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YES MEANS YES

Anthony Byrd
Reporter

A new law has been passed in the state of California changing the way college institutions define sexual consent.

Rather than using the refrain "no means no," the definition of consent under the law requires "an affirmative, unambiguous and conscious decision" by each party to engage in sexual activity.

The regulation requires all colleges taking student financial aid funding from the state to agree that in investigations of campus sexual assaults, silence or lack of resistance does not imply a green light for sex, and that drunkenness is not an acceptable defense, according to the San Jose Mercury-News report earlier in August.

This comes at a time in our society where the lines regarding sexual consent are not always clear, as in cases where a person engaging in sexual activity is inebriated and fully doesn't comprehend what is taking place or doesn't remember what happened. This also includes other social narcotics that alter a persons' mental clarity or consciousness while under the influence.

There are over 50 active investigations regarding alleged sexual misconduct at numerous colleges and universities across the United States. Many groups are pleased with the new law and feel it is a step in the right direction. Advocates for victims of sexual assault support the change as providing consistency across campuses and challenge the notion that victims must have resisted assault in order to have valid complaints.

"It does change the cultural perception of what rape is," said Sofie Karasek, an activist who sought changes in how the University of California-Berkeley handles such cases. "There's this pervasive idea that if it's not super-violent then it doesn't really count."

Not everyone agrees that the law is a good idea and a fair practice to the accused. The National Coalition for Men, a non-profit group based in San Diego, posted on its website in September an article urging Governor Brown to veto the legislation.

"It is tragically clear that this campus rape crusade bill presumes the veracity of accusers (a.k.a. 'survivors') and likewise presumes the guilt of the accused (virtually all men). This is nice for the accusers — both false accusers as well as true accusers — but what about the due process rights of the accused," wrote Gordon Finley, an advisor to the group and professor emeritus of psychology at Florida International University.

The law also requires colleges and universities to adopt "victim-centered" sexual-assault response policies and implement comprehensive programs to prevent assault. Senator (D) Kevin de Leon (Los Angeles), a major supporter of the bill when first introduced, believes the law will set an example to other states.

"With this measure, we will lead the nation in bringing standards and protocols across the board so we can create an environment that's healthy, that's conducive for all students, not just for women, but for young men as well, so young men can develop healthy patterns and boundaries as they age with the opposite sex," said de Leon.

Voting: why it is important



Signs are displayed throughout downtown Dayton to help lead voters to the available parking.

Matt Sells &
Lowell Wagner
Clarion Staff

Voters, young and old, will cast their ballots next Tuesday in the midterm election, and some polls expect the young voter turn out to remain low as it has the past three elections.

Voter turn out in general is always lower in midterm elections, and has been since the late 1800s. A poll conducted by Harvard University through the past year shows a decrease in young voter enthusiasm for this midterm election.

Despite what seems like growing approval for the president, the Democrats and Republicans in Congress among 18- to 29- year olds, the percentage of young people who are likely to vote in the midterm elections is shrinking. Currently, less than one-in-four

(23%) young Americans under the age of 30 say that they will "definitely be voting" in the upcoming midterm elections for Congress, a sharp decrease of 11 percentage points since last Fall, according to the Harvard University poll.

Political Science Professors Kathleen and Jennifer Sooy talked about why young voters don't turn out in the same numbers as senior citizens.

"Many people argue it's because they don't have a stake in society, they don't always own a home, they don't always pay those taxes," said Sooy, while explaining different causes that affect young voter turn out.

Voting and registration rates tend to increase with age. In the United States in 2012 only 41.2 percent of 18-to-24-year-olds voted, compared with 72.0 percent of those 65 and older, according to the United States Census Bureau.

The Social Security Administration reports that over 59 million Americans will receive Social Security benefits in 2014.

"Seniors, they are the most reliable voters, they go out and vote because it's their civic duty, their history, but also because they are more reliant on social programs like Social Security, Medicare," said Sooy, as she talked about the fundamental difference in how the different generations view voting.

While explaining how many families in the past decades viewed voting as a social event, Sooy said, "It was something we talked about at the table growing up, we did it as a family."

Young voters tend to focus on issues other than social programs as seniors do, and tend to be more liberal as well focusing on issues like same-sex marriage and marijuana legalization.

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Haunted OHIO

Jimaur Calhoun
Art & Entertainment Editor

Our last stop through the haunted articles will be a tour of haunted spots throughout Ohio. The spots being featured will send chills throughout the entire buckeye state and possibly give the gem city a run for its money in fright-factor.

Ohio State University in Columbus has the second largest student body population in the United States, even beating out University of Texas in 1997. Since being founded in 1870, OSU has had its fair share of hauntings on its large campus. One is the haunting of Pomerene Hall, by Dr. Clark, a professor who killed himself in the early 1900s after becoming depressed about a failed mining operation. His wife, only known as Mrs. Clark, swore to never leave him, died in the 1920s and haunted an area on campus known as Mirror Lake, supposedly in a pink dress. Not much is known about the ghostly activities of Mrs. Clark, but Mr. Clark is known for doing the typical non-harmful ghost shenanigans. In a case of irony, Pomerene Hall, the building Mr. Clark haunts, now houses The Mirror Lake Café.

In Bellbrook, Ohio lies Little Sugar Creek, which earned quite the reputation that it was nicknamed by its locals as "Ohio's Sleepy Hollow." Like OSU, a pair of ghost haunt the creek, though neither case is connected in any way. The first ghost is of James Buckley, a wealthy Englishman who built a sawmill on the creek. He was found murdered in his cabin, with all of his money missing along with his head, which was found a short distance away from his body. His murder remains unsolved to this day, even though the date of the murder was never specified.

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Breast Cancer Survivor | Barbara Battin

Adeola Adeyemi
Reporter

Barbara Battin is a Sinclair faculty member, and a two-time breast cancer survivor that has been in remission for the past 14 years.

Battin was first diagnosed in 1983 at the age of 32, and then again during 2000 as a newlywed. As the first in her family to be afflicted with the disease, she said she felt that it was unusual for somebody as young as she was, to be diagnosed.

During a self-examination, she remembers feeling an unusual lump that prompted a visit to her gynecologist. It was after a mammogram screening that Battin discovered she had breast cancer.

"If I hadn't felt the lump they wouldn't have found the cancer, so I was very fortunate," she said.

Battin's diagnosis was the beginning of her journey through living with breast cancer. The treatment she went through for both occa-

sions were different, due to medical advances over time.

"In the years just before I had breast cancer, you would have a mastectomy without a question. They were just experimenting with radiation for breast cancer treatment, and fortunately I had a mastectomy the first time," she said. "I didn't have chemo or any radiation treatment."

Battin's first recovery process was essentially the healing of the incision scar from her mastectomy, which kept her in the hospital for a week. Battin's arm underwent routine exercises to return to its regular motor efficiency.

However, on her second diagnosis, this was not the case. She had a lumpectomy procedure that removed the cancerous tumor, and then underwent chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation. It was a harrowing time for Battin's body as chemotherapy treatments are known to cause bouts of nausea and hair loss.

The physical recovery took a

while, but it was dealing with the emotional struggles of existentialism that forced Battin to examine her life in a different perspective. She said she was faced with a lot of redefining questions.

"How do I live if I might die and how will I live if I might be here for a long time? That was a part of the recovery process too," she said. "Mortality forced me into thinking about things people typically don't consider until later in life."

Battin made radical changes in her life. She used her expenses to spend time with the people that mattered most to her.

"I began to make decisions about how I spend my money... I didn't buy furniture, but what I did with my disposable income was to choose experiences."

Traveling through Europe with her mother and doing a service project in Mexico were some of the destinations Battin explored and enjoyed. Shortly after recovering

from her second bout with breast cancer, she finished traveling to all 50 states. Among her other life accomplishments, she has been an ordained clergywoman in the Presbyterian church for 35 years. She said she finds joy in inner-faith dialogue, along with cooperation and understanding of religion. Now retired, she spends her time baking and gardening, and has recently returned from a trip to Canada.

"I think it's really important to find out what your core identity is and the things you can let go and the things you can cherish and value. It's a great clarifier of what life is about," she said. "A lot of folks do not like having limits but limits help us figure out what's important."

Although Battin's situation was unfortunate, she said it changed the way she leads her life, for the better.

Courseview Halloween event

Heather Lannigan

Reporter

Halloween is right around the corner. All the talk about where to go, what to do and what to wear is in the air. The Sinclair Courseview campus is adding to the hype with their Halloween week events and activities. Days are selected to have ghost stories, a student costume party and a

pumpkin decorating contest. DeAnn Hortado, Associate Dean of the Sinclair Courseview said these events are not only fun, but also informative. She said events are important, along with helping Courseview students stay on track with registration.

If you are a Courseview student, you may have seen the flyers for next week events posted on the doors and

windows on campus, or you may have even got a flyer in the mail. Courseview wants to connect with students by having social events and a friendly environment for students to be able to enjoy themselves at school. Another goal for the campus is making sure students register on time. Sinclair Courseview campus has over 1,000 students enrolled currently. One of the

major concerns, as a student, is registering for the classes you need for your program of study.

"We want to make our students aware of the registration dates so they are able to get the classes they need for their program of study," Hortado said.

Though Sinclair Courseview is a smaller campus, it most definitely has

its perks.

"The benefits of Courseview is that it does have a smaller environment, which has somewhat of a family feel to it," Hortado said. "Students have an advisor on site that can get help with financial aid, class scheduling and advising of course programs. It's like a one-stop shop."

With the main desk being

the first thing you see when you walk in the front doors, it does make it very convenient to get the help you may be seeking.

Sinclair Courseview is doing its part to make sure students are visually aware of registration for spring semester. Spring semester registration begins on November 3, and classes begin January 5, 2015.

Annual Safety Report

Raychel Jones

Reporter

The Sinclair Police Department has recently released its Annual Campus Safety report detailing crimes and statistics on campus.

Each year, colleges and universities must release information about crime on or near their campus if they receive federal financial aid programs. Compliance with the act is monitored by the United States Department of Education.

Chief Charles Gift has held this position with Sinclair Police Department for nearly eight years after many years of experience in the police force. He is in charge of making sure the annual campus safety report gets completed each year on time.

"The report itself talks about all the safety measures that are on campus," Gift said. "They include telling how many officers are in the department, and it talks about how to report crime. It talks about blue lights and where they're located on campus, and how to re-

port an emergency. There's about 99 different topics that have to be covered in the Clery report."

Although theft continues to be a recurring problem on campus, according to Chief Gift, Sinclair has a very safe campus.

"Sinclair is the safest location in the city of Dayton," Gift said. "It has the lowest crime rate in this area. In fact, the central police operating district is where Sinclair is located. It has the lowest crime in the city, and Sinclair has the lowest crime within the central police operating district."

Some Sinclair Police Safety Tips that students can follow to protect themselves are:

Never leave property unattended.

If jewelry is removed to wash hands, remember to pick them up before leaving.

Book thefts are big on campus and can be avoided by simply being aware of surroundings and paying attention. Students can also mark their textbooks on a page number distinctive to them in case a dispute should occur.

There are also safety escorts

available 24 hours a day to anyone on campus going to class or to their vehicles that can be arranged by calling campus police at (937) 512-2700.

"The Sinclair Police takes the safety of the students, faculty, staff and visitors very seriously," Gift said. "The officers are consistently vigilant to ensure everyone's safety, but it's also the student's responsibility for their own safety."

Gift said don't hesitate to call Sinclair police so they can come check out the area.

"If students see something out of the ordinary or unusual happen, they need to call Sinclair police so that we can come and check it out. You're really responsible for the safety of the other students too. Basically if you see something, say something," Gift said.

If you want to report an incident or a crime contact campus police at (937) 512-2700 or report information through the Safety Tip and Information Line through the Sinclair Police website at police.sinclair.edu.

Hauntings in Ohio

Haunted continued from front

People have claimed the cabin that he occupied, which still stands to this day, is haunted by Buckley himself. Some claim to have seen him holding his own head, asking for help.

The second apparition's story isn't as gruesome, but is just as tragic. In the 1880s, a young servant girl to then-mayor of Bellbrook, found herself pregnant with his baby and was cast out of his house. Refusing to name the baby's father, even after its birth, it was said that the servant girl had begun to lose her mind because of the baby's resemblance to its father. After being refused to see the baby's father one last time, the woman wrapped the baby tight and jumped into the creek. Her body was found a couple of days later, but the baby's body was never found. It is said that on foggy June nights, the woman's ghost can be seen walking along the creek, holding a bundle in her



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Ohio has many haunted places to explore.

arms.

The last stop through this haunted ride is the town of Waynesville, deemed "the most haunted county in all of Ohio." Waynesville is host to a slew of paranormal activity that includes possible cries of former slaves in Victorian home cellars, the ghost of John B. Stetson, a famous hat manufacturer, occasionally seen in the house of his sister, and the ghost of the daughter of Quaker John Satterthwaite,

laughing and giggling inside the residence. There were even stories in the 1880s of a giant reptilian creature, known as the Crosswick Monster almost eating a small boy.

Paranormal experts have visited Waynesville, confirming the levels of supernatural activity in the town, and today the townsfolk seem to have embraced the town's paranormal history, as haunted tours of the town are given through the Museum of Friends home.

your voice

Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?

Photos by Danny McCallum
Reporting by Lowell Wagner
& Danny McCallum



Hannah Reece
radiology

"Of course, I would like to say I've experienced some ghostly things. When I was younger I used to play with the Ouija board. Once I folded all of my laundry and then left, when I came back it was all over. I didn't have any pets and I lived by myself."



Aaron Johnson
mechanical engineering

"Yes, honestly I do. I had an experience in my old house in the South Park district. I was in the restroom and my dogs were downstairs, my girlfriend at the time was downstairs, but I saw a shadow walk across the bathroom door leading into the closet where the attic was at. As soon as I got out, there was nobody upstairs. It was weird because I never had anything like that happen to me before. I never believed in ghosts until that moment."



John Kochli
civil engineering

"Well I've never had any experiences, but my sister sees them. She was at Poland farm looking for a place for a wedding reception. She was in this barn and they were looking around, she was with my mom, and all of a sudden she was like 'we can't do it here.' She said when she looked in the mirror behind her she saw a guy playing with a key hanging above the door. Apparently the guy who lived there before hung himself."



Maggie Campbell
fine arts

"Yeah I believe in ghosts, probably because I have had my own experiences with them. My house is haunted now, I'm pretty sure. When we first moved there we were in the loft and we could hear this knocking, we thought it was a woodpecker or something, so the children knocked back and they were like 'ah haha its not going to knock back.' Then we heard thump thump thump and we were like ok we're done. We still live there now."

Sinclair Student Poetry Submission

My Boyfriend

He holds your hand.

I look away.

He kisses your lips you see me stare,

You both share a passion envied by all.

In the darkness, he holds you tight as you drift off to sleep.

Daylight breaks,

Thoughts still fuzzy from sleep, you wake with a smile. Another day with him.

You reach for his arms but he's not there.

He holds my hand.

You look away.

He kisses my lips.

I see you stare.

In our eyes you see the shared passion.

Another day you watch our love another night you dream its you.

Submitted by Christine Calderon

clarionclassics

Will all ghosts please call the Clarion to be interviewed

Marianna Freshour

Reporter

April 15, 1983

The minutes of the Clarion staff meeting for Jan. 5, 1983 lists, among the story assignments, ghosts on campus. That story has not been written... Yet! The idea for the story came when Scott Fowler, Clarion staff editor, heard several stories about strange, unexplained happenings at Sinclair over the years. The story would involve gathering those "weird experiences" by doing numerous interviews.

Alright, I'll do it! I've always been a sucker for ghosts and goblins and things that go bump in the night.

Due to the unavoidable chaos occurring during registration Jan. 3-6, some interviews were difficult to obtain, but the deadline was not until Jan. 14 that should give me plenty of time in the interviews would be easy.

Those words turned out to be the proverbial "famous last words."

Need I remind anyone of the disaster, which befell Sinclair on Jan. 9? While we were hauling books out of the LRC that week, it was impossible to do any interviews. Plans to return to school that Friday would mean missing my deadline so that push the story up to Jan. 14 deadline. Then came the second flood on Jan. 14.

The Clarion staff meeting was on Jan. 18 and as story assignments were being covered, our amiable editor inquired whether or not my ghost story would be completed by the Jan. 20 deadline. At that point



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reference was made to the possibility that "my ghost" had caused the recent dual disaster at Sinclair. That received a considerable amount of laughter and the meeting continued. Since I could foresee no reason for a delay in acquiring the story I confidently affirmed that the story would be completed on time. Upon leaving school that day, I made a stop at the LRC to see what progress is being made. I was asked how my story was developing and I replied that due to floods there was no story yet but I was ready now to begin the necessary interviews. Signs of déjà vu occurred

as I was asked if I realize it had been "my ghost" which had caused the current mess there. "Not you too," I replied, and had another good laugh at the "ghosts."

On Jan. 19 I arrived at the campus on the third street side and proceeded to cross the open area of the underground parking garage. Coming down the steps, my foot slipped off the edge of one step and stopped at the next. I avoided falling, but I heard a snap as my foot stopped on the second step. I figured that I should go to the hospital. I spent over three hours that day waiting to get a broken ankle set in

a cast. Yes, it was broken from slipping one step. Well, no classes that day and no interviews.

Upon entering the Clarion offices that Friday, no one could imagine the looks I got in the remarks about the "ghost" at work again. I inform Scott that it was difficult getting around on crutches and that it would hinder my efforts to obtain interviews. Also my daughter had to go to the hospital on Monday for scheduled your surgery. But, I would have the story on Friday.

On Monday morning, my daughter woke up at the hospital with 102°

temperature and was given antibiotics to try to break it.

She was sent home with strep throat and instructions to reschedule surgery.

The hobbling around on the crutches put a lot more strain on the right leg. As I maneuvered around the house, I took a step in my right leg gave out on me. The pain was unbearable. Immensely more so than the broken ankle had been.

I was hospitalized for a week to have surgery on the severe tear in the cartilage. The ligament had also been stretched. I was discharged from the hospital on Jan. 29. There went that deadline with no story. This was

becoming a habit I did not enjoy!

Considering the difficulty in motivating with two bum legs, it was necessary to rent a wheelchair so I could go to school. Wheeling into the Clarion office on Monday, Jan. 31 did not cause laughter. Instead I got looks of concern, disbelief and apprehension. Why were people backing away from me? Did I have bad breath? Why were people back anyway for me? Someone suggested I drop the "Ghost story" and let someone else do it. Someone else replied "Ha, there isn't anyone around here crazy enough to touch that story now!" Scott asked if I was still going to do it. I said, "Yes, I have too much invested in it to quit now."

The list of names I had for interviews ran into dead ends.

On the assignment board in the Clarion office there is the word "HOLD" where the title "Ghosts on Campus" correspond with my name. Until I can find actual experiences I have no story. There are other names I have as leads to people who might be able to help me. The problem here is that they work the midnight shift and I cannot seem to get in touch with any of them. If any of these people read this article and can help me, I would greatly appreciate it. Any information would be kept in strict confidence. Messages can be left for me at the Clarion office (room 7240). I would really like to write a good story on the subject, and soon. I really don't think I can take on any more accidents!

"Dear Gabby"



Dear Gabby,

How do you decline a friend who wants to ask you out? We are just really good friends and I would rather leave it that way instead of starting a relationship. I feel like he feels different though, what should I do? We've been friends for about 3 years now and I really value our friendship and don't want to ruin that. How do I tell him I want to stay good friends without hurting his feelings?

Sincerely,
Friend not girlfriend

Dear friend not girlfriend,

I think you should be honest. It may hurt his feelings, but it's better than

leading him on. He'll understand better if you let him know why, whether it be that you're not looking for a relationship now or that you value your friendship too much. If you give him reasons why your friendship is so important to you, it may help him see your perspective. I think it's always a complicated situation when one friend develops more feelings for the other person, but try to make sure the relationship is clear. If he knows your thoughts about your friendship, then he should understand that you enjoy staying friends rather than forcing it to the next level.

Take it easy,
Gabby

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Tyler & Bethany's cartoons

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TEDx comes to Dayton

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

Dayton's Victoria theatre hosted the recent TEDx Dayton was an event held on October 17 at that featured local self-organizations sharing their ideas and experiences with the audience in attendance.

TED is a non-profit organization that was started in 1984 as a conference where topics such as global issues, science and entertainment were discussed, even in a hundred different languages. TED is essentially a global community that welcomes everyone from all walks of life to share their ideas with those willing to listen and hopefully to be inspired by their positive stories.

One story told was that of Catalleya Storm, a survivor of human trafficking. Catalleya let the audience know that human trafficking does happen in places like Dayton, Ohio and went to tell of how she had been molested and trafficked at a young age and how she was able to escape that life and become a motivational speaker and writer.

"It was a five year goal for me to get my story out," Storm said during her presentation.

Storm said she feels like she's making a difference with her story, as long as it brings about change.

"When it comes to stopping human trafficking, please don't just watch, do something," Storm said.

Another Tedx speaker

was Lisa Holmes, a member of the Clark County Literacy Coalition, who shared her story of being able to get by her adolescent years on a third grade education, but ironically, couldn't keep a job because of her lack of literacy. After experiencing a personal tragedy, Holmes sought out help for her illiteracy, she went on to become a librarian and storyteller. Overall, she wanted the audience to never be ashamed to ask for help, as she once was.

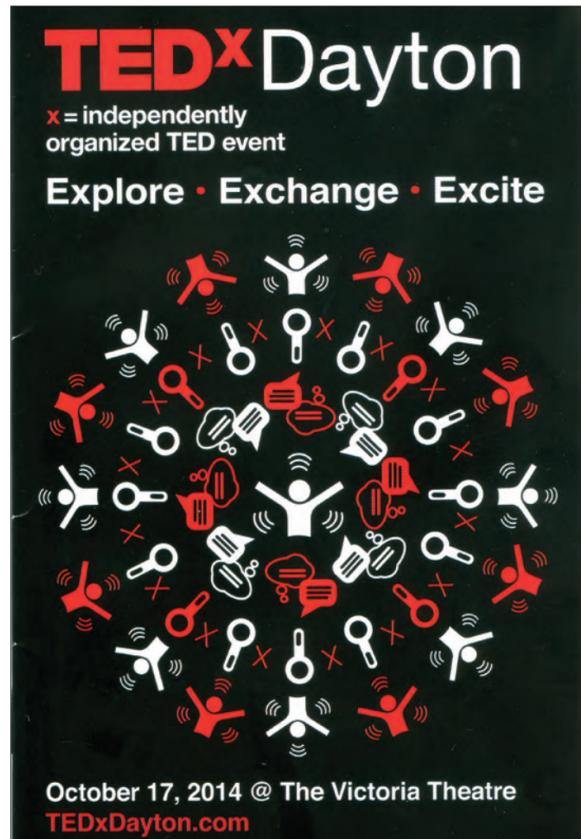
Other speakers included Tony Ortiz, the secretary of Ohio Commission on Hispanic/ Latino Affairs and Associate Vice president of Latino Affairs at Wright State University, and Alanna Wall, a 14-year-old entrepreneur that

created Polished Girlz, an organization that brings nail parties to girls with special needs, who are frequently hospitalized. The parties teach girls the importance of washing their hands to reduce infection rates, and focus on empowering both clients and volunteers.

"We found the event informative," said Kyle Brandon and Matt Kauflin, two attendees of the event. "I was truly impressed by Alanna's story—A humble appreciation for creativity," Brandon said.

Kauflin said the event was inspirational, while agreeing with Brandon.

"We all need to come together more as a community and share our ideas for everyone's betterment," Kauflin said.



Booklets handed out at the event went into detail about the people there.



Victoria Givens | Clarion Staff

Lisa Holmes speaking at the TEDx event.



Victoria Givens | Clarion Staff

Sean Creighton and Stephanie Gottschlich hosted the TEDx in Dayton.



Employee Name | Clarion Staff

TEDx is an independant event associated with TED Talks.

tartan spotlight

Meet...

Myra Bozeman is a professor of communication, in the process of completing a doctorate in Higher Education Adult

Learning; however, with a diverse cultural background and a penchant for adventure, she said there is a lot more to her, as a person and an educator, than what meets the eye.



Why she's interesting...

A Dayton native, Bozeman graduated from Wright State University and the University of Dayton. Yet, she thinks her cultural background is likely not what some might expect.

"People see me as an African American woman—true—but my upbringing was very much Ethiopian," said Bozeman.

In fact, one of Bozeman's relatives was Ethiopian and provided asylum for Ethiopian refugees throughout her childhood. Bozeman lived with several refugees, as well, and this led to her immersion into Ethiopian culture, particularly Ethiopian food, which had a resounding impact upon her life.

Bozeman says this upbringing defies some of the stereotypes people

might have about her, as a person of color, and the Dayton area as whole.

"When people look at me they might think, 'Well, she must like soul food because she's black,' but when I think of soul food, it's very much injera [a style of Ethiopian bread]. That's what I consider to be my comfort food. People don't think that about me at all when they see me, and I don't think people think that about Dayton, as having these pockets of refugees who have connections and relatives in this area," said Bozeman.

Ultimately, Bozeman believes this multicultural experience has impacted her as an educator, helping her relate better to international students.

"I try to be empathic with those students. I think about how difficult it must be to come here and learn and leave their families. I appreciate what they bring to the table," Bozeman said.

However, Bozeman's diverse background is

not the only thing that others might not expect about her. She also has a penchant for adventure.

In 2008, Bozeman participated in Fear Factor Live while vacationing in Orlando. Since Bozeman and her son were both longtime fans of the show, she tried out to impress him.

"I knew, if I did it, my son would think I am such a bad [explicit]," laughed Bozeman.

After spinning a wheel of creepy critters, Bozeman's face was adorned with goggles and put into a Plexiglas case, where several scorpions soon crawled all over her head. After the scorpions, Bozeman then faced tarantulas.

While she got a few scratches, Bozeman says she was not scared.

"That kind of stuff doesn't bother me, but my husband and the audience made it worse! They were so dramatic while [the stunt people] were dropping them in," Bozeman said, imitating

the spectators' groans with a smile.

She said her Fear Factor experience attests to how we all should willfully take more risks in life.

"Sometimes you can't plan everything. Sometimes you are presented with opportunities, and you just have to have the guts to take them right when they are presented to you," Bozeman said.

Bozeman's next adventure, fusing her love of the multicultural and the exciting, is planned for December. She will visit San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala for a service learning project with six communication students. Together, they will build stoves for a nearby village.

Until then, Bozeman is trying to learn Spanish while overseeing student fundraising efforts in the Phi Theta Kappa Honors office, where Guatemalan and Costa Rican goods can be purchased. Ultimately, Bozeman says she is looking forward to her next adventure.

Why everyone should vote this November

Voting continued from front

“General equality is important to me,” said Sami Scarfo, 18, a marketing major at Sinclair. “I feel like the right to bear arms is also important.”

Briget Baldino, 18, a business major, discussed what issues are important to her. “Seeing gay marriage get passed, and medicinal marijuana. My mom is epileptic and it helps with siezures. Just seeing that get passed so she doesn’t have siezures all the time,” said Baldino.

There can be common ground found between the generations on some issues, such as the economy.

“I’d like to see more economic progress for sure,” said Samuel Richardson, 24, a Biotechnology major. “I’d like government not to be incompetent right now. That’s what I’m hoping for.”

Getting young voters engaged has been the focus of many campaigns in the past, but John Della Volpe, polling director for the Harvard Institute of Politics feels there has been a focus shift.

“Young people need to feel like they’re able to make a difference in order to be engaged,” said Volpe in a Huffington Post interview earlier this year. “Frankly, I

don’t think that either the Republicans or the Democrats have really tried to inspire and engage people like they have in the past.”

Education also plays a role in who will vote. Voting and registration rates tend to increase with education. In 2012 the United States Census Bureau reported that the voting rate for citizens with at least a bachelor’s degree was 77.1 compared to 38.0 percent for those who had not received a high school diploma.

“It is critical that you have to be an educated voter, you have to understand the process,” said Sooy as she explained that the education system prepares young people to be educated voters.

“You will be less

anxious, less fearful,” she said.

Educating yourself about the voting process will decrease voter anxiety according to Sooy. She urged voters to ask questions at their polling place if confused on the process, or to contact their Senator if they feel the process is difficult or confusing.

“There are avenues in our country where you can get these issues addressed,” said Sooy. “Appreciate the process and know what you are dealing with.”

As many local, state and federal elections are decided on November 4, Sooy urges voters young and old to participate.

“If you want progress to be done that will benefit you, then you have to go out there and vote,” she said.



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The elderly are expected to come out in high numbers during this election season.

Voting and registration by education in United States, 2012

| | Voted | Registered, No Vote | Not Registered | No Response |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Did not complete high school | 38% | 12% | 33% | 16% |
| Completed highschool | 53% | 11% | 21% | 15% |
| Some College, no degree | 63% | 11% | 14% | 13% |
| Associate's Degree | 67% | 9% | 11% | 12% |
| Bachelor's degree | 75% | 7% | 6% | 12% |
| Advanced degree | 81% | 4% | 4% | 10% |



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