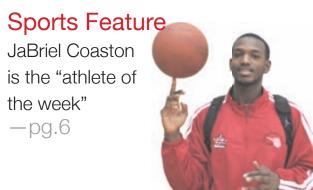
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### Residency tuition troubles

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Living in county and paying the out of county tuition fee can be a financial burden to some students — a problem that many students go through and many aren't even aware exists.

Sinclair offers students the opportunity to switch their residency status from out-ofcounty to in county, by completing the change of residency application within six-months to a year of moving.

"Every situation is unique because a student that has lived in Ohio for two years may not be eligible for tuition changes because a lot of it is based on the parents' information," said Jeremy Gardner, enrollment assistant coordinator.

Gardner said that students often think that if their address is changed that should qualify them for a change in tuition, but every student has to go through the change of residency process.

"Because Sinclair offers three different residency rates for students, the Ohio Board of Regents has set up a residency process where students can meet with a residency officer to discuss the rates that they fall under," Gardner said.

The change of residency process occurs once every quarter with specific deadlines for the residency sessions. These sessions are held Monday through Friday at various times to accommodate students.

After the residency change application is turned in, students are required to meet with a residency tuition officer. The residency officer then will give the students a check sheet listed with proper documentation needed for a change in residency.

"We never discuss over the phone what type of documents will be needed for the change of residency because every case is different," Gardner said.

All documents can be returned either in person or by fax. The fax number is

512-3456. Failure to bring in all documents requested and missing the deadline will result in the rejection of the application, Gardner said.

Spring residency change will begin Feb. 27. All applications can be picked up in Building 10 Room 321.

"I would recommend that students start the process early, and if you come in during the residency session time frame, we won't turn you away," Gardner said. "If you sign in at 11:28, then we will see you even if the residency session ends at 11:30."

For more information call 512-3000 or visit www. Sinclair.edu/services/registration/Changeinformation/ residency.

#### **Residency Change**

- Monday and Friday 9-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday and
- Wednesday 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday 4-6:30 p.m.

Semester change could save students money

#### **Steve Schwerin**

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Thirteen years into her tenure at Sinclair Community College, Allison Rhea, project director in the office for the semester transition, finds herself in charge of one of the biggest institutional transitions in the history of Sinclair.

This coming fall Sinclair will no longer offer classes in the quarter format, marking the end of the \$1.8 million transition project. Ohio State University spent \$12 million on a similar project, according to Rhea.

For Rhea, there is a touch of irony in this

"I can't tell you the exact date, but to the best of my knowledge, when the institution started, up until the early 1920s, Sinclair was a semester school," Rhea said.

Switching back to semesters has been a multiyear process that began in December 2009 after the chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents declared that all public institutions of higher education in Ohio would offer classes in semesters. The switch will make Ohio schools more consistent with national trends. Eighty percent of the universities and community colleges in the country are on semesters, Rhea said.

The \$1.8 million Sinclair is spending on the transition is not only funding curriculum changes for the 202 degree

programs offered, but is funding efforts to help students navigate the transition. At the heart of the program is My Academic Plan(MAP), which outlines courses a student needs to take currently on the quarter system and on the semester system to reach their degree goals.

"In some ways, the MAP is the documentation that we are telling you as an institution that this is what you have to do to get out of here at your goal and if you stick to this plan you will be fine. So, even if they know what they want to do, they need to go get it in writing," Rhea said.

The transition will reduce the minimum amount of credit hours each degree requires. Under quarters, students must take a minimum of 90 credit hours. Under semesters, only 60 are required. Each credit hour will cost more, but the annual cost of full-time tuition will remain the same.

Fewer books will be required each year, so overall students should save money from the change.

"We made a pledge to students that said that this would not cost you more or take you longer to graduate," Rhea said.

"If they haven't made a MAP, I have no way of knowing what they were told to do."

Academic advisors have the software to make MAPs so students need to talk to an academic advisor as soon as possible.

Advisors also have access to the new curriculum that is not publicly available.

"The most important thing students can do is go talk to their advisors and make sure that they are making a MAP so that they have a plan for going from quarters to semesters and that they are sticking to that plan and then they won't even know the difference once they are there," Rhea said.

Rhea is hopeful that all of the work done in identifying the content each course contains benefits students' in-class experience as well as how Sinclair runs as an organization. "My goal in this has been that for that

1.8 million we wouldn't just move to semesters. We have made vast improvements in the way we do things," Rhea said.

"We are taking this opportunity to improve as much as we can. It is money well spent."

Semester Cost Quarter Cost Fall Quarter = \$703.20Fall Semester = \$1,054.80Winter Quarter = \$703.20 Spring Semester = \$1,054.80Spring Quarter = \$703.20 **Annual Tuition Total = \$2,109.60** Annual Tuition Total = \$2,109.60

## Program to help African-Americans succeed

#### Talya Flowers

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After being laid off from her job, Marcia Viney decided to enroll at Sinclair, despite the fact that she hasn't been to school in more than 30 years.

Viney, an African-American student in the Dental Program is determined to graduate this time. To help her attain her degree, she joined the Urban African-American Mentor Program (UAAMP).

"What we found is that our African-American students are coming to Sinclair, but they are also leaving very quickly, and we don't want that to continue. We want our African-Americans to stay at Sinclair and complete an associate's degree or workforce credential," said Linda Pastore, UAAMP coordinator. "We feel very strongly that it is important that our African-American students become the future leaders of the Dayton community."

The mentor program is designed to help second-year African-American students attain a college degree or credential with the help of a mentor. The students are assigned two mentors, one faculty and one staff member.

"I continue to press forward, and I am determined to graduate," Viney said. "The mentors are here to help me stay focused and push me toward my goals."

Krissy Mayes, a graphic design instructor for distance learning and Tom Huguley, a communication instructor, are both Viney's mentors.

"Her goal is to graduate, and I ask her that every time I see her," Mayes said. "I think that UAAMP helps her know that there are people here to help her and push her to finish her goals. With school, work, kids, grandkids and a husband it is hard to stay focused, but she is handling it all well."

Since its inception in the fall of 2009, UAAMP goals are to help students boost their GPA, complete their courses and graduate, said Dona Fletcher, UAAMP

"I am an African-American college graduate

"I am an African-American college graduate because someone supported me. I was the first one in my immediate family to go to college and it was a strange and scary place for me. It was good to have someone there for me and support me when I felt like I didn't belong there. To have that support and go-to person, who I knew cared about me was very important."

Dona Fletcher, UAAMP coordinator

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Loretta Barton, a Nursing student at Sinclair, is one year into UAAMP. Barton graduated in 1980, and returned to college to complete her Nursing degree.

She said that her journey back to college hasn't been easy, but feels that UAAMP is

"I have been through a lot of struggles," Barton said. "I am an older student, but I knew that I needed to do something. UAMMP helps me see that by taking small steps, I can do what I need for me."

Vann Rogers, who is an Allied Health professor, is Barton's mentor. Barton said that Rogers is one of the first black teachers who has motivated her to work toward completing her degree.

"It helps to have the student in the class," said Rogers. "UAAMP can only help her on her journey. As a black mentor, if they can see that I have had my struggles and made it through them that tells them that they can make it too."

To join UAAMP, students must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and have completed a minimum of 19 credits.

For more information, contact Fletcher at 512-5149, Mortenous A. Johnson at 512-5181 or Pastore at 512-2347.

#### Student Eligibility:

Students who completed the Student Success Plan during 2011-2012.

Current UAAMP Participants.

Students who have completed a minimum of 19 credits and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Full-time registration for Winter 2011-2012.

#### **Student Requirements:**

- Must attend orientation (cannot
- participate without attendance). Attend UAAMP events and meet with mentors
- (minimum of three times per quarter).
- Return phone calls or other communicationmust access my.sinclair ANGEL shell
- Missing meetings/event/scheduled activities/ or no contact with mentors may result in dismissal from program.

#### **Mentor Requirements:**

- · Complete and submit application. (Fulltime faculty and staff. Must have at least one year of service at Sinclair).
- Required participation in training/orientation. Commitment for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- Willingness to develop relationships
- and work collaboratively with comentor and student mentee.
- Must be on the same campus as the student.
- Participate in UAAMP activities each quarter.

Complete assessments and evaluations. Information found at www.sinclair.edu/organizations/uaamp.

### <u>On Campus</u>

# campus calendar<sup>23</sup>

#### Feb. 14

- Addiction Discussion Group 12 p. m.-1 p.m. Building 10, Room 423
- Coffee and Conversation
- 2 3 p.m. Ponnie Kendall Center, Building 8, basement

#### Feb. 15;

#### Sinclair Talks Egypt

12 - 1 p.m. Library Loggia - Second Floor near Building 5

• Brown Bag and Hair Loss Seminar 11:30-1:00 p.m. Building 2, Room 2334

#### Feb. 16

• Coping with Math Anxiety Workshop 12 p. m.-1 p.m. Building 2, Room 334

Feb. 17 • Winter Math Colloquium 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Building 1, Room 1001

#### Intramural Flag Football at the **Learning Centers**

2 - 5:00 p.m.**Englewood Learning Center** 

• Spring quarter registration begins on Monday, February 20.

#### Feb. 21

• Addiction Discussion Group 12 p. m.-1 p.m. Building 10, Room 423

#### Feb. 22

• COPE Stress Management Workshop 12 p. m.-1 p.m. Building 2, Room 334

#### Feb. 23

 Prepare for Math Exams Workshop 12 p. m.-1 p.m. Building 2, Room 334

#### Feb. 29

 COPE Critical Thinking Workshop 12 pm-1 pm Building 2, Room 334

### marketplace menu

#### Monday

- Cajun Chicken Chili
- Cream Of Spinach Soup
- New England Clam Chowder
- Four Cheese or Asaigo Flank Steak Panini
- Baked Crispy Baked Chicken Breasts
- Steak Fries
- Rice Pilaf
- Broccoli, Tomato And Onion Harvard Beets
- · Chicken and Broccoli
- Meat Lovers Calzone
- Black Angus Patty Melt Little Italy Wrap

#### <u>luesday</u>

- Cajun Chicken Chili
- Cream Of Spinach Soup
- Turkey Noodle Soup
- · Roasted Top Round Beef Baked Ziti
- Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes • White Rice
- Green Beans & Carrots
- Tomatoes And Okra

- · General Tso's Chicken
- Four Cheese Stromboli
- · Italian Panini Melt
- · Little Italy Wrap

#### Wednesdav

- · Cajun Chicken Chili
- Tomato Basil Soup Turkey Noodle Soup
- Fisherman's Platter
- · Chicken or Beef Faiita
- Potatoes, Scalloped Savory Baked Apples
- Veggie Medley
- Chesapeake Corn
- And Tomatoes
- Chicken And Vegetable Lo Mein
   Corn Fritters
- Buffalo Chicken Cobb Salad Grilled Chicken BLT
- Little Italy Wrap

#### Thursday

- Cajun Chicken Chili
- · Tomato Basil Soup
- Chicken And Wild Rice Soup
- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Traditional Fried Chicken

Key West Rice

- Toasted Turkey
- Bang Bang Pizza (spicy)

· Broasted Potatoes

• Bbq Baked Beans

Cuban Flatbread

· Little Italy Wrap

· Cajun Chicken Chili

· Potato Chowder

· Fish Pollock Fillet

· Parsley Potatoes

Steamed Veggies

· Closed on Friday

· Chef's Choice

• Chicken And Wild Rice Soup

Friday

• Honey Chicken over Rice

• Skyline Cheese Coneys

• Baked Macaroni And Cheese

• Fresh Seasoned Collard Greens

- Sandwich on Wheat
- Little Italy Wrap

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## weekly sudoku

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of

the 9 by 9 square must in-

clude all digits 1 through 9. Every Sudoku games begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options

for the remaining squares are

narrowed and it becomes

easier to fill them in.

Sudoku Tips: Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in that box. If there is a 5 in column's 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 any-

where else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

- 10 \_ Robles, California
- 11 Drop a line, maybe
- 12 Advanced
- 16 Aparicio of Cooperstown

# weekly crossword

#### Across

- 1 Removes, as a backpack from one's
- 14 Flock tender 17 Style eschewing heavy sauces
- 18 Was Grinch-like, in a way 19 Trattoria offering
- 20 Pros with schedules
- 22 Assemblage 26 Pillow stuff
- 32 1840s-'50s antislavery party 34 Symbol of Middle America
- 35 Brain cramp, so to speak
- 37 Like Schoenberg's "Moses und Aron 38 Enjoying the mall, say
- 39 Wyoming's \_\_ Range 40 Pride of the pumped-up 41 Wagnerian title?
- 42 Indiana senator who retired in 2011 43 Do something about
- 48 Island classic 55 1926 novel set in Pamplona 57 1970s Patrick Duffy title character
- who can breathe underwater

#### Down

- 1 Some museum pieces 2 Its atomic number is 10
- 3 Turn about 4 Glowing, as coals
- 5 Eisner's Disney successor 6 Livingstone explored it
- 7 Crown in the Henry VIII era, e.g. 8 Only nonrhyming ghost in Ms. Pac-Man
- 9 Dos into doce
- 13 Big name in 34-Down
- 15 "Bua off!"
- 21 Musical based on an O'Hara novel 22 Key of the last Brandenburg con-
- certo 23 Declaim
- 24 Stop on a line 25 Not open-ended, as a question 26 Flexible weapon
- 27 Appeals 28 Brio
- 29 Nice sibling
- 30 More luxuriant 31 Film that often includes drawings
- 33 Dramatist O'Casev 34 Some email receivers
- 36 Opposite of 47-Down 40 Clipper airlines
- 42 Pro follower 43 Casino conveniences 44 Indian tea
  - 45 Look after 46 QB Jim Kelly was its 1984 MVP
  - 47 Immaculate
  - 49 Use the hammock 50 Like some traditions
  - 51 Trace
  - 52 1930s-'40s mystery film scene
  - stealer
  - 53 Part of le visage
  - 54 To be, to Tiberius 56 GPS determination

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### Celebrating African American History Month

Leah Baxley

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Throughout the month of February, Sinclair Community College will be hosting six events on campus to commemorate African-American History Month.

Among the events planned are a discussion about Juneteenth and what it means, the Celebration of Purpose and the Kuumba Celebration, said Crystal Echols, professor in the Academic Foundations Department. All the events are free and open to the public.

This year is Echols' second year as chair of the events, she said, adding that her role is to make sure that the events are coordinated and

The first event of the month is a presentation and discussion by Tammy Cooper about what Juneteenth' means and its significance, Echols said. Cooper is the executive administrative assistant in the senior vice president's office.

'Juneteenth' commemorates when the slaves in Texas learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was over two years after it had been signed, said Echols.

"The actual date is June 19, but it is usually celebrated on the first 'teenth' Saturday in June," Echols said.

The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 12 to 1 p.m. as a brown bag lunch and again from 3 to 5 p.m. in Building 2 Room 334, Echols said.

On Thursday, Feb. 9 an event known as the Celebration of Purpose will be held in Building

This event is a combination of the NIA awards and GospelFest, said Echols, the reception is

scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. in Building 2 in Blair Hall.

This year is the 12th year that the NIA awards will be held and the third year that they will be combined with GospelFest, said Echols.

NIA in Swahili means purpose, Echols said. The awards are given each year to staff members, students and faculty to recognize them for how they have demonstrated purpose, she added.

The idea for GospelFest came after Echols had been to several gospel concerts of the Sinclair gospel choir and enjoyed them. Echols said that gospel music is also part of African-American heritage and history.

"Sinclair has an amazing gospel choir," she said, adding that her vision was to expand and have many different gospel choirs come to Sinclair and perform alongside Sinclair's gospel choir.

"Bringing those two events together was sort of a cosmic melding," she said of having NIA and GospelFest together.

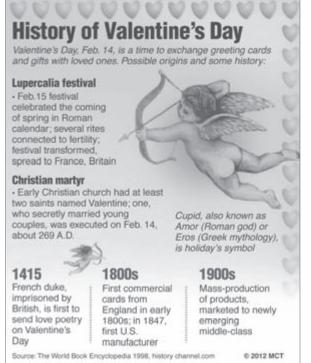
The final event of the month is the Kuumba Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the stage area of Building 8.

The event is a student-centered talent showcase, explained Echols, adding that the word kuumba in Swahili means creativity. There will be food provided while singing, dancing and poetry, among other acts, are presented.

Echols is hoping that all the events being held foster a deeper appreciation of the contributions and history of the African-American community and bring everyone together.

"We're more alike than we are different," she said. Anyone who would like more information or has questions about the events can contact Echols directly, either by phone at (937) 512-2338 or by email at crystal.echols@sinclair.edu.







### meet Joe Lofino

Mark Fahey News Editor

Joseph A. Lofino has been the student president of the National Society of Leadership and Success at Sinclair since the summer of 2010. He is close to completing a degree in Business Administration and Business Management with an entrepreneurship concentration.

#### What makes him Interesting?

The National Society of Leadership and Success has been at Sinclair since 2007, Lofino said.

Under Lofino's leadership, the club has expanded from 358 members to 1,100 members. According to Lofino, they've documented more than 2,000 hours of community service. He credits his executive board for transforming the group into what it is today.

Lofino says that the Society was part of what inspired his switch from an Engineering degree to his current focus. He says that he took a quarter off from Engineering to try out business classes, and "it was the happiest time in [his] life."

"In high school, I really wasn't involved at all," says Lofino. After working in carpentry for a while, Lofino says he met a man who pushed him to become the state treasurer of SkillsUSA, an organization for technical skills students, and "that's where [his] leadership journey started off."

Lofino was selected out of 270 candidates in the United States as the Society's Student President of the Year in 2011. He says it is "the biggest award I've gotten in my life."

"The best part of Sinclair is the relationships I've built," he says. "They're so much more powerful than even the classes I've taken. Why do you even go to college? I think it's to build relationships.'

He started working at Sinclair as a student assistant at the Huber  $\,$ Heights Learning Center, and works in the Advancement Division at the Sinclair Foundation, where he writes profiles of interesting alumni.

Lofino admires inventors and hopes to become an entrepreneur. He's looking at transferring to the University of Dayton after this summer.

"That's a big passion of mine, inventing things," says Lofino. "Some of the role models I look toward are Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin...the Wright Brothers, looking at things and saying, 'this thing has got to be possible."

> Lofino plans on finishing his bachelor degree, and wants to be a good role model for his younger brother.

"I am the first person to go to college out of my family," says Lofino. "I love family, without family you don't have anything."

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### Making it on the list

#### Mark Fahey

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Two weeks ago, the Clarion ran the list of Sinclair students who earned their names on last quarter's Dean's List. Some students may be interested in what requirements they had to meet to be on the list.

#### To make the Dean's List at Sinclair, a student must have:

- Completed at least six credit hours of college level courses
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.4
- Have no grades below a "C" in that term
- Be in good academic standing

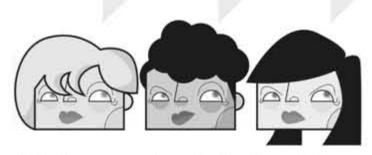
#### The calculation of a student's GPA is based on all A-F letter grades, and don't include the following grade types:

- X (audit)
- S or U (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
- P (pass)
- W (withdrawal)
- Y (articulated or proficiency credit)
- N (progress)
- I (incomplete)
- IP (in progress)

In 2011, 9,897 Sinclair students made the Dean's List, which amounts to almost a fourth of all students enrolled. Sinclair has seen a slight increase in the number of Dean's List students over the last couple of years, up from 7,328 students (20.5 percent of enrollment) back in 2007.

> Congratulations and good luck during this quarter!

# Forget you, Cupid!



While people stalk Cupid's arrow this Feb. 14, join us in celebrating Valentine's Day Singles Awareness Day

BY SALLY DADISMAN McClatchy-Tribune

wareness days may conjure up images of diseases or natural disasters - and some may feel that's what being single is like. But on Feb. 14, we'll happily be celebrating "Singles Awareness Day."

There's some hubbub on whether it's a replacement for the greeting-card holiday, or its own entity on Feb. 15, but we say, bygones!

To convince you to join us on the day of your choosing, we've answered your most common queries (as assumed by us) and offered our advice on places to avoid, things to do and reasons to celebrate your singledom.

Dear Sally: I don't mind being single on a regular basis, but Valentine's Day is awful. It's like one big make-out session out there. Is there any way to avoid this?

-Wish I Were Blind

Dear Wish I Were Blind: You could treat it like a tornado and crawl into the darkest, windowless room in your home, or you could just face the PDA head on - armed with a Nerf gun. Or water balloons. Either one will make the kissing creatures stop in their tracks. If you want a more passive approach, stay away from the honey-filled hotspots. No movies especially romantic comedies that are sure to remind those "better halves" just how much they "wub" each other, how it's kismet they met, how they're sure to be together forever and ever, and how their love too could be told so perfectly in 90 minutes or less. No restaurants - especially ones that offer you chicken and steaks in the shape of hearts while sipping red and pink cocktails. No roller rinks where a DJ comes on and forces all you single ladies (and gentlemen) off of the rink to make way for the couples skate. (Excuse our sixth-grade flashback.)

Dear Sally: Even though the next big Rom-Com is shockingly coming out in theaters Valentine's Day weekend, there's no way I'm stepping foot in a theater crawling with couples. No matter how saccharinely sweet, incredibly predictable, and tall, dark and handsome man-filled it is! So now that that's off the table, whatever am I to do?

-Mrs. Patrick Dempsey

Dear Mrs. Patrick Dempsey: First of all, what a handsome (hypothetical) husband you have! While we too wouldn't suggest movie theaters as good single "V-day" hangouts, there are other things to do in the world! Our picks: Treat yourself to some spa care. Massages, haircuts, facials - all will put you in a relaxed, carefree mindset. Perfect to

attack a night out with friends for classy cosmos and (Jimmy) Choos, a la "Sex and the City," or dude drinks and debauchery a la "Swingers." Speaking of, bars are a decent choice for singles only because they're too casual for lovestruck couples - unless SAM GRANADO they'll be meeting single THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT friends there later. In which case, you're likely in the majority and have

Me + Jimmy (Choo): Nirvana!

every right to pelt them with peanuts right out of the place if their hands start traveling quick and loose by the

However, if you're looking for a more lowkey night in with friends, your couch is much

less couple-infested for a movie marathon. Or how about a dance party to your favorite girl anthems - "I Will Survive," "Respect," anyone? Same goes for poker night with the guys, Cause if you don't have a nagging nancy to complain about the cigar smoke, crude conversations and crumby behavior, you'd be wise to take full advantage of it.

Dear Sally: I have so many friends who are single, so we want to stay in and celebrate together. How can we make like Miley Cyrus and properly "Party in the USA" like the bright, funny single people

-Hands Up, They're Playing My Song



Dear Hands Up: We think a party is a great idea - that way you have full control of who comes (or doesn't). You can have the standard parties: spa, fondue, crafting, videogaming, poker. Or here's our idea for a killer singles-only mixer:

■ Theme: Celebrity breakups. No one suffers from being single more than celebrities with US Weekly reminding us every time they get dumped (Jennifer Aniston, we're looking at you). So take advantage of someone more publicly single than you are! Have everyone come dressed as their favorite infamously single celebrity - Aniston, Jessica Simpson or Rihanna, or lotharios like John Mayer, George Clooney and Jon Gosselin (you may commence the egg-throwing when he walks in the

door). Food: While it may not be the most economical option, serve all food in single servings. Get some small plates and ration everything out. You could also opt for foods-forone, like Betty Crocker Warm Delights, Ben and Jerry's minis or personal-sized pizzas (a make-your-own-personal-pizza "bar" would be fun for this).

Activity: Instead of having your own ball and chain, make a chain together. Each person creates a link out of construction paper and writes a quote (real or invented) from their celeb on it. Quotes can be inspirational or humorous ... or both!

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Dear Sally: My life reads like an episode of "Jerry Springer." My boyfriend dumped me for my best friend, and now I'm alone and afraid. I'm not used to this single life. How am I supposed to get through the day without having someone to cook for, clean up after and share my twin-size bed with at night? Wait a minute ...

—Epiphany

Dear Epiphany: How appropriately named you are, because with that last sentence we hope you see where we're going with this answer. Yes, having someone around who loves you, has your back and can give you affection can be nice. But it's not everything! Here's our list of just a few reasons to celebrate being single:

1. You make the financial rules. All of them. That Kate Spade handbag you want? Buy it! That 52-inch flat screen plasma TV? It's yours! A yacht filled with bathing beauties, a staff at your beck and call and your best bud P. Diddy shooting his latest music video? OK, maybe in your dreams ... And P. Diddy?

2. You make all the time-managing rules. It's time to take that trip to Europe. When? Whenever you want! Want to spend a weekend in Vegas gambling with the guys, but it happens to be your girlfriend's grandmother's 80th birthday and her family would be really disappointed if you bailed? Oh wait, you don't have a girlfriend! Gamble away!



3. Selfishness is acceptable. Forget living for someone else. You can focus your energy on things that make you happy. You'll never have to sacrifice girls' weekends, new nightclub openings, happy hour specials, all because a night in on the couch with your honeybunch seems more appealing (or a requirement). It's a big world out there - go conquer it.

### You're not alone

If nothing else, take a cue from these pop-culture jams - being single isn't all the bad stuff it's made out to be. Use these songs and movies as centerpieces for a karaoke session or movie night in with friends.



Mary J. Blige

SING IT, SISTAH

■ "Just Fine"

by Mary J. Blige: Feels so good, when you're doing all the things that you want to do

Get the best out of life, treat yourself to something

It's a really good thing to

That I won't change my life, my life's just fine

"Single" by Natasha Bedingfield:

Everything in its right time, everything in its right place I know I'll settle down

one day But 'til then I like it this way, it's my way Eh I like it this way

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper:

Some boys take a beautiful girl

And hide her away from the rest of the world I want to be the one to

walk in the sun Oh girls, they want to

have fun

III "I Don't Wanna Be In Love" by Good Charlotte: You've got a reason to

Say I don't wanna be in

I don't wanna be in love



Renée Zellweger stars in "Bridget Jones's Diary."

#### CINEMA FOR SINGLES

"Bridget Jones's Diary": While Bridget does fall in love, it's her trials and tribulations as a single girl in London that keep us laughing and relating all the same.

■ "Singles": Cameron Crowe's 1992 aptly titled drama is about a group of twentysomethings living in an apartment complex in Seattle. Most appropriate if you find yourself drawn to flannel, overalls and Nirvana music videos.

■ "Fatal Attraction": However single you may be, at least you're not being stalked by a former one-night stand. Or are stalking someone with whom you formerly had a one-night-stand.

■ Try action movies like James Bond or anything starring Sylvester Stallone or Arnold Schwarzenegger (except for "Jingle All the Way," which shouldn't be consumed by singles or spoke-fors, alike).

### **YOUR VOICE** Q. "What will you be doing for Valentine's Day?"



Britteny Cyphers

Vocal Performance

"I have no idea, but me and my girlfriend haven't made any plans yet. We probably will stay on the couch watch "New Girl," exchange gifts and order some



Hakkie Sawada

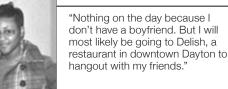




"I don't know what I will be doing on that day because I haven't made any plans. I'm waiting on my husband to make some plans.'



Kandra Williams Liberal Arts



### clarion consensus

### A day of love

With candy hearts and pink images of cupid, Valentine's Day can be met with either dread or anticipation. For the singles, the day is a constant reminder that their love life is lacking and how grossly mushy couples can be.

The Clarion's thoughts on the day tend to be an unsolvable dispute, so a consensus has not been reached but several viewpoints have emerged.

On one hand, many people feel like the day is for women to exploit the pockets of their significant others.

For many couples, the boyfriend will be the one to set up the dinner reservations, buy the chocolate, stuffed teddy bear or \$400 Coach purse, while the girlfriend enjoys all the hard

One's role in the schemata of Valentine's Day is to make the significant other feel special and to create long-lasting and hopefully special memories for the both of you.

No exploitation needed and no banks have to be broken to take one day out of the year to show how much you care about your 'boo.' Some of us show our appreciation 365 days out of the year, so Valentine's Day is just that – a day.

Saying "I love you" should be cherished as a gift and can be used on this day, but only if it

comes from the heart. The way the phrase is thrown around has undoubtedly tarnished the value of the phrase. There is a difference between saying and actually meaning those words.

But Valentine's Day shouldn't be disregarded because it feels like a hyped-up day. The scrooges on Valentine's Day need to grasp that the theme is really about love and affection. But we at the Clarion believe that the day is really about reciprocity.

We believe that the boyfriend can give his girlfriend whatever he desires on Valentine's Day, but it is the girlfriend's duty to give as well.

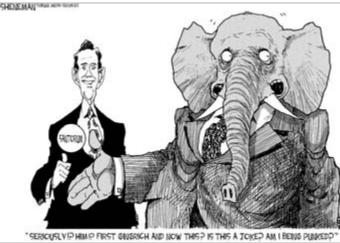
If you haven't bought your significant other anything special or you are strapped for cash, the Student Leadership Association is selling Valentine's day goodies in Building 8.

The price of the gifts ranges from \$3 to \$5 and are all equally precious. Yet another reminder that Valentine's Day is not about the money, it is about showing the person you love how much you care with gifts.

That shouldn't be too hard, and the look on your significant others' face when they receive their invaluable gift will be priceless. That is the true meaning of Valentine's Day.

The Clarion Consensus is an opinion column written by the staff of your Sinclair newspaper. Each week, the Clarion staff chooses a topic to debate and comes to agreement.





## "Message in a bottle"

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Am I the last person on earth who's not afraid of romance?

I'm actually thrilled by the thought of setting a day aside solely to convey affection.

However, it seems that young adults are more perturbed than excited about Valentine's Day.

In fact, many suggest that the day is nothing more than a scam. But what better scam to fall prey to than one that uplifts the spirit of another human being; particularly a significant other?

I'm sure I'm not the only one who's spent money on a new product that fell short of its promise, or a meal that's left my taste buds less than thrilled. Yet, many complain about spending \$5 to \$15 on someone who offers them contentment on various levels. I'm not saying that anyone's perception is wrong, but it seems to me as if many have lost sight of what's important in life. I've often wondered if our society's shift in attitude toward romance is because of the media, and not the alleged "commercialization" of Valentine's Day. Have we become desensitized to love? Through music, primarily, we are fed the lie that being cold and callus to emotional affairs will keep us safe and free of emotional trickery. However, the trickery dwells in that very lie. Ignoring emotions and chances to express one's feelings to another will rarely (if ever) garner positive results. We all enjoy feeling "special," and can be made to feel special in a variety of

For those of you who are fans of Valentine's Day, but prefer to save your money,

- here are a few cost effective ideas: Make a fancy dinner for your loved
  - Take a stroll through a park, having already set up a picnic at a sweet spot
  - Use your talent in a creative manner (e.g. – sing, write a poem, create your own cartoon character and send it in an email)
  - Take the time to make a box of candy featuring only the kind of candies your loved one likes

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be a drag. It is the American birthday of love for everyone of all ages, backgrounds, religions and genders.

Here's what a few of Sinclair Community College's students and faculty members had to say about Valentine's Day:

#### Courtney Jackson, Liberal Arts Major:

"I look forward to it this year. I'll be celebrating with my family and boyfriend as well." On buying gifts – "It's hard to buy a gift for a guy. I suggest something simple.

#### Kathy Hedges,

Modern Language:

"I don't care one way or another. My boyfriend and I will email each other if we think about it. I'd rather people be nice all year than on one day."

#### Antonio Kehoe,

Business Management:

"It's not necessary, but it's nice. It's about spending time with the person you're with more so than the money."

#### Annette Sullivan, Sociology Major:

"I'm getting married on Valentine's Day. It's my first marriage. I'm doing it one time, and one time only." [Laughs] "I'm excited."

#### Velvette Hux,

English and Business Math Instructor:

"I love Valentine's Day. Just spend time with vour loves ones. Give vour kids a Valentine.' Gift suggestions - "One time I made cars for my parents and put pictures of our family and their grandchildren inside.

Desteny Thomason, **Business Information Systems:** 

"I love any excuse for people to show love and be positive to each other.

## <u>puzzle</u> solutions

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### Romance Forever

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Romance, though derived from our natural ability to love, is seemingly not a very popular choice of expression among modern day young adults. Due to the shift in our society's beliefs regarding "old school" dating, Valentine's Day earned a reputation of being merely an excuse for people (particularly women) to demand gifts.

Valentine's Day comes once a year and serves two purposes. Primarily, the special day makes love's sappy expressions seem adorable, and secondly offers a chance for new and established lovebirds a chance to display their appreciation

for each other.

For every non-believer, there is a believer who remains perfectly comfortable and fond of the idea of modern day

Take Sinclair Community College's Professor in Academic Foundations Crystal Echols, for example. She is a proud mother and wife who makes it a point to express her adoration for her family. "And don't forget about your friends," says Echols. "I also think it is important for friends to show their appreciation to one another."

Echols says she has long enjoyed romance and sweet anecdotes. When she was a young girl, her grandmother, mother and aunts used to read Harlequin Romance novels.

"Finally someone let me in the [reading] loop when I was about 12."

Echols suggests giving gift cards, massage certificates and useful gifts that loved ones may actually need, as well as enjoy.

She recalls her most precious Valentine's Day gift. She says that she and her husband were still courting at the time, and she was a bit anxious over giving and receiving the perfect gift. However, her then future husband surprised her with an innovative gift.

"He gave me a big box full of stuff for a movie date. There were bags of microwave popcorn, DVD's, Jujubee's and Junior Mints."

Often people underestimate the power of creativity and thoughtfulness.

"Don't just run to the store last minute and grab flowers and candy," Echols advises. "And remember that you don't have to impress anyone except the person you're giving the gift to. The best gift truly is the gift that comes from the heart."

Echols says that despite the negative remarks regarding the commercialization of Valentine's Day, she has remained a fan of the occasion.

"It's a day when you get to tell the people you love that you love them. What could possibly be wrong with that?"

Sounds like great advice to me!

After all, who better to receive advice on romance and Valentine's Day from than a

published romance author?

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### Whiteout Wednesday | Featured athlete of the week canceled this season

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The basketball season is going to be without one of its most highly anticipated home game this season and possibly for good.

Whiteout Wednesday has been cancelled for this season due to lack of expected participation, according to Athletic Director Jack Giambrone.

The games served as a way to increase school spirit and build an enthusiastic atmosphere at one home game in the middle of the basketball season for both the men's and women's teams.

The game resembles events held by Division 1 colleges. Penn State University is one example of a school that regularly hosts Whiteout games. The University of Dayton Flyers hold a similar game called the "Red Scare."

The concept of the game is for all the home students to wear white T-shirts (provided by Sinclair for free) to create a sea of white in the stands. But the cost of making the T-shirts for the event and having extra staff on hand for the games proved to be too expensive.

"The game has been can-

"The game has been cancelled because in the end, it was just too costly."

Jack Giambrone, Athletic Director

celled because in the end, it was just too costly," said Giambrone. "We have decided to focus our efforts on other things."

The past two Whiteout Wednesday games had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, something we haven't seen much of this year.

The move has been expected by men's head basketball coach and Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Price, because only a small number of students come to each home game, even for previous Whiteout Wednesdays.

For last season's Whiteout Wednesday, beer was offered to try to bring in more students, but that too was unsuccessful.

For Communication student Taurin Hickman, the cancellation of the game is a little unsettling.

"Many students see this [Sinclair] as a stepping stone," Hickman said. "They don't really view Sinclair or appreciate Sinclair for what it's worth. I'm more or less upset because it's a really fun event. It would really help the school grow if more students came."

Most students can't come to home games because the students at Sinclair commute from their homes, have full-time jobs or have children to take care of.

"We're still going to have our fans come out and support us no matter what," Price said. "So we're still going to come out like it's a regular home game."

The state of the economy may be another reason why support at basketball games may be dwindling. Price acknowledged the fact that even four-year colleges such as Wright State University and Miami University have had low attendance rates in recent years.

Price said he hopes that more students will come to the games but understands how difficult it is for students to make it out after their classes are done.

"I would love for the students to come because our guys work hard and they put in a lot of hours that I don't think a lot of people see," Price said. "But it's very hard for me to be upset at our students because I understand what they are trying to accomplish."

— JaBriel Coaston —



Sinclair forward JaBriel Coaston showcasing one of his many talents in the Sinclair Gymnasium.

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When you shake hands with the 6-foot-6, 220-pound forward from Roger Bacon High School (Cincinnati) it's a little intimidating. In fact, JaBriel Coaston said that he intimidates most of the people he comes across.

"People say I look like I'm mean, like I'll jump down their throat or something," Coaston said. "But really I'm a nice, easy going guy."

The 20-year-old Coaston is in his first year at Sinclair and is producing some nice numbers while studying Liberal Arts. He averages 14.0 points, 7.6 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game for the Tartan Pride, according to National Junior College Athletic Association statistics.

He said that the strongest part of his game is being able to shoot the three at his size and being able to guard multiple positions.

He credits Sinclair head coach Jeff Price for making him a better basketball player in the short amount of time he has been at the school.

"He's flexible with you," Coaston said. "He's not like most coaches that come down hard on you and make you think about a lot."

He also credits Price for changing his game and freeing him from his machine-like high

school system. "[What I've picked up is] not playing like a robot," Coaston said. "Roger Bacon was a lot of pass, cut, pass, cut. Now coming here he's [Price] letting me handle the ball and get loose and be more explosive."

Coaston is leading the team in rebounding, which has been a key area of concern for the Pride this season.

The lengthy forward said he gets his height from his father, who in his playing days was a 6-foot-11 University of Kentucky recruit.

Some of Coaston's favorite activities, when he's not playing basketball, include shopping and playing video games.

Most basketball players or athletes in general listen to music to get pumped up before the game. But for Coaston, he would much rather take a long nap and then drink his favorite smoothie.

"I like the werewolf smoothie," Coaston said. "It's strawberry, banana and whey protein."

Another interesting fact about Coaston people don't see on first glance, is that he has a comedic and goofy personality.

"When people are around me they say it's hard to take me serious," Coaston said. "I can be serious when I'm supposed to but, I just like to laugh."

But all jokes aside, Coaston is proud to admit that he was raised by his grandmother and gives her full credit for shaping him into the man he is today.

"I lived with her all through high school and she always taught me to think ahead."

Coaston has one more year of eligibility left at Sinclair and could very well be heading to a Division I school after that season. One school of particular interest for Coaston is Butler University.

But for now, you can see Coaston and all the Tartan Pride basketball players take on Edison Community College at home on Feb. 15.



Coaston serving Thanksgiving dinner to local families at the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton last year.

#### Men's Schedule— **Date-Opponent-Time**

Wed. Feb. 15 VS Edison C.C. 5:30/7:30 p.m. Sat. Feb. 18 @ Columbus State C.C. 1/3 p.m. Wed. Feb. 22 VS Cincinnati State C.C. 5:30/7:30 p.m. Sat. Feb. 25 VS Cuyahoga-Metro C.C. 2/4 p.m. Sat. Mar. 3 @ Lakeland C.C. 1/3 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 6 NJCAA District XII District 7 Tournament TBA

### Women's Schedule— **Date-Opponent-Time**

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