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Possible scam targets Sinclair students

Mike Huson
News Editor

A Dayton-area bank has claimed to have identified a new financial aid scam targeting students, including students at Sinclair Community College.

A representative of a local bank said

he contacted Sinclair Police and the Student Leadership Development Office, describing a con in which a man, claiming to be from an existing financial institution, approaches students with the offer of quick and easy financial aid awards in exchange for their debit card and pin number. Shortly after handing over his card

and information, a fraudulent check is deposited into the student's bank account and the student's funds are drained.

The representative of the bank who contacted Sinclair said at least two Sinclair students have been identified as falling prey to the scam. He also said the consequences of the scam go

beyond just a depleted bank account, and that the cardholder could also be held responsible for depositing a fraudulent check.

"Do not give your debit card and pin number out to anybody — for any reason," he said.

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The art of transferring

Stephanie Thompson
Reporter

With seven more weeks left in the semester and graduation right around the corner, degrees and transfers to universities are underway.

Joyce Haywood, senior academic advisor, said it's important to have a plan so Sinclair Community College can work with you.

"First of all, [students] preparing to transfer, what we ask generally is number one what college or university are they transferring to, but secondly what is their major," Haywood said. "Now for those students who have an idea as to what they want to major in, when they transfer to the university we can actually design and map out their program so that when they do transfer, they graduate from Sinclair and then they have junior status."

She said meeting with an academic advisor is important in the transfer process.

There are two academic advising centers. Students who have taken less than 12 semester hours go to the First Year Academic Center. After a student has completed 12 semester hours, they go to the Academic Advising Center.

The location of the institution a student wants to transfer to also needs to be considered, as the state of Ohio has the Ohio transfer module.

"We have what you call the Ohio transfer module," she said. "That means if the student does not plan to complete a degree at Sinclair, they are able to complete around 54 to 60 hours of courses and it's mandatory that the receiving institution accept those classes."

For students planning on transferring out of state, Haywood said to first make sure they will accept Sinclair's credits.

"Sinclair is nationally known. I work with students all the time who are transferring to other states in the country, pretty much what we ask those students to do is to verify that they will accept Sinclair's credits," she said.

Haywood says having a goal will help students succeed.

"I would recommend students to have a clear objective prior to going to a university and I think when they have a clear objective, they are more successful and that can even apply here at the community college. Now because there are students who are undecided maybe a year maybe even two years we can work with those students but by the time you get to a university you really need to have a clear cut goal," Haywood said.

For students planning on transferring, Sinclair will be holding a transfer fair on March 20.

During the fair, more than 50 four year institutions will be represented and available to answer student's questions.



Joyce Haywood, Senior Academic Advisor, helps students transfer without problems.

WOMEN IN COMBAT VETERANS SERVICES DISCUSSES THE CHANGES

Whitney Vickers
Editor-in-Chief

Women have recently been granted the right to fight in combat. With that change, debate has sparked over whether it's right or wrong.

Sally Caspers, who served in the Air Force and is the coordinator for the Office of Veteran Services at Sinclair Community College said although she has never been in a combat situation, she feels the military has never suffered by allowing more people to contribute in any way.

"People who want to contribute, should get to contribute if they can do the work," she said. "Not every woman will want to and not every woman will be able to, but I don't think that's the argument being made. I think the argument being made is if they can and they want to, they should be able to. Because who knows what skills you might be missing out on and it's an acknowledgment on the way war has changed."

Some men feel the same way.

"We're just naturally a patriotic country and we're definitely protective of women, but if you're getting paid the same thing I'm getting paid and that's what you want to do, drive on," Brett Mack, an assistant in the VA work study student and retired veteran said.

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Juried Art Show showcases student work

Jennifer Franer
News Editor

The Juried Art Show at Sinclair Community College gives Fine Art students an opportunity to showcase the work being produced in their program.

"It demonstrates the types of concepts, issues and materials used by the Art Program here," Gallery Coordinator Pat McClelland said. "It's an opportunity for the students to have actual professional experience exhibiting their work."

Fine Art students can submit work they have created in up to seven different categories if they choose. The categories include painting, printmaking, drawing, collage, photography, sculpture and ceramics. However, only two entries in each category are allowed.

Students can submit work created anytime within the last year if they have taken an art class at Sinclair during that time.

"It's a competitive process and only about half of the work submitted gets in the show," McClelland said. "It gives them a chance to see that they don't always get selected."

The work submitted that appears in the show will be selected by an outside

juror.

The juror this year is Charles Kanwischer, who teaches painting and drawing. He received his MFA degree from Yale University in 1987 for painting and printmaking.

"It's a way to develop professionalism," McClelland said. "For students who get into the show, it becomes a line on their resume that they had work exhibited in a professional gallery."

All the work that is submitted must be ready to hang.

"The work has to be exhibition ready," McClelland said. "It has to be framed like it would be going into a professional gallery."

The Annual Exhibition will be on display from March 20 through April 9.

"[The exhibit] is open to the public and anyone can come," McClelland said.

An announcement for the show is sent out to those on the gallery mailing list. To get on the list, send your name and street address to McClelland via email.

McClelland has been gallery coordinator for seven years and enjoys the diversity that comes with each show.

For more information, contact McClelland at Pat.McClelland@sinclair.edu.



Jennifer Franer | Clarion Staff
The Juried Art Show, held in Building 13, offers students a way to showcase work they have done at Sinclair at any time during the past year.

Although the Juried Art Show only happens once a year, the Triangle Gallery, located on the fourth floor of Building 13, is open year-round.

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March 19

Sinclair Talks:
Transfer Series: University of Dayton
Library Loggia, 10 to 11 a.m.

March 19

Sinclair Talks:
Bullying
Library Loggia, 10 to 11 a.m.

March 20 — April 9

Annual Juried Art Show
Burnell R. Roberts Triangle, Hypotenuse and
Works on Paper Gallery, Building 13, Fourth Floor.

March 20

Sinclair Talks:
**New Academic Programs: So you
want to work with Animals: Vet Tech**
Library, Room L21, 10 to 11 a.m.

March 20

International Series:
Cuba
Building 8 Stage Area, noon to 1 p.m.

March 21

Sinclair Talks:
The Power of your Intentions
Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.

March 21

Sinclair Talks:
The Power of your Intentions
Building 2, Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.

March 22

Sinclair Talks:
Take a Break and Re-Energize Yourself
Building 2, Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.

March 26

Sinclair Talks:
**The Alternative Spring Break Experi-
ence: Service Learning & Leadership**
Library Loggia, 10 to 11 a.m.

March 26

Sinclair Talks:
Human Trafficking
Library Loggia, noon to 1 p.m.

March 27

Sinclair Talks:
Exploring Appalachian Culture
Building 7, Room L21, 10 to 11 a.m.

March 27

Sinclair Talks:
Godspell
Library Loggia, noon to 1 p.m.

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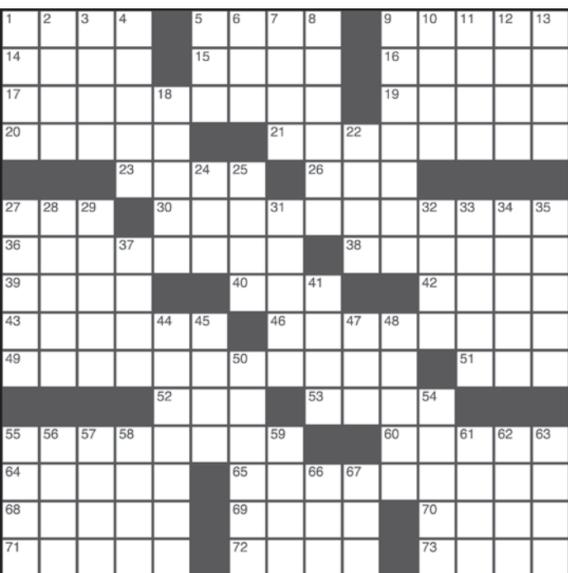
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Although there is no prize to win, please send your responses to clarion@sinclair.edu.

Be sure to include "Campus Spotter" in the subject line of your email to ensure a quick and timely response.



crosswordpuzzle



ACROSS

- 1 PC screens largely replaced by LCDs
- 5 Exchange goodbyes
- 9 Breed, as salmon
- 14 Ghostly glow
- 15 "Nothin' doin'!"
- 16 "Dallas" matriarch
- 17 Sleight-of-hand scam
- 19 Cold temperatures
- 20 Fountain of Rome
- 21 Levies on smokes and booze
- 23 Prefix with present
- 26 Playfully shy
- 27 Houston of Texas
- 30 Agenda item
- 36 World's largest rainforest
- 38 Pearl Jam singer Eddie
- 39 Early whirlybird, for short
- 40 Winding curve
- 42 Body wash brand
- 43 Dressy ties
- 46 Mariachi's headwear
- 49 Filmed like most of today's films
- 51 Hyphenated ID
- 52 Fair-hiring abbr.
- 53 Wax-wrapped cheese
- 55 Alphabet soup, so to speak
- 60 Have an inkling
- 64 Abrasive mineral
- 65 Fight fiercely to the end
- 68 Barely burn
- 69 Continental cash
- 70 Armory supply, and a hint to the starts of 17-, 30-, 49- and 65-Across
- 71 Left one's seat
- 72 Slight impression
- 73 Author Uris

Down

- 1 Plaster bandage
- 2 Essen's region
- 3 "Magic ___ House": kiddie lit series
- 4 Battleship barrage
- 5 Curly-tailed pooch
- 6 "So that's what that means!"
- 7 Caribbean liquors
- 8 It might be broken at a party
- 9 Prepare some letterpress printing
- 10 Appeal
- 11 Author Haley
- 12 Bistro beverage
- 13 Stack's role in "The Untouchables"
- 18 "How low can you go?" competition
- 22 Grounding rule, perhaps
- 24 Convent resident
- 25 "On second thought, that's not true"
- 27 Long stories
- 28 Pennsylvania Mennonites
- 29 Call before "Polo!"
- 31 Dogie catcher
- 32 Reminder to take out the trash?
- 33 Fritters away time
- 34 Gets within a stone's throw of
- 35 Check for size
- 37 Type of baggy '40s suit
- 41 One and only
- 44 Colored, hippie-style
- 45 Snooty sort
- 47 '60s chic
- 48 "The Godfather" hoodlum Luca
- 50 Discontinued
- 54 Lead or zinc
- 55 Military chow hall
- 56 "You're looking at the one and only"
- 57 Strange: Pref.
- 58 Therefore
- 59 Scrapbook adhesive
- 61 Alaskan seaport
- 62 Osaka wrestler
- 63 Henry VI's school
- 66 Spigoted server
- 67 Came down with

sodukupuzzle



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 column's 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 anywhere else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

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CRISTAL GONZALES

Birch Cooper

Contributing Writer

If you request help from an IT assistant while using one of the many computers in the library, it's possible you may get that help from Venezuela native Cristal Gissel Gonzalez. When she's not in classes working toward her degree in

computer science, 20-year-old Gonzalez is a student worker, paying her way through college. Gonzalez logged in to the Sinclair Community College website looking for work and found a position open for a librarian. She applied, only to find out that the position had already been filled.

However, she was told that she qualified for an open IT position.

"I applied, went and interviewed, took the test and got the job," she said. "I love it, I really love helping people."

Gonzalez and her family were content in her birthplace of Valencia, Venezuela, where her father owned a small business. The family worked together in helping to make it prosperous.

It was during this time that Hugo Chavez rose to power and pushed for centralized government and industry. The Gonzalez family was required to sign a contract with the government, releasing their ownership of the business. Gonzalez's father refused to cooperate and the business was taken from him.

Gonzalez said it was a time of fear and uncertainty. Political dissidents would protest on the street her home was located and many times in the night, shots could be heard as the socialist government sought to silence the voices of protest.

Stripped of their business and fearful for their safety, the Gonzalez family immigrated to the United States and settled in Indiana with members of her extended family that had



Birch Cooper | Photo Contributor

left Venezuela just after Chavez assumed power.

"I was fourteen when we left," she said, remembering the specific date. "It was Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007."

Gonzalez stayed with her aunt and grandfather for a year and a half before her father bought a carpet cleaning business in Lebanon, Ohio, where they live now.

It was a difficult transition for Gonzalez with English as a second language.

"I had studied English in school, but I wasn't a good student," Gonzalez said. "I didn't think I would need it so I didn't apply myself and was close to failing. My mother was pretty mad about that."

She said it came a little easier when she had to use English on a daily basis.

Gonzalez said it was a little unnerving to live here on a work visa.

"I was afraid of being deported," she said.

That fear dissipated in the latter part of 2011, when she and her family were granted residence status. She now eagerly anticipates the day she is granted the rights of citizenship in the United States, a process that she said takes about five years.

On her two years spent at Sinclair, Gonzalez said she loves the school, her teachers and classmates.

"Knowledge is priceless," she said. "Always do your best, as long as you are, you win."

daytonevents

March 19-20

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament: First Four - Sessions 1—2

University of Dayton
Prices vary, purchase online at stubhub.com, event starts at 7 p.m.

March 21

Haywood Banks

Comedy Show
Wiley's Comedy Club, price ranges from \$15 — 20, 7:30 p.m.

March 22

ArtStreet Friday Film Series

Films are shown each Friday that are focused on ArtStreet's Global Challenge. University of Dayton, ArtStreet Studio B at 8 p.m. Free

March 23

Dayton Heart Ball

Black-tie affair with dining, music and an auction. All contributions go toward biomedical research and education. Sinclair Ponitz Center, Building 12, 6 p.m.

March 24

Afternoon Musicales

McCutcheon Music Showcase Concert. Dayton Art Institute from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Museum members and children under 17 have free admission, \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior and student non-members.

This calendar contains information obtained from activedayton.com

clarioncorrections

In the March 12 issue, the story "International Series educates students on Cuba," contained two misspellings. Colombia was spelled as Columbia and Paul Carbonaro's name was misspelled as Cabonaro. We apologize for the errors.

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Keeping an eye out for scams at Sinclair

Student Scam continued from Front

Although he could not verify the occurrence of this specific scam on Sinclair's Dayton campus, the bank representative said no legitimate banker would ever merely need one's debit card and pin number in order to grant financial aid to a student.

President of the Student Government Association Brandon Whitehorn was quick to notify others of the possible trap, and said he's concerned about his fellow students.

"My hope is that people spread the word, so this doesn't happen to other Sinclair students," Whitehorn said. "It's as easy as keeping your debit card in your pocket."

Sinclair Police Chief Charles Gift offered the following tips from the Sinclair Department of Public Safety's fraud precau-

- tions:
- Always do some research and know who you are dealing with.
 - Never give out your social security or credit card number.
 - Don't send money to strangers, wiring money is essentially the same as sending cash.
 - Regularly check your bank statements.
 - There is always risks involved when investing. Don't allow others the ability to deposit money into your account.
 - Don't reply to messages requesting personal or financial information.
 - Steer clear of foreign lotteries.
- "If whatever someone is asking you to do seems too good to be true, it usually is too good to be true – so, don't do it," Gift said.
- Gift said if someone believes

he is the victim of a scam, contact the police department within the jurisdiction in which the scam occurred. He added if the scam occurred on Sinclair's campus or on a Sinclair computer, contact Sinclair Campus Police by calling 937-512-2700 or visiting the Dispatch Office in Building 7, Room 112.

"The Sinclair Police are very concerned about any crimes that may occur on campus. Our main responsibility is to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for students, faculty and staff," Gift said. "If somebody sees something, they should say something and contact the police."

Gift said Sinclair's Dayton campus is considered the safest location within the city of Dayton.

If you have any information regarding the possible scam, please contact the Campus Police at (937)512-2700.

Females on the Frontlines and the Office of Veteran's Affairs at Sinclair

Frontlines continued from Front



Whitney Vickers | Clarion Staff

Plaques for each branch of the U.S. Military are proudly displayed in the Office of Veteran Services at Sinclair. The office is located in Building 10, Room 324.

Caspers feels that it's a shift in thinking.

"Instead of it being a 'no' all the time and finding exceptions, it's a 'yes' unless the unit can say why not," she said.

She feels that it's dangerous not to acknowledge that women are in combat.

"Let's admit women are in combat, at least at some level, so they are trained and equipped so that they don't come into harms way," she said. "I really think it's more dangerous to not admit it, at least at some level, because then they're unprepared. They're a danger to themselves and they could be a

danger to their teammates that expect them to contribute."

Caspers said with the recent law change, women serving in combat can now receive recognition for performing above and beyond. Women will also have the chance to move up in the ranks.

"It's possible," she said. "Doesn't mean it's going to happen or it needs to happen. It's just possible."

Caspers said for anyone who has been touched by the military life — whether it's by previously serving, being a spouse or child of someone who served or is currently serving, the Office of Veteran Services is there to help.

"We try and do our job well so that we're giving accurate information the first time and we're thinking about what trouble the student might run into down the line instead of having them come back several times," she said. "But we're also a safe space to come in and ask the question you think you ought to know and you don't."

Mac said the most beneficial aspect of the office is the information they provide.

"We're just a rolling information center," he said.

The office is located in Building 10, Room 3024. For more information, call the office at 512-2745.

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New Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs office

Jennifer Franer
News Editor

Anthony Cruz is the new vice president of the Enrollment Management and Student Affairs office at Sinclair Community College.

He came from Cincinnati State, where he served as dean of enrollment and Student Services.

"The last seven or eight years, I've dedicated my career to community colleges, primarily working in student services, student affairs and retention programs," Cruz said.

Cruz was looking for a position where he could become a better advocate for students and the issues they face in a community college.

"As a dean, [previously] I did not report directly to the president, I reported to the vice president," Cruz said. "I was not on the president's cabinet and in this position I am fortunate enough to be on the cabinet."

When student issues come up, Cruz is now able to feel that he can communicate more directly than he was able to in the past.

He believes improvement is possible within Sinclair regarding completion rates and student engagement and he wants to see positive changes within the time he spends at Sinclair.

"There are things that we all can work on," Cruz said. "It's not going to happen just within the division of enrollment management and student affairs, it really has to go across divisions."



Jennifer Franer | Clarion Staff

Anthony Cruz, the new Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs office, previously worked at Cincinnati State, where he was the dean of enrollment and Student Services.

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— Anthony Cruz
Vice President
Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

Cruz likes that he can collaborate with other divisions to make the college experience better for students.

One of the changes that Cruz is working on is creating what will be called an "Enrollment Center" for new students in the future.

"On the first floor of [Building 10] is the Admissions Office and then we have Enrollment

Services on the fourth floor," Cruz said. "What we are going to do is combine those two into one."

Admissions will no longer be on the first floor, but on the fourth floor, where Enrollment Services is located to make the transition into college easier for new students.

"A new prospective student will get through the time they apply through orientation on the fourth floor," Cruz said. "It's a way of centralizing our services to make it a little bit easier."

On a day-to-day basis, Cruz believes his biggest job is advocating for students.

"Whether I'm in the community or here at the college, I need to make sure that I am advocating for students," he said. "I'm really happy to be here and I've got a lot of work to do, but a lot of positive changes will come about."

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Visual Communications alumni offer words of advice

Whitney Vickers
Editor-in-Chief

Students graduating with a degree in Visual Communications have the opportunity to transfer their degree or go straight into the workforce in marketing, advertising, design, printing or entrepreneurship.

For 2007 graduate Shannon Thomas, this is just what he did.

While attending Sinclair Community College for Printing Technologies, he started working for Oregon Printing.

For the next six years, he moved up in the company to eventually become the bindery and logistics manager. However, he left the company three years ago to open his own business called Four Ambition.

He said his business focuses on design and embroidery, as well as poster screen and apparel printing.

Thomas Kettlehake, a 2002 Visual Communications graduate, decided to continue his education at the University of Dayton, where he is currently earning his bachelors degree and is working as a digital imaging

specialist. He said he is planning to teach part-time at Sinclair next fall, but hopes to eventually teach full time.

Kettlehake said he was not the traditional student because in 2000, he earned his GED.

He said he had a total career change at 38 years old, as he went from filling jets with fuel to graphic design.

He said while in school, it's important not to get discouraged and to find your flow and rhythm.

In addition, Kettlehake said it's important to get a job in your desired career field — even if it means taking a pay cut.

He said when he started working as a digital imaging specialist, he took a \$4 hourly pay cut.

Although he said he has earned raises and has collected back what he lost with the pay cut, it's important to go into a field that you love because if you do, you'll never work a day in your life.

"[Design] teaches students how to think about problem solving, the research that you do before problem solving; it's a specific way of thinking,



Shannon Thomas, a 2007 Visual Communications graduate, worked in the field while taking classes and eventually opened his own business. Thomas Kettlehake graduated in 2002 and is working to complete his bachelors degree at the University of Dayton.



Thomas Kettlehake, Shannon Thomas | Photo Contributions

critical thinking," Sheri Rethman, Visual Communications Department chair said. "There's a design process and professionalism. Even if they don't end up in design, they do end up with a lot of transferable skills to other occupations."

She said it's important to network while attending classes — even if it means volunteering or interning.

"Just work hard," she said. "It's a competitive field and the

economy's not great, but if you really love it, it won't seem like work — but it does take dedication and commitment."

In addition, Thomas said to go the extra mile with your work and to make connections and form relationships with individuals who are in the field.

"Portfolio is everything when going for a job, so give everything you have to it and be as well rounded as you can be," Thomas said.

Sinclair's Young Americans for Liberty club looking to start



Whitney Vickers | Clarion Staff

The Young Americans for Liberty Club hosts meetings on the last Monday of each month.

Stephanie Thompson
Reporter

A chapter of the Young Americans for Liberty club is trying to get started this semester at Sinclair Community College.

Charter Club President Joshua Hail said the club is still in the formation process.

"We've only had one meeting at this point, so we're still in the forming status," Hail said. "At this point, we have eight members and we need two more for official recognition from the school; which hopefully by the time our next meeting comes around, we hope to obtain those members."

The mission statement of Young Americans for Liberty is "to identify, educate, train and mobilize youth activists committed to 'winning on principle.' Our goal is to cast the leaders of tomorrow and reclaim the policies, candidates and direction of our government."

Hail wants the student body to know that there are multiple options when it comes to politics.

"I started it because I felt that the student body and the campus needs to know that we have other options besides just

Democrat or Republican, that the political spectrum isn't just black and white," Hail said.

Daniel Bloomingdale, Charter Vice President of the forming club said it could give people the chance to educate themselves on other political parties.

"[The club] could be really informative and [will] really give people a real chance to explore their actual political views, because in current society all we have are either your right or your left but really there's a lot in between. There's a lot of Centralists, there's a lot of Libertarians — there's a lot of people that aren't voting for candidates they really like," Bloomingdale said.

The club has no official affiliation with a specific political party.

"We're not Republican, we're not Democrat, we're not Libertarian; we're just a group of individuals trying to educate people and inform people. We don't support any candidates or anything like [that]," Hail said.

The club meets the last Monday of every month. Contact Young Americans for Liberty at SinclairsYAL@yahoo.com, for more information.

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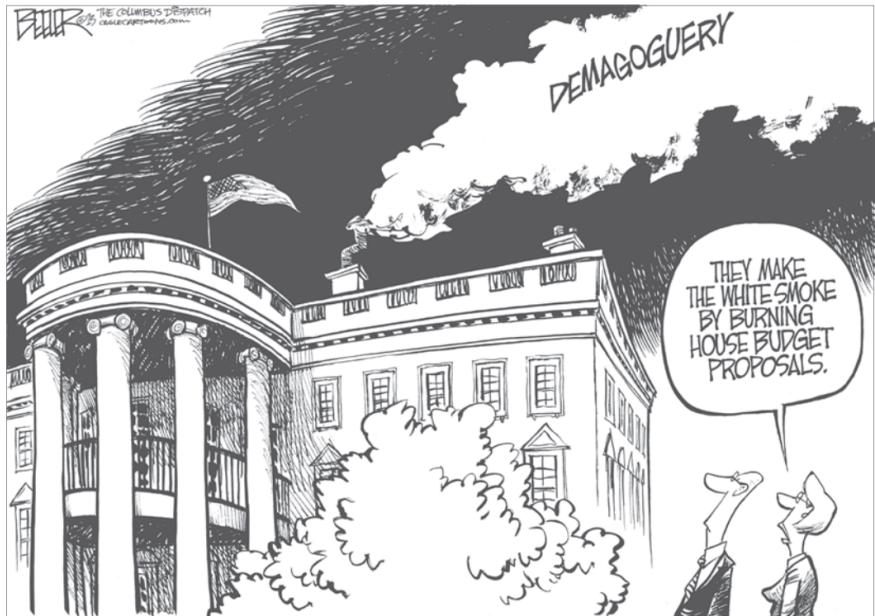
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Dianna Metcalfe
Accounting

"I kind of have to think of my own history. I used to have to do accounting on ledgers before computers had been invented. Computers have been a tremendous help. They make things more efficient. The development of technology in general is important."



John Ocampo
Nursing

"I'm trying to think of a really awesome answer... The discovery of electricity! There you go."



Alex Knouse
Computer Electronics

"Establishment of U.S., just to prove that it's still possible to form a new civilization under new rules and not to conform to old ideas from Europe."



Daniel Lumpkin
American Sign Language

"When aliens made first contact in Roswell in 1947, for humanity to survive it must expand into space."

Internet piracy getting worse

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

The new Copyright Alert System that recently went into effect is a weak response to the rampant Internet theft of music, films, games and television programs. But it's better than doing nothing to combat the wrongheaded assertion that intellectual property should be free to anyone who can grab it.

Artists deserve to be compensated for their efforts and so should the companies that take risks to promote and distribute their work. Stealing songs and movies to pass among friends or to sell in a black market robs the originators of their incomes.

Online file-swapping has so damaged the music industry that this is the first time since 1999 that it has seen a tiny increase in revenue. More than a decade ago, the industry shut down Napster's free file-sharing service and created inexpensive and easily downloaded music files. But it hasn't fully solved the theft problem.

In fact, the Irdeto security firm told the Wall Street Journal that the 5.4 billion instances of pirated content that it detected online in 2009 mushroomed to 14 billion last year. Independent film distributor Kathy Wolfe said she lost more than \$3 million in 2012 as a result of stolen content.

Under the new alert system, the five largest Internet service providers — Comcast, Verizon,

AT&T, Cablevision and Time Warner Cable — will search peer-to-peer sharing websites to determine if copyrighted material is being used without permission. Other smaller ISPs are expected to join in. When someone illegally sharing a song or movie is found, he will be issued a series of six warnings aimed at stopping him.

The Center for Copyright Infringement, which is coordinating the new system, said service providers won't monitor users' Internet traffic, which should allay fears about an invasion of privacy.

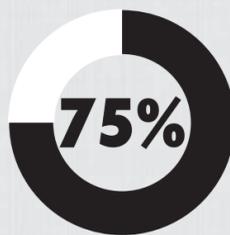
The warnings start with mild e-mail alerts that assume the violator may not know that what he is doing amounts to theft. If subsequent notices are ignored, a provider can slow down the violator's Internet service for 48 hours. There are no repercussions after that, although it's possible that information provided by the alert system could be used to file lawsuits against content thieves.

The alert system is aimed at educating, rather than punishing, consumers. But the light approach may prove too lenient to be effective. The threat of litigation might discourage massive pirating by large-scale operations. But slowing down a 14-year-old's Internet speed for two days may not be enough to deter him from downloading first-run movies and music on his laptop to share with his

Piracy In Numbers



of computers have at least one downloaded illegal application



of softwares running in the world are illegally downloaded



Information compiled by infographicsarchive.com

friends.

It may be that the real value of the alert system will be to provide enough information to come up with an even better

idea to stop theft. Internet pirates keep inventing ways around security systems. Their victims have to figure out how to stay a step ahead.

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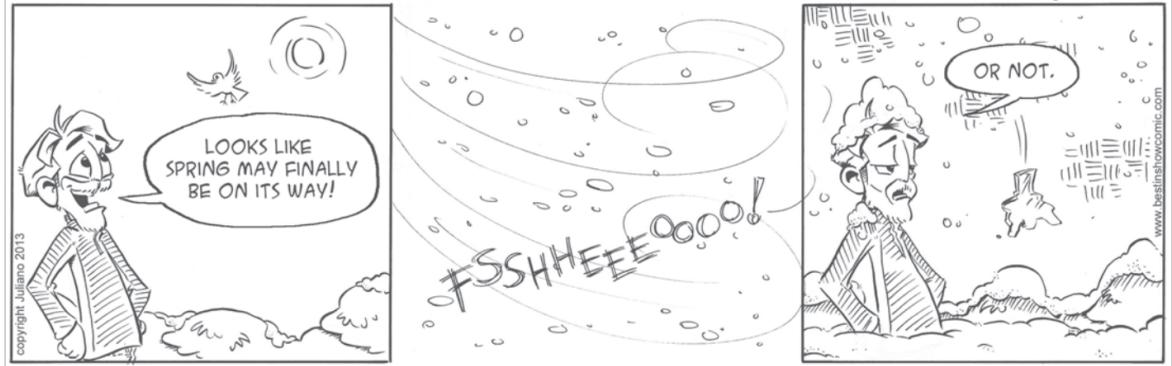
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Sinclair Men's Basketball Pulls Through Rough Season

Lashay Young
Reporter

Sinclair Community College's men's basketball team fought through their season with high and low moments as any other team. However, their strength did not go unnoticed by the people watching them closely. Jeff Price, head basketball coach, was impressed with the group of young men and how they came together to finish out the season, referring to them as "a really good group of guys."

The season had a rough start in the beginning with losing a couple of scholarship players in the first few games. Price was impressed with how the team rebounded from that set back and their ability to get things done. The team made it through and ended the season with a 16-14

record, two of the wins being part of the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference. Price said even with the trouble in the beginning, they came out to play every single night.

According to Price, the Tartan's had a strong pre-season scrimmaging with two National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II teams — Fairmont State and University of Indianapolis. During the season there were nail biters, such as their away wins over Columbus State Community College and Edison Community College, both in over time that showed the team's strength.

"We didn't win some of the ball games I thought we were going to win, but I think they learned," Price said.

He refers to the team as a "learned group" that came out

better at the end of the season than when they started.

"They never gave up and they stayed with us — every pregame, I looked in their eyes they were ready to go," Price said.

The overall goal of the men's basketball program is not only to win games, but to be good student athletes.

A mission statement the team follows, goes by the three C's, which is to be good in the classroom, participate in community service and compete well.

Price proudly states that on average, four out of five guys go on to four year schools in the 10 years he has been here. Many of his former players come back wanting to help in some way because of what they got out of playing at Sinclair.

"We put you in classes that will transfer, not just keep you eligible," Price said.



The Sinclair men's basketball team finished their season with a 16-14 record. Coach Jeff Price said that on average, four out of five players go on to four year schools.

The players this season have held that up with not losing anyone academically and staying on pace to transfer.

Price views his job as getting players from point A to point

as soon as possible with the latter being ready to go to a four year school. In and out of this past season, it was said that the group are "good character guys," fighting through the adversity in

the beginning and coming out stronger from it.

For more information on the men's basketball program, visit <http://sinclair.edu/athletics/MensBasketball/>.

Sinclair baseball and softball seasons in full swing

Daniel Deaton
Reporter

The Sinclair Community College baseball and softball teams are taking full swing this season.

The baseball team has been plagued with bad weather and injuries, but are exerting tartan pride and looking to toughen up while going into the mid-season.

In addition, the softball team looks to make a name for themselves and prove that a 21 year absence will not stigmatize its revival.

Steve Dintaman, head coach of the Sinclair baseball team, is going into his sixth season and is embracing the opportunity for yet another conference championship run.

"I'm honored to be the coach here," he said.

Dintaman gave praise to his players and coaching staff.

"We have a good system here," he said. "We have a great assistant coaching staff and we were able to get a great recruiting class of players. Guys that can play at the highest level division one and division two baseball."

Which is something Dintaman and his coaching staff care about.

"We want to be a part of the

journey and where these players want to go with baseball," he said

Weather has not been kind to the Sinclair Tartans as of lately; with several cancellations, rescheduled games in addition to complications as to where they will practice, the Tartans have still refused to become complacent.

Dintaman understands this has been a challenge for his team and staff, but knows how hard his team is working every practice and every game since the beginning of the season.

"It's been a slow start. We've had a lot of injuries earlier in the season, but we are healthy now. We've probably won the games we were supposed to win and we've lost some games we were supposed to lose," Dintaman said.

Scott Haag, a pitcher for the Tartan Pride, is a sophomore transfer from south eastern Illinois and knows how much potential this team is capable of producing.

"Our team has all the potential in the world. I mean, we just have to do it," Haag said.

Haag feels strongly about the group of players he is surrounded by and would not have it any other way. "Everybody loves everybody; it's basically a brotherhood. It's not like one



Although the Women's softball team has been absent since 1991, softball head coach Steve Beachler said he's anxious to get the team out on the field to show what they're all about.

person standing over here. It's everybody standing here together," Haag said.

Ben Herlihy, a freshman infielder from Centerville High School, agrees with Haag.

"This is the best baseball team I've ever been on. It should be, because we're a college team," he said.

Herlihy said his teammates are very good when it comes to playing on the diamond.

"Every player on this team was a good player at their high school and it's cool to learn from everyone and find your place on the team," he said.

With well-known opponents such as Potomac State and Parkland Community College

coming up in the next couple of weeks, the Tartan Pride looks to get in gear to start conference play beginning March 22. "These next two weekends will definitely determine where we are heading into the conference season. This is the team that can do it. The goal at the end of year is to be in the World Series and I don't see why not," Dintaman said.

While men's baseball is in full swing at the moment, the women's softball team is firing on all cylinders, prepping for the revival of a program that has been in the shadows since 1991, while beholding the ability to shine on such great heights of athletic will and



The Tartan baseball team looks to start conference games on March 22.

dedication.

Last year, Steven Beachler was named new head coach of the women's softball team.

A former assistant varsity coach for softball at Miami-burg High School, Beachler is not timid about what it takes to be a head coach of a junior college team like Sinclair's.

"It's a great opportunity, considering there has not been a softball team playing at an intercollegiate level since 1991," he said.

Beachler is anxious to get his team out on the field and show what they're all about.

"These players are dedicated and chomping on the bit to prove themselves," he said.

Sinclair's lapse in time between 1991 and the beginning of the 2012 season seems unburdened at the moment with its new head coach.

"It's a great opportunity to put Sinclair on the right track and women's softball on top," Beachler said.

Did you make it to these events?

On March 13, Sinclair Community College was the home to several student oriented events, such as a bookstore sale, Multicultural Health Fair and the Phi Theta Kappa blood drive, among others.

Did you happen to make it to any of these events?



March Madness bookstore sale



Multicultural Health Fair



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