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Sinclair commencement ceremony will be held on May 6, at 7:00 p.m., at the University of Dayton Arena

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President Johnson looks to the future

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

As Sinclair's President since 2003, Dr. Steven Johnson is motivated on a daily basis by seeing how the power of knowledge and learning can change a student's life.

"I am motivated knowing that I am working in a learning college where students have their lives changed by what we do," Johnson said. "I am motivated knowing that I am part of something bigger than myself or any of us."

Growing up on a farm in Northern Wisconsin, Johnson learned the importance of hard work.

"I started working at a young age operating tractors, doing fieldwork related to growing and harvesting crops, and other things related to housing and caring for lots of cows and calves," Johnson said.

Along with working on his parent's farm, he was involved in 4-H to show his cattle and crops at the fair, as well as being a school athlete,

focusing on basketball.

However, the greatest thing he's experienced is the art of learning. Like most college experiences, Johnson had the opportunity to learn from a multitude of ideas from all over the world.

"I love learning. I love being exposed to things and ideas from all over the world, past and present. I love speculating on how the future will unfold," Johnson said. "College is the perfect place for learning."

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Listen Up

Laina Yost

Intern

One of Sinclair's very own professors has become president of the International Listening Association.

Kent Zimmerman is a professor of Communication at Sinclair and will also spend one year as the president of the ILA.

The International Listening Association promotes the study, development, and teaching of listening and the practice of effective listening skills and techniques.

"We're trying to help people understand how listening works and give them the skills to do it and then apply it in teaching, research, and in business," Zimmerman said.

According to Zimmerman, listening is a hard skill to master and requires a lot of work and effort.

"I think really listening is probably the most essential communication skill that we have. People take it for granted. If they don't really know that they need it, then they think they can do it by themselves," he said.

On average, most people, while they may think they are listening well, are actually becoming distracted and are failing to retain most of the information they are being given.

"The average individual only retains about 25% of what he or she hears, 24 hours later," Zimmerman said.

The reason for this, according to Zimmerman, is that life can get in the way of people's listening abilities.

"That's because we're a pretty busy people. We're distracted, we have issues that we're confronted with. And we have priorities in our life and sometimes we think we're listening and actually what we're trying to do is multitask," he said.

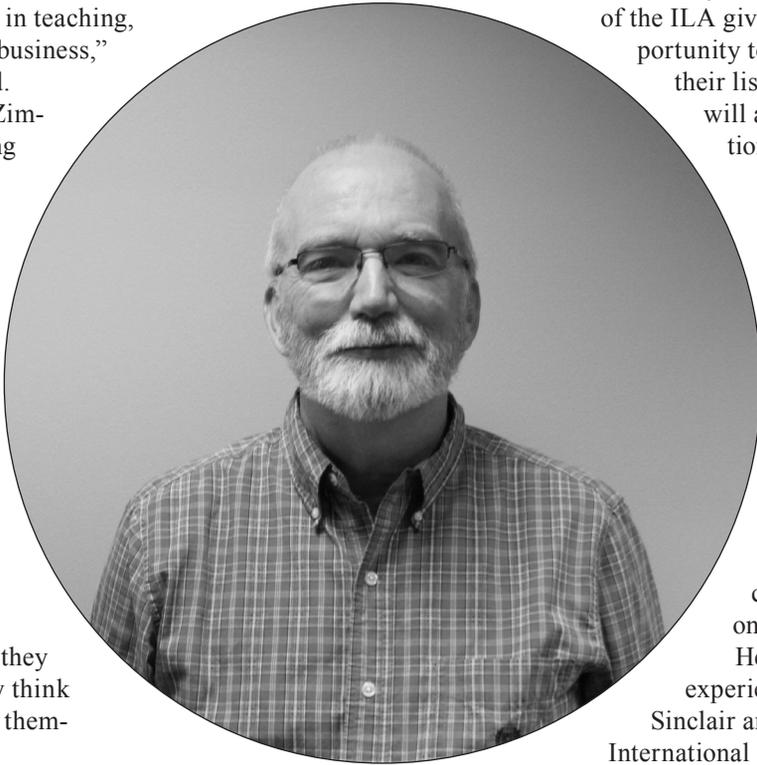
According to Zimmerman, the

first step in improving people's listening skills is recognizing that listening requires hard work and effort.

"Help people recognize that it is an activity that takes effort you have to get people through that door first. It's not a passive activity, it's not something that just occurs naturally, but it's an activity that really requires attention and focus," he said.

According to Zimmerman, learning how listen well and doing it properly can help to strengthen relationships and can be ultimately life changing.

"We're doing a lot of listening, but we're actually listening



D'Angelo Philpot | Photographer

less to people today than what we were 40 years ago," Zimmerman said.

As president of ILA, Zimmerman hopes to reach out to a new base and connect with people who may not know about the International Listening Association and what they are here to do.

"One [goal] would be that we would enhance our website and connect our website to the social media platforms because what I've noticed is that we're behind the curb on connecting with the people who are digital natives," he said.

He hopes to advance the technology of ILA and bring their message and mission to people.

"We're stuck in the year 1990 and we think that people are going to seek us out and then when they find the good stuff we can do then they'll join us, but I'm amazed continuously at how few people even know we exist," he said.

People, according to Zimmerman, may know all the right expressions to make to have the appearance of listening, but really their mind has wandered off on to a different topic.

"When we multitask we only partially listen and sometimes we get a head nod and smile and our brain has already checked out and we've already moved on to the next idea," he said.

"Sometimes people forget that listening is a conscious choice and if we don't make it other things will start to crop into our priority list."

Not only will being president of the ILA give Zimmerman opportunity to help people with their listening skills, it will also give recognition to Sinclair.

"I think it gives great visibility to Sinclair and community colleges. Out of 37 previous presidents, only three of them were from the community college. And I think it puts community college programs on the map," he said.

He is using his experience and skills at Sinclair and taking them to International Listening Association to help them advance further.

"I have tried to institute the different things we do at Sinclair with the ILA."

Zimmerman has spent 3 years training in different positions so that he could be prepared for the responsibilities as president. He will complete one year as president before become a "Past President" who guides the next president through their year.

"I'm really kind of excited about what we're going to do," he said

Zimmerman, while being president of the International Listening Association, will carry on his duties as a professor of Communication as well.

A day in the archives



Isaac Williams | Multimedia Director

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

In the boughs of Sinclair, you'll find the records center and archive tucked away in the library housing historical records, old photos, incident reports and much more.

Bob Smith, Sinclair archivist, has been at Sinclair for over six years and said he takes care of terminator case files, old historical clippings about Sinclair, old photos and public safety reports.

"I may have some things that only need to be kept a year or two that will be shredded. I also have records that are permanent," Smith said. "I have terminated files that go all the way back to the 70s."

Smith organizes and takes care of nearly 5,000 boxes, along with computer databases.

"I have almost 16,000 listings in my database. Many of the boxes have hundreds of folders in them," Smith said. "Then I can query that. When I get a request, I can query it to find it quickly."

Smith said he does a destruction of records about four times a year and it's typ-

ically around 4,000 to 5,000 pounds.

The record center itself, is described by Smith as "bare boned" because it's less expensive to house records in that sense rather than in a furnished office.

"The reason this is kind of a barebones approach when you talk about a records center, not an archives, the records storage is more expensive in a finished office than it is down here because you have dropped ceilings, carpet and fancy cabinet. Here, it's bare bones," Smith said.

Many of the records that Smith organizes and files away "won't see the light of day again," according to Smith.

Smith's favorite part about the archive is the photos. He said he has photos from 1887 from the start of Sinclair's existence.

"The cool thing is most of my photos are scanned. That's something that happened in the last five years," Smith said. "I still have access to the original photos and I can pull those out when I have to."

Smith said the archive

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Come bike to work

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

May 20 is National Bike to Work Day and Sarah Kiewitz, English professor and Pete Willis, criminal justice coordinator, hope students, faculty and staff at Sinclair joins them in biking to RiverScape to enjoy the annual Bike to Work Day Pancake Breakfast.

“Five Rivers is a huge component of biking. That’s a gem. That’s one of the gems in the gem city is our Five Rivers MetroParks,” Willis said.

Bike to Work Day Pancake Breakfast is a part of the Drive Less Live More Campaign, which connects the greater Dayton area to cleaner and more affordable transportation options.

“Dayton is promoting itself as a bike friendly city,” Willis said.

This will be Kiewitz third year participating in Bike to Work Day, and she hopes to see more people from Sinclair

taking part in the event.

“We are trying to get more students, faculty and staff to participate,” Kiewitz said. “It’s a fun event.”

Last year, according to Kiewitz, Lexus Nexus won with 55 riders and University of Dayton had 50 riders and Sinclair had 33 riders. “I hope that we can get our 33

in order to win you have to bike to the MetroPark and register as Sinclair.

“There’s a vibrant biking community here,” Kiewitz said. “The special thing about Bike to Work Day is that there are so many vendors and bike enthusiasts and a lot of freebies.”

Besides the “freebies,” Willis said that biking is environmentally friendly. Kiewitz added that biking is a very grounding experience, and allows you to be mindful about yourself and the environment.

“You release a lot of endorphins and its good for the environment and you get a connection that you don’t get inside a car,” Willis said.

One of the goals Kiewitz hopes to see is the increase in bike riders, but also the usage of the Link bikes.

“This year we are trying to encourage people who have biked in the past to bring a friend using the link bikes,” Kiewitz said. “We are set so perfectly right here, just grab a link bike and it’ll take you nine minutes to ride from campus to RiverScape,” Willis added.

He said there are many rewards to biking, and with the newly marked bike lanes and trails, Daytonians should utilize it.

“There’s financial reward; every mile you put on your bike, you’re saving the wear and tear of your car. There are health rewards because you’re less prone to illness because you’re active,” Willis said. “There is community; I see people on a regular basis who bike.”

In order to prepare for Bike to Work Day, Lucy Sanchez from the MetroParks, will be speaking in the Library Loggia on Wednesday, April 27 at noon to talk about bike safety.

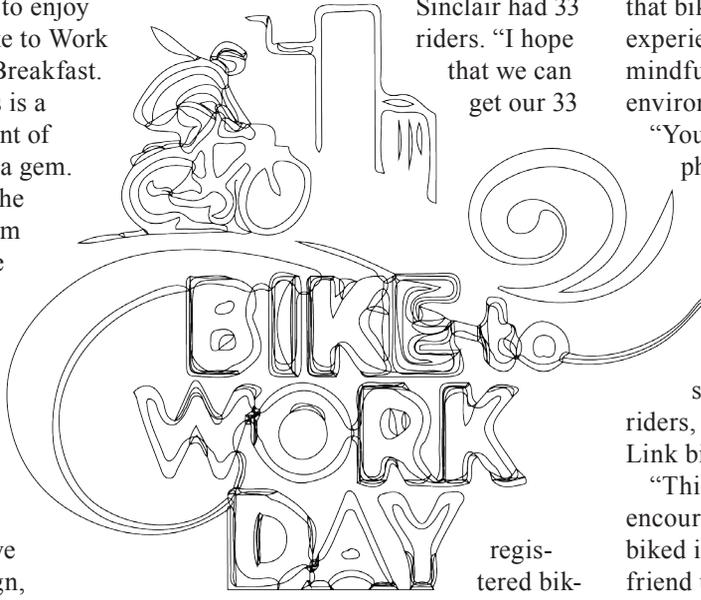
Kiewitz said she sees lots of students biking to campus, and

hopes to encourage more to commute via bicycle.

“It’s such a joy to bike to commute,” Kiewitz said. “You don’t need to be a bicycle nerd to get out and enjoy biking.”

Join Kiewitz and Willis at RiverScape from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to enjoy a free pancake breakfast and live music, along with a chance to win prizes and to talk to other bike enthusiasts and vendors.

For more information, visit www.metroparks.org or contact Kiewitz at 937-512-2591.



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registered bikers from

last year to all bring a friend,” Kiewitz said. “It’s not related to how many miles rode, its just logged by how many bikers are there [from each organization].”

Willis and Kiewitz agree that ideally people should be biking to work on the national day, but



Isaac Williams | Multimedia Director

First annual Kente Stole Cloth celebration

Laina Yost
Intern

African American students will honor their heritage and history at graduation this year.

There will be a Sankofa Kente Stole ceremony held that honors graduating African American students and the heritage they have.

“It’s starting a tradition that honors diverse cultures and ethnicities. Our goal overtime is to have something for Latino community, we’re going to expand it out overtime,” said Ama-ha Sellassie, a Sankofa Committee member and Sociology professor here at Sinclair.

According to Sellassie, it is important for student to look towards their

future while not forgetting their past and their history.

Sellassie acknowledged that most people may not know what a Kente Stole is, but that it represents a large part of African American heritage.

“Historically, Kente stoles were worn by royalty of the Ashanti tribe of Ghana in West Africa during ceremonial events and special occasions. Since the 1980’s, African American graduates have embraced this tradition to represent pride in their African heritage along with signifying pride in their accomplishment of graduating,” he said.

Sankofa is an Akan word that means, “It is not taboo to fetch what is at risk of leaving behind”. Sellassie says that

it is important for students to remember where they came from.

Sellassie says that the ceremony is a step forward for Sinclair and its diversity.

“It’s also a move for the college to continue the process of how it acknowledges diversity and, you know, allowing for people to express their cultures in a way that everyone is honored,” he said.

Sellassie hopes that this ceremony and honor will motivate African American students and increase their graduation rates by connecting them with their past.

“I think it’s just part of reconnecting people with their culture and their heritage,” he said.

This is the first time

that African American students graduating from Sinclair will wear the Kente Stole.

The ceremony will begin with drumming and libation and there will be multiple student, staff, and faculty speaker. The keynote speaker is Professor Jack Bennett.

The ceremony will be held in Building 8, in the Stage Area on May 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.



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Investing in Dayton arts

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

Culture Works is an organization that supports many non-profit art associations in the Dayton region, such as Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, the Human Race Theatre, the Dayton Philharmonic, Dayton Opera and the Dayton Ballet, according to Amanda Romero, co-chair of Employee Workplace Giving Campaign.

“Culture Works has built partnerships with many organizations in the region,” Romero said. “They have many opportunities for people to get involved in the arts, including career and volunteer opportunities.”

Romero, who is also the Chair of Design at Sinclair, is joined by design professor Kyle Fisk, as co-chair for Sinclair’s Culture Works Employee Workplace Giving Campaign. Sinclair has been a long supporter of Culture Works.

“We have been co-chairs for three years—we have

been supporters of this organization for years. I’ve always participated in some way in

tunity to be board member of the Dayton Visual Arts Center and the Dayton Play-



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the arts,” Romero said.

Romero takes art to heart by bringing it to the community. She has had the oppor-

house, both of which are supported and have received funds from Culture Works. Fisk has also

been involved in the arts by serving as a board member of Arts Center Dayton.

Culture Works receives funding from various foundations, individual gifts, corporate gifts and workplace gifts, according to Romero.

She stresses the importance of art in the community because it makes Dayton “a vital city.” Building a creative workforce requires economic development and education, but it can be more than just a contribution to the arts, according to Romero, it’s also an investment in the future of Dayton.

“It can boost the economy,” Romero said. “Art plays a huge role in making the city more appealing and can attract the residents and tourists in the region.”

With the passion, Romero has for the arts, she said it has the power to inspire and motivate a com-

munity, as well as educate students.

“Art is collaborative and creative outlet for many. It can enhance community engagement and participation,” Romero said. “Arts in education matters.”

Sinclair’s Culture Works Employee Workplace Giving Campaign is running through May 2 to 6. Romero suggests people should attend an art or cultural event, as well as donate any amount in order to support the arts.

Culture Works offers a “Passport to the Arts Membership” to supporters who donate \$85 or more to Culture Works. The membership provides buy one, get one free tickets to a variety of arts and cultural events, along with discounts to restaurants and retail stores.

“There are many ways to incorporate art in the Dayton City. I suggest that you start with Culture Works,” Romero said.

For more information, visit www.cultureworks.org or to donate, visit <http://6736.thankyou4caring.org/workplace-selection>.

Nu Pi relays for life

Celia Lavoie
Reporter

More than four million people from over 20 countries participate each year in Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a global campaign to raise money for cancer research. Every year Sinclair’s Nu Pi Phi Theta Kappa works with Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The honor society will continue this tradition on June 11.

“Relay For Life rallies communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and raise funds to eliminate cancer. [The event] lasts overnight as team members take turns walking around a track. Relay inspires, entertains, and touches the hearts of all who participate,” Team Captain Sergio Ramirez said.

Sinclair’s chapter participa-

tion is different for every team member, but everyone is looking towards the same goal.

“We all have a different reason to relay. Many are showing support for loved ones in the fight, some are remembering and honoring those who have fought, while others are battling cancer and undergoing treatment. We may have different reasons to relay, but we are all united in our support of those affected and the commitment to stop this family of diseases,” Relay Team Captain Tyler McDonough said.

For Team Leader and Chapter President, Melissa Smith, there is a deep and personal connection to the cause. Smith has lost her mother and grandmother to cancer. Since these tragedies, she has donated time and effort to the fight to find a cure. Smith began volunteering for the organization

in 2005.

This year, Phi Theta Kappa has already raised \$1,100 and is still going. To help raise money, the group is selling luminaries for \$10 a piece. The luminaries will be lit to honor those fighting cancer and those who have lost their lives to cancer.

The theme for this year’s relay is super heroes. If you would like to join a team, donate or buy a luminaire visit relayforlife.org and search “Nu Pi” to find Sinclair’s Phi Theta Kappa team.

All members of the team encourage support from the Sinclair community. The event is June 11 from noon to midnight at the Community Park in Riverside.

“It will be an uplifting experience full of support, remembrance and a host of fun activities,” McDonough said.



MY VOICE

A true graduation

Barton Kleen
Managing Editor

Graduation is more than walking across a stage and adding a sentence to your resume the next day. Come May 6, students are going to be thrown into another new stage of life--their lives after Sinclair.

We're stuck at a time in America where education is becoming a common expectation and increasingly available. With more degrees coming out, the less valuable your degree becomes in the market--unless you do extra to bring attention to yourself.

What it boils down to is that simply, your degree doesn't define you. If you're the same person before attending college as you are at graduation, you have likely missed a huge part of the experience as a student.

As a student, you are a dynamic being. You didn't attend university with the intent not to learn anything. To learn is

to change. At graduation, we're celebrating the changes we go through from one portion of our life into the next.

Change is horrifying most of the time, but we get used to managing it the further on we get into life. The degree



is a nice touch, and it will look cute all framed somewhere, but it's not the degree that's going to get you places--it's you.

You need to take ownership of graduation and make it your graduation.

Do you remember who you were when you came here the first time? Are you succeeding in the progression you wanted to see yourself have in this time in your life? If you're not, you're



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not alone.

Recent graduates face an uphill battle with low youth employment rates, particularly in rough economic times. Many move back with their family to pay off student debt. The economic issues are uniform, with even the most prestigious colleges facing higher than average graduate unemployment rates.

Getting back on track is a part of graduation. You could

be using your certificate to land a job in your desired field, some go on to pursue a higher degree, some join the workforce or work in fields outside their degree, but the point is to reassess your goals in life.

In order to reach a goal, you've got to think heavily about it. There's a lot of background work in goal setting that often goes unsaid.

When you really want something, you have got to want it from your entire person. Otherwise, it's a whim and won't be sustained through the tumultuous experience of life.

Find out what your person wants entirely. You

don't go from having nothing to getting what you want out of the blue. Even winning the lottery requires you to play your odds. In life, if you play your odds with you as your first and foremost advocate, your chances are astronomically higher that you can get what you need.

Graduation doesn't have to be all "out with the old, in the with the new in mentality." You're a very different person, but that person still went through all the stages to get you where you are.

You're not going to walk across the stage and suddenly enunciate, precisely, all of your eccentricities and start some obscure, metaphysical book club just because you've graduated with an associate degree.

Keep being a dynamic person. Keep being you, but realize that this graduation isn't the end and it's not some miraculous beginning either. It's a part of your life, and it will be what you make it.

That's the constant in life: our perspective. Your degree isn't going to change your perspective out of the blue.

Be sure to keep yourself motivated and grounded as you continue on from Sinclair. Getting where you're going while forgetting where you came from is a recipe for losing yourself.

Although I can't do much else but wish everyone the best luck in our present and futures, there's one connection we all share as graduates. Out of all the uncertainties that lie before us, remember--you will always be a Tartan.

Values of market capitalism

Laurel Mayer
Contributing Writer

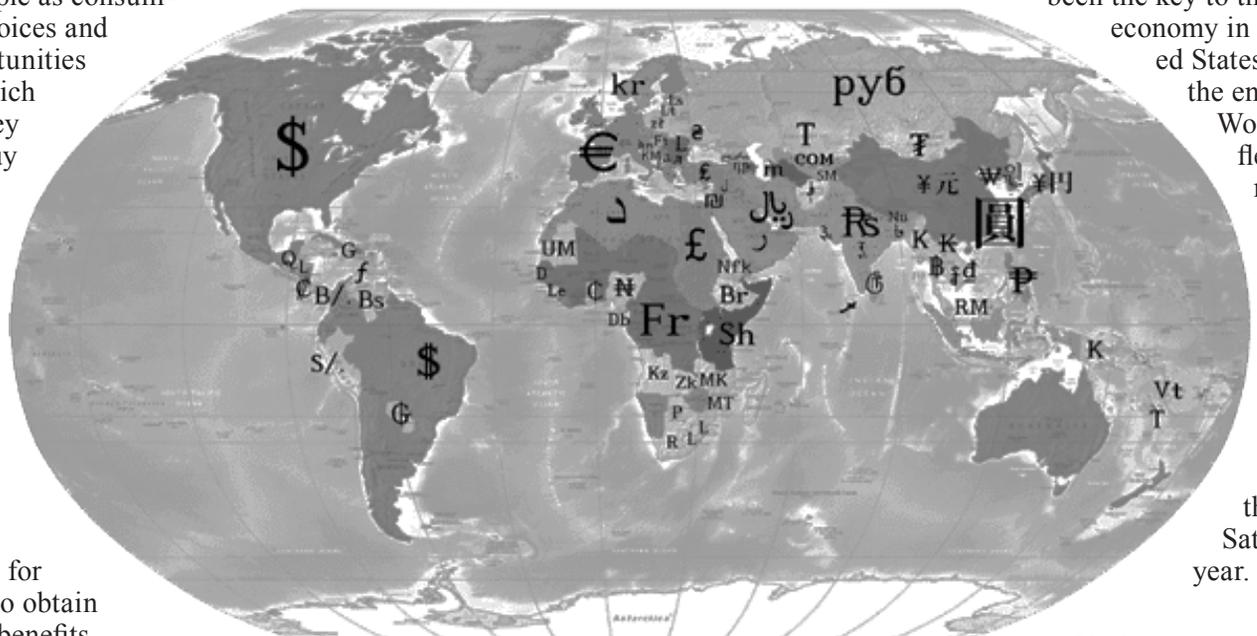
Recent political debates and articles in the media have questioned and often criticized the value of capitalism. Yet, it is important first examine what capitalism is and evaluate what capitalism has done for people in the United States and throughout the world. First capitalism is a market based economic system that is based upon private property (the opportunity for people to own things, including their homes and businesses, but also intellectual properties they develop, etc.). Competition is the second key

(giving people as consumers more choices and more opportunities to select which products they decide to buy or not buy, as well as giving people choices and opportunities to develop new and better products.. Thirdly the opportunity for innovators to obtain profits also benefits

the consumers as well as the innovators, as it incentivizes the innovators to develop and

produce better competitive products at lower prices for the consumers.

Market capitalism has been the key to the vibrant economy in the United States that is the envy of the World, as reflected in the millions of people from around the world who desire to immigrate in to the United States every year.



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A facilitator for democracy

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Unlike chemistry and physics, economists and political 'scientists' cannot put their components (e.g., countries) in test tubes to compare economic and political systems.

Yet significant evidence of the value of capitalism is reflected in a look at what was done to two 'nations' (the people of Germany and Korea) after World War II. Germany was divided into sectors which led to a West Germany (with a democratic capitalist market economy), while East Germany (under Soviet control was established as single party Marxist socialist state).

While the West prospered, the East stagnated, and the East German government had to build a wall to keep their people from escaping to the West. After the Berlin Wall came down and Germany was re-unified, Germany has had to spend billions to bring the East up to Western standards. Korea is another example of a nation (a group of people united by a common ethnicity, language, and history) divided into Marxist socialist state (North Korea) and a market capitalist economy in the South.

North Korea remains a Marxist socialist economy (with a reported inability to feed all its people and little to no freedoms for other than

the government party officials); while South Korea's economic development has labeled them as one of the Asian "Economic Tigers" (producing automobiles and electronics in demand throughout the world, and an enhanced quality of life to the people in the South).

It is also important to note that South Korea has evolved into a stable democracy. Recent history has shown that capitalism is a facilitator for democracy (as people obtain economic choices, they also seek political choices).

As Churchill famous quote goes: "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others" (meaning it is the best among the choices).

History clearly shows that capitalism (in spite of some anecdotal criticisms) also remains the best choice to facilitate both economic and democratic political development. Market capitalism has created the wealth to fund programs like social security, Medicaid and Medicare.

So as the old expression goes: "Do not throw the baby with the bathwater."

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Aspen Institute honors Cheek

Micah Karr
 Reporter

Dr. Annesa Cheek, Vice President of School and Community Partnerships, is one of 40 people to receive The Aspen Institute's National Fellowship Award. Recipients of the award join a group known as the "Aspen Presidential Fellows," and attend seminars that promote networking and effective mentoring.

Each Presidential Fellow has a biography on Aspen Institute's website. Cheek's explains the history of her education. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business from Tennessee State University. Along with that, she also has an MBA from the University of Dayton and a doctorate degree in Educational Administration from the University of Texas.

Cheek has been working at Sinclair since 2006. She is in charge of managing up to \$90 million per year in student financial aid. She has worked in several different positions while at Sinclair, including assistant to the president, the senior college's Advancement division and chief of staff to the president. Currently, she is the Vice President of the School and Community Partnerships Division.

The School and Community Partnerships Division, according to Sinclair's website, "Connects area people and

businesses to the educational programs and resources they need to help their communities grow." This division is in charge of programs for high school students, such as College Credit Plus, a dual enrollment program, and Upward Bound, a pre-college program that assists low-income students in the Dayton area with high school



Contributed by Annesa Cheek

and college preparation.

They also have high school dropout recovery services and community outreach programs. Their dropout program is called the Fast Forward Center. This program assists people aged 16 to 21 who are not regularly attending school to get a high school diploma and earn college credit hours at the same time.

One of their outreach programs, Think College, reaches out to pre-high school

children in a fun, hands-on manner that helps them think about a potential education and career.

Steve Johnson, President of Sinclair, said Cheek is "one of the most dedicated and most talented leaders I have known in my decades of experience in higher education." He said he is excited that this experience will make her an even stronger leader and that her colleagues and our students will benefit as a result.

The Aspen Institute is an organization based in Washington, D.C. Its mission, according to their website, is "to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues." The Institute has campuses on the Wye River in MD and Aspen, CO. Along with this; they have offices in New York City, plus an "International network of partners."

The Institute hosts seminars, policy programs, public events and conferences, and young-leader fellowships. The seminars are to help participants reflect on what they think makes a good society, thereby deepening knowledge, broadening perspectives and enhancing their capacity to solve the problems leaders face.



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Sports in jeopardy?

Matthew Summers
Sports Editor

Owens Community College shut down their baseball and softball programs on Wednesday, April 13 as they scrambled to save money and get out of fiscal watch. Just last month, Owens also shut down men's and women's soccer, as well as men's golf.

With all these cuts, the only sports programs that remain for Owens are men's and women's basketball along with volley-

down a lot," said Dintaman.

Enrollment has also been down at Sinclair a little bit, but Sinclair also didn't invest the kind of money that Owens did into their sports programs. Owens had 24 scholarships for just their baseball team alone, while Sinclair only gives six to their baseball club.

Alas, Dintaman doesn't have anything to worry about, or any other sports programs for that matter, according to the Dean of Communications, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.



Isaac Williams | Multimedia Director

ball. With eliminating these sports programs, the school is expecting to save approximately \$236,000 with the cuts, according to WTOL.com.

This news surprised Coach Dintaman along with his players, considering Owens was one of the better programs in the region.

"I was pretty shocked. They've always been a poster child for how to run a sports program. They invested a lot of money in there as shown by the President's office. They were always fully funded with scholarships. They were the strong economic athletic program in the conference. As they invested in athletics, their enrollment was

"There is no reason to believe that (sports programs will be cut). We are very conservative in being fiscally managed as a college. We aren't under any kind of situation from the state like fiscal watch or anything. The situation is not at Sinclair. It's not the same as Owens," said Rethman.

Even with enrollment being down at Sinclair, there have been no talks about any changes to any sports programs in the near future. When Sinclair goes through a budget process, it is not cut and dry as one might think.

"When the college looks at how to balance the budget, they

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Tess Little, big inspiration

Gabrielle Sharp
Executive Editor

Tess Little's teaching philosophy is nothing small, but to put simply, she focuses on the development of a student through encouragement and art, and now with her retirement approaching at the end of the semester, she is finding that her students inspire her just as much as they are inspired by her. "You meet the student where they are—you facilitate their development and you encourage them," Little said. "I promised myself that when teaching became a job and chore, I would go do something else, and I am still here." Little started

teaching ceramics at Sinclair in the beginning of 1976. She taught part-time for 15 years before focusing strictly on sculpting and became a full-time teacher. "I built the sculpture department—I love sculpting. I eat it. Sleep it. Love it," Little said. Little said her job, as a teacher is to meet them where they are and to promote them. She said their goals are just as important to her as they are to them. She teaches a variety of sculpting classes, with a multitude of different students, including different majors, ages and levels. "In art, I have three types of students. I have students who are going to be degree

seeking and they want to be in the art field, and then I have students who are here because it's an elective, and then I have personal enrichment students," Little said. "I want to help all three of those students." Huynh Lee, graphic design student, said the best thing he learned from Little is that "your mind is your own limit." Little said artists should be curious people and always staying in tune with their feelings, but they also need to have persistence. "It's really hard and you have to be persistent and you have to love it. If you, don't love it, you should find something else to

do," Little said. "It's a competitive field and it's been a great joy for me, but if you're not willing to work for it, you won't make it." Cindy said Little gives her the guidance that needs and constantly encourages her to trust herself when she is working on an assignment. "Tess is my favorite thing about this class. She works with you," Cindy said. "I would've never done any gallery showings if it weren't for Tess. She actually changed my focus; her passion for sculpting was so contagious that I changed it," Christina added. Little's students are her biggest fans, and their favorite part about her and sculpting

classes is that they inspire them to be successful. "She doesn't just teach us how to make things, but she teaches about what we want to do with our major and how we can be successful as an artist," Mikaela Bell, art student, said. Many other students agree with Bell that Little is the best part of the class. Other student said "she is the creative inspiration." Although Little is retiring from teaching full-time, she isn't ready to give it up quite yet, so she plans on still teaching part-time at Sinclair. Aside from having a passion for art, she is also the coordinator for REACH across

Dayton. "I am going to continue to teach on class and I am going to travel and I am going to make art," Little said. Geanna Ampaya, visual communication student said she hopes Little continues to inspire other artists even during her retirement. "She's awesome—she's the greatest," Christina said. "She's like my muse." Little said she loves to make things and loves to teach, and that's exactly what she did, and is proud to have experienced Sinclair. "I am blessed to have gotten to teach here," Little said. "Sinclair fits my mission in life."



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Rap or Rock?

Emily Culbertson
Reporter

Over the past couple of months, the world famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has been under fire with drama. They have seen quite the heap of criticism. It starts off with the rock industry allowing rappers to be inducted into the only place for rock legends. Then the other is for all the controversy about Steve Miller being inducted. There is also a lot of talk about more women being inducted. They have been slammed with racism and being sexist within the last

few months. Let's start with the rappers becoming a huge part of this historic place. A lot of people filled with rage when they announced that rapper Kendrick Lamar was going to be inducted. Social media stormed with a mix of rage, racist remarks, and people just against the whole idea. Needless to say, the RARHOF listen to the people and decided not to induct Lamar. However, they want people to know it has nothing to do with race, just the simplicity of inspiration of music. Just because someone was inspired, does not

make it right to induct though. Leading up to these latest events of rappers becoming part of the fame here are a few other people that have been inducted that could have something to do with it. James Brown, Ray Charles, Martin Gaye, B.B King, The Jackson 5, and Run D.M.C. these guys have sculpted our music but none of them were rappers beside Run D.M.C.. Let's jump into the Steve Miller drama now. Since Kendrick Lamar did not receive a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, here are the people that did.

Cheap Trick, Chicago, Deep Purple, N.W.A, Bert Berns, and Steve Miller. The Black Keys did the interdiction speech for Miller but later regretted everything they said and did that night. The group called him out on social media calling him terrible names and saying "he did not seem grateful at all." They also went on to call the music industry "gangsters and crooks." The men did not have a real clear reasoning for why they lashed out at Steve besides not seeming grateful. Miller himself later took to social media himself stating, "I wish

you could pick who does your intro speech, I was going to ask Elton." People have been going at them also for not inducting enough women into the industry. However, there is not a lot of women that have been in the rock and roll industry. There is still some great women performers out there that need their spot of fame in that hall too though. We're going to jump backwards to last year's induction ceremony where Green Day and Joan Jett were honored. This was about the time things

started getting faulty. Some people disagreed with Green Day being in there while others thought Joan Jett was way over do. However, it was also who did their speeches that had people talking. Everyone was confused on why Miley Cyrus got the honor of bringing Joan Jett into the Hall of Fame. What is your take on these latest issues? Do you think rappers should be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Do you think they are losing touch with the real reason the place was built?



Edmund Suelflow | Photographer



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Keeping Sinclair history

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houses all the drawings and renderings of the buildings before and after, along with all the oversized photos that have made appearances throughout Sinclair.

Many of the photos are from the library flood of 1983, according to Smith. He reminisced about the time when a pipe busted and water cascaded overnight from the loading dock area and raged through the library, knocking off many of the books from the library shelves.

"I was actually a student at Wright State University and we came here and helped recover the books," Smith said. "We had a human chain from the library to the loading dock of people helping

recover the books. But about three to four weeks after that the water pipe broke again and water came back in. There's a famous photograph that [the archive] has of President Ponitz paddling around in a rubber raft."

On the other side of the library, is the more formal archive that houses historical documents, along with newspaper clippings. Each document is stored in an acid-free archival box in order to preserve the documents, photos and much more. The boxes are placed in formal shelving in order for Smith to



Isaac Williams | Multi-Media Director

stay organized.

Smith said seeing the way things have changed throughout time is something that fascinates him.

"One of the things I like

is if you go back and look at photos in the 20s and 30s, that all of the students wore suits and ties and then in the 50s things became a little more casual," Smith said.

"Now you guys wear pajamas to school. It's really interesting to see how things have changed."

Farewell graduates TARTAN OPINION

Ehron Ostendorf

Copy Editor

It's that time of year again when students are graduating and planning to leave Sinclair. The Clarion has produced articles all year to coach a student moving onto a four year university, searching for a job with your newfound degree, or staying focused if you're only another semester away from graduating.

First off, hang in there. There's only a couple weeks left and then you're home free—you can do it, I believe in you... you're welcome. Focus, persevere, and succeed. Now is not the time to wig out and drop out of your classes. Now is not the time to skip class. Now is not the time to "forget" to study for finals, sleep in, and flunk your tests, essays, and presentations. FOCUS.

Second off, "senioritis" is definitely a thing; I'm feeling it now by writing this article. When can it be over? When will it be done? Dear Lord, that was only another ten words, what's my word count again—500? Right... it's simple, though. Imagine

yourself like a flaming aircraft being constantly bombarded by enemy fire. You may crash land, but hey, it's still a landing. Don't let the obsta-

clair. I know, tempting. "Ewe I hate it here, I want to go to a party school—woo!" Cut that out. You're so desperate to move on that you aren't going

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So, on your last day go give the tartan Pride a fist bump and don't question why Sinclair put a tartan-patterned kilt on a lion (I mean, who's idea even was that?). Go be loud in the library and get a glare from the guards. Go receive sighs from the staff as you walk into the cafeteria and take utensils for the lunch you brought in. Make eye contact with the Sinclair police as you jaywalk running away trying to avoid their \$100 fine they'll slap on you. Forget your Tartan card as you try to exit the garages and have a grumpy parking lot security guard sigh letting you out.

Give Sinclair a wave; hopefully it gave you a great experience while you were here. I know I had a good experience. Be proud of your connection here and speak highly of it next time it comes up in conversation.



Sam McConnell | Sinclair Marketing

cles take you down before the finish line.

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The three aspects of education

Johnson continued from front

Learning is also made up of the dedicated professionals who take the time to serve students, according to Johnson, so that the community can have a better future.

“Sinclair has a great mission and has been doing a great job for nearly 130 years,” Johnson said. “We do something at Sinclair that matters. And that’s a great way to spend your days—doing things that matter.”

Johnson starts his day between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. checking emails and then continues his day by attending eight to ten meetings covering a variety of issues, such as politics, funding and personnel.

Although Johnson stays busy for majority of the day, he still finds time to travel, along with doing family activities.

“I love personal travel—though I hate business travel. It is nice to go to other countries when I can. I really like Europe,” Johnson said. “Also, I enjoy family activities—whatever they may be—with my wife, Cindy and her kids.”

Another passion for Johnson besides being the President is his collection of guitars. He picks up a guitar every once in a while, even though he doesn’t play them as well as what he hoped for.

“I love guitars. I don’t play well, but I am happy to be able to make sounds that don’t terrify the creatures

around me,” he said.

As the President, Johnson takes pride in Sinclair and how important it is to the community and to students, staff and faculty. He believes that every one plays a vital role in making Sinclair a better place.

“Sinclair was a great college well before I became president. I am proud that working together we are all—thousands of us—together, we are poised to make Sinclair better, even in the face of incredible challenges. Of that I am proud for all of us,” Johnson said. “We are creating history in Dayton, Ohio and we are all doing this together as we are forging a new future.”

Johnson believes Sinclair creates a better community with future opportunities in Dayton by providing high-quality, low cost programs of education that no

one else can provide.

“Each year, almost 5,000 students complete certificates and degrees that fit our locally economy—those are 5,000 completions that would not have happen without Sinclair,” Johnson said.

With Sinclair reorganizing their physical appearance, along with revamping education programs, Johnson said the college would be re-adjusting in new and important ways.

“Sinclair’s physical reorganization is a big deal,” he said. “The new Health Sciences building is part of the strategy—smart clustering of programs that work together and share resources.”

According to Johnson, there are three aspects to the importance of education. “The first is the ability to do something of value and make a living. Second is the ability to know and understand our

place in history, our place in the world, and where our civilization is headed. Lastly is the ability to find happiness and comfort in the beauty that exists in the community.”

The best advice he’s received throughout the years is “learn as much as you can, volunteer to do work that you have never done before, meet as many different people as you can, and be useful.”

Johnson said he hopes students leave Sinclair with a love of learning and a great deal of self-confidence for achieving personal goals. He finds the most important thing in order to succeed is to be reliable and useful.

“Being useful is the rent one pays for the resources one consumes when on this earth,” Johnson said.

Quality athletes

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look at areas where they don’t have to spend as much as they have previously. But it’s not a direct link. It’s more of a holistic, kind of across the board. It’s strategic,” said Rethman.

Rethman isn’t claiming to know the answer to every single question as there are many people that contribute to the process of balancing the budget. However, she submits what she believes the amount of money they need to operate successfully as a division and the college allocates the money and figures out what to do with it from there.

Hypothetically, if Sinclair was

under a fiscal watch, Sinclair would first look at the return on their investment with their programs.

“If we are spending money on this particular program, is it doing what we want it to do. There’s that strategic piece. If someone retires, we take a serious look at whether or not to replace that position or not,” said Rethman.

Another important factor into deciding what to do with a program is how efficient the program is being. For example, the baseball team has been incredibly successful under Coach Dintaman and have made strides in producing quality student athletes who perform, not only on

the field, but also succeeding at the high level in the classroom.

“There’s a couple of things that the sports programs do for the college and one of those is a student engagement piece. Student engagement is important to the college. We want our students to feel like they are a part of Sinclair,” said Rethman.

Along with success of both basketball and baseball comes free press. For instance, WDTN produced a video about men’s basketball coach Jeff Price and their incredible season. It is almost like free advertisement as a result of them performing well. With that, the school finds value in the team. WDTN also produced a video on Sinclair’s baseball team as the Pride honored the history of the Negro Leagues. All of these are taken into consideration when evaluating programs in the school.

Another factor that helps is that Owens spends more than double of what Sinclair spends on their baseball and softball teams. Coach Dintaman said their operating budget is about \$16,000 for each baseball and softball team.

So as of right now, Sinclair sports is not in any jeopardy of losing any scholarships or risk of being cut altogether. Dintaman praises Sinclair’s CFO for doing a good job of handling the budget and keeping Sinclair afloat. Athletic Director, Price was not available for comment

A tree campus

Laina Yost

Intern

It’s a day to celebrate nature and the beauty that it gives us. Arbor Day is on April 29 and Sinclair is participating in the holiday by planting trees.

Children from the Sinclair daycare will plant perennials and college students will assist in planting trees along Robert Drive.

According to Ed Toscani, the Supervisor of the Grounds here at Sinclair, it is important for children and college students to participate in the celebration of nature and to learn how to care for it.

“Those are tomorrow’s leaders, tomorrow’s next generation that will be, you know, in control of the world and it’s important that they understand they need to be in touch with nature and be involved and care about it,” said Toscani. He is organizing the event.

Doug Horvath, from Five Rivers Metroparks, will speak

at the Arbor Day event and will also have some small animals on display.

“Sinclair is trying to become a Tree Campus. So this is the first step in trying to become a tree campus,” Toscani said.

A Tree Campus, according to Toscani, helps to benefit both students and the trees. The trees are well maintained and they reduce carbon dioxide in the air. Students also become involved by planting the trees and

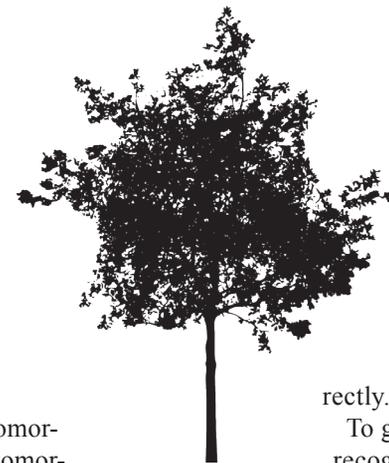
learning how to maintain them.

“It’s just a benefit for the campus and the trees... We can work together and make sure that we trim our trees correctly and that we plant trees correctly.”

To get Tree Campus recognition, Sinclair must follow five standards set by the Arbor Day Foundation.

After planting the trees, there will be a free lunch available.

The event will take place on April 29 and will begin in the plaza of Building 8. It will begin at 11 a.m.



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Isaac Williams | Multimedia Director

YOUR VOICE

How do you feel about Harriet Tubman replacing Andrew Jackson on the 20 dollar bill?



Saharali Denistry

“She’s inspirational and we never had a female on any of our dollar bills. She would be the first African American too.”



Jarrett Berger
Mechanical Engineering

“I think it’s a good idea because there really is no, or not enough, African American figures that are put on things such as dollar bills.”



Jasmine Jodkins
Accounting

“I think it’s a historical moment because it’s a black woman. She helped free slaves so it’s a great moment in our history.”



Caitlin Colbert Denistry

“I think it’s really cool just because, like, a woman on the 20 dollar bill let alone a black woman who made such and difference and, like, people’s lives and made so much history, I think it’s really cool. She made more of a positive difference while Andrew Jackson did the Trail of Tears and it was really bad. He was not a really good man for the country.”

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POETRY PICK

I can't believe I haven't heard from you in so long, like it or not, In that moment we said what we did half past dawn in that parking lot & it effects me too, so I know how it feels to be right here digging up promises we thought we forgot

I can't believe I haven't heard from you in so long, you don't like it, but you miss me in those moments when you wonder if you made the right choice when every smile comes back, when it's late & you recall the sound of my voice over all the noise

I can't believe I haven't heard from you in so so long, it's just different when your voice hits & your lungs raise through your chest just barely with a tingle through your hips, you want to say so as your breath passes through those lips

I can't believe I haven't heard from you in so long, you never called me on the phone the last couple months because you needed to stay strong, its like you said, it hurts too much to be so close knowing it could all be gone. you were right all along...

The Clarion is accepting student poetry submissions. Email: clarion@sinclair.edu to submit your work.

Knowing it could all be gone

Contributed by Isaac Williams

Listen Up

One of the most important things to do when you're listening to a speaker is to pay attention to what they're saying. This is especially true when you're listening to a speaker who is giving a presentation or a lecture. You should be listening to what they're saying, not just to what they're saying about themselves.

A day in the archives

It's a day in the archives, and it's a day in the life of a student. The archives are a treasure trove of information, and it's a great place to spend a day. You can find everything from old newspapers to old photographs, and it's a great place to learn about the history of the university.

Keeping Sinclair history

Many of the photos are from the 1950s and 1960s, and they show the Sinclair family in various settings. The photos are a great way to see how the family has changed over time, and they are a valuable part of the university's history.

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MINI PAPER COLLECTION CONTEST

Our April 5, 12, 19 & 26 editions of the Clarion include miniature versions of our paper to cut out. For every miniature Clarion paper you cut out and turn in to us, your name is entered to be drawn for a prize.

Advertisement for 'MY VOICE A true graduation' featuring photos of students and text about a graduation program.

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Quality athletes

Quality athletes are the backbone of any sports team. They are the ones who put in the hard work and sacrifice to make the team successful. We should support our athletes and work to make them the best they can be.

A tree campus

A tree campus is a beautiful and healthy campus. It provides shade and fresh air, and it's a great place to study and relax. We should work to plant more trees on campus and make it a greener place.

DEAR GABBY

Dear Gabby, I hope you're doing well. I've been thinking about you a lot lately, and I hope you're happy. I miss you and hope you're having a great time.

No Pi relays for life

No Pi relays for life is a great way to raise money for a good cause. It's a fun and challenging activity, and it's a great way to get involved in your community.

Values of market capitalism

Values of market capitalism are important to understand. They include things like competition, innovation, and risk-taking. These values are what drive the economy forward and create jobs.

Down

Down is a great word to use in many situations. It can mean to go down, to be down, or to be down on someone. It's a versatile word that can be used in many different ways.

specialty

Specialty is a great word to use when you're talking about something that is unique or special. It can be used to describe a specialty in a profession, a specialty in a hobby, or a specialty in a product.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues and numbers.

- Across
1 Doorbell sound
5 Radio switch
9 Pop out of the CD player
14 "Young Frankenstein" helper
15 "Deck the Halls" syllables
16 Use crayons
17 "The West Wing" actor Alan
18 Fed. agent
19 Best way to sing
20 Keep in suspense
23 Maker of Fiesta Flats taco shells
24 Gorilla who learned sign language
25 "___ you for real?"
28 Half a Mork-to-Orson farewell
30 Symbol
32 Suffers from
35 Department store fixture
38 Tunnel effect
40 Actor's prompt
41 "We gotta move!"
42 Shingle securer
47 Roulette bet
48 Like a spoiled child
49 Didn't need to guess
51 Weekly NBC offering since 1975, briefly
52 Takes notice of
55 Like some country songs
59 It may be affixed to an email ... and, literally, what the last word of 20-, 35- and 42-Across can have
61 Drummer Ringo
64 Sheepish smile
65 First name in bike stunts
66 Japanese verse
67 Tupperware
68
71

- Down
1 Old way to place a collect call
2 Creepy admirer
3 Signal silently to
4 Sculptured, as an image
5 Kabul native
6 Wee one's word
7 ___ steak
8 Tropical fruit
9 Political debate topic
10 "Fear of Flying" author Erica
11 Antlered animal
12 Two-time 1500-meter gold medalist Sebastian
13 Give it a whirl
21 "My stars!"
22 Maker of NORDLI furniture
25 Texas tourist spot
26 Fix a green
27 Revise
29 Shoreline protection gp.
31 Discreetly send a dupe email to
32 Chef's flavorings
33 Oak-to-be
34 Sandbar
36 Lewis Carroll
37 Security issue
39 Time and again, to a bard
43 "Honest!"
44 Kremlin rejection
45 Passionate
46 R-rated, perhaps
50 Thin cookies
53 Sharp-eyed flier
54 Rx, for short
56 Skin lotion brand
57 Collect incrementally
58 Sounds from a kennel
59 Sacred chests
60 Hole up
61 Librarian's warning
62 Confucian "path"
63 Go public with

PUZZLESOLUTIONS

Grid with crossword puzzle solutions.

CAMPUS CALENDER

- April 27-28, 2016
Puppies on Campus
Building 8, Stage
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 27, 2016
Automotive Career Fair
Building 20
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
April 29, 2016
Diversity Film Series: A Day Without a Mexican
Building 8, Stage
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
April 29, 2016
Ensembles in Concert: Contemporary Gospel & Opera/Musical Theatre
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
May 3, 2016
Concert Handbell Choir
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
May 6, 2016
Commencement
University of Dayton Arena
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WEIRD WEEKLY HOLIDAYS

- April 26, 2016
National Pretzel Day
April 27, 2016
Tell a Story Day
National Prime Rib Day
April 28, 2016
Kiss Your Mate Day
International Astronomy Day
April 29, 2016
National Shrimp Scampi Day
April 30, 2016
Hairstyle Appreciation Day

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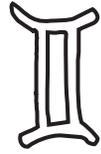
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1	9	7	4	3	5	2	6	8
8	2	6	1	7	9	5	4	3
9	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	1
6	8	1	3	4	2	7	5	9
5	7	2	8	9	1	6	3	4

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Taurus: April 20 – May 20

Check public opinion today and tomorrow. The element of surprise is on your side. Circumstances provide extra time. Advise a friend to be cautious (and quiet). Your backstage efforts attract attention. Take a bow.



Gemini: May 21 – June 21

There's a test ahead. Assume more responsibility today and tomorrow. Your deeds make a lasting impression. Involve others in decisions and discover new opportunities. Provide incentives. The more you learn, the better you look.



Cancer: June 22 – July 22

The next two days favor financial planning. Keep it simple, and avoid expensive frills. Consider an outrageous suggestion. Wait for the best bargain. Clarify your vision, and get deals in writing.



Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22

Fantasies abound. Don't be afraid to ask questions to determine what's real. Figure out your shared vision together. Study ways to make and keep money over the next two days. Collect unexpected benefits.



Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Creative challenges confront. Ask someone attractive to share their trusted opinion. Each partner has a puzzle piece that the other lacks. Teamwork thaws frozen doors. Discuss solutions and possibilities over the next two days.



Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Fulfill existing promises today and tomorrow. Profit from meticulous service. Learning new skills leads to new friends. Mix business with pleasure; take a walk or share a meal with people you work with.



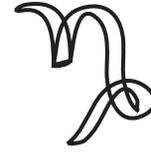
Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Indulge your romantic side over the next two days. Slow down and go play (outside, preferably). Relax and have fun with your sweetheart, family and friends. Get silly and laugh.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Update home technology and comforts over the next few days. Fix something that's broken or not working correctly. Investigate carefully before buying new pieces. Gentle pressure works better than force.



Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

You're especially clever today and tomorrow. Think before you speak; don't get involved in a fuss you won't care about a year from now. Get feedback from friends and family. Rediscover a forgotten treasure.



Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Review and revise finances over the next two days. Cash flow improves with focus. Stick to the budget with frugal discipline. Gathering with loved ones reminds you what you're working for.



Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20

Imagine and dream. Take charge, and ask for what you want. You're especially confident today and tomorrow. Make changes for the better. Keep your facts straight, smile and say "thank you."



Aries: March 21 – April 19

Peace and quiet soothe and satisfy over the next few days. Emotions could seem sensitive. Avoid controversy and fuss. Get creative behind closed doors. Private productivity gets the job done with the least stress.

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