming, Bush is a firm skeptic and does not consider himself a scientist.

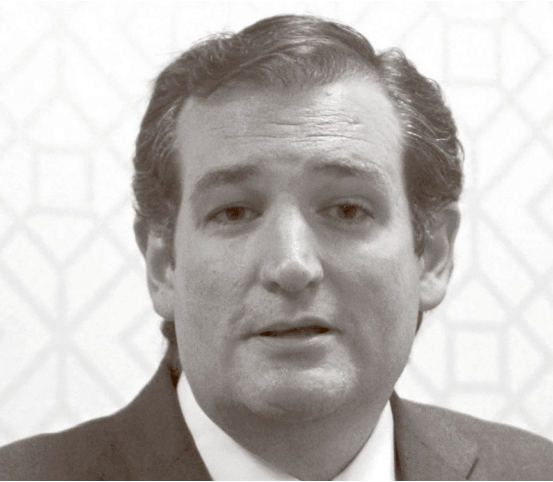
Bush is a candidate who wants to reduce gun violence, but still protect the second amendment. As governor of Florida in 2005, Bush signed NRA legislation expanding gun rights, so that Floridians could use deadly force in public places when threatened. Bush favors allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons. Bush was also quoted saying “I support an instant background check for all guns purchased at a gun show.”

When it comes to healthcare, Bush feels Obamacare is flawed from its core. Bush was quoted saying, “I don’t think it will work.” If he were president, he would let it fail due to the dysfunction. Bush is opposed to the federal government aiding Planned Parenthood. Instead, Bush found good care providers for women saying that there are 13,000 of these community-based health care providers for women. Bush also believes that parents should vaccinate their children.

Bush is sometimes considered a moderate compared to most conservatives when it comes to immigration. His wife is a Mexican-American and Bush has been known to use Spanish on the campaign trail. Still, Bush and his wife want a secure wall on the Mexican border. Bush says that we should treat illegals with compassion – he feels that they come here illegally because they have no legal path to come. He wants them to assimilate into the American culture and to become a citizen, they should be able to pass an exam in English and civic history.

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Bush was expelled from high school for bullying. He says that he smoked pot and drank alcohol when he was in school which led to his expulsion. Bush describes his high school experience with the drugs as “wrong” and “stupid.” Bush has since then been opposed to the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana. He says that medical marijuana is, “just a guise toward legalization,” opposing its use for the treatment of debilitating illnesses.



REPUBLICAN TED CRUZ

It is kind of unclear how Ted Cruz wants to tackle student debt. Last year, Cruz empathized with students by sharing he recently paid off his student loan bill of \$100,000. Yet, Cruz blocked a bill that would help student loan borrowers from refinancing their loans at a lower rate. While campaigning for his senate seat in 2012, Cruz proposed that states should deal with the funds instead and to also get rid of the Department of Education altogether.

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When it comes to environment Ted Cruz is in denial of climate change. Cruz voted NO on protecting oceans, coastal and Great Lakes ecosystem. Cruz is an opponent of the Renewable Fuel Standard, which requires corn-based ethanol. He was quoted saying we shouldn’t be, picking winners and losers.” In 2010 Cruz signed the No Climate Tax Pledge supported by the Liberty Americans for Prosperity.

Ted Cruz leads the candidates in opposing gun restrictions on the Second Amendment. Cruz has authored a brief for 31 states supporting the Second Amendment’s right to bear arms. Cruz voted “No” on banning high capacity magazines more than 10 bullets. He has been honored by the NRA. Along with other 50 senators, Cruz signed a letter to Obama that opposes the UN Arms Trade Treaty.

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Ted Cruz is a huge opponent of Obamacare. In fact, Cruz has vowed to repeal Obamacare. Cruz has a plan to save Medicare and protect seniors. His plan includes increasing the eligibility age and by moving to a premium support system which expands market choices, opens up innovation, and utilizes the market forces. Cruz supports the Christian Coalition Voter Guide and their idea of a market based health insurance.

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Cruz is quite concerned with immigration into the United States. Cruz, in the Senate, wants to end Obama’s amnesty through Congress’ checks and balances. In his home state of Texas, Cruz discussed he didn’t support the path to citizenship for 1.65 million illegals. Cruz wants to triple the size of the border patrol and also wants to build a complete wall.

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Cruz was recently asked about marijuana. He said that he does not support the legalization of marijuana, and he has criticized Obama for not cracking down on states who have legalized it. He has since toned down and says that the states have the right to make their own decision.

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REPUBLICAN JOHN KASICH

Kasich believes that education is a local responsibility, and not federal. He would have states develop and maintain their own standards and set high expectations for students. Also, he believes that high school students who earn college credit while completing their high school degree, ultimately helps reduce college costs. He says that by paying institutions based on the success of students and graduation rates, instead of enrollment, it incentivizes the higher education system to graduate more students and strengthen the workforce

While Kasich does believe climate change is real and is a problem, he’s opposed to the Environmental Protection Agency regulating emissions. His concern while protecting the environment is that people’s jobs may not be protected. He says that states and companies should “contain carbon output from coal-burning power plants.”

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Kasich strongly opposed Obama’s gun control executive order and felt as though it undermined the Second Amendment. As governor of Ohio, Kasich enacted laws which protected concealed carry laws, “including protecting the privacy of permit holders and allowing for reciprocity licenses with other states where permit holders can carry their firearms.” Kasich says that hunting and fishing has been a long-time tradition in Ohio and has enacted legislation which removes restrictions on licensing requirements for hunters and instead expand hunting rights.

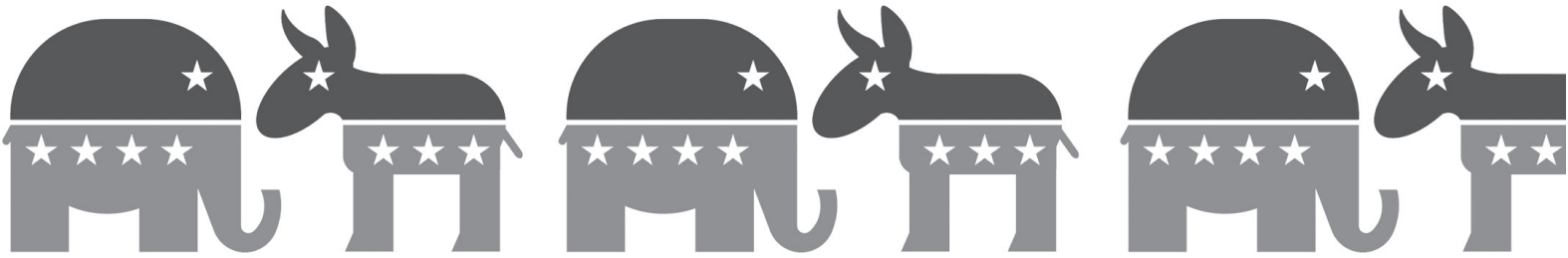
Kasich opposes Obamacare, wanting to repeal and replace it. He says it hasn’t fulfilled its priority of providing affordable health care and has failed. Kasich states that “Americans get what they pay for” but in some cases, that means more care instead of better care. Ultimately, he would instate a healthcare plan which focuses on patient-centered primary care. He wants to take healthcare to the next level, by not only giving the patient the care they need, but also to keep them healthy.

While Kasich disagrees with sending the immigrants, who are already here, back to their countries, he does support needing to protect our border. For those who are here and have been law-abiding, they pay a penalty. If anyone else tries to get in, then at that point he would send them back. In July 2015, he suggested a type of fencing mechanism supported by the use of drones and sensors. Also, he would have a guest worker program which means they could come and go as long as they abide by the laws. If laws are broken, they are penalized or potentially deported.

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Kasich voted “Yes” on prohibiting medicinal marijuana in Washington D.C. He’s been quoted in 2015, saying to not send mixed signals to kids by legalizing. Although in the state of Ohio, where he is governor, they rejected legalizing marijuana both medicinally and recreationally, he doesn’t want to “demonize” people for doing it, but doesn’t want to legalize it. At the end of a November interview with Stephen Colbert, he did say that if doctors come to him and say “We need this for people with seizures,” then he’d be O.K. with medicinal legalization.

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EDUCATION



REPUBLICAN MARCO RUBIO

As per Rubio’s bipartisan bill, the Dynamic Repayment Act, introduced to the senate in 2014, all federal loan borrowers are put into a program where 10 percent of monthly earnings are paid toward student loan repayment. The money would be taken directly from paychecks. Borrowers can also prepay their loans without penalty if they prefer. Also, loans up to \$57,000 are forgiven after 20 years, and loans greater than that are forgiven after 30 years.

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REPUBLICAN DONALD TRUMP

Trump has been noticed slamming the government on profiting from federal student loans. He believes the problem can be solved by creating jobs in the private sector, and disagrees with raising the minimum wage because he wants to create jobs where “people can get so much more than that.”

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Rubio believes that humans are not responsible for climate change in the way that “some of these people would have us believe.” Rather, he believes that the climate is changing now because there has never been a time when it isn’t changing. He questions what percentage of that is due to human activity. He doubts the economic effectivity of “the things they want us to do” (cap-and-trade, etc.). He claims that these measures are not guaranteed to stop climate change, but are guaranteed to destroy the economy.

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Trump believes that global warming is a hoax, and was created by the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive. He has criticized the White House for money wasted on “green energy failures,” and discounts negative impacts of natural gas, oil, and coal.

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GUN POLICY

Rubio believes that we must examine why people take violent action, not what they’re using to commit the violent act. He believes that mental illness is a significant factor that needs to be addressed more seriously. He insists that the safety of our families is not something the government can provide, but rather a fundamental right that everyone deserves. He says that “dissenters” try to stigmatize gun owners, but he argues that exercising one’s Second Amendment right could be the difference between life and death.

Trump believes that politicians are “chipping away” at the Second Amendment and that it’s getting weaker and weaker. He says that the right to self-defense doesn’t stop at the end of the driveway, and that’s one of the reasons he has a concealed-carry permit and that those permits should be legal in all 50 states. He doesn’t feel that the government has the right to dictate what type of guns Americans can own, such as semi-automatics.



HEALTHCARE

Rubio advocates for repealing ObamaCare. He claims it has revealed the “painful consequences” of trusting big government. He says that ObamaCare must be replaced with a market-driven, modernized alternative. He wishes to reform Medicare and Medicaid for the 21st century. He has made multiple efforts in the past to repeal ObamaCare, claiming to have warned of a taxpayer bailout of the insurance industry and succeeding in stopping it.

Trump plans to completely repeal and replace Obamacare, because he believes it was a disaster. Taking a similar stance as Ben Carson, Trump believes that replacing Obamacare with Health Savings accounts would be more beneficial, and agrees that Medicare may not even be necessary on this plan. He also believes that vaccinations in large quantities cause autism, which he explains as an epidemic caused by too many vaccinations in a short period of time.

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IMMIGRATION

Rubio advocates for the security of the borders, enforcing immigration law in workplaces, and putting in place a system for tracking visas. He says that enforcing immigration laws is not anti-immigrant, and that every nation has the right to set such laws. He has supported cancelling President Obama’s “unconstitutional” executive orders, eliminating funding for sanctuary cities (cities that shelter illegal immigrants), deport illegal immigrants, hire thousands more Border Patrol officers, complete the wall on the southern border, and install four billion dollars of security equipment on that wall.

Trump argues that “a nation without borders is not a nation at all,” and that there must be a wall built across the southern border. The plan is to make Mexico actually pay for the wall, because of their illegal immigration into the United States and using this entrance to export their own countries “crime and poverty.” He plans to triple the amount of ICE officers, “return” all criminal aliens to their home countries (and keep them detained until they are sent home), and end birthright citizenship.

Although his stance on legalization has changed multiple times, Trump has adopted a softened stance on marijuana, claiming that he supports medical usage, but opposes overall legalization. He feels as though it should be a state-by-state issue, but feels as though Colorado has had many issues since marijuana was officially legalized there.

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MARIJUANA

Rubio is open to the medicinal use of marijuana, but not the recreational use. He believes that there is no responsible way to use marijuana recreationally and that legalization would be very bad for the country. Rubio also advises that great care should be taken in the reduction of sentences for possession of marijuana. He has also supported the overriding of state legalizations with federal law in cases such as Colorado and Oregon, where marijuana has been legalized for recreational use.

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YOUTUBE, from A1

allow students to use actual equipment until around their junior year.

“I started this program, and I feel like I have now created a monster – a good one though, and it’s great,” Kier said. “WCC is a lot more hands-on than most colleges, and that applies to all of the local colleges around.”

Unlike certain four-year institutions, WCC is creating people who can actually work in the field as opposed to just theorizing about it, Sammons mentioned. Because of this, a lot of the productions created by students compete with, and oftentimes, beat a lot of the productions that four-year institutions produce.

“The video program here is really unique, in that we focus much more on the technical aspect of how to produce films,” Sammons said. “A lot of the four-year institutions around us focus a lot more on theory and critique.”

Although many students out of WCC are preparing for entry level positions, many move on to be a part of something bigger. Certain students of Kiers have worked with big time networks and magazines, and can potentially work in educational or industrial environments and facilities.

“There is absolutely a demand for people with these skills; there’s a great demand for people who are really good, and those people get into video production,” Kier said. “It’s not something you can take casually. You have to be good at it, or nobody is going to show any interest in you. No mediocrity.”

With the addition of this YouTube channel, new opportunities are provided for both people with budding interest in film and already-involved film students. It allows easy access to WCC’s film/digital media arts program, and portrays both the creative and technical side of filmmaking.

“I enjoy watching the results,” Kier said. “I love seeing how creative students can be. It’s truly amazing.”

- Additional reporting by staff writer Ivan Flores

ROAD TRIP, from A1

a destination, but no real route.”

Although a lot of their time is spent driving from one campsite to the next, they enjoy going out of their way to explore the landscape around them. The element of spontaneity is something they cherish. Guided by paper maps and gazetteers, they can travel down roads not marked on GPS.

“In the past, we’ve come across things like abandoned towns and cemeteries, mines and caves, incredible views, and wildlife, like elk, mountain goats, bears and whales,” Corry said.

At the end of a long day on the road, the couple follow a familiar routine as they set up camp and cook dinner. They hope that this upcoming journey will afford them more time to relax and enjoy their campsites.



Trekking down the road in Moab, Utah. COURTESY | JUSTIN CORRY

The trailer will make life more comfortable. It has a kitchen, shower, and hot water – the Trekkers are particularly happy about the kitchen.

“It will make our trip so much nicer to have a clean kitchen with a stove and fridge instead of living out of a cooler with a camp stove,” Corry said. “Healthy living is important to us, so we want to cook most meals and not get into the habit of unhealthy eating on the road.”

SAFE TRAVELS

Media reports of violence in Mexico and Central America have not deterred the Trekkers.

“We’re definitely paying attention to the security situations, but we don’t want to plan travel around fear,” Caton said.

“We’re not going to entertain the idea that something bad may happen,” Corry explained. “We believe that people are generally good in the world. I’ve done a lot of research about other people that have taken similar trips and everyone says the world is nothing to be afraid of. I think that as Americans, we’ve both been fooled into believing that we’d be unsafe traveling abroad for whatever reason.”

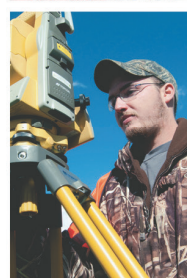
Caton discovered that fear of traveling abroad is a two-sided coin. Her peers from other countries told her that their families had been concerned about their safety in the U.S. They believed that America is a place of “violence, sex, and drugs.” In the same way that those fears were assuaged for her peers, Caton believes she will find the world south of the border to hold the same promise.

Caton and Corry will take precautions, like allowing their location to be tracked via GPS at all times, but to them, their dreams are worth the risks.

“We’re hoping to inspire people to live their own dreams and step outside of their comfort zones,” Caton said. “I’m excited to simply live life.”

“When our children say, ‘I want to do this,’ I want to be able to look at them and say, ‘Make it happen, because nothing’s impossible. I spent three years traveling the world in a jeep,’” Corry said.

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Moods swing as WCC classroom climates fluctuate

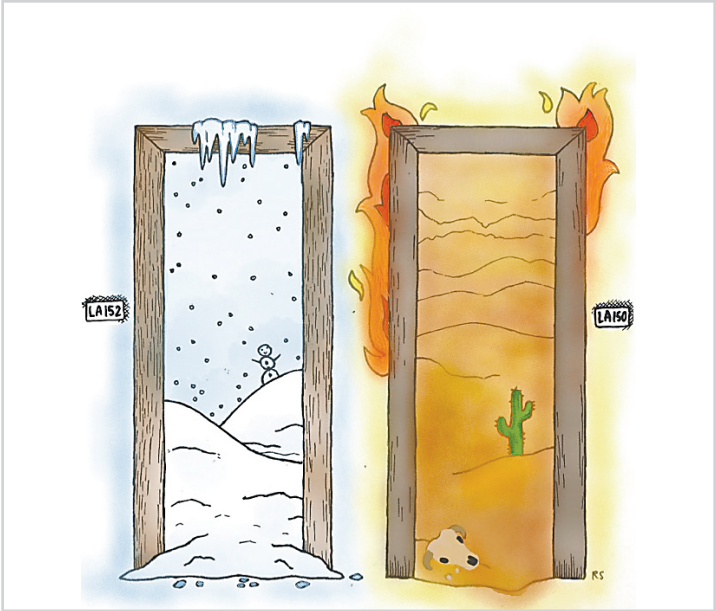
BY MICHAEL MISHLER
Contributor

Nothing can distract students from a class quite like an uncomfortable classroom. Many students have noticed swings in the temperatures of some of Washtenaw Community College’s classrooms and buildings, ranging from well below room temperature, to far above comfortable limits.

One student, Elizabeth Meier, 15, said that her classroom on the third floor of the Gunder-Myran building was so cold one day that students and teachers alike were wearing coats throughout class.

“It’s just way too cold in half the buildings, and I know on the first floor of the LA it’s always like burning hot,” Meier said.

Alex Long, a science instructor, is familiar with that floor. Teaching a WTMC science class primarily in LA 160, Long notes that it’s been consistently hot,



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sometimes reaching temperatures of up to 82 degrees.

“I think it’s gotten worse to be honest. This is my ninth year that I’ve been in that room, and I don’t remember it being this bad until the past couple of years,” Long said.

Bill Ghrist, energy manager of Washtenaw Community College, attributes the problem to faulty equipment.

“These equipment pieces have so many moving parts. Some of them are not the best design that we’ve ended up

with,” Ghrist said. “We’re working at upgrading systems as we need and where we can, but everything related to the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) industry is generally very expensive.”

Ghrist equates the equipment problem to taking in a high-end vehicle for repairs: “The cost of the repair, parts and labor can be very, very expensive,” he said.

The Facilities Department has in-house staff who can carry out much of the repair work, but there is only so much they can do.

“There are large volumes of equipment that are constantly needing to be attended to,” Ghrist said.

Despite the challenges of maintaining a climate-controlled environment, Ghrist explained that facilities is always trying to make sure every space on campus is relatively

comfortable.

“I’d like to eliminate the wild swings in the temperatures that we’re having,” Ghrist said.

He also mentioned the multiple options available to students and employees for reporting out-of-normal environmental conditions.

“We want people to put in a request through our famous self-service system and any person that is a college employee has the opportunity through MyWCC,” Ghrist said.

The other option is a hotline that is available using any campus phone by dialing 8777. It’s manned typically between about 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Friday, according to Ghrist. Once someone calls and reports a condition, a service request will be put in on behalf of the caller and mechanical systems will investigate the problem right away, Ghrist said.

He also explained some new equipment upgrades that have been installed on the HVAC system.

“A factor that’s been added is the use of what are called Variable Frequency Drives, so instead of having a large fan motor that runs at a constant speed, we are able to change the speed of the motor which makes the fan operate at basically only the speed we need for the delivery of air,” Ghrist said. “We are also working on the scheduling of rooms so we can basically get them shut down when they’re not needed such as on a Friday night when the classes aren’t going much past 6 p.m., so we’ve been trying to dial back when we can.”

Ghrist stressed that facilities is aware of the heating/cooling problem and is working to both fix the unstable temperatures and maintain an otherwise comfortable environment that benefits everyone on campus.

Student Nursing Association chapter opens on campus

BY COLIN MACDOUGALL
Contributor

Nursing students are pictured on Washtenaw Community College’s ‘Employed’ campaign that attracts several hundred students to its nursing program every year. WCC has smultiple articulation agreements with other colleges and universities, churning out a professional and experienced workforce. For this reason, one of the Student Nursing Association’s founders, SNA President Jim Abraham, opened a chapter of the association at WCC.

The Student Nursing Association is a new club on WCC’s campus. SNA has applied to be a chapter of the National Student Nursing Association because of the wide interest in the nursing program at WCC.

NSNA is a 60,000 student member association. Currently, the WCC SNA chapter has 38 members. Although the group on campus has applied for chapterhood, they are still awaiting approval from Michigan’s Student Nursing Association.

“It’s pretty recognized that nursing is a shortage industry. The only way that us as students can kind of fill that void is to come together as student professionals,” said Brian Luther, a 43-year-old nursing student from Canton. “What better way to make that happen than to have a semi-professional organization to bring us together as students and prepare us for the workforce?”

Luther is one of the founding members and also the secretary of SNA.

Jeanne Patton, a 31-year-old student from Ypsilanti, and

Jennifer Fillinger, a 20-year-old student from Saline, were interested in starting the program because WCC didn’t have an association and because they wanted to reach out to other nursing students. Patton reminds other nursing students that being apart of the SNA looks good on a resume.

To join the club, a member must be a nursing student, accepted into the nursing program.

“However,” Abraham says, “Because we are a community college, what I’m proposing to the state and national group is that we allow to bring in pre-nursing students.”

Abraham hopes to grow the club by doing this. Abraham has been approached by several students with nursing certificates, which is a prerequisite of the nursing program, asking if



New chapter of the Student Nursing Association opened at WCC. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

they could join the club.

“There has been more interest from pre-nursing students than current nursing students.”

The group meets every Monday in LA 340 from 2-3:30pm. To join the SNA there is a fee that a nursing student must pay. At the NSNA level, the fee is \$35 for one year or \$70 for two. The following year the fee increases to \$40. Most of the fee goes to the state and national level, and a small portion goes to the group on WCC’s campus.

“Primarily the club is going to be involved in community outreach and developing leadership qualities within nursing students that are moving into the profession,” Abraham said.

“The association looks to promote participation of assisting in development of better education for students.”

WCC’s nursing students

are learning and working in hospitals all around southeast Michigan, like St. Joe’s, The VA of Ann Arbor, Beaumont, and even as far away as Henry Ford in Detroit.

“The nursing industry is a

very difficult profession to go into, so we need as much support as we can get from other students,” said Ellen Martin, a 25-year-old nursing student from Ypsilanti.



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Ice sculpture carved by culinary arts program students and instructors was the center of the appetizer table. EVANS KOUKIOS | WASHTENAW VOICE

Foundation celebrates 30 years of student scholarships

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Contributor

The Washtenaw Community College Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary earlier this month, at the annual Mardi Gras fundraiser celebration. This year's theme was "Golden Mardi Gras," in honor of the school's 50th year serving Washtenaw County. The event was staffed solely by volunteers, including the college's Phi Theta Kappa honor students.

The annual Mardi Gras raises vital funds to help students reach their academic goals and give support to classroom initiatives, according to the foundation's website.

Betsy Petoskey, the chair of the WCC Foundation board,

announced the foundation was able to help 700 students during the this past school year.

"Both the amount of the individual, per student scholarship and the total amount of scholarships has increased," Petoskey said.

According to WCC President Rose Bellanca, Petoskey is the leader in the efforts put forth by the WCC Foundation.

The foundation event started as cocktails, hosted at someone's home, according to Tony and Dawn Procassini. Tony has been on the committee since the first year and has watched WCC grow and flourish, despite the original doubt from city officials of the need for the college.

In his speech, Tony thanked the citizens of Washtenaw

County for their long-time support, along with faculty and staff for all the hard work, commitment and success seen at WCC.

"Because there was U-M, Cleary, Concordia and Eastern, they thought we didn't need (WCC), until they came here. It is the interest taken in the students that shines here, and why six out of 10 of our children graduated from WCC," Tony said.

As a long-standing committee member, Tony believes WCC has been able to develop itself as an essential part of the community. WCC has "changed, grown, and kept up with the times," Dawn said.

During her speech, Bellanca noted the key persons responsible for the largest campaign in WCC's history: Tim and Laurie

Wadhams, who helped raise \$8.5 million for students.

"Because of this historical campaign, many more students will realize their dreams," Bellanca said.

Laurie Wadhams is a WCC graduate, and an example of how alumni give back to WCC. That kind of money is an example of the hard work put in by everyone involved, according to Stephen Gill, WCC board of trustees treasurer.

Jessica Bibbee, a graphic design student, is one of the students who received a foundation scholarship in October 2015 and attended the event. Bibbee has been keeping busy with a work study program since November 2015, working with Susan Ferraro, director of media relations.

"I believe in the WCC foundation, and enjoy my time helping here and writing for On The Record," Bibbee said.

According to WCC's scholarships website, the

scholarships awarded total \$500,000. There are three chances per year to enter, with deadlines in February, June and October, for the following semester.



Tony and Dawn Procassini, 50-year supporters of WCC. EVANS KOUKIOS | WASHTENAW VOICE



From left, Lexi Judkins, the adviser of the Phi Theta Kappa, speaks with Christian Thompson and Travis Wardell about the organization. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC Honors society prepares students for continued education

BY SOFIA LYNCH
Managing Editor

Phi Theta Kappa: it's a name known throughout Washtenaw Community College's campus, and internationally at that. However, this organization's true purpose stills goes unknown by many. Due to the organization's greek-rooted name, it has become a common misconception that PTK is a fraternity or sorority – but that is far from the case.

"Phi Theta Kappa is an international honors society, that's a cohort of community college students all across the world," described Davon Shackleford, the president of WCC's PTK chapter.

The honor society offers a platform for like-minded students to put their heads together. 20-year-old international student, Christian Thompson, cited that meeting people with the same mindset and academic goals was his favorite part about the organization.

"The fact that you have people who are working hard helps motivate you, and it's a good kind of networking connection," Thompson said.

"Being a member and coming to our meetings, it's an opportunity to have a dialogue across the disciplines," Shackleford said. "I mean, you're talking about the top students in each of the fields. We're the students who are going to be the leaders of tomorrow and that's what PTK is about."

To be a PTK member, a student must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and have completed 12 hours of coursework. WCC students who meet these requirements will usually receive invitations, welcoming them to join the organization. 3,000 WCC students are eligible to join, according to Alexandria Judkins, the coordinator of student organizations and adviser of the organization.

However, many students, including Judkins herself when she first started, don't notice their PTK invite amongst all the spam they receive and miss it in the depths of their inboxes.

"I got an email and I remember I was like, 'it's just some junk mail,' and I deleted it," Judkins said. "Right now we're trying to get the message out to more people because I

notice that it's a common theme, from when I started – I didn't know what it was about, never really heard of it, so that's what we're really trying to do is have people be aware of this wonderful opportunity."

Membership to this organization goes beyond networking with fellow academic high achievers. There are benefits that come with the membership that help to encourage continued education, like scholarships.

According to PTK's website, there is \$87 million in scholarships available only to PTK members. One means of accessing these scholarships is the PTK exclusive website, collegefish.org.

"There have been multiple PTK members that have used this website to get so many scholarships that they never have to pay for college," Judkins said.

Not only does being a PTK member help financially with continuing education, but it also boosts up applications and on your transcripts it says you're a PTK member

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English as a Second Language Club promotes inclusion of all students

BY JENEE GREGOR
Contributor

Washtenaw Community College's International Student Center lobby brimmed with students from all over the world and some from the local area, together, sharing pizza and snacks. Introductions by students around the room announced countries from most of the continents: Asia/Middle East, North America, South America, Africa, and Europe.

The English as a Second Language Club is meant to bring the ESL students and non-native speakers into social interaction, and integrate American-native English speakers together in an atmosphere for practicing the language.

Mengying Pu, a 21-year-old economics student who goes by Nina, is the president of the new ESL Club. She is a native of Shanghai, China, and came to the United States almost two years ago. She took two semesters of ESL classes that transitioned her into taking academic classes.

"ESL is based with English

grammar, reading skill and speaking skill," Pu said.

To further this learning, the ESL Club was created this semester to bring more American students into the mix.

"I want to have this ESL Club to combine the two types of students: ESL students and American students, and they have a chance to meet each other and build conversations and a chance to have fun together," Pu said.

Students who speak another language can get stuck in the ESL classes and don't get to use their language as much until they have people they feel comfortable speaking with, Pu said.

Learning a new language can cause anxiety, especially when coming from a drastically different culture.

Aissata Traore, an ESL and academic student since 2006, originally from Sikasso, Mali, mentioned ESL instructor and adviser Elizabeth Foss at the lunch.

"She was here speaking French, it was a gift to me," Traore said.

Traore talked about the

stress of coming to a new country and not speaking the language – along with being pregnant, working and going to school – and how she found comfort in the program.

Elizabeth Foss, or as all of her students call her, Betsy, has been an instructor at WCC for 12 years. She speaks French fluently; Spanish, Italian and Mandarin partially; and has comforted her students over the years.

"One thing I really like is the mixture. You see people using their English to speak with other people in their classes because it's the thing they have in common. Having that diversity is important for the language acquisition," Foss said.

"We want to make our ESL students feel comfortable within American culture, which is why it's so important for us to have the American students come to the events," Foss continued.

Sharrionna Royster, a 19-year-old culinary arts student, has an interest in Japanese language and culture. She was brought to the ESL Club from the interest of, "all different people from different countries."

She is here hoping to learn more Japanese and help her learn some things about the culture, as she wants to study abroad in Japanese cuisine and thinking of visiting this summer.

The ESL Club welcomes all students who are interested in new languages, friends and cultural experiences. They will have monthly lunches to encourage social interactions, as well as game nights, movie nights and some pre-planned trips in the upcoming semester. Visit ESL Club in the student portal to learn more information.

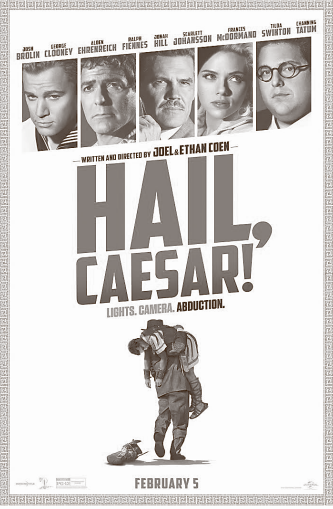


The English as a second language, or ESL, club meets for lunch to introduce new members. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

MOVIE REVIEW

"HAIL, CAESAR!"

GENRE: COMEDY
RUNTIME: 106 MINUTES
RATING: PG-13

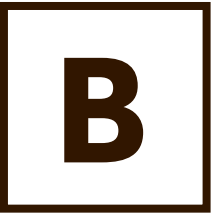


BY IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

“Hail, Caesar!” is a comedy directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. It stars Josh Brolin as Eddie Mannix, the head of production for a major movie studio in a 1950s Hollywood setting. The movie gets its name from a drama the studio is producing about Christ. George Clooney plays an actor named Baird Whitlock, who has the lead role in the movie. “Hail Caesar!” follows Mannix’s quest to find Whitlock after he’s been kidnapped, while managing numerous other productions and the personal lives of the actors in them. Mannix is a quick-thinking and unfazed problem solver. He is also a devout Catholic who goes to confession way too often, about once every 24 hours. The opening scene finds Mannix taking time out of his busy schedule to seek absolution. Immediately afterwards, he begins his workday by busting a compromising photoshoot

of a young starlet and dragging her away – at five in the morning. Back at the studio, he has other headaches to deal with; an actress having a child out of wedlock, a cowboy who can’t act putting on a drama, and a panel of religious leaders who can’t tell him if “Hail, Caesar!” is blasphemous or not (probably the funniest scene in the movie). He also has Lockheed Martin wooing him at the worst possible moments. When things can’t possibly get any more hectic, Whitlock is kidnaped by communists. Somehow, Mannix manages to fend off the tabloids and fix all of the problems in the space of 27 hours. “Hail Caesar!” is an entertaining film, but not as funny as one might expect. There were parts of the movie that were clearly meant to be funny and drew nothing but silence from the audience. For example, there’s a scene where one of the communists makes a getaway in a Soviet Submarine and drops a briefcase with \$100,000 into the ocean, and the one thing that comes to mind is, “What is this accomplishing?” Also, the multiple storylines are distracting, and the climax isn’t too exciting. However, the movie

definitely had its moments and was a little bit thought-provoking. One does not have to subscribe to communist ideology to appreciate the arguments put forth by the communists in the film, even in the silly way they are portrayed. There is also the matter of Mannix’s character. Despite the fact that he looks to his church for guidance, he engages in questionable practices to accomplish his job. And, although Lockheed Martin offers him a job that would pay him more and allow him to fulfill his responsibilities as a husband and father, he puts his work first. “Hail Caesar!” is worth watching. Those who have background knowledge and appreciation of Hollywood’s Golden Age may find themselves enamoured with the movie. For the average plebeian, it’s probably a better movie choice than something like “The Dictator.” It may also just be a good movie choice for a future “Netflix and chill” time.



COURTESY | UNIVERSAL STUDIOS



Davon Shackleford, 21, a general study of math and natural sciences student of Ann Arbor, speaks about why he believes that he should be the next president of Phi Theta Kappa. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

PTK, From B1

– something four-year colleges love to see, according to Judkins. Inspiring fellow community college students to continue education is one of the main goals of the organization, according to Shackleford. PTK’s Commit to Complete event, which is still in the planning stages, is geared to encourage two-year students to commit to finishing their degree, ending with signing an agreement to do so. Along with that event, PTK’s orientation for prospective members is another one of their big undertakings of the year, and their biggest recruitment point. Through this event, eligible students learn more about the organization and have a chance to ask questions. Participation in PTK, however, is not solely saved for those invitees. Even those who haven’t been invited are welcome to attend meetings and events. “We do open our doors to students who are interested in becoming PTK members... We can always help you and

find resources to help to improve to become a PTK member,” Judkins said of those who haven’t yet hit the GPA requirement. To officially obtain membership status, there is a one-time \$90 entrance fee that must be paid. After one has paid this fee, the PTK membership stays with them for the rest of their lives, with no further payments. “All the experiences I’ve had, has paid that off,” Judkins said of her membership, since 2011. “It’s one of those honor societies where you join and you definitely feel like your life

is going to be transformed,” Thompson said. “They have important faculty members that could inspire you and motivate you and also you know they reach out to students who are doing extremely well in school, giving them the opportunity to go ahead and reach their goal in life. They basically strive to help you succeed.” PTK meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. in TI 128. Those who have been invited and are looking to become involved can contact the officers at ptkatwcc@gmail.com, and learn more on PTK’s Campus Connect page.



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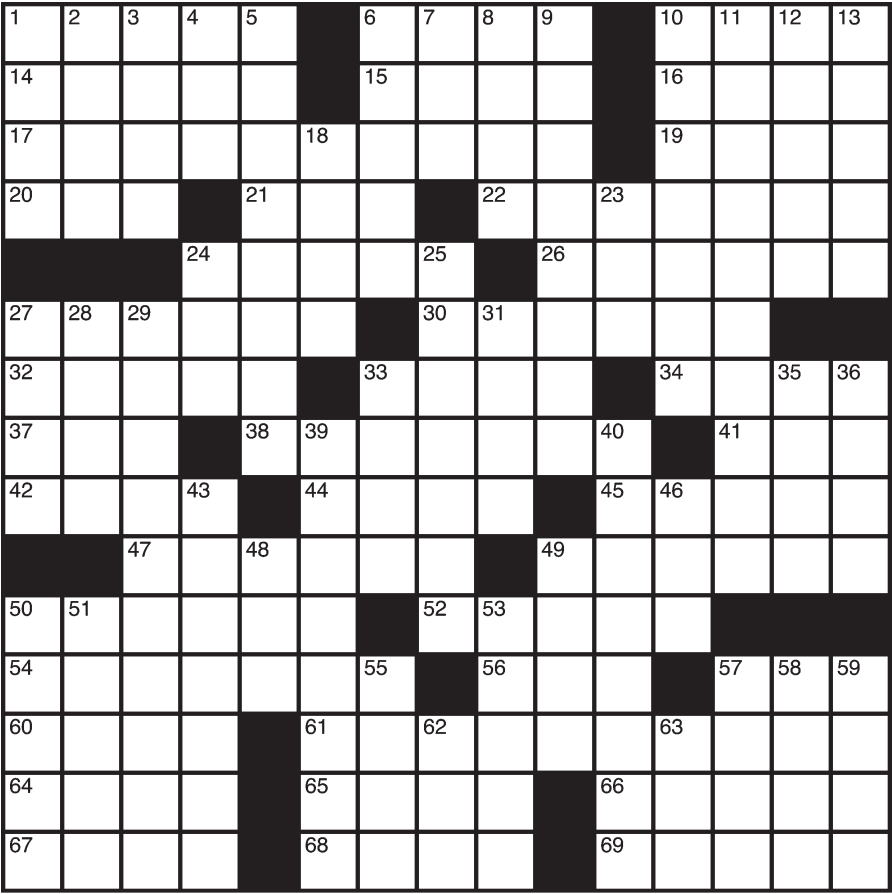
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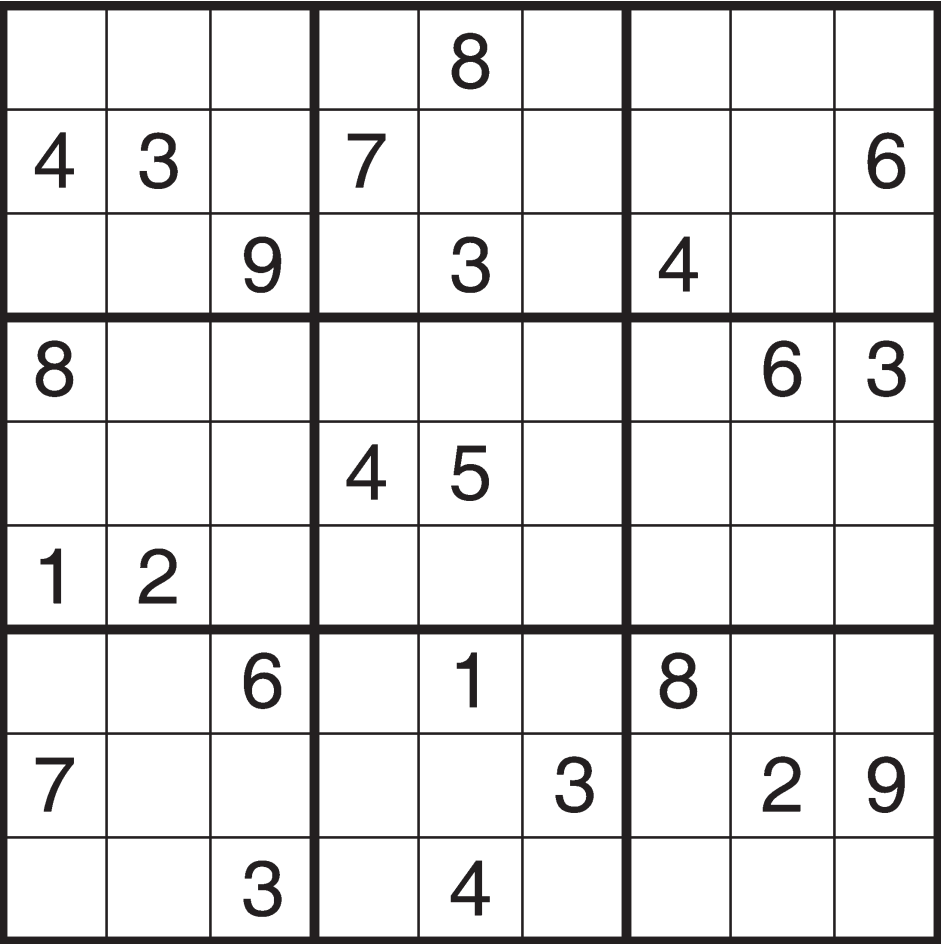
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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to

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MUSIC



J Philip comes to Necto bringing excitement about Movement this spring. COURTESY | VITALI GELWICH

WHAT: J Philip – Official movement pre-party brings DJ J Philip to Ann Arbor with records aplenty.
WHERE: Necto Nightclub
516 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Feb. 17
Doors open 9 p.m.
COST: Presale \$10
At the door \$30
Age: 18+

WHAT: Yada Yada with Monogamy, Rella Munch and Talia Mayden – Local trio Yada Yada plays a show with other artists put on by Nu Lo.
WHERE: The Blind Pig
208 N. First St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 18
Doors open 9 p.m.
COST: 18+ \$8
21+ \$5.

WHAT: Jazz Night – Weekly jazz in Ypsilanti this week's theme: No Rules featuring a Vietnamese Porter.
WHERE: Cultivate Taphouse and Brewery
307 N. River St., Ypsilanti
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 18
Every Thursday 7 – 10 p.m.
COST: Free

WHAT: Nicole P'Simer & Olivia Millerschlin – Two ladies take to the stage and bring soulful and folk melodies with them.
WHERE: Cultivate Taphouse and Brewery
307 N. River St., Ypsilanti
WHEN: Friday Feb. 19, 8 – 11 p.m.
COST: Free

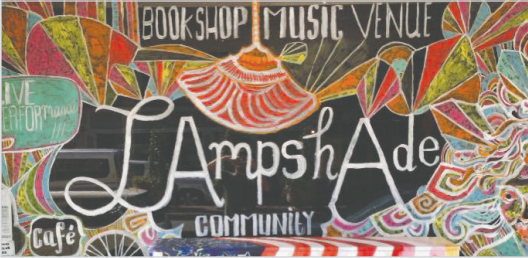
WHAT: The Wild Reeds – This west coast female trio transcends genres and brings a ethereal folk vibe to The Ark.
WHERE: The Ark
316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 23
Doors open 7:30 p.m. | Show begins at 8 p.m.
COST: Free (nonperishable donations accepted)



Wild Reeds share their talents with a free show at The Ark. COURTESY | BARB CHAFFER AUTHIER

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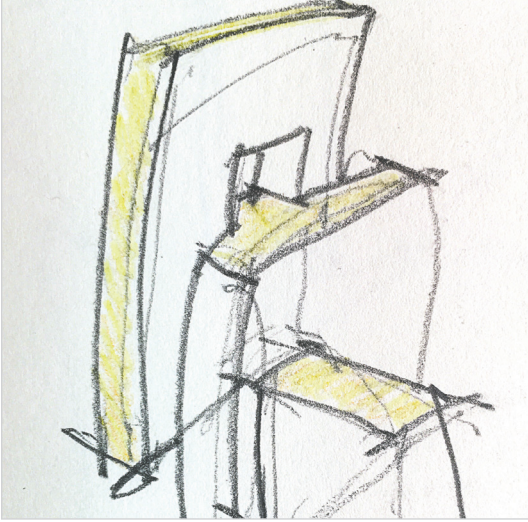
WHAT: The Bard – Shakespearean works that have been transformed to film in a series on Mondays.
WHERE: Michigan Theater
603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Mondays 7 p.m.
Feb. 15 "Throne of Blood"
Feb. 22 "Hamlet"
Feb. 29 "Henry V"
COST: Adult \$10
Students with ID \$8



Lampshade Cafe has multiple events and supports the local art scene. COURTESY | RICKY LAMP SHADE

WHAT: Distractions – The Watertower collective brings eight Michigan artists together in an exhibit in Downtown Ypsilanti.
WHERE: Lampshade Café
206 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti
WHEN: Now until Feb. 29
Sunday and Monday: 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.
COST: Free

WHAT: Francesc Burgos – Burgos showcases new work. His style is ceramic based and ranges from installations, contemplative pieces, and functional works.
WHERE: WSG Gallery
306 S. Main St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Feb. 16 – March 26
Tuesday and Wednesday: 12 – 6 p.m.
Thursday: 12 – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 12 – 10 p.m.
Sunday: 12 – 5 p.m.
COST: Free



Sketches from Francesc Burgos WSG exhibit, Vessels and Dwellings. COURTESY | FRANCESC BURGOS

WHAT: Cinemanga – Films that are made from the pages of Japanese Manga in a series running through the end of April.
WHERE: Michigan Theater
603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Feb. 17 "Bunny Drop"
Feb. 24 "Boruto: Naruto the Movie"
COST: Adult \$10
Students with ID \$8

WHAT: New Art Prints from Michigan Artists – New prints available to check out along with an exhibition of artists from around the state are showcased.
WHERE: Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room
Exhibit
343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Now – Feb. 25
COST: Free

EDUCATION

WHAT: Tiny Plant Pot – A workshop intended to create small potted plants to take home with the attendees.
WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library Pittsfield Branch: Program Room
2359 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 17
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
COST: Free

WHAT: Friday Night Swing Dancing – Lessons for the beginners and space to have an open dance session every week.
WHERE: The Phoenix Center
220 S. Main St., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Every Friday
Free beginner lesson 8 – 9 p.m.
Open dancing 9 p.m. – 12 a.m.
COST: \$5 general admission | \$4 students

WHAT: Detox the Safe and Healthy Way – Ellen Livingston, a raw foodist and vegan, brings her expertise on healthy ways to detox, co-sponsored by the People's Food Co-op.
WHERE: Downtown Library: Secret Lab
343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
COST: Free

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