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Sinclair fire victim needs help

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Members of the Arcanum, Pittsburg and New Madison Fire Departments responded to a house fire call on Nov. 20 in Arcanum.

Occupants of the house included Sinclair Community College student, Katrina Baker.

“The fire started behind the stove where there was a shortage,” Baker said. “It traveled up the side of the kitchen and up the wall into my brother’s room and then traveled into my parents room.”

Baker said her brother, 17, was home alone when the fire started. He woke to breathing in smoke instead of air and their dog barking. He put out the fire above the stove and ran upstairs to find a phone to call for help. By then, he realized the fire was much bigger than what he initially thought. He called 911 and unsuccessfully tried to find their other dog. He made it out safely and the fire trucks arrived.

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Tweeting could net students \$5K

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Sinclair students have the opportunity to earn a \$5,000 scholarship by tweeting.

The second ever “Free to Tweet” campaign is taking place from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15.

Last year’s celebration of the First Amendment rights generated more than 17,000 submissions via the social media application Twitter, according to Ken Paulson, president and chief executive officer of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University and in Washington D.C.

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SGA plans to restructure

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The Sinclair Community College Student Government Association’s main goal this year is to reorganize and maintain a structure for upcoming members.

“I think that structure is in place and getting stronger,” Amy Cotterman, vice president of SGA said.

The SGA leaders consist of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer who are expected to engage and interact with the student population at Sinclair. The student body of Sinclair completes the remainder of SGA.

The thought of a campus wide election for a new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer was expected to happen in 2013, Tom Roberts, SGA adviser said. But now, reorganization before that election is now the focus.

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Giving Tree helps local families



The Giving Tree is located in the Sinclair cafeteria. The purpose is to help local families by donating gifts specified on the yellow cards.

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For 20 years, Aramark has hosted its annual Giving Tree for local families in need.

Tim Sweet, general manager of Food Services, said it gets bigger and bigger each year.

In its early years, it started out with helping four families. Now, the Giving Tree is sponsoring families from For the Love Of Children, a division of Dayton Children Services, Rosa Parks Elementary School and Sinclair students in financial need.

Sweet said this year, there could be up to 700 toys for the children.

To participate, take a yellow tag from the tree, donate whatever item is on the tag, then bring back the item and place it unwrapped under the same tree.

The tag will include the family number, gender and age of the child as well as their desired item.

Items do not have to be new; they can be used but only if they are in good condition.

Sweet said he’s seen departments adopt an entire family from the tree as part of their gift exchanges.

“It’s a good way to help out,” Sweet said. “The best gift is the gift of giving.

After you do it, you’ll find out why.”

He said he looks at it as a way to give back and he’s always impressed.

Sweet recalls a year that Rosa Parks Elementary School said they had a lot of children wearing the same uniform day after day. In response, Giving Tree participants donated nearly 100 shirts for their uniforms.

Another year, a department donated 50 boxes of tissues after they found out that teachers were purchasing them out of their own paychecks.

The Giving Tree will end on Dec. 11. Families will have two days afterwards to pick up donated items. Students are allowed to take as many tags as they like.

Sinclair passes resolutions

Sinclair Board of Trustees approved resolutions to purchase additional parking and commits up to \$5 million for Courseview building renovation.

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The Sinclair Community College Board of Trustees approved several resolutions that will affect students directly and in the near future.

The Board approved the purchase of a 34-space parking lot located at 135 South Wilkinson St. for the amount of \$40,000.

The lot purchase is intended to be used for “Sinclair employees and should allow the college to reduce the number of overflow parking spaces rented at the county garage,” according to the agenda from the Nov. 27 board meeting.

Also, the Board agreed to commit up to \$5 million from its special regional development reserve fund for the renovation of the Courseview Campus Center, located in Mason.

“This investment by the Board is reflective of the larger commitment Sinclair has made to provide the trained workforce necessary for the continued economic development of Southwest Ohio,” Sinclair President Steve Johnson said. “We will continue growth in a phased approach as is necessary to support the educational needs of our entire community.”

The allotted amount will fund the renovation of Building B, formerly known as the Stress Engineering Building. The Sinclair Foundation purchased the building in July 2012.

Sinclair has set the goal of completing all renovations by the start of Fall Semester 2013.

In addition, minor renovations will be made to the main Courseview building, (Building A) which Sinclair currently leases.

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United Way Auction campaign raises \$129K

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Painting services, beer baskets, free range chicken eggs and a live song performance were among some of the items available for bidding during Sinclair’s 2012 United Way online auction.

The auction, which began on Oct. 1 and lasted until Nov. 16, raised more than \$129,000 of the \$152,000 as of Sunday, Nov. 18, according to Michael Fiszlewicz, manager of Server-Based Computing at Sinclair. 100 percent of the proceeds earned from the auction are to be donated to the United Way, Fiszlewicz said.

The auction’s goal was \$152,000 in 2011 – an increase on the 2010 standard of \$150,000 – was not increased again this year because the auction failed to meet the 2011 mark, Fiszlewicz said.

Fiszlewicz feels the economy was a primary factor as to why the auction failed to produce above expectation.

“Historically, for the most part, we always make the goal or go above the goal,” Fiszlewicz said. “Last year, we can only guess why, but we feel because of the economy and different circumstances like that, it was hard for people to contribute as much.”

The United Way Committee, which Fiszlewicz and other Sinclair faculty and staff members served on, helped operate the auction and asked Sinclair

employees for items to be donated. Although the auction was marketed towards Sinclair employees to bid on the items donated, anyone who created an account could place a bid, according to the website.

“One of the things we thought was great was that it ties into Sinclair being a college. They support education and we support education, so we kind of have a common interest,” he said.

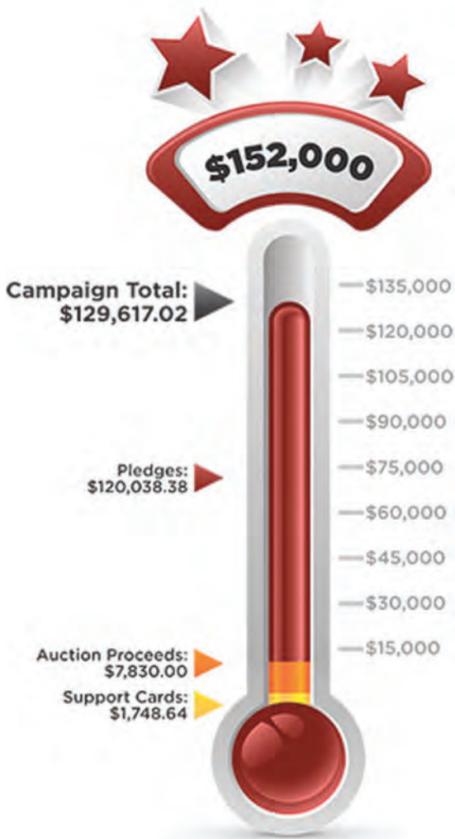
Fiszlewicz explained that although Sinclair had the opportunity to team with several charities for the auction, the United Way was appealing because the charity centered its focus more on education this year.

“They (United Way) did emphasize education before, but had an emphasis on other needs in the community as well,” Fiszlewicz said. “Sinclair has a big focus on the community, so we are very involved in helping educate the people that are here in the community. The United Way is a national charity, but the money they earn here in Montgomery County stays here.”

Education makes up 32 percent of the United Way of Greater Dayton’s 2012-2013 Community Impact Model, which takes “a strategic approach to funding identified priorities,” according to the website.

But along with giving towards education, Fiszlewicz notes a sense of camaraderie that Sinclair employees derive from participating in the auction.

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Campaign totals represented in the graph are accurate as of Nov. 26.

## campus calendar

**Dec. 7**  
• Last day of traditional instruction

**Dec. 8**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Wright State University - Lake (OH)  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 5 p.m.

**Dec. 10-16**  
• Evaluation week

**Dec. 16**  
• Last day of fall semester & B-Term

**Dec. 21**  
• Last day for Spring Semester on-time registration

**Dec. 22**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Wright State University - Lake (OH)  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 3 p.m.

**Jan. 3**  
• Sinclair Women's Basketball Game vs. Clark State Community College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 3**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Clark State Community College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 5**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 2 p.m.

**Jan. 9**  
• Sinclair Women's Basketball Game vs. Ivy Tech College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 9**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Ivy Tech College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 23**  
• Sinclair Women's Basketball Game vs. Edison Community College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 23**  
• Sinclair Men's Basketball Game vs. Edison Community College  
Gymnasium in Building 8, 7:30 p.m.

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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 game:

- 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 include all digits 1 through 9.

Every Sudoku game 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.

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3			8	9		5	4	
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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 anywhere 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!

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## weekly crossword

**Across**

- Confusing places
- Unfaithful
- Matter of faith
- "Huh?"
- When Othello says to Desdemona, "... would thou hadst ne'er been born!"
- "The Birth of a Nation" period
- Clarifying words
- Black's opposite, financially
- Brewer's need
- 1972 Eastwood title role
- Country with a dragon on its flag
- Medieval poem about fate set to music in Orff's "Carmina Burana"
- Whiting cousin
- Cutting-edge brand since the '70s
- Highway through Whitehorse
- Show co-hosted by Robin Roberts, briefly
- "The Facts of Life" actress
- Of the 48 states, it has the largest island
- \_\_-en-Provence, France
- Martians, e.g.
- Clarifying words
- Pianist Watts
- Bossy remark?
- Weapon outlawed by a 1993 agreement
- \_\_renewal
- Perform a long jump
- Street light
- Sgt., e.g.
- If nothing changes
- Friend of Uncle Tom
- Parting words?
- Branch of chemistry
- Brand of imitation fat
- Big 12 football team led onto the field by The Masked Rider
- "Crud!"

**Down**

- Future doc's test
- Keystone site
- "Chicago" Oscar winner
- Life sentence reducers?
- It was dissolved by the Belavezha Accords
- Conan's network
- "Perform This Way" parodist
- Took a good look at
- Adorned mischievously
- First name in spy fiction
- "The Wind in the Willows" amphibian
- Optimal
- Old language that gives us "geyser"
- Airborne pests
- UPC cousin
- Blown away
- Teleportation device for chocolate, in a 1971 film
- Meanie
- Royal decree
- Ride
- \_\_ Island
- One with the latest gizmos
- Actress Sorvino
- Graph references
- Expressive rock genre
- Early WWII prime minister Chamberlain
- It's repeated a lot
- "The Wind in the Willows" amphibian
- Dark
- Roi's wife
- Head shot?
- Tantrum result, maybe
- In order
- "\_\_ first ..."
- Planned stops: Abbr.
- Some linemen: Abbr.
- "\_\_ du lieber!"

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# SGA accepting donations

Fire continued from front



photo contributed by Katrina Baker

Physical Education major Katrina Baker lost most of what she had in a house fire.

The house is located in the country, so the trucks had to take turns refilling and spraying the house.

"The fire did a lot of damage and what didn't burn has major smoke damage," Baker said. "We lost a lot of things, including a dog, two kittens and some turtles. I'm just thankful that all my family members are safe."

There are 10 members in the family, including Baker, her parents, four sisters and three brothers. Seven of them lived in the house.

The Student Government Association will be accepting donations in the Student Leadership Development Office in Building 8, Room 025.

"We lost about everything, so anything would help," Baker said. "We especially need kitchen utensils and appliances. We also need school supplies, like book bags, pencils and notebooks. Honestly, just think about the things you use every day. Those are the things we need."

The family is in need of shoes, socks, underwear, food, dog food, toiletries and clothing. For specific sizes, inquire within SGA.

If anyone wants to help the family with Christmas gift items, they would appreciate gift cards.

"Truly, we don't need gifts to have a merry Christmas, we just need our family," Baker said. "Christmas is [not] about the gifts, it's about gathering around the tree and sharing stories and a good laugh."



photo contributed by Katrina Baker

Members from the Arcanum, Pittsburg and New Madison Fire Departments responded to a call on Nov. 20. The fire-trucks had to take turns refilling and spraying the house.

# Sinclair buys Parking Lot, finances renovations for Courseview

Parking continued from front



photo contributed by Adam Murka

Building B, formerly known as the Stress Engineering Building, has been approved for up to \$5 million of renovations.

"I think this is a critical part of the process for Sinclair's continuing commitment to meet the educational needs of Warren County," Adam Murka, director of Public Information said. "Their need for high-quality, affordable education is growing and in order to meet that need, we're going to need more space. I think this

is the logical next step. I think this will let us expand the number of programs and the number of students who can take those courses. And it does so in a way that allows us to continue our commitment to Montgomery County."

He said that no Montgomery County dollars would be spent on the renovations.

The agenda also stated that the college's capital investment could be less as the Sinclair Foundation plans to host a \$2.5 million Courseview Development fund raising campaign that would cover \$1.75 million of the expenses for the Building B renovation.

# Sinclair students could earn \$5K in tuition by tweeting

\$5K continued from front

"It's important for all Americans to be reminded now and then that the core freedoms of the First Amendment are truly American freedoms," Paulson said. "We are encouraging American's at least once a year to reflect on the importance of protecting freedom of speech and the press and the other core freedoms."

To enter the competition, students must tweet their support for one of the specific core freedoms of the First Amendment with the hashtag #FreeToTweet. There is no limit to the amount of submissions a student can make.

The First Amendment granted citizens of the United States freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceful assembly and petition.

Paulson said there is probably no other scholarship competition in the world with as big of a

potential payoff per word.

"For 140 characters, you have the chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship," Paulson said.

"It's quick, it's easy and it's patriotic."

The competition ends on the 221 birthday of the First Amendment.

The initiative is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight foundation and is organized by I for All, (founded by Paulson) which serves as an educational and public service campaign to build understanding about the First Amendment and its five freedoms, according to the press release by Samantha Fiala.

Updated information about the competition can be followed @FreeToTweet2012 and judging criteria and complete rules can be found at [freetotweet.org](http://freetotweet.org).

# Student Government Elections

SGA continued from front

"Originally we said that we would have an election next year," Roberts said. "Reorganizing became much larger than we anticipated, so we are slowing it down and giving ourselves maybe a two or three year phasing period."

A campus-wide election at Sinclair will depend on how quickly the structure for the government develops.

"Our main goal is to have a Student Government that truly represents the student body at Sinclair," Roberts said.

Cotterman said working with the American Student Government Association is key in representing the right percentage of the student body and what turnout is expected to be at the elections when they happen.

"We are engaging the support of ASGA to guide us because they are the experts in Student Government," Cotterman said. "They work with both community colleges and four-year schools."

Brandon Whitehorn, SGA president, reestablished student government over spring quarter 2012 when he, along with two other students, were selected to represent the Dayton campus and attend a Student Leadership conference in Boston.

"I kept hearing about this thing called SGA," Whitehorn said. "At the time I wasn't sure what it was and I was too embarrassed to ask."

When he returned from the conference, Whitehorn then asked what SGA was and

wondered why they did not have a Student Government at Sinclair. Chris Bridges, former senior director of Student and Academic Support Services, helped Whitehorn take Student Leadership and transform it into Student Government as it stands today.

"Student Government is not a government, it's an opportunity for growth," Whitehorn said. "We need fresh ideas, so if we hear something that sounds interesting we try to make that happen."

To voice a concern, have questions answered about the elections, or to learn more about SGA you can contact their office in Building 8 Room 025 by the Student Activities Center or call 512-2509 for more information.



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# United Way auction campaign

SGA continued from front

"The main objective of the auction is the cause (United Way), but getting other people involved in my department, for example, gets more visibility for the United Way and I think it forms a sense of community at the college," Fiszlewicz said. "I saw as auction items were coming in, many of them were donated by members of the departments. There was a sense of unity."

The website [sinclairunitedway.org](http://sinclairunitedway.org), which

housed the auctions during the 47-day period, utilized a bidding system similar to Ebay, where bidders could view a picture of item they were bidding on, the current high bid, time remaining and even receive email notification if they were outbid, Fiszlewicz said.

Web Developer Rex Mt. Castle said Sinclair has been hosting online auctions with the United Way since about 2009.

# Sinclair's Tartan Terrace offers fine dining experience



Sinclair's Tartan Terrace, located in Building 13, offers fine dining for all community members.

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The Tartan Terrace Restaurant is the place on campus that offers a dining experience that is prepared, cooked and presented by the culinary students of Sinclair Community College.

The Tartan Terrace is staffed by Sinclair students, but is guided by the instructors of the different classes.

Derek Allen, interim chair of Hospitality Management and Tourism and Culinary Arts for Sinclair, said that the servers are prepared to tell each customer what is in each item on the menu in case of a food allergy.

"Everything is made from scratch," said Allen. "We ask if there are any allergies that we need to know about. Every server will know exactly what each item is made out of."

Amber Tipton, 46, has been attending Sinclair since the 2010 Winter Quarter for Hospitality Management and Food Services. She has been actively involved in the new elite lunches this semester.

"I love cooking for people and I love serving the public," Tipton said.

She noted the experience working in the Tartan Terrace gives students a dosage of what they would have to deal with

in an actual functioning fine dining restaurant. She has learned about how to factor in timing in the kitchen and how to think on her feet while staying flexible.

"It is really important that we have guests come and eat at the Tartan Terrace," Tipton said. "Help us to be as prepared as we can be when we leave here to go into the industry."

The Tartan Terrace Restaurant, located in Building 13 on the fourth floor, is open for lunch Tuesdays and Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m., for dinner on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. And new to the Terrace is the elite lunch, which is on Fridays from noon to 2 p.m.

All lunch meals are nine dollars and dinner meals are \$15. The meals consist of soup, salad, entrée, dessert and your choice of Pepsi products or gourmet coffee. The size of the meal will vary based on a person's reservation being lunch or dinner.

The new elite lunches are \$15, but consist of a seven-course meal. Allen said students work in teams to produce the same end product, but are allowed to be creative with the product and add their own signature to it.

The fine dining experience is open to all community members. Reservations are required for all dining experiences and only cash and checks will be accepted. To make a reservation, call 512-3587.

# Sinclair Talks ready to help students prepare for finals

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Heather Whitaker, developmental reading staff member, is hosting a Sinclair Talks session on anxiety and finals on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Whitaker will be discussing anxiety, prevention of the anxiety and ways to deal with anxiety.

"The presentation is all PowerPoint where I will first talk about anxiety and the symptoms, coping strategies and then move into different test taking strategies," Whitaker said.

After talking about anxiety, Whitaker will discuss how to plan for a test effectively by being prepared, planning ahead and getting enough sleep.

"I hope that after this presentation, students will be less anxious," Whitaker said. "I would hope they use the strategies I talk about to help them."

Whitaker is also planning on pass-

ing out peppermints for anyone who attends the talk.

"I usually have an article that proves that peppermints can be soothing for anxiety," Whitaker said.

This specific anxiety and finals session is a gentle reminder to those who are stressing out about upcoming finals and tests.

"In the midst of your anxiety it is best to breathe deeply and calm yourself," Whitaker said. "If you have to, flip the test you are taking over and give yourself a minute to gather your thoughts."

The session is free of charge and will be held in Building 2 Room 334, starting a noon and ending at 1 p.m.

Peter Bolmida, project manager of Student and Academic Support Services, said that the Sinclair Talks series first started in the fall of 2011.

"During quarters we did 10," Bolmida said. "This Fall Semester we [had] 37 to 38 scheduled."

Sinclair Talks are said to increase for the upcoming Spring Semester to over 70.

The topics presented at each session are determined by suggestions of those who attended previously.

"At the end of each talk we pass out surveys and take suggestions for upcoming," Bolmida said.

This coming Spring Semester, Sinclair Talks is going to have a contest on Facebook to see who can come up with the best topic to talk about.

Students can like 'Sinclair Talks' Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sinclairtalks](http://www.facebook.com/sinclairtalks) and the person who comes up with the best topic will win an iPod.

To find out when the next Sinclair Talks is visit [Sinclair.edu/talks](http://Sinclair.edu/talks). To submit your own idea for a future Sinclair Talks, email Bolmida at [peter.bolmida@sinclair.edu](mailto:peter.bolmida@sinclair.edu).

# Students feeling the strain of semesters

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As the semester comes to an end, some students may be feeling a strain. Semesters are six weeks longer than quarters and are said to benefit students in the end; however, as we approach the end of our first term on semesters, some students are questioning just how beneficial the extra six weeks and combined classes are to students.

Denny Wilson, Operations Coordinator of Student Leadership Development said that some things got better and some things got worse with the change; adding that some classes increased course material, making it overwhelming for students. However, the extra time in class helps students familiarize themselves with the teaching style of the professor as well as the course itself.

Other students aren't as optimistic about the change.

"I'm not happy with this change," Nilofar Gagan, Business Administration major said. "It's hard to stay focused."

Gagan went from taking 48 credit hours per year to taking 24. She understands that the reasoning could be the combined classes. However, Gagan said she feels she

doesn't need some of her classes and that they aren't helping her in learning material for her degree.

In addition, she said classes feel like they are taking longer and that she's noticed more students skipping class.

Patricia Broderick, Accounting major said that it's an adjustment. Personally, she feels that going longer is better.

Ahmad Ishtewi, former Civil Engineering major, left Sinclair in 2006 to attend the University of Dayton. Although he had to face the switch to semesters, he said he feels relieved to have left Sinclair before the switch because he thinks he didn't take as much time to complete his program. However, he added that with more time to spend in classes, it cleans up cramming a bit and gives professors the chance to go over details in class they otherwise would have skipped with a shorter term.

Bobby Kunst, an undecided major, graduated high school in 2012 and came to Sinclair this fall.

"I wasn't here when we had quarters," Kunst said. "Semesters are longer [but] better so we can learn more."

Overall, students feel that classes are taking longer. Some are relieved for that, others are not.

## tartan spotlight

meet

# Derek Petrey



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Derek Petrey is a man of many hats. He is a professor of Spanish, and occasionally Portuguese, at Sinclair Community College. He also serves as Modern Languages Coordinator, Honors Program director, a member of Latino Connections, a faculty fellow for the Center of Teaching and Learning and has been a freelance translator for 19 years.

Before coming to Sinclair in 2003, Petrey was a graduate teaching associate Ohio State University, a visiting assistant professor at Kent State University and he later returned to Ohio State as a senior lecturer.

Petrey said one of the most enjoyable aspects of teaching new languages is seeing the moment when students "get it." He cited a recent class in which the phrase, "to complain" was taught and a light-hearted brainstorming of grievances commenced.

"You can actually use the language to talk about these things and to connect to people," he said. "And then the student comes back and says, 'I went and I tried this, and it worked and I could talk to them!' They can really go out and reach out to people. I think that's a really great thing."

Recently, he started a Facebook group called Dayton Habla Espanol to help facilitate continual practice for current and former Spanish students.

Petrey hosts Spanish Conversation tables in the Library seating area near Starbucks, on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for students and the community to casually chat and ask language questions.

"We have a mix of people come down and practice," Petrey said. "I think sometimes people are intimidated in a large class about speaking, so it helps for them to practice some place outside the classroom to reinforce their skills."

Petrey is also one of two delegates from Sinclair that attend Dayton Hispanic Chamber meetings, composed of representatives from local business, education, religious and other social groups that focus on advocacy and providing resources for local organizations and individuals.

He has had the opportunity to travel as a student and as an educator to several Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries including Chile, Mexico, Brazil and Costa Rica and is able to incorporate his experiences in these countries into his class lectures.

The summer trip to Costa Rica is coordinated with Wright State University and allows Sinclair students to study abroad and gain firsthand cultural experience.

The three week trips consist of around 20 students and faculty from Sinclair and Wright State University. Petrey said that return trips to Costa Rica are expected for 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

He has traveled twice to Guatemala with the Global Action Awareness Club to do service projects and assisted with the construction of a roof for a new school.

"There are certain things we take for granted in this country and we don't even realize how precious they are," Petrey said. "We built a school for these kids... they are so happy that they can go to school now. When was the last time you heard a bunch of third-graders saying, 'yeah, we get to go to school now.'"



Derek Petrey in Costa Rica admiring a Toucan.

# Student Leadership Change

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Chris Bridges, former Student Leadership manager has been replaced by Mortenous A. Johnson.

"I loved my time spent as a part of Student Leadership," Bridges said. "It was a great experience."

Bridges left his position at Sinclair on Tuesday, Nov. 6 to become an associate dean at Mansfield University in Penn.

"I'm really excited about being a part of the student life and leadership there [at Mansfield]," Bridges said. "I like being connected to students and helping to be a guide through college."

In his new position, Bridges said that he will be in charge of orientation, emergency response and helping students by guiding them through their college experience.

Bridges said that he will miss the students and staff that he worked with.

"I learned a lot by working here (Sinclair), how they function and how a community college works," Bridges said.

Bridges feels that with being replaced by Johnson it will be a good change and that although he is not sure of all that will come with the change, he is aware that people have different leadership styles that can lead to success.

"Moving from one management

position to another for the good of the institution is always viewed in a positive way," Johnson said.

Johnson started at Sinclair as a coordinator for Minority Student Retention and has been a manager of many different positions at Sinclair. Johnson was a manager for the Office of Pre-College Programs before becoming the Student Leadership Manager.

"Not only do I like it here at Sinclair, but I have had many opportunities to grow and develop," Johnson said.

Johnson's creative skills and love for management are what he believes has enabled him to be open to the opportunity he has been given by being a part of Sinclair.

"Everyday is different," Johnson said. "Being open to each day being different is a great opportunity."

Johnson believes that Student Leadership can benefit students by helping to shape their experience in the workforce, increase their transfer ability, and develop soft skills and integration of leadership qualities into academic discipline.

To get involved with Student Leadership, call 512-2509 or go to the office located in Building 8 Room 025. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## editorial cartoons



### your voice

## What are your plans for Winter Break?

Reporting & Photos by Maddie Fahbusch



**Carlos Merlano**  
Physical Therapy

"I'm planning on going down to my home country, Columbia, and spending some time with my family which I haven't seen in two years."



**Taylor Neal**  
Liberal Arts

"Well we have baseball workouts everyday, so that's what my winter consists of."



**Tyler Nies**  
Design

"Going to Pennsylvania, hanging out with my friends at college there."



**Tiarra Dewberry**  
Physical Therapy

"Spending time with my family and just enjoying my break."



**Kalila Higgins**  
Veterinary Science

"Just relax. It's been a stressful year for me."

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# Holiday Spending with Credit Cards: How Much Do You Know about It?

**Q: Is using credit cards for holiday spending a good or bad idea?**

**A:** Using credit cards for holiday spending is neither good nor bad. If you do not pay off your monthly balance in full, then it is no different from borrowing money at any other time of year. The danger is that it is very easy to overextend yourself and incur more debt than you can afford to repay.

**Q: Why do credit card companies seem so willing to extend me credit?**

**A:** Extending credit is profitable. Each time you use a credit card, you are getting a loan from the credit card issuer. Credit card issuers earn interest on the money they loan you when you do not pay off the entire balance of your credit cards each month. The rate of interest charged by credit card issuers varies, but it is usually higher than the standard "market" rate. Credit card issuers earn the most interest when you make only the minimum payment shown on your bills.

**Q: What are the advantages of using credit cards for my holiday purchases?**

**A:** The first and most obvious advantage of using a credit card is that it allows you to purchase goods and services without having to pay for them immediately. Most credit cards allow a grace period within which you may pay for goods and services purchased on a card without paying any interest charges. This feature allows you to defer payment for your purchases, keep your funds in your savings account for an additional 30 days, and thereby earn interest on money that otherwise would have gone to purchase goods and services. In this way, purchases in December can be paid in January without costing any interest.

**Q: Are there any disadvantages in using credit cards for holiday purchases?**

**A:** Yes. If you do not pay off your credit card balance in full within the grace period, you are charged interest from the purchase date until the day you pay off your balance. Also, the interest rate on credit cards is greater than the market rate, so if you make only the minimum payment on your outstanding balances, you pay the maximum in interest while not greatly reducing the principal amount of your debt. If you make only minimum payments, you could still be paying for this year's holiday when the next holiday season rolls around.

**Q: What happens if I can't make the minimum monthly payment or pay off my credit cards?**

**A:** If you have charged beyond your ability to pay, the credit card issuer will take action to collect the debt. The action may be limited to reporting the debt to credit bureaus, increasing your interest rate to an even higher penalty rate, or it may involve taking legal action. If you have incurred debt, you must realize that you cannot simply ignore the problem.

Most credit card issuers offer an option to make a "minimum monthly payment" on credit card purchases. As long as you make the minimum monthly payment on time, and you have not exceeded your credit limit, the issuer cannot take legal action to collect the amount due.

If, however, you cannot make the minimum monthly payment on a given credit card, or you have made late payments or have exceeded your credit limit, your options are limited. A good first step is to contact credi-

tors directly to try to work out a payment plan. Another alternative if you have multiple credit cards is to seek help from a credit counseling service. A credit counseling service will try to help you devise a plan to pay off the debt and budget your resources, typically for a small fee.

If consumer credit counseling cannot solve the problem, then it may be time to consult an attorney to determine whether or not bankruptcy is an appropriate solution. You should not take this option lightly. Many attorneys will conduct an initial consultation with you to determine for no charge whether or not you are a candidate for bankruptcy.

**Q: If I charge something on a store credit card and don't pay the bill, can the store take back what I bought?**

**A:** This can happen. A creditor (such as a department store, jewelry store, hardware store or electronics store) can enforce a security interest on credit card purchases. For example, if you charge goods with a store credit card but fail to pay for them, the creditor (department store, jewelry store, hardware store or electronics store) may be able to take back the goods.

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## letter to the editor

The next time you approach one of the fire doors between building entrances, particularly when approached from the parking garage into Buildings 4-5 in the elevated walkway, notice the placement of the automatic door openers. I realize that these are to assist handicapped students, so there may be a code that demands the exact placement of the controllers that I am unaware of, but by common ergonomic standards, they are on the wrong side of walking traffic. This forces a user to have to breach into oncoming pedestrians and interrupt their flow to use this convenience.

With an ever-increasing number of students navigating these thoroughways, many of them overloaded with backpacks and wheeled luggage; it would be wise to re-position these controllers to an optimal location. Moving them to the same side (right) as the flow of traffic, and another 5-10 yards distally would allow these doors time to open. It benefits everyone. If the issue is timing for the handicapped user to navigate the door, the entire timed period of the opening function can be extended. The small amount of wiring and conduit needed to move the controllers is negligible and I would

wager that one of the architecture design students here at Sinclair could draw the plans for a much improved placement. It can make life just a bit nicer for all future Tartans. The doors are already placed and motorized; why not use them efficiently? If the objective is to lessen their usage by placing them at inconvenient positions; well-played sirs, but somehow it seems more probable that it was just easier at the time.

- Jeffrey Crabtree  
Student

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## Men's basketball serves Thanksgiving dinner for the Dayton Boys & Girls Club

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The Sinclair men's basketball team served Thanksgiving dinner to the Dayton Boys & Girls Club on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Head coach Jeff Price said this was the seventh year the team has helped with the annual dinner.

"It gives them [the kids] a chance to get up and close and see college basketball players," Price said. "It gives our guys the chance to give back a little bit and be part of the community. Our moniker is to be great in the three C's — community, classroom and competition. We won last night, we went to class today and community is this evening — all in a 24-hour timeframe."

Price said the team plans on volunteering as long as the Boys & Girls Club will allow them.

"This will enrich their lives a lot further than they ever imagined," Price said. "It's service learning at its best."

Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club Natasha R. Spears said having Sinclair at the center is a great way to bridge the gap between academics and the community.

"No matter where you come from and what you do, there is always an opportunity for you to give back," Spears said.

She said that having Sinclair at the center helps the kids who idolize sports figures



Sinclair men's basketball player Mark Allen talking to a young man while serving Thanksgiving dinner to the Boys & Girls Club.

see athletes in a more modest setting.

"A lot of these kids, when they see athletes, they see them on the field or court of their choice or they see them blinged-out, [in] Maybachs [or] Aston Martins — the extreme of wealth," she said. "It's not really often that they get to see athletes just giving back — serving them. That's a very humble thing to serve someone. It really sets the tone for them to see a well-rounded athlete."

She said the club was very thankful to have Sinclair Athletics help with the annual dinner.

Durand Capers, Sinclair Alumnus and gym/athletics adviser at the Dayton Boys

& Girls Club said that the center typically sees around 85 children and teens each day and ages range from 5-17. He said it was nice to see the kids and their families together at the center. He also said during the first few months of working at the Boys & Girls Club, he noticed how strong Sinclair's bond is.

"Today is a beautiful day," Capers said. "I started in September and this is the second or third time I've seen Sinclair here. I think they are doing a great job, especially with the community outreach."

The Dayton Boys & Girls Club is located on 1828 W. Stewart St. and can be reached by phone at 262-8377.

## Sinclair takes care of home, earns wins 5,6



Drew Moore (3) goes in for a lay-up during Sinclair's win on Monday, Nov. 26.

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Second-half warriors.

That's the best way to describe this year's Tartan Pride men's Basketball team.

On Monday Nov. 26 at home, the team took on the Cedarville University JV and just couldn't hit a shot from distance in the first half. They shot 0-15 from the three-point line — an area that appears to be one of the keys to their offense this year.

The Pride had to rely on their athleticism and quick transition game against Cedarville's stout 2-3 defense.

Head coach Jeff Price described the Yellow Jackets as a well disciplined hard-working team.

"They weren't doing anything special," Price said. "We were just mired down in the type of game that they wanted to play. They frustrated us on defense... it just seemed like the ball bounced their way during the first half. They were coming up with those 50-50 balls. When you start losing those 50-50 balls, the game really becomes hard."

Price said the second half was falling into the same rhythm as the first. But an explosive play by Mark Allen provided a spark for the Pride — but at a hefty price.

"We were down two with about 10 minutes to go it was 45-47," Price said. "Mark gets a break-away [and] goes in for a two-handed dunk. [He] dunks the ball gets fouled, comes down lands on his wrist."

With one of their leading scorers out of the game, the Pride found their rhythm and went on a 10-point run.

"Fortunate enough for us, the basketball God's looked down and said you know 'we're going to help you out since you lost Mark,'" Price said.

The Pride scored 58 points in the second half, cruising to a victory by the score of 86-57.

Price said some adjustments made on defense during a timeout made the difference and provided as the key to the game.

Sinclair played again on Wednesday, Nov. 28 defeating the Tiffin University Dragons 93-88. Gavin Schumann led all scorers with 21 points. He also leads the Pride on the season with an average of 18.0 points per game, according to National Junior College Athletics Association statistics. Forward Vic Wyrick and point guard Charlie Byers chipped in with 20 points each as well.

"We had to learn how to play without Mark,"



Gavin Schumann is Sinclair's leading scorer this year, averaging 18 points per game.

Price said. "We put it on the team. Not one guy had to step up but I asked everybody to do just a little bit more. I thought it was a really good win. I think they are starting to play like a Jeff Price team."

Price later found out on Nov. 29 that Allen, who led the team in scoring with 18 points during the game against Cedarville, dislocated seven of eight bones in his wrist. Surprisingly, none were broken.

"[The doctors are saying] he will be out for six to eight weeks," Price said. "Hopefully we'll get him back [in the] middle of January — right in the heart of conference season."

The Pride has one more game, at Vincennes University (Ind.), before they make their trip to Washington D.C. to go to the White House. Price said he received confirmation they will visit on Dec. 18.

"[Standing at 6-2] I'm really pleased with how we've grown as a team," Price said. "Our defense is really what's been holding us together. If we ever start shooting the ball with any kind of consistency — holy smokes."

### SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S 2012 - 2013 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE OF GAME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME OF GAME
Sat. Dec. 8	Vincennes University (IN)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 19	Georgetown University Club Team	Away	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 22	Wright State University-Lake (OH)	Home	3:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 27	Ohio University-Chillicothe (OH)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Thur. Jan. 3	Clark State Community College (OH)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 5	Wright Patterson Air Force Base (OH)	Home	2:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 9	Ivy Tech College (IN)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 12	Owens Community College (OH)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 14	Ohio State Univ.-Lima (OH)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 19	Columbus State Community College (OH)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 23	Edison Community College (OH)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 26	Lakeland Community College (OH)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 30	Cincinnati State Community College (OH)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 2	Cuyahoga-Metro Community College (OH)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9	Owens Community College (OH)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 13	Edison Community College (OH)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16	Columbus State Community College (OH)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 20	Cincinnati State Community College (OH)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 23	Cuyahoga-Metro Community College (OH)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 2	Lakeland Community College (OH)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 5	NJCAA District 7 Tournament	TBA	TBA

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