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CAUGHT IN THE ACT: ACADEMIC INFIDELITY



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Do you notice people cheating in class? No, we're not talking elementary school—we're talking about mostly grown adults here at Sinclair—all cheating. If you guessed 82 percent of your classmates cheated in some way during their Undergrad years, you would be pretty close to the findings of Ethic & Behaviors 2009 study of college alumni.

Eighty-two percent. Which side are you on? The minority of students who seemingly follow the Academic Honor Code of Sinclair makes up just 18 percent, if those statistics were similar. Sinclair has around 30,000 students. Eighteen percent of that is just 5,400 academically honest students on campus and online.

The graduation rate for Sinclair students within one and a half times the standard degree

completion timeframe is a mere ten percent. That's eight percent fewer than the student body of academically honest students. In large, the likelihood indicates that often enough, academic dishonesty—cheating—results in graduation.

Cheating comes at a cost, according to David Bodary, Professor of Communication. "The students are cheating themselves, ultimately. If a Sinclair graduate is hired on and unable to perform at the level their degree should indicate, it reflects poorly on all Sinclair students, and employers would be less likely to hire Sinclair students in the future."

Bodary explained that students rationalize cheating, but it doesn't make it the right thing to do. "Prison is filled with people who decide the rules didn't apply to them. The ends don't necessarily justify the means," Bodary said.

Not only is cheating poten-

SPRING BREAK

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Spring break; where the stereotypical college students take a weeklong 'vacay' to a touristy beach partaking in a booze-fest. However, being a penny-pincher while attending college is tough when all you want to do is engage in spring break activities.

This spring break maybe you'll be conscious of your budget and decide to have your very own 'stay-cation.' If so, maybe you'll spend time being a motivated student by studying, or just relaxing on the couch.

Whatever you choose, just make sure you're making use of the break. If you're not going crazy in a hotel room with a red cup

in hand, then maybe decide on another lowkey break or partake in activities that you may not normally have time for during your busy schedule.

Spring break is almost designed as if it were to get students into trouble, along with dangerous situations. Despite the culture obsession of high-priced

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Step It Up for Gender Equality



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Jenna Glidden
Intern

March 8 is International Women's Day, a day dedicated to the empowerment of all women. It is a time to celebrate the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women without regard to divisions.

2011 saw the hundredth year anniversary of IWD since the first ever held in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. The day has been occurring for over a century and is growing annually with more recognition and supporters.

This year's theme for International Women's Day 2016 is "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality," referring to the prediction by the World Economic Forum that the gender gap won't close entirely until 2133.

The United Nations' goal is to end all forms of discrimination, harmful practices and forms of violence against all women and girls everywhere by 2030.

The empowerment of women has been the central feature of the UN's efforts to address social, economic and political challenges across the globe since the charter of the United Nations was signed in 1945.

Regardless of all these efforts, gender parity is

still very much a problem today that effects women in different settings, including some professors here at Sinclair.

Megan Edmonds, a philosophy professor at Sinclair, was born in Columbus and growing up had the same opportunities as her male counterparts.

"My parents were pretty conscientious. I have a younger brother and they treated us very much as individuals and not based on gender," Edmonds said.

Nonetheless not everybody was as conscientious as her parents and having the same opportunities as some of her male peers didn't go unnoticed or without judgement.

"When I was in junior high and high school I played percussion in the band. I was the only girl in that section and I didn't really think anything of it. But my mother has, in recent years, said things about what my band director has said in-passing. She didn't tell me specifically what he said, but apparently there were some hard feelings at times," said Edmonds.

In her younger years Edmonds played in a male-dominant section of the band, now she is teaching in the very male-dominated field of philosophy. Edmonds feels privileged that she is able to offer her own authentic voice as a female

in her field, however she believes philosophy could benefit by looking past gender.

"I think philosophy in particular benefits from as many different perspectives as we can offer. I think more important than my being female, in terms of the way that we teach, it's not about being male or female or white or black. I think its about being authentic and that's what's really important; having an authentic passion for the subject. And then in terms of how I deal with the students, I'm not trying to play a role that's just not who I am. I think that's a really important thing for anybody regardless of their background," said Edmonds.

"I think that if we thought more about the way philosophy is presented to students we can be a lot more inclusive. The discipline itself is naturally an inclusive thing so I think that it can lend itself really well to a huge diversity," said Edmonds. However, while Edmonds tries to include her students in discussions she has a hard time getting them to take her seriously.

"I think that to some degree the way I am perceived by students is different. I think that often students think that they

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A time for women

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

Today, women aren't just surviving, they are thriving—Dayton Contemporary Dance Company presents its very first Women In Motion: Empowered By Dance Women's Conference.

"Three years ago, DCDC had this vision about having a women's conference, and to do it around the holistic health of a woman," Burnette Clingman, conference organizer and founder of Burnette Clingman Enterprises, said.

The Women's Conference offers sessions throughout a three-day event on different aspects of the contemporary woman, such as education, finance, image, health, relationships and spirituality.

These represent the holistic aspects of a woman, according to Clingman. When women have all of these things in check, while focusing on balance and realizing change is needed, then they are able to take on life with joy—not burden.

"That makes us at peace when we do the work that we do—worrisome is not there," Clingman said.

But what is the connection between a dance company and a women's

conference?

DCDC, which is directed by two women, is a community anchor, according to Clingman. The company shows not only an artistic side, but also a cultural and educational side that devotes itself to bettering the lives of the community.

Looking at the DCDC dancers—specifically the female dancers—each of these aspects that are being discussed at the event affect their bodies, minds and spirits. Aside from being a dancer, these women go through similar

their exercise is important to them because their bodies are their instruments," Clingman said.

The spiritual aspect of a woman is about her soul, and where her spirit comes from. As dancers, the spirit and soul always have to be in check because that's where the emotion is pulled from, according to Clingman.

As a woman, education is even more important in this era. Women are faced with extra challenges everyday, in order to prepare the mind for upcoming opportunities where edu-

cation needs to come into play.

"One of the ways [DCDC] connects to their audience is by being well-informed individuals," Clingman said. "Education makes you well informed."

As the traditional mindset views a relationship between men and finances, women today are starting to become empowered to take control of their own financial resources.

"[The dancers, and women in general,] are always thinking about the future—am I covered for my future? That is the upmost important," Clingman said.

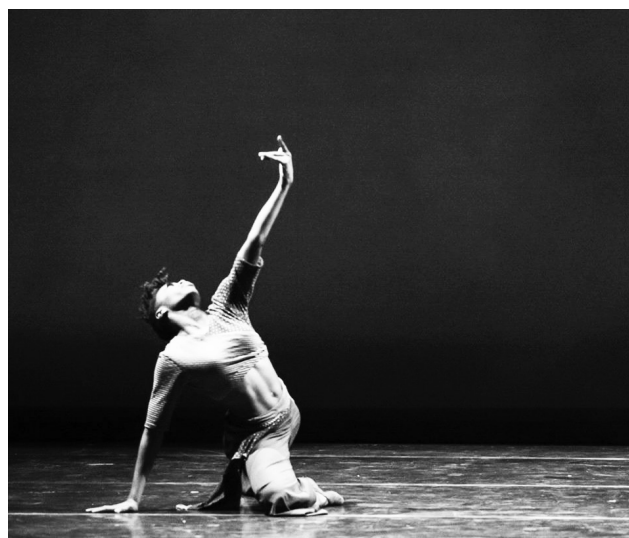
Connections and networking are a vital part of women's lives. Restoring

balance through connection is important so that

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experiences that many women go through on a day-to-day basis.

The physical health as a woman is important because of the fast-paced lifestyle and heavy demands that comes into play when taking care of a

family, as well as a professional life.

"The dancers diet and

Is it neat to cheat?

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tially harmful to other students and the institution, as a whole, but the act of cheating at Sinclair is quite risky. Sinclair, and most course syllabi contain honor codes.

Violating the honor code can result in immediate failure of the course. Even worse, violating the honor code can lead to expulsion and these investigations do appear on your record.

The actions you take in Undergrad years can impact you in profound ways. In some instances, marks on cheating can cancel Financial Aid and discourage other institutions from admitting you.

Not only could it affect your future career and educational options, cheating even once can impact the rest of your behavior as a whole. “Our findings confirm that the situation can, in fact, impact behavior and that people’s beliefs flex to align with their behavior,” Lisa Shu, graduate of Harvard said.

What’s responsible for cheating? Well, cheating, like other behaviors, is encouraged and enforced by our peers. “While many students understand that cheating is against the rules, most still look to their peers for cues as to what behaviors and attitudes are acceptable,” says cognitive psychologist David Rettinger, PhD, of the University of Mary Washington.

There is evidence that the presence of honor codes and the uniform belief in Academic Integrity on campus and institutions at large impacts the likelihood of cheating. At Universities where there is more pride in attendance and production, the pressure to cheat seems to be lower than at institutions where there is a lack of collective, understood values.

“Cheating is contagious,” Rettinger said. The presence of one cheater seemingly creates another two to three cheaters in an institution.

“This behavior is most likely transmitted through the knowledge that other students are cheating,” says Carrell, who conducted the study with James West, PhD, and Frederick Malmstrom, PhD, said.

The price of an education has soared, which is a continuing stressor for students. Does one bad grade ruin your future?

of biological organisms, “cheating” doesn’t exist as a concept. Instead, it’s “doing what is necessary for survival.” These intersections of perspectives on the moral and ethical lens generate conversation.

“What’s necessary for survival” is a pretty broad concept to rationalize. Students may tell themselves, “It’s just a quiz”

munity.

One aspect to cheating is that students may just do what they feel they have to for a piece of paper—and not the learning that the paper represents. “Going through the motions ask yourself, ‘does learning take place here or are you just going to be a warm body in the classroom?’” Roberts said.

Roberts said that when the honor code was developed at Sinclair in 2001,

found that it was not as rampant as the national studies [at four year institutions],” Rowell said.

“I actually think there is less cheating at Sinclair Community College than traditional universities. On the other hand, I do think there are more opportunities for dishonesty in online class environments than face-to-face classes,” Rowell said.

Rowell believes cheating can also happen as a result

clair students don’t justify their behavior by simply what others are doing.

“In the end, ethics to me are beyond what others are doing...Of course, I know many people who speed and they will say they are just going with the traffic,” Rowell said. “So, if you are going to cheat, I hope the reasons are beyond ‘everyone else is doing [justification].’”

In some ways, despite an increase in regulations and

CONFESSIONS OF A COLLEGE CHEATER

“I used my hand to put my notes on it”

“I hid my phone behind my hair”

“I put my notes in my bra”

“I changed my grade while on my teachers computer”

“I asked people for answers”

“We had it so we had the answers under our hats”

“2 taps meant “B” 1 tap meant “A”

With millions of college grads, a slow economic recovery and the remnants of the informational age’s technological revolution, many students are caught between tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars to attend an institution and the necessity to minimize semesters and graduate with a high GPA.

Is there a degree of cheating? Is some cheating acceptable and other forms reprehensible? Outside of society, which is made up

or “It’s just a test” which could lead to other dishonest behavior. During this rationalization students could develop a habit of dishonesty.

Steven Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” has defined a habit as something done for 21 days or more. Cheaters might not think there are long-term consequences for their actions, but when actions become habits, students might shortchange themselves and their com-

the goal was to create a “community of trust.” “Dishonesty is dishonesty,” Roberts said. “We need to be careful that we don’t go down a slippery slope. A lot of our tragedies in society happened because someone, at some point, looked at it and said it was okay,” Roberts said.

Dr. Katherine Rowell, Professor of Sociology at Sinclair had her students conduct a study on student cheating. “They actually

of teaching and learning methods in a course. Several exams can be found online with little to no effort, most quizzes can be hunted down and these materials are not typically, uniformly changed over time.

A lot of the discourse on cheating is hard to have without it coming down to morals and ethics. There’s the old argument “Well if all your friends jumped off a bridge, would you do it too?” Rowell hopes Sin-

knowledge as to how and why cheating happens, the popularity, accessibility and portability of the Internet has put the potential to cheat right in the hands and pockets of Sinclair students. With online courses, cheating can be a simple click away. With that click, however, comes a life decision. Do I cheat? Do I get caught? You only know the answer to one of those—is it that neat to cheat?

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Tartans' First Pitch



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Matthew Summers
Sports Editor

The Tartan Pride Baseball Team kicks off the season in Georgia on February 26 with a three game series against Georgia Highlands College, as the Pride look to build off of one of their most successful seasons in school history.

Even though they fell short of the World Series with a 2-1 loss against Kellogg CC, they won a record setting 50 games while only dropping 11. With the loss of some quality pitching and big bats, one has to ask where the team goes from here. One thing they aren't lacking is leadership.

"We are very fortunate, we got a lot of good leaders in this year's group. We have a lot of guys with experience coming from last year's team winning 50 games and they know what it takes," said Head Coach Steve Dintaman.

Some of those experienced guys are third baseman Alec Turner, outfielder Tyler Cowles, start-

ing pitcher/outfielder Brody Basilone, and ace starter Alex Anders who is the returning conference pitcher of the year. Tyler Cowles has also committed to Ohio State and will be joining their ball club for the 2017 season. Dintaman also said that Brody Basilone may start their first game against Georgia Highland just so he can focus on hitting for the next two games.

Another player Dintaman is excited to have back is bullpen pitcher Travis Rowland. Dintaman is also happy about how his pitchers have progressed in the off season.

"He was arguably our best bullpen arm last year. Travis has continued to develop. A lot of their velocities have made jumps with our program that Coach Parr does call the Driveline Baseball Program," said Dintaman.

The Pride have already made school history this year by being ranked in the preseason polls for the first time ever. They are ranked 8, three spots behind the team that beat them

in the tournament, Kellogg CC. The team that won it all last year, LSU Eunice, is ranked 4 overall.

From talking to a few players, it wouldn't be surprising to see Sinclair move up in the rankings. One player told me it wouldn't surprise him to see the team win more than 50 games and even make it to the World Series. Granted, I'm sure a lot of teams say that, but at least the Pride have a record to prove; they know how to succeed. Their next step is just make it to Enid, Oklahoma, where the World Series is hosted.

"The goal is to win the regional where we lost 2-1 against Kellogg. Those guys know what it feels like. This year is to dogpile on Kelloggs field and do it against them. Then once you get to the World Series, it's all open," said Dintaman.

Well over half of the Pride's games are played at home, Grady's Field in Xenia. The Pride kick off their first home game on March 1, and play 10 straight at home.

Tartans' solid defense

Matthew Summers
Sports Editor

The Tartan Pride have gone 5-1 in the month of February, with their one loss coming against The Ohio State University-Lima, a team they beat 124-88 to start their season. Outside of that 79-75 loss, it has been a successful few weeks and the Pride will close out their regular season at home against Edison.

On February 6 against Owens Community College, the Pride won by 21 points. One wouldn't be able to guess that they were actually down by 13 heading into the second half and were down by as much as 16 before they went on a 51-14 run to close out the game with a convincing victory.

"With all good teams, or all sophomore latent teams, experienced teams, veteran teams, they turned it on. Just completely and

totally dominated the last 19 minutes. One of the best halves that we have played," said Coach Price.

Their most offensive game of the month game against Lorain County, where freshman forward Akiean Frederick dropped a career high 31 points and Reshardd Harris contributed a huge triple-double with 24 points, 16 rebounds, and 10 assists. Harris also had added five steals and one block to his stat sheet.

The Pride also have over 300 blocked shots on the season. However, one thing they could work on is working to get those loose balls that sometimes elude them.

"With our bigs, sometimes we are blocking shots, but our guards are not coming back to help—To help get those loose balls, those 50/50 balls," said Price.

In their one loss to Ohio State-Lime, the Pride

shot poorly from the field, with only a 35.4 shooting percentage, far below their near 50 percent for the year. Defense also seemed to be a focal point in their loss as they allowed 11 3-pointers to go in. It also didn't help that DeAngelo Gates was unable to play that night.

The Pride almost lost their very next game against conference rival Cuyahoga, but Marcelous Washington saved the day with a last second three that secured a 71-69 victory. They also had to play from behind again, something they have done often this year, but always overcome. Maybe they should just play from behind more often as both of their losses this year have come when they are leading at half.

Price also brought up an interesting stat. He said that they want to make more free throws than the other team attempts.



"We've almost made more free-throws this year than the other team has attempted all year—coaches look at stuff like that. I know if we are making more free-throws than the other team is attempting, that means we are playing pretty well offensively and really playing solid

defense," said Price.

What this stat speaks to is how disciplined and how well the Pride play as a team, something they have to make sure they do down the stretch in tournament play. In both their losses, they have failed to make more free-throws than the other

team attempts. Obviously, just making more free-throws than the other team attempts isn't a guaranteed victory, but it speaks more towards how well they are playing overall. As their record indicates at 26-2, they seem to be playing pretty well together.

Edmund Suefflow | Photographer

A shared mindset

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women can build friendships and relate to each other while doing so.

Expression is an important aspect not only for dancers, but for women in general, and in order to express oneself, their image must be presented in a way that represents who they are.

"Their image is everything, every decision they make in their lives personally and professionally reflects their image," Clingman said. "They are very careful with what and whom they are associated with."

Clingman, along with DCDC, believe that when women are dreaming about these areas and constantly working toward their goals, then happiness, confidence and joy will appear in their lives.

"If you just move on one or two of these areas and implement in the next 30, 60, 90 days to a year, and it takes one of these areas to a new level in your life then we've done our work," Clingman said.

On Thursday, the first day of

the conference will start the process of reaching to all of these holistic aspects by networking and connecting with each other. DCDC will be woven through the conference by embracing movement and focusing on getting women to feel comfortable within their bodies to move around and to have fun throughout the event.



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Sylvia Flanagan, former senior editor of Jet Magazine and motivational speaker, will be the keynote speaker on Friday, along with Linda Rutherford, vice president and chief commu-

nications officer at Southwest Airlines. The conference is inviting experts in each of the aspects to speak in order to give women the resources they need to make changes.

Aside from learning and moving, Friday is also about honoring women since March is Women's History Month.

"Friday is a full day of learning," Clingman said. "Our goal is to be touched, but to move on

along with a few other talents and surprises, according to Clingman.

She said think practical information, a shared mindset and personal "wow" moments during this conference. She hopes the three days will be added value to each of the lives, and that the information will touch their hearts and souls.

Clingman said she invites diversity to the conference by hoping to see "African American women, Caucasian women Asian women, Hispanic women and Middle Eastern women, as well as short, tall, slim and full figured women from 18 to as young as 65."

"I don't want women coming by themselves—I want a sister bringing a sister," Clingman said.

This three-day event is March 11 to March 13 at the Dayton Crowne Plaza. The total cost for the event is \$129, but in addition you'll receive a free ticket to a DCDC performance, along with breakfast and lunch, a gift bag and your learning materials.

"It's a wise investment," Clingman said.

The growth, joy, peace and health, all make up the goodness that is in our lives, but we must make the choice to make the changes to better ourselves, according to Clingman.

In an era, full of women who are embracing opportunities and pushing the boundaries to embrace change not only in the community, but also in the world, Clingman said this is perfect timing to attend a women's conference.

"We are going to be seeing women doing positive things on a level we've never seen before—I believe that with all of my heart," Clingman said. "There's a book I enjoy reading every morning, and in this book, it says 'there is a time, a season, and a purpose for everything on heaven and on earth.' And this is the time for women."

For more information about Women In Motion: Empowered By Dance Women's Conference, contact DCDC at 937-228-3232. To purchase tickets contact Ticket Center Stage at 937-228-3630 or visit www.ticketcenter-stage.com.

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GINA NEUERER



Micah Karr
Reporter

Meet...

Gina Neuerer, the chair of the Theater and Dance Department. She graduated from Sinclair in 1990 and became a 10-year-

track professor in 2003. In 2012, she became the Chair of Theater and Dance, where she is still working today. **Why she's interesting...**

When Neuerer was a student at Sinclair, she intended to major in business with a minor in theater. However, she has enjoyed theater ever since she was

small. She followed in her mother's footsteps, since she also majored in theater. She enjoyed organizing her neighborhood's block party talent show as a little girl. As she started looking into her theater minor, she "fell in love immediately" and decided to pursue that instead of her intended business major.

Her favorite part of theater is lighting design. She loves to "Paint the stage with lights...like a canvas with a paintbrush." When having her picture taken, she used a lamp with several lights on it to make sure the lighting for the photograph was perfect.

Along with her work at Sinclair, she has also worked with other local theater companies in the area, such as Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and League of Resident Theaters (LORT). Her duties included

drawing blueprints for set pieces for the carpenters to build. Since the carpenters in LORT and Playhouse in the Park were union workers, she was not allowed to build the pieces herself, but at Sinclair, she helps with the construction of the set.

While she teaches fewer classes per semester because of her duties as the Chair of the department than she did while she was a professor, Neuerer has received two nationally recognized awards for teaching excellence: The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award and the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Award.

Neuerer teaches many different theater classes at Sinclair, though her favorite is script analysis. "Everyone needs script analysis," she said, "[there are] clues in the script" that are useful for actors and crew members alike.

Neuerer explained that rehearsals are very taxing. She works until 5:00, and then rehearsals go from 6:00-10:00. Along with that, rehearsals last all day Saturday, and when a performance is growing close, rehearsals are also all day Sunday.

While the work can be hard, Neuerer dearly loves her students. She says they are akin to extended family, most of them keeping in contact with her after their graduation. Several Christmas cards and photos of past students adorn her office, along with other unique objects, such as a foam Necco wafer larger about the size of a hubcap and a giant wrench.

Gina Neuerer has a strong passion for her work in the theater department. She loves working with lights and bringing a stage to life.

"Creative work is what drives me," she said.

International Series: Pakistan



D'Angelo Philpot | Clarion Staff

Ehron Ostendorf
Copy Editor

On Wednesday, February 24 from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. the International Series was back. JoAnne Riddell brought us a taste

of Pakistan, quite literally. The event provided [Americanized] Pakistani food. Riddell isn't a professor at Sinclair, but she belongs to the campus multi-religions group.

The beginning of the

event played traditional Pakistani music. Riddell walked on stage with a mixture of Western and Pakistani styled clothes and said, "I asked myself if I should dress Western, Pakistani, or both. I want-

ed to wear a little bit of both, that way no one can accuse me of trying to be anything I'm not, except maybe a little weird, but I'm okay with that."

Riddell was born in Pakistan and lived there until she was 18. After introducing herself she then played a short clip from a documentary from the '80s. The document unfortunately used the term "simple" to define rural Pakistani life. Afterward, a member from the crowd asked if that was an insult to refer to their life as simple. Riddell explained how our Western view of other cultures is that they are "simple" compared to ours. She then stopped it to tell the crowd that she will be telling us a story about Pakistan, not a socio-economic summary or a political analyses.

Pakistan's capital is Islamabad, which is a newer city, with a more modernized community. She grew up in older cities,

which aren't as modern or "glossy" as the capitol (usually the same for most countries).

Pakistan shares borders with India, Iran, Afghanistan, and even China. Often Pakistanis identify more as Asian and not Middle-Eastern, which is a common misconception here in the West.

Pakistan is split into four major provinces: Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Riddell said that Pakistan means "land of the pure," their flag is made up of green and white. It has a rectangle of white and a larger square of green with a white crescent moon and star above the moon. The white represents peace, the crescent moon for progress, the star for guidance, and the green for Islam.

Riddell was born in 1953 in Pakistan and stayed there until 1971. Her parents weren't originally born in Pakistan, but moved there to volunteer

in northern Pakistan for a Christian hospital called The Taxila.

Riddell learned Punjabi and few variations of the ancient language of the land. Riddell said a large portion of the country speaks English due to the British influence on the country. She also learned of the ancient history of Pakistan.

It can actually be traced back to Alexander The Great. There are still ancient buildings from Alexander The Great's era.

Pakistan is where Alexander The Great's conquest of India came to a halt. The independence of Pakistan was in 1947 from the British (per usual). There used to be a West and East Pakistan separated by India. People immigrated there which is how they were divided. The East and West Pakistan separated, the East became Bangladesh and the West remained Pakistan.

Riddell attended a

Sinclair oversees Guatemala

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

Sinclair students have the chance to visit Guatemala this December for a life changing experience that will open their eyes and their heart to a new culture and community.

“Here at Sinclair, our focus is to make us a more global community—going on a trip like this helps us understand that global community,” Claudia Potts, associate professor in Health Sciences, said.

Potts had the opportunity to attend this trip during 2014, with seven students and four faculty members, as well as 2015 with 11 students and five faculty members.

Along with Potts during the 2015 trip, was Tillie Watts-Brown, a professor of electronics, engineering and technology, who will be the new lead faculty member on the 2016 trip this December.

“It was pleasurable to see the students interact with each other and interact with the actual culture—we had some fabulous times,” Watts-Brown said.

Two years ago, Heidi Mc-

Grew, chair of the Communication Department wrote a proposal to rotate the Guatemala annual trip throughout multiple divisions at Sinclair, in order to reach out to all the students

acting in the culture, and seeing the difference that building the clean stoves made for each individual,” Potts said.

Transformational Journeys, a nonprofit organization, coordi-



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to create diversity within the college. The trip focuses on helping the Guatemalan people such as building clean burn stoves, as well as learning about the culture.

“It was a fantastic trip, seeing the students working and inter-

nates with the organizers of the trip, and the Guatemalan people in order to create a rewarding adventure for everyone. For the past two years, the students and faculty have been visiting the town of San Lucas Tolliman

. This year, they haven’t confirmed what city they will be visiting and what project they will be working on, but Potts and Watts-Brown are excited.

The trip is a total of 10 days, which consists of cultural activities, village tours and their project, which has been building clean stoves for Guatemalan families.

Potts said this past year they visited a coffee cooperative in Guatemala that was owned by a 26 families, who all work together on the plantation.

Generally, the workday would be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with cultural activities to follow in the evening. Watts-Brown and Potts recalled on the time when they learned how to make tortillas and how to carry wood on their backs.

“Its’ really difficult—you have to have a strong neck and be able to balance. What we carried was what a seven-year-old would carry,” Potts said. “It was 50lbs of wood. They strapped the wood to their heads and their backs,” Watts-Brown said.

The purpose of building stoves for Guatemalan families was to eliminate health problems that were starting to be caused from the toxic smoke released in their houses, as well

as cut down on the amount of wood that was needed to cook meals.

Students and faculty members also got the chance to explore 12 different villages by Lake Atitlan. Each community has a different focus, according to Potts, such as earth and ware, chocolate and weeding.

Once arriving in the village, the students and faculty are assigned to a stonemason, who helps with the process of building the stoves. There was a total of seven groups and by the end of the trip they ended up building 16 clean burn stoves, which took about two and a half days each.

The last day in the village, Watts-Brown and Potts, reminisced about the party that celebrated the finished stoves and the bonds they had built with the Guatemalan people.

“Everyone got a friendship bracelet and we took a pledge to wear it until it breaks apart by itself. Also to remember the Guatemalan people and the friendship we made, and to give thought to things we have here and the things they don’t have there,” Watts-Brown said.

The trip is open to all students

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boarding school in the spring, summer and fall—never the winter because the school hadn’t a proper heating system. So the Pakistanis would have a winter break as Americans have summer breaks. Riddell recounts how in the north of Pakistan, there are many mountain passes; they wouldn’t have guardrails and could only fit one car at a time. Pakistan has some of the highest mountains in the world, one reaches 28,000 feet high.

“This makes it a problem when there’s a herd of goats moving by,” said Riddell, “that’s what I call a traffic jam.”

Riddell said Pakistan is currently in turmoil, politically and religiously, such as how the city of Kashmir has been disputed between India and Pakistan on who should own it--India and Pakistan have a difficult history. But she



said she thinks the people in Pakistan are still trying to find their way in life just like the rest of us. She said growing up in Pakistan gave her a better understanding of the Muslim religion.

“I learned that the Muslim faith is the same as any of the other faiths. There are always radicals in each religion, whether that be the Christian faith or the Muslim faith,” she said.

Riddell explained how much of an appreciation she has for Pakistan and how she still considers it home. She said that in the north of Pakistan, where she grew up, some of the mountainous regions were untouched by tourism and were so beautiful. She swore that was the place God came to rest upon the Earth.

She recommends people visit Pakistan one day and especially visit the north of the country where the landscape is peaceful and serene.

Grade your professor

Ehron Ostendorf
copy editor

Rate My Professor is a website designed to “grade the grader” as the website puts it. Is this website accurate in evaluating a professor? Do students partake in the survey because they love a professor and are kissing up, or do they believe that the professor truly is excellent at teaching? Are students being truthful or just hateful?

All these questions and more are about to be revealed. Considering the website is basically an electronic survey, it’s time to take our own survey and ask a large number of people to grade Rate My Professor. Some rave about Rate My Professor, and some praise it. But we need specifics.

“I tend to avoid it,” said Nancy Perrin, professor at Sinclair. “I

think there are always two sides to every story. Whether that be a student who had a bad day and felt like taking it out

have a whole semester to iron out your schedule and become acquainted with your instructor. For both professors and stu-



on the professor, or the professor just had a bad day. I really think that lack of communication is the root of the problem for this.”

It’s true. If a student is having an off day, they may slip up in class and are more likely to blame the professor for “picking” on them. And if a professor has a bad day, a student may get the wrong impression from them.

Take your time, you

dents, you have enough time to see if a pattern arises, then you’ll know if that person only had one or two bad days, or if every day just so happens to be a bad day for them.

“I use it every semester,” said Austin Clasen, student at Sinclair. “I find it really helpful. I mean, there’s always one person who has one bad experience and leaves a bad comment.”

There are students who use the Rate My Professor

every semester to gather a general idea of what a professor may be like so that they can change classes if they feel that professor’s teaching style doesn’t match with their learning style.

“I don’t visit the site myself, but I’ll ask my students [about the website’s rating of me] when they first come into class, ‘Was it accurate?’ and usually they’ll say it was,” said Marc Smith, professor at Sinclair. “It gives a fair rating I would say, it’s usually accurate to some degree. There is always

that there always seems to be one student who gives a professor an abysmal rating, highly subjective, and sometimes personal.

That isn’t hard to believe, we’re all humans with emotions. But to that degree, it also isn’t professional. Someone who gives a professor the lowest grade possible in Rate My Professor might be complaining about their grade in the class and the only power they feel they have is to discredit the professor on a website.

Here’s a comment chosen from a random stu-

essay examples. If you enjoy literature and doing group work, this course is for you. I would not recommend this class to anyone. English-113 is just not that interesting of a course.”

The professor’s name has been blanked for discretion. From the example given, it sounds somewhat childish saying “she picks favorites.” And the other half of the comment is about the class, not the professor. The website is to “grade the grader,” not grade the class. While you’re reading comments, keep an eye out for relevant information about the professor.

“I notice that students use it if they either really like a professor, or have a beef with them,” said Kate Geiselman, professor at Sinclair. “I check it every once in awhile, yeah, maybe at the end of the semester or something. I don’t mind an objective comment, but I’ve gotten a comment on my hair before, or one on how

“I notice that students use it if they either really like a professor, or have a beef with them,” said Kate Geiselman

one off student—when they have an axe to grind with the professor.”

This appears to be an emerging trend. Most people, whether student or professor, will agree

dent’s review, “*blank* is a nice person. However, she feels students should guess what she is thinking. She plays favorites when she grades. She also gives bad student

Hold on, finish strong

Laina Yost
Intern

Spring break is coming up right around the corner. This means just a couple of months left of survival before this semester is over.

Although it may look like there is no end in sight, there are plenty of helpful resources to help get students through.

We talked to the Community Engagement Center and the Counseling Office to get students all the information they need to know for midterms and the second half of their semester.

According to Eric Henderson, a Sinclair counselor, the best way to survive the rest of the semester is planning out week

by week and setting goals for what the remainder of the semester will look like.

“What does success mean to you? What do you want your end goal to look like?” Henderson asks. If feeling tired and overloaded on information, take a moment to breathe and plan out the time you spend on school and leisure activities.

Henderson advises students to grade themselves as a student. Are you happy with how you are doing? Is there anything you want to change? Set some realistic goals for yourself that will help you succeed.

Students should set the tone for the grades they receive. Basically, don’t set

goals that are too stressful to keep! Instead, pick where you want an ‘A’ and where you’re okay with a ‘C’.

Test anxiety? Procrastination problems? Concentration concerns? Talk to the Counseling Office and also stop by the Main Street Cafe in Building 10 where they have provided some resources to help you breeze through the second semester.

If you need to get away from the distractions, get away from the house! Go to a coffee house, a Panera, or any place where you can study and not get distracted by technology or family members.

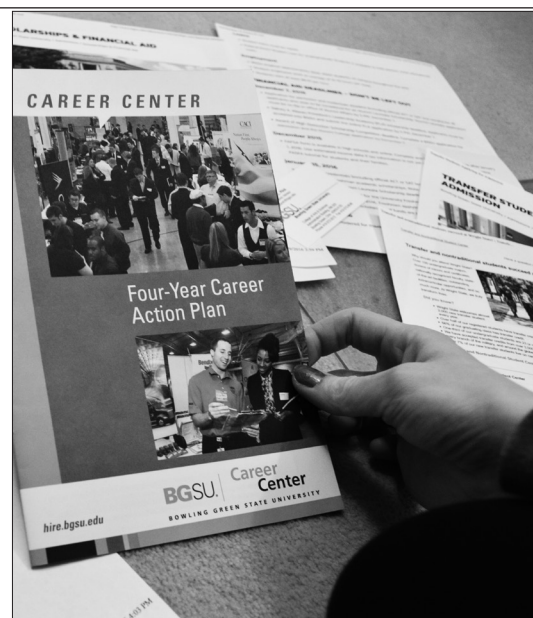
If you need to take a break and reward yourself, go ahead!

Finish your homework or do some studying and then take a break to do something enjoyable before jumping back in.

Don’t forget the basics! Get a good night’s sleep, eat the morning of a big quiz, and talk to your instructors if you have questions or problems.

It is important to remember that everything you are doing has an end and fits into the puzzle of your time at Sinclair.

“I encourage students to take a look at their time at Sinclair. Every term is like one piece to an overall puzzle, once that’s completed, they’re moving on to their next journey. Try to take a look at each term individually versus trying to look at the whole picture,” says Henderson.



Jamie Ringheisen | Clarion Staff

For all of those who are continuing on after this semester, don’t get overwhelmed with all that you have to accomplish before graduation. Just take one semester at a time and know that the end is coming!

Everyone who is graduating after this semester are beginning to see an end to their journey here at

Sinclair.

The Community Engagement Center has given helpful tips for what to do next and how to find the best job in your field. It may seem like a daunting task, but never fear, there is help available.

The Community Engagement Center will help you make a resume, cover letter, and whatever else

you need to find a job that is perfect for you.

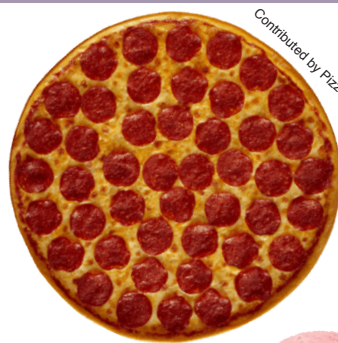
They will connect you to networking websites and also to JobLink, so that they can get your resume out to potential employers.

Are you nervous about an interview? The Community Engagement will help you with a mock interview, so that you can master your skills.

“We always recommend to make an appointment. That is the best way to kinda sit down and talk about someone’s history and their job history,” said Lindsay Tate, the Coordinator of Community Engagement at Sinclair.

If you’re within two semesters of graduating, the Community Engagement Center can help you start the job

Wacky, Wonky, Weird Holidays



Emily Culbertson
Reporter

The Internet is always at its finest when it comes to giving people ideas and helping people get their answers. However when does the Internet go too far? When they start coming up with the most absurd holidays imaginable. These holidays are meaningless and historical all at the same time.

National Cherry Pie Day: So now we ask why does one certain type of pie get its own holiday? What about Apple pie? Or all the other flavors? Needless to say if you love cherry pie you should grab a slice on February 20th.

National Drink Wine Day: If you're a wine drinker than you obviously do not need a special day to pour yourself a glass and relax or celebrate something. However if you want a perfect time to grab a glass of fancy wine or box wine the



day is February 18th. **National Pizza Day:** Okay nobody needs a specific day to enjoy a nice cheesy slice of pizza. Everyday is a good day for pizza! This special day is on November 12th

however like I said everyday should be pizza day.

National Nutella Day: It's the sweet spread that goes on anything and people are in love so needless to say there isn't a

needed special day for this either. The Nutella day is on February 5th.

National Sleep Day: What does this even mean? Is it a day where everyone stays home from work and school? If so we should make this a more popular holiday on January 3rd.

National Pie Day: No this is not the PI day as in math it is for celebrating all the different kinds of pie besides cherry because that has its own day. So go grab a slice on January 23rd.

National Hug Day: So this holiday just could end up creepy. But if you are a person that loves to hug random people think about doing it on January 21st

National Ginger Day: Talk about singling people out much. If you are a red

head congratulations you have your own special day on November 5th!

National Waffle Day: Again why does this need a special day? Waffles are good for anytime of day rather breakfast or dinner, they are simply delicious! Waffles are best known on August 24, but more like always.

National Watermelon Day: As delicious as the fruit is there is no need for a holiday on August 3rd. Watermelon is great for eating all summer long.

National Dance Day: This day takes place on July 30th but who needs a day to turn up the music and dance the night away?

National Ex Day: What exactly is the point in this day? To always remember the bad day that someone broke your heart or the perfect day to say hey glad I'm not with that mistake anymore. This one just makes no sense the day is on June 13th.

National Puppy Day: This is probably the cutest holiday ever on March 23rd. However everyday is the perfect day to spoil your cute pup rather it's a puppy or an adult.

National Ice Cream Day: The day for the best desert is on July 17 but everyone knows ice cream is like pizza and is best for anytime.



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The Next Note

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

Hate it or love it, music is always emerging—this year new music will continue to be redefined by genres, electronic sounds and new collaborations.

“Every album needs to be an 11 out of 10 these days because the reviews are instant,” a music industry executive told BBC News.

When starting a project, many artists are looking toward collaborating with a variety of producers by strategically planning “the feel” of their project—emotions and style are the most important. In many generations of music, collaborating has always been a thing, but now producers are being credited and not just acknowledged in the background.

Genres are fusing together. Artists such as Drake are not bound to one genre. Even though he catches a lot of strife and he's openly a singer and rapper, such as his song difference between Hotline Bling and Back to Back—he is consistently seen on the Billboard charts.

Even singer/songwriters, such as, Ed Sheeran are experimenting with multiple genres on his own projects, as well as collaborating. From alternate R&B artists, such as The Weeknd and Justin Bieber to festival DJs like Martin Garrix and CashCash. Everyone is taking a new chance on featuring each other, which is unlike the previous generations of music.

In the production of music, the takeover of

electronic sound is becoming the new “it.” Often times, the instrument is computer software. Some artists could be making their music by standing in line getting coffee, rather than recording constantly in the studio.

Artists having their breakout songs featured on electronic artist albums, similar to Justin Bieber with Skrillex and Diplo (aka Jack U) is becoming a very prevalent trend. With the production of music, often artists will send an acapella recording to a DJ/producer and they will write around the vocals.

According to Statista.com, in 2012 the American music industry generated 15 billion dollars, making up 30 percent of the total 50 billion U.S. dollars generated by the global music industry despite the constant changes in digital music sales and streaming.

91 percent of Americans listen to music more than 24 hours a week; however, listening habits have transformed. In the last few years, CD sales have plummeted and streaming has rocketed.

Last year, CD sales were down six percent and individual downloaded songs fell 12.5 percent. Nevertheless, streaming activity—which allows users to pick what songs, they would like to listen to—is up by 93 percent.

Another booming topic is the growing trend of vinyl records. Last year, according to the New York Times,

vinyl record sales increased 30 percent.

Artists are finding new ways to merge their music and their fans, and streaming is helping them accomplish that. With the help of streaming, music artists are now collaborating with brands and platforms to elevate their launches of new singles and albums, along with creating a “direct-ticketing” relationship with their listeners.

“Today’s audience wants ‘all-access’ — a direct line into the lives and content of artists they like. Several artists have now built their careers using this as a format to monetize and engage... exclusive branded content, interviews, secret shows, and showcases have become the norm,” Marco De La Vega, Marketing and PR Director of Mezzanine, said.

For true music lovers, there's a good chance that your favorite artists will be on the top rankings of Billboard because of the new genres that are fusing. The Millennial generation is more critical and well educated. It's an exciting time to be living in for a fan because you don't know what will be coming next and new music and new collaborations are always on the rise.

my voice sounds and I'm like, 'Sorry, can't really change my voice...'"

"Most of the time, when it's negative, the particular student writes a negative comment when it's not a real reflection of the professor," said Kaci Lomax, student at Sinclair. "I think a low grade [in their class] also affects people's opinion of their professor."

There are those professors that have visited the site, and there are those who don't. Professor Bill Wright has never visited nor used the website. Some professors are unfamiliar with the site, whether they choose to avoid it or it simply doesn't matter to them. Whatever the case, there will always be some teachers who don't pay attention to Rate My Professor.

"It wasn't very helpful when I used it," said Maclana Mowry, student at Sinclair. "I had a professor that was really bad and the website's

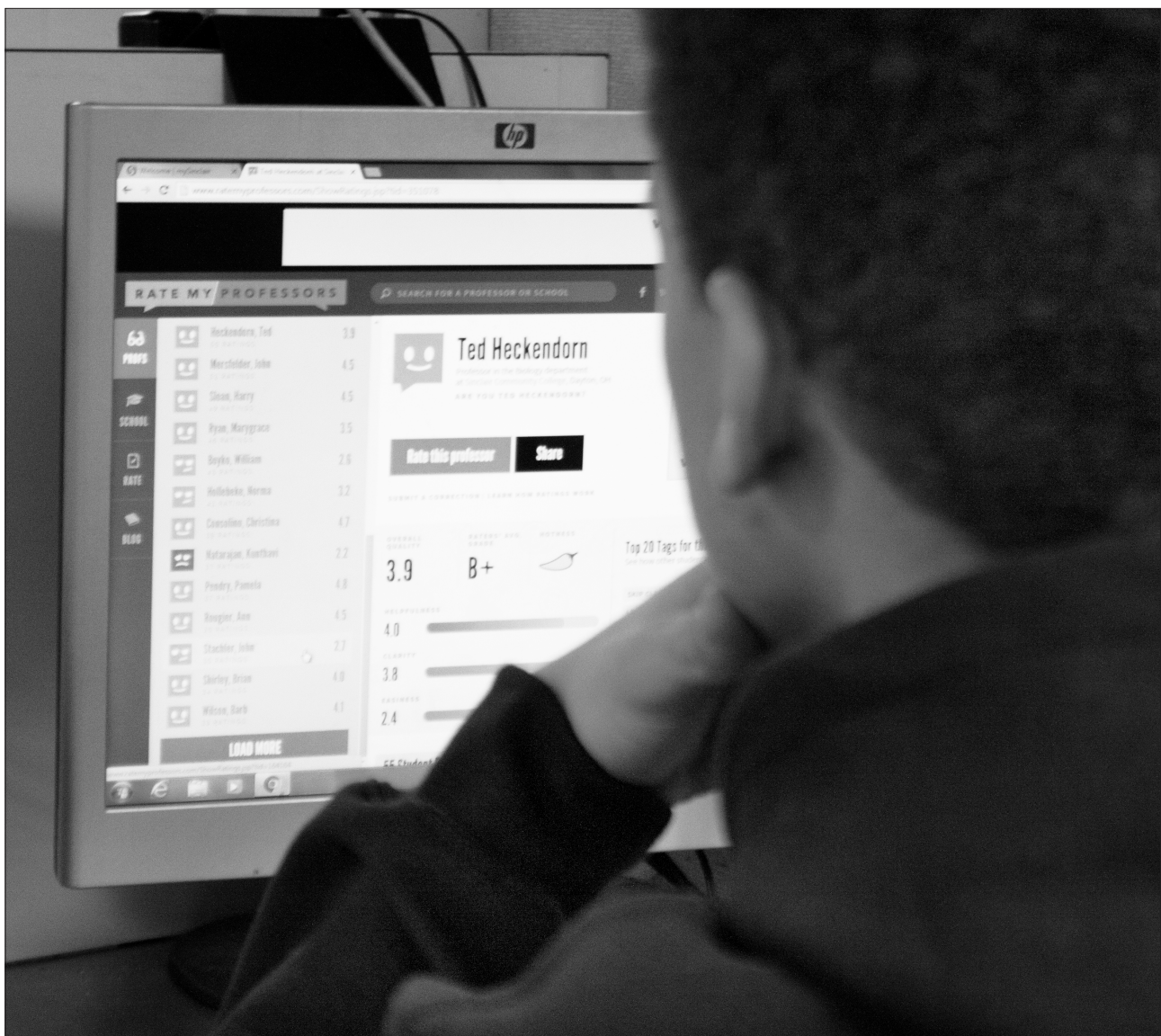
comments kept saying the professor was good. I don't think it's very accurate."

Do professors really use the Rate My Professor when they think about changing their teaching style?

"—for 'Rate My Professor,' I probably check it once every year or every other year. I believe in the general good of people, so I do not completely discredit it," said Shan Huang, professor at Sinclair. "The college has formal student surveys which I rely on to help me improve my teaching."

Several other professors say they focus on the class surveys at the end of the semester as a better tool for opinions on their teaching style. But what if a professor forgets to hand out a survey, or worse, avoids handing out the survey to avoid a bad review?

"I had one teacher who didn't give that student form to fill out at the end of the semester," said



Edmund Suefflow | Clarion Staff

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search right away.

Are you stressed and worried about grades? Tate says not to worry too much. "Employers are definitely looking at it, but probably to most employers, there's not much of a difference between a 3.6 and a 3.8."

Tate's recommendation is to try and aim for a 3.3 or above grade point average.

Tate also recommends to network. "You never know who someone else knows," said Tate. She advises to get connected to LinkedIn, attend job fairs, and talk to everyone you know.

The next job fair is being held April 6 in Building 12, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

If there is anyone who is going to transfer out to a university, make sure to go on a few college visits to find the best fit for you. Also, check out the advising center to make sure your credits will transfer to the college of your choice!

The best part of the coming weeks is Spring break. The best advice we received is to just relax!

"I'm all about self-care. That means different things for different people. It all depends on what that individual's idea of self-care is. Just try to take your mind away from school and focus on other things," Henderson said.

"Have some fun, whatever that might be for them(students), but at least one or two days

where they can really let their brain stop," said Tate.

Binge watch some shows on Netflix, spend time with your significant other, spend time with your family, take a mini vacation, just do something that makes you happy and takes your mind off of school. Try to do the things that you want to do, but don't have time to do.

"It's a good time to reflect on student's performance so far and see if you're happy with that," Henderson said.

Spring break is a nice refresher going into the second half of your semester. The second half can be tackled with a new motivation. The end is in sight, just keep working hard and maintain your focus!

Have a Pi Day

Laina Yost

Intern

It's a celebration of numbers, pie, and mathematicians everywhere! National Pi Day is taking place on March 14 and the Mathematics department will be serving up some pies.

The math department will be giving out snack pies to students in the Math Help Room at 3:14 p.m., which is also an homage to the first three digits of the decimal number of Pi, 3.14.

The pies are made by a retired faculty member named Barb Carruth. She is a Professor Emeritus and, according to Karl Hess, the chair of the Mathematics Department, a great baker as well!

So what does Pi day really mean? Pi is a mathematical symbol that shows up in both math and science. "Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. In decimal form, this number has infinitely many digits, so it is hard to write it down precisely. In-

stead, we use the Greek letter Pi to represent it," said Hess. March 14, which is 3/14, is another homage to the number of Pi.

"The modern tradition of celebrating Pi on March 14 (and eating pies) is attributed to a physicist named Larry Shaw at the San Francisco Exploratorium," Hess said.



Pi Day is not all about math. It is also a great day to eat some pies!

Pi Day is also a day to thank all of the people who have made contributions to mathematics and helped usher in change in the world.

So, future mathematician or not, sit back, relax, and enjoy some really great pie while thanking the geniuses who came up the letter Pi to represent the decimal number.

YOUR VOICE

What are your spring break plans?



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Andrew Spoon

"I am in the process of reading Moby Dick. I am going to do a lot of reading and sit around the house basically."



Stephanie Chee-Wah

"Either going to Hawaii or the Virgin Islands. My cousin is a flight attendant so she is going to take us. I have never been there."



Kaytelynn Kinkead

"I am going to Georgia to visit my real dad and his family. I am excited. I have been to Georgia before though."



Daniel Gough

"I have group of friends and we are either going to head down to Myrtle Beach or Panama City Beach. I have been to PCB before, but not Myrtle Beach. I am excited for Spring Break."

POETRY PICK

Untitled

I'm fussing so bad as the blood runs down my veins, oh how I felt so strange. I wish I could

predict a change but my mind is on a different page. mom said she loved me she wouldn't put no

one above me, oh how her perfume smelt so lovely. that man she loved put her on a drug. you

said you loved me, you said you'll hug me, but I continue to cry why you stand there and look me

in my eye and lie or should I let love die or should I forgive you and forget about the tears I cried. can

you look me in my eye from all of the pain that you put me through when I cried because I missed

you, when you say it's ok and you hand me a tissue

what about the good times in my life like prom night when love felt so right, why weren't you

there to protect me through the night it just didn't feel right.

Contributed by Nia Parks

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The article concerning the #OscarsSoWhite controversy was very condescending of the seriousness of discrimination in Hollywood. Calling the outrage "irrationality" and animosity was degrading towards the black voices that are speaking out to try to make a difference. This article was racist.

—Contributed by Kelly Campbell

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"DEAR GABBY"



approaching me from the opposite direction and they keep coming toward me as if I was not there forcing me to literally jump out the way. And note that excuse me was not even said. It's clear that no respect is given. I have some research by asking people of my race how they feel about the matter. They seem to feel the same way. Is this a sign of being paranoid considering in today's society racism still exists? And how can I handle the matter?

Sincerely,
What is racism

Dear What is racism,

In general, I think the world and society are becoming less compassionate, and our experiences are making us harsh not only as an individual, but also as a society. I can't say whether the person was being racist

or not, but I do think that people are so focused on their fast-paced lifestyle that they forget about the simple things, such as, smiling to another person in the grocery store, or holding the door for the person behind them.

Nowadays, it's easy to get caught up with your internal monologue while you're shopping or completing a random task of the day. Before you know it, life gets away from you and you don't remember the 10 minutes that just passed. I don't think it's necessarily a mindset that is focused on being rude or mean, but it's simply the fact that we are so caught up with our own to-do lists that the hustle and bustle of life tend to takeover.

I do believe values and mindsets tend to rub off on people, so with what is happening in today's society, like racism or social media trends, everyone starts to form the same thoughts. It might not be intentional, but once it's all over the

media, generally, people start to be more paranoid about what is being talked about. We start to analyze the situation, and before we know it, we create a conflict that maybe wasn't even there to begin with, or maybe it was.

It's all perspectives, and as much as I'd like to give you a white or black answer, no pun intended, I just can't. I'd like to give the benefit of the doubt to people that maybe it's not about the color of the skin or the way someone is dressed, maybe it's just that the other person was having a bad day, and although they shouldn't be taking it out on anyone, they chose to just not respect the first person they saw, being you in the aisle of the grocery store.

Everyone's experiences are different. I think that is something that is fascinating and unique, so I think that should challenge us to be kind to everyone. We don't know what someone is battling, so

show kindness even if someone isn't reciprocating the feeling. We all know a form of racism is happening today, but I don't know whether to put this situation in that category.

However, the only way to start change is by being the change. I hope everyone can find the courage to be as one, despite skin color or social and financial status, and also find a way to respect others.

I don't know your situation or the feelings you experienced that day, but I do think that you should be confident with your background and who you are, don't take it personal that she didn't move out of the way or say 'excuse me.'

Take the opportunity next time to smile and send a wave of happiness.

With hope and peace,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

I am not a racist person, but sometimes I feel like certain opposites are against me. But then again, I guess it

depend what area you live in. I am an African American by the way. An example would be when I'm in the grocery store walking down the aisles and someone is

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Changing the face of hunger

Ehron Ostendorf

Copy Editor

On February 26, 2016, the annual REACH (Realizing Ethnic Awareness and Cultural Heritage) Across Dayton met for the twenty-third time. The mission of REACH is “realizing ethnic awareness and cultural heritage across Dayton.” The event began with few introductions of the event coordinators Tess Little and Willis “Bing” Davis. There was then Target: Dayton! Ministries Choir that sang a few songs to kick start the event.

The mission of this program is to promote cross-cultural understanding and education between African American, Appalachian, Native American, and other ethnic communities in the Miami Valley area.

The keynote speaker was U.S Ambassador Tony P. Hall. Ambassador Hall is a 23-year

Congressman representing the Dayton area. Ambassador Hall was born in Dayton and served as our representative. He was appointed in 2002 to be the U.S Ambassador to the U.N Agencies for Food and Agriculture until 2006.

Ambassador Hall recounted his story about growing up in Dayton and revealed that Dayton is in the top 10 hungriest cities in the U.S. No other city in Ohio even reaches the 25 hungriest city in the U.S.

Ambassador Hall said, “We need more collaboration between all of us, we need

everybody involved. This issue belongs not just to food banks... this belongs to corporations. This belongs to everyone.”

Changing the face of hunger is what Ambassador Hall hopes to do. He said that for too long there have been politicians that say they want to help, but then vote against you. He reminded us that next time we vote, we have the power to show them the consequences of their actions for not holding their promise to help us. “When we think about ‘why should we care about the poor’ maybe it comes down to faith. It’s a moral thing,

it’s just the ‘right thing to do,’ and I guess I’m preaching to the choir, not just the [Dayton] choir here, but the choir of all of you,” Ambassador Hall said.

Ambassador Hall pointed out that when people are hungry and jobless, it can lead to terrorism. He recounts a school in Pakistan he heard of that teaches anti-Western ideology. He asked the father of a child attending why he would want his child going, the man responded that he couldn’t feed or clothe his child, but the school could.

North Korea is one of the most malnourished countries in the world according to Ambassador Hall, but because the country has such closed borders, there’s not much information on the country. North Korea has even had issues with cannibalism because the country has such an incredibly low amount of available food.

Ambassador Hall ended at 10:30 a.m. and after a fifteen minute break, from 10:45



Violet Johnston | Clarion Staff

Make it count

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partying and drunk selfies, spring break is still pulling students from all over to visit random beaches to meet new people and to finally let go in between the first half of the semester and the second half.

However, if you’re one of the students who would still enjoy going on an adventure, but don’t have the funds or desire to get crazy maybe think about taking a road trip or going on a local camping trip. Gather a group of friends and download a playlist, along with car-ride snacks and take a road trip. It could be fun and also refreshing to spend time with friends during a break from school and work.

If you’re not out and about exploring another city, while enjoying the rays of the sun, maybe think about taking another break, such as a social media vacation. As society, social media has made it easy to connect and communicate but disconnect with reality and people that you are spending time

with physically. Maybe instead of insisting on going out with friends, that you can spend a week to rejuvenate yourself and take a brief hiatus from social media. Spend time catching up—whatever

that means to you—sleeping, drawing, cleaning, doing laundry or studying.

Aside from taking a vacation or relaxing at home spring break is a peak break-up time. So if you have stayed with your

significant other during past spring breaks, well you have surpassed many others, so congrats. If you’ve been on a rocky road for a while, you might want to use the good old ‘it’s not you, it’s me’ line and hit the road.

If money is an issue, maybe think of spending time volunteering, and cre-

ating purpose during your spring break—some call this “fusion of service,” “vacation voluntourism” or “eco-immersion.” This could possibly be the most rewarding and relaxing alternative spring break. Working with animals or individuals might be the satisfaction that you’ve been looking since you’ve

been essentially working day and night doing homework.

Whatever you choose to do with your spring break, make sure it’s something that will make you happy and feel energized when you come back from your ‘vacay’ or your ‘stay-cay,’ while you make a transition back to reality.



Reach continued

a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there were two speaking events.

Panel #1 took place in Frederick C. Smith Auditorium. The topic was called “Beacons of Hope.” This panel included Dr. Kathy Rowell as moderator. On the panel was Melodie Bennett, Executive Director, House of Bread; Melissa Bertolo, Program Coordinator, Welcome Dayton; David Mauch, Director of Family Services, Habitat for Humanity; and Jimmy Ryan, Farm and Market Manager, Homefull Solutions.

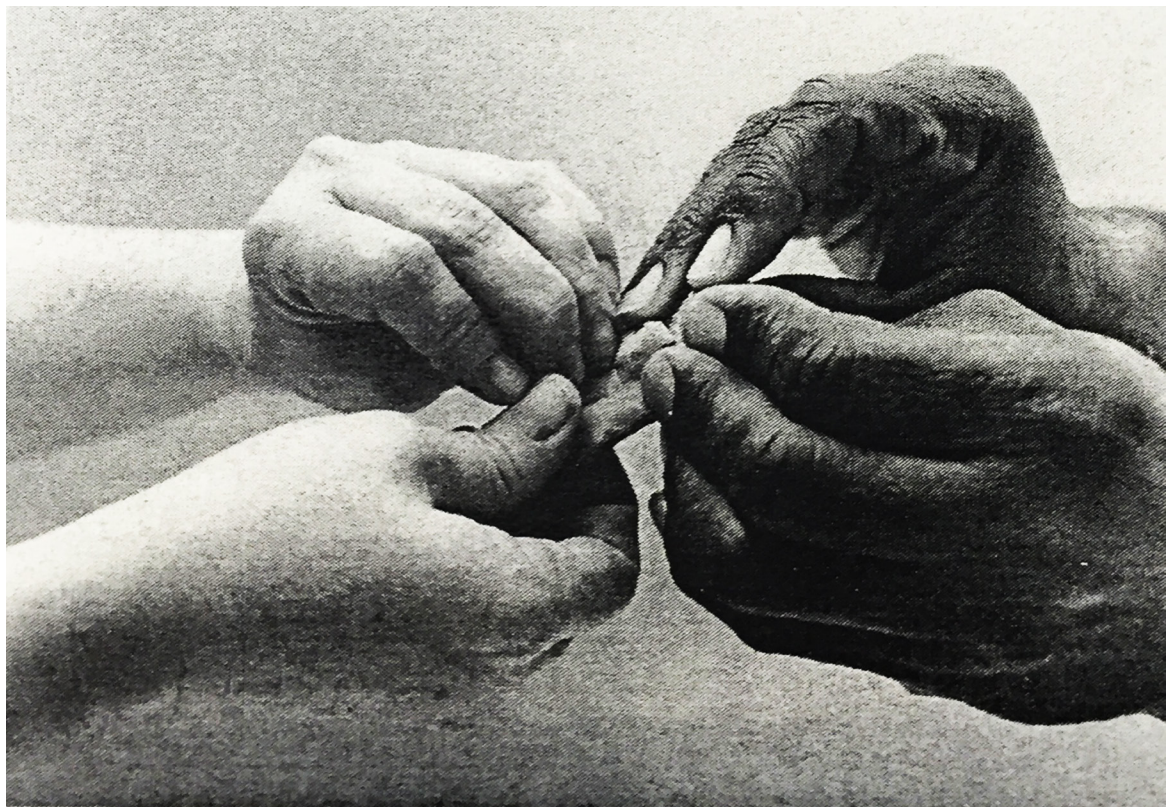
The second panel at the same time (10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) was in Charity Early Auditorium and was called “Finding and Creating Hope.” This panel included Dr. Derek Petrey, Dr. Jessica McKinley, and Myra Bozeman as the moderators. The Sinclair students from the International Students Organization and Honors Students participated in this panel which discussed creativity, hope and

their vision of the future.

There was then a lunch at 12:00 p.m. and even though it was free for attendees, it was in remembrance of the people who are hungry in the world. At least 50 percent of community college students are currently going hungry. The earlier panels sought to bring light to solutions to these issues.

There was a 2016 REACH art exhibit and there was an opportunity to “Build a Bowl with Bing and Bob.” When people make a bowl, it will be fired and glazed by Sinclair art students and donated to the Sinclair Dietetics and Culinary Art Program to be used in the October Annual Chili Luncheon—“A Souper Way to Give.”

The REACH event thanked everyone for attending and even though they had so many attendees that they had to turn people away, they invite everyone to come back next year.



“In the Spirit of Creating Hope”

Violet Johnston | Clarion Staff

Love ‘em or hate ‘em

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Victor Bryant, student at Sinclair. “Rate My Professor was a good thing for me because when I wasn’t able to fill out that class evaluation form, the Rate My Professor was a way for me to grade my teacher when they forgot the form. I think the website is also good to get an idea of what a professor is like.”

Does the Rate My Professor website allow anyone to comment anything? Is there any filter for those

subjective comments that are unhelpful and irrelevant?

“It’s a survey from people only willing to take it,” said Tim Waggoner, professor at Sinclair. “I check it every now and then. I noticed a rather hateful and just inaccurate comment about me once. After awhile, I checked it again and it was gone. I believe there’s a monitor from each school that goes through and takes those bad and subjective comments off [when

they’re false and inaccurate].”

Professor Waggoner also agrees that the class evaluation at the end of each semester is a better way to improve his teaching than the Rate My Professor. However, he also agrees that the Rate My Professor is good to be able to add one more source to get an idea of what a professor is like. He said he used to receive a couple reviews each semester on the Rate My Professor and now he only

receives one or two a year.

Has Rate My Professor fallen out of favor? At the very least, most students and professors are aware of it. If you’re interested in viewing the website to gather some information on your professor, keep an eye out for legible comments.

If a student received an A and said “this professor was great,” the subject matter may have come easily to that person and they weren’t aware if the teaching style of the professor helped in their learning or not. On the flip side, watch out for a student who received an

F and said “this professor sucks” because the professor may have tried to help the student and the subject matter was just too difficult for them to grasp and the subject wasn’t their forte.

Whatever the case is, the more detail about the professor the better. Detail shows that the student actually paid attention to the professor’s teaching style. Read all the comments and get a collective idea of what this professor is like. Most of the comments are generic, so don’t take them to heart. They’re also mostly comprised of opinions, not professional

critics.

If you want to leave a comment about an instructor, here’s some rules to follow. Never allow your personal feelings to interfere. You may love a professor, but showing affection doesn’t properly communicate their abilities. And you may hate a professor, but their teaching style could still suit others, maybe just not yours.

You have limited space to write in—there’s only a little more room than a Tweet. Choose the right words to say. Detail is still good, be specific on why you think the professor was “good” or “bad.” Be objective in your evaluation, comment on their teaching style and how well they interact with their students.

And finally, don’t be a jerk. No one likes a crybaby spitting on a professor’s reputation. Be professional, professors are humans with feelings just like you. Everyone needs to grow thick skin and take criticism, yes. But there’s a difference between constructive criticism and a personal attack. Know the difference. Happy grading.

Find what you're looking for.

FIND A
professor

FIND A
school

RATE A
professor

Transform your journey

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in the college, but focus mostly on one division each year. This December, the trip is focused on the Science, Math and Engineering department. However, Potts said if they have open spots for extra students they are more than willing to join the adventure.

Students don't receive college credit for the trip, but some of them are required to do a presentation or write a reflection paper on their experience.

"A lot of times when students going on trips they go to the tourists, or

Americanize areas and they don't see what the families live like, this gives them a chance to see it," Potts said. "Family life in this community differs

tremendously."

Watts-Brown said this trip gives students more insight and thought about how privileged we are as a country.

"The people are very generous with their time

and anything they have. It's the way they are,"

Watts-Brown said. "It's very interesting to see that even though they have so little, they will share it you."

Last year the total

amount for the trip was \$1875, however, this year the price is not confirmed. In order to save a spot for yourself, a deposit of \$250 will need to be made by April 30. Sinclair is willing to provide scholarships as well, which will be confirmed by the end of June. Students also will have to ability to fundraise, which Watts-Brown hopes to start as soon as possible.

"As the students fundraise, we will be sending that money in to Transformational Journeys, so that our cost will be less," Watts-Brown said.

Potts compared ordering a pizza or surfing the internet are some things that, we, as Americans take advantage of, she said this trip gives students the opportunity to not focus on the materialistic things, but focus more about experiencing the culture and how things differ from the United States.

"Think not what change [students] can bring to the world, but what the world can bring to them," Watts-Brown said. "It is quite an experience—whatever is the cost, I think they will get more out of it personally than what the money actually is."



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Equal opportunity

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can get away with things with me that they wouldn't try with a male. And I was warned of that probably happening at some point by my male boss," said Edmonds. She has even been hit on by a former student.

"I think that gender equality is absolutely a problem but I think equality in general is a very serious problem. We live in a world that was built by and for a particular segment of the population and its going to take a really long time to address all of the underlying conditions that stand in the way of everyone having true equal opportunity. And that's not to blame anyone and that's not to paint anyone out to be a victim but I think that conversations need to be had," Edmonds said.

Phillipa Burgess is a professor in the music department at Sinclair and was born in Australia where there were "absolutely" equal opportunities for men and women growing up. Burgess got her bachelors degree in Sydney at the Conservatorium of Music where she conducted for a professor who offered her a scholarship at California State University in Long beach with him. After getting her masters at Cal. State, she got an assistantship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington and eventually ended up teaching at Sinclair.

"There are certainly times when I've run into men, one of my areas of interest was American Brass Band History

and that's a real male-dominated area, and I think I rattled a few cages there," said Burgess. As a female interested in a predominantly male area she didn't have the experience in military bands that the other men had. Therefore, she earned the scholarship by researching and disputing some of their findings.

However, there are some advantages of being a woman

in the past couple of years that they've broken that rule. And sometimes we need to have gender mixes, opera can't have only men and the same with theater, in those performance areas you can't get away from that. There are also certain instruments that are female instruments and certain instruments that are supposedly male. So the flute player is typically female, its rare to find men. But the harpist is always female," said Burgess. Burgess finds it easier to

the faculty and staff I've had to deal with are very even-handed and it (Sinclair) is a very easy place to work all around," Burgess said.

Reece Freeman is a sociology professor at Sinclair and was born right here in Dayton.

Throughout her life, Freeman felt that she had to work three times as hard as others and still does today to be recognized for her intelligence and capabilities. "I would say being a black woman definitely has an impact on my career. I went to a predominantly white school and that was very very different. But I was always very strong academically and always willing to work twice as and almost three times as hard as everybody else and teachers noticed that. When they see that you are a very hard worker and they see that you're smart, sometimes they will overlook your race and they will overlook the stereotypes about your race. You have to work overtime," said Freeman.

Freeman has personal experience with trying to get administrative positions here at Sinclair. "I do think that as far as my femininity, I feel like it does prevent me from being promoted to administrative level or from being taken seriously in those positions. At the high school and collegiate level females are definitely steered towards different professions and men are steered towards the other professions. Gender equality is an issue and it is obvious to see if you look at rates of pay and gender diversity as far as upper administration and

even middle management. If it wasn't a problem that would be reflected in the numbers," said Freeman.

Here at Sinclair 56% of the faculty are female and 44% are male, however as you go from community colleges to four year colleges to more prestige universities the faculty is more predominantly male, especially in sociology. "I would say more women are the teachers and more males are set out into the field as practitioners. I went to a four year and it was more men, it was like 60-40. But say if you went to a Yale or a Harvard there will happen to be more men because they are teaching what they have practiced. Not everybody that teaches sociology has at any point been a sociologist. But there are some who are sociologists and then they teach sociology so that they can impart their research," said Freeman.

"I will say Sinclair has been one of the best places to work, it's not perfect but it's a lot better than a lot of other places that I've worked. I think at Sinclair women and minorities have a better chance at getting their foot in the door and that the dominant culture and dominant gender seemingly work better together. I haven't run across anybody who was being intentionally or subtly racist. The willingness is there but it is just trying to break through that glass ceiling so that more women can become administrators," Freeman said. There are women in leadership positions at Sinclair, but mostly their bosses are still men.



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in music education. "I do a lot of private teaching and I think that people are expecting private teachers to be women rather than men particularly for beginners," said Burgess.

"In the last century there are certain orchestras that were all male and they only allowed males, some of them are only

relate to other women in the classroom. "As a teacher, you need to realize this and work at making it easier for a relationship to develop with men, as well as women," said Burgess.

As for the music department at Sinclair gender parity isn't much of an issue. "I think that

Clinton wins Nevada and South



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Christopher Witt
Reporter

Democrats in Nevada and Republicans in South Carolina are the latest in the country to cast their ballots in the 2016 presidential primary elections.

In the Nevada Democratic caucus, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton scored her second straight victory over Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, earning 53 percent of the vote over Sanders' 47 percent.

Several months ago, Clinton was running away with the victory but an emboldened Sanders, fresh from his sweeping victory in New Hampshire, pulled closer and closer in Nevada to make the polls nearly too close to call in the final days leading up to voting day.

The youth vote came in overwhelmingly for Senator Sanders, much like it did in Iowa and New Hampshire. 72 percent of those 17 to 44 years of age sided with the Vermont senator while 25 percent

went for Secretary Clinton. Senator Sanders also narrowly won the Latino vote 53 percent to 43 percent, but was clobbered by Secretary Clinton in the African-American vote, 76 percent to 22 percent.

In the South Carolina Republican primary, billionaire Donald Trump won his second straight victory over a gradually shrinking field of Republican candidates. Trump won 33 percent of the vote in South Carolina, doing 10 points better than his closest rival Florida Marco Rubio, who gained 23 percent. Ted Cruz was not very far behind Rubio with 22 percent. Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush managed only 8 percent and this poor showing, his third straight, prompted Bush to suspend his campaign. Ohio Governor John Kasich did not fare much better, scoring another 8 percent and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson garnered 7 percent. In some key demographics, such as the African-American vote, no single candi-

date held an advantage. But analyzing the exit polling results show Trump dominated key groups such as military voters, evangelicals and even political Independents.

Should Trump get another victory in Nevada, it may force one or more of the Republican candidates, such as Kasich or Carson, out of the race. It could also signal the beginning of the coalescence of the Republican Party around the New York real estate tycoon. But if Mr. Trump loses, it could extend the Republican race longer.

On the Democratic side, a Clinton victory in South Carolina could spell doom for Sanders' campaign, though it is not likely to end his run. On the flip side, though, if Sanders wins it would breach the so-called "Southern Firewall" Clinton had going for her and put her in a bit of trouble heading into the big Super Tuesday primaries.

Spring Break Survival Guide

Meggan Lanahan
Reporter

For many students, Spring Break means a much-deserved getaway, a chance to usher in the warm weather with friends and fun. Whether you're hitting Key West or Columbus, some people prey on students, assuming they are young, vulnerable and have money to burn. Here are a few tips to make sure you don't fall victim to any kind of spring break predator.

of time to find the best deal and most reputable service providers.

Tip 3: Know what you're eating. Do research ahead of time to make sure there are no food-borne illnesses or epidemics in the area you are traveling to. If there are, avoid the foods responsible or the area all together. Also, try to find out the local health department ratings of restaurants you plan to visit. Most of the time, these ratings can be found online. Some large cities like New York City

your purse or bag unattended; and not watching your belongings. To protect yourself even more, carry a "dummy" wallet. If you ever get mugged and someone demands your wallet, give them the fake one. In most cases, the burglar won't stick around long enough to make sure everything in it is real and valid.

An essential this traveling season is an RFID-blocking wallet. There are RFID devices that can scan any card you have that has an electronic stripe. RFID stands for "Radio Frequency Identification." Just as credit card machines can read your card when you make purchases, these scanners can read cards and collect information. This makes you vulnerable to identity theft, credit card theft, and theft of possibly all financial resources. RFID-blocking wallets are fairly inexpensive and can be found at many stores in the area, as well as online.

Tip 5: Show off your college education. The best way to show that you are smart is by being safe. If you have a feeling about going to a certain place or something feels "off," don't do it. That's most likely your subconscious telling you that something is wrong. Don't let yourself be taken advantage of. Come back to Sinclair relaxed and ready to finish the semester strong.

Happy Spring Breaking!



Jamie Ringheisen | Clarion Staff

Tip 1: Don't walk alone at night. Especially for female students, it is important to stick with a friend. If you know the area you're in, it can help. However, stick with a friend to make sure you can help each other if you get into a questionable area.

Tip 2: Don't fall into "tourist traps." Most places students want to go on Spring Break will be full of people expecting tourists like you. There will be plenty of souvenirs "on sale," tourist packages promising guided tours of hotspots, and people offering services to help you make the most of your vacation. Where the "trap" lies when you take the first offer. If you want souvenirs, shop around. If you want a guided tour, do some research ahead

even display the health department rating in the front window of restaurants.

Tip 4: Protect your money. Anywhere you go, there are people on the lookout for easy targets. Things that can make you an easy target are openly displaying cash; leaving



Jamie Ringheisen | Clarion Staff

ARAMARK WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Parmesan Mini Rolletto	Meat Lover's Rolletto	Mushroom Calzone	Broccoli & Red Pepper Stromboli	Chicken & Bacon Pesto Rolletto
Qdoba Mexican Grill	Lee's Famous Chicken	Panda Express	Bob Evans Restaurant	Gyro Palace
Buffalo Chicken Sub	Turkey & Apricot Slaw Ciabatta	Turkey & Avocado Mayo Sandwich	Ham & Swiss On Marble Rye	N/A
Cheddar Bacon Potato Soup Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili	Mushroom Vegetable Soup Cheddar Bacon Potato Soup	Chicken Soup With Brown Rice Mandarin-Style Egg Drop Soup	Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili Chicken Soup With Brown Rice	Vegetable Bean Soup Jerk Chicken Soup
Ham and Swiss Chicken Kaiser	Italian Angus Burger	Angus Patty Melt or Grilled Talapia Sandwich	Grilled Chicken Quesadilla	Blackened Tilapia Sandwich
Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap

CAMPUS CALENDER

March 1, 2016**An Evening with Wil Haygood**

Building 12, Smith Auditorium

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Presentation and Q&A begins at 5:00 p.m. Reception and book signing begins at 6:15 p.m.

March 4, 2016**Psychology Colloquium: The Science of the Meaning of Life**

Building 7, Room 006 (Tartan Marketplace)

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 4, 2016**NIA Awards and Gospel Fest**Building 2, Blair Hall
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meet and greet reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Award ceremony and 6th Annual Gospel Fest begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Student Spring Break

WEIRD WEEKLY HOLIDAYS

March 1, 2016**National Pig Day****March 3, 2016****If Pets Had Thumbs Day****March 6, 2016****Dentist's Day****March 9, 2016****Panic Day****March 10, 2016****Middle Name Pride Day****March 11, 2016****Johnny Appleseed Day****March 13, 2016****Ear Muff Day****March 14, 2016****National Pi Day**

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1 Garbage
6 Ziploc bag feature
10 Catcher's glove
14 "Slumdog Millionaire" country
15 Electrically flexible
16 Not-so-nice smell
17 C-E-G triad, e.g.
19 Bandleader Arnaz
20 Certain Himalayan
21 ___ Corps

22 High dudgeon
25 20th-century Greek-American soprano
27 Singer Etheridge
29 Little fruit pie
30 Prayer ender
31 Commercial suffix with Sun and Star
32 ___ Angeles
35 Asian language spoken by nearly a billion people

40 Place for a man-pedi
41 Trent of politics
42 Make a soufflé
43 Accompanied by
44 "Get lost!"
47 Aladdin's transport
51 FDR agency
52 Make up (for)
53 Orange veggie
55 Allow to borrow
56 Rochester medical center

voice actor ___ Allen
2 Genetic material
3 Wd. modifying a noun
4 Priory of ___: "The Da Vinci Code" conspirators
5 Women-only residences
6 Nearly one-third of Africa
7 Often harmful bacteria
8 Sea between Italy and Albania
9 Calculator image, for short
10 Ford made only in black from 1914-1925
11 Perfect
12 Puccini opera
13 Makes an effort
18 IRS pros
21 Trilogy's first section
22 Mosque leaders
23 Chart anew
24 Kagan of the Supreme Court
26 Bills and coins
28 Not Rep. or Dem.
31 Only chess piece that can jump others: Abbr.
32 Hear (of)
33 Schindler of "Schindler's List"
34 "Ta-ta"
36 "Through the Looking-Glass" girl
37 Univ. military org.

38 Cornell University townies
39 "The Blacklist" network
43 Place for a pane
44 Cooks' splatter protectors
45 Sable automaker, briefly
46 Pilfered
47 Fountain treats
48 Really got to
49 Purple-blue Muppet with a hooked nose
50 Silky synthetic
54 "Person of the Year" magazine
56 Bell and Barker
57 ATM maker
58 Mil. roadside hazard
59 These, in France

60 Starbucks tea brand
61 Unknown author: Abbr.
62 Toastmaster, and a homophonic hint to this puzzle's five longest answers
63 Load in a hold
64 Nine-digit IDs
65 Uncool group

Down
1 Buzz Lightyear

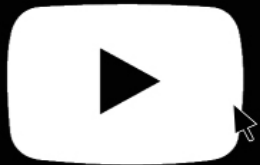
PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

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.

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 the box. If there is a 5 in columns 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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			3		1		7	
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6	4					5	2	
	5	8					1	3
2	6	5						7
	7		6					
1				2				9

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8	6	9	1	3	4	5	2	7
2	7	4	5	8	9	3	1	6
5	3	1	6	7	2	9	4	8
4	1	3	8	5	7	6	9	2
9	8	2	3	4	6	7	5	1
7	5	6	9	2	1	8	3	4

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20

Jupiter still offers you some challenges, especially when it comes to figuring out which course of action to take with life and with love. Relax. Don't pressure yourself to figure everything out. Take your time before making any big decisions.



Aries: March 21 – April 19

A frisky moon is increasing your lust. If you've been attracted to someone, you might want to take your flirtation with this person to a new dimension. If you're in a relationship, you'll find some new ways to turn your partner on.



Taurus: April 20 – May 20

Quirky Mercury has you questioning things. Maybe you broke up with somebody, but now you wonder if you should reconnect with that person. Or perhaps you're in a good relationship, but you're trying to figure out ways to make things better. Keep exploring.



Gemini: May 21 – June 21

You could be attracted to several people at the same time, thanks to Venus. As an Air sign, it can be hard for you to commit to someone when you're attached to lots of people at once. Be honest. Don't make promises you can't keep.



Cancer: June 22 – July 22

The sun is bringing you good energy for the next few weeks. This is a great time to clear out toxic people from your life and to let go of unhealthy habits. Maybe you have been hanging on to an on-again, off-again lover. If this person doesn't commit to you, discard them.



Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22

With Venus opposite your sign, you're questioning everything in your romantic life. If you're married, you're wondering if your relationship will last. If you're single, you could be looking at certain love involvements and evaluating them.

Keep exploring.



Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Jupiter is showing you that it's not worth it to engage in relationships with toxic people. You might need to let go of attachments to family members, friends or lovers. Just do it. It's time to clear the deck and allow yourself room to breathe and to heal.



Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

A friendly moon is increasing your desire to seduce and impress others. You might meet somebody who is lonely and available. You'll have fun pouncing on this person and showing him or her your lusty skills in the bedroom.



Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

A friendly sun is helping you to connect with feeling of peace, prosperity and confidence. This is a good time to push forward. Network with people if you're seeking a new job. Call up old friends if you're interested in meeting new people. Expand your horizons.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

The moon is showing you that it's OK to express your desires. Maybe you have a crush on somebody. Don't wait around for something to happen. Take charge. You'll experience great results if you can be open and honest with others.



Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Don't let other people walk all over you. The moon is reminding you that you can't expect others to respect you if you don't respect yourself. Be confident and clear with people and you'll experience positive results.



Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Venus is showing you it's possible to enjoy a feeling of stability and happiness with your honey. As an Air sign, it can be difficult for you to commit to somebody. But now you're seeing that your partner is wonderful and great. Try to be grounded with this person.

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Dine out on campus

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Nick Felts

Fall semester brought about new changes in the Tartan Marketplace that diversified the selection of entrees that students can choose from.

For years, the biggest feedback the students were giving to food services was that they wanted brand name foods. However, the problem with setting up a franchise is that before long, students get tired of eating the same food every day and the restaurant starts to dwindle.

Tim Sweet, the general manager of Food Services, worked along with Aramark's business dining division and came up with a great idea to spice things up. The idea came from tests that Aramark conducted in Columbus where they had local restaurant franchises come in, set up, and sell their most popular menu items.

This is where Sinclair's

"guest restaurants" started. Fall semester was the first time they tried this innovative new strategy and Sweet said that the student response is "overwhelmingly positive."

"I don't want my customers to get bored," said Sweet. In



just one semester, Sweet has signed up six restaurants that come in on a schedule every week.

Monday — Qdoba Mexican Grill
Tuesday — Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken
Wednesday — Panda Express
Thursday — Bob Evans
Friday — Gyro Palace
Tuesday/Wednesday — Fusian

Gyro Palace wasn't around

during the fall semester and was just approved to start coming in for the spring semester. Fusian comes in every week but alternates between Tuesdays and Wednesdays to allow for students who only come in on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday to enjoy it also.

The schedules are also listed up on electronic boards that are set up in the Tartan Marketplace and in various areas around Sinclair. The areas are marked with a red sign that says Information on it and the TVs cycle through various Sinclair news including the Tartan Marketplace's guest restaurants.

The change to the Tartan Marketplace came from the student's feedback, and Sweet says that it's vital to hear from the students because it's important to know what they want. During the spring semester, they plan to run a feedback campaign to try and get more students to tell them how they're doing.

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The students' voice has been heard and it has brought

