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Campus Ministries celebrates 50 years



Gabrielle Sharp Managing Editor

Dayton Ministries in Higher Education (DMHE) is celebrating its 50th year as a place to welcome and support a variety of religious faiths and traditions on campus.

DMHE is a non-profit organization that provides a place of support to observe faith, along with furthering a deeper connection to traditions and religions. According to sinclaircampusministry. org, The ministry has evolved over four decades, while keeping a connection with DMHE to focus on challenging minds and hearts, along with welcoming people of all religious faiths and providing a resource for spiritual nurture.

David Bodary, professor of communication, said students are able to embrace each other's differences and can also have the opportunity to learn about other

"It's that idea that we are better together," Bodary said.

He said there is a Better Together Campaign, that DMHE gives attention to that is focused on believing that faith and philosophies can unite people. Before becoming a member of DMHE, students, faculty and staff must sign the Better Together Pledge.

"It's an international campaign trying to help people recognize, as people of faith or people that don't [subscribe] to a particular faith that we're all better together," Bodary said. "April 14 is Better Together Day."

He said Aaron Saari, Interfaith Campus Minister, worked on finding a prayer space for students on campus that will give members of DMHE a private place to observe prayer without drawing unnecessary attention to them-

In honor of celebrating 50 years of supporting interfaith, DMHE is hosting a silent auction. The fundraising event will be held in Building 2, room 334, on April 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bodary said he thinks there is a relationship between student's academic performance and spirituality. He said many times when people realize their path doesn't mesh well with their beliefs, then they tend to change directions.

"We know there is a connection between our academic lives, and our personal and work lives," Bodary said. "If things are out of balance then it's going to affect my ability to focus and to study, and to learn."

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SINCLAIR JUKADO ALIVE **AND KICKING AT 40**



Medals and trophies that have been won over the years are on display at the Dojo.

Jason Sedy

Copy Editor

2015 marks the 40th anniversary of martial arts at Sinclair Community College. Sinclair Jukado Instructor Maurice Evans said that that almost certainly makes martial arts one of the longest-running athletic programs at Sinclair.

During that period of time, over 15,000 students have trained at Sinclair, and Sinclair's dojo has won tournaments, gold medals and national championships from Dayton to Disney World to Moscow.

Master Evans, who currently heads Sinclair's Jukado martial arts program, told the Clarion that he has been studying martial arts for 38 years and has been teaching at Sinclair for over 25

Evans said that he began practicing martial arts at a young age, and that when he was a boy he often saved up his lunch money to pay for martial arts lessons.

"I got into [martial arts] in elementary or junior high school, and when I was old enough to come to Sinclair I started [studying martial arts] here," Evans said.

Evans graduated from Sinclair with a liberal arts degree in 1985. He said he continued on to Central State and then Central Michigan University, where he completed his master's in human resources.

Evans told the Clarion that the first martial arts class was held at Sinclair in 1975 when Shunji



Jukado students stick fighting

Hashimoto started teaching Go-Shin-Do in Building 8. Evans said that Go-Shin-Do means "my own style" in Japanese, and is a combination of Judo, Karate and Aikido.

These days, Evans, along with fellow black belt instructors Debra Southard, Kirt Fourman, Linh Vuong, Kenneth Bailey, Greg Segda and Jason Stamm teach a similar style of martial arts called Jukado.

Evans said that Judo consists mostly of throws and grappling; Karate is mostly striking and kicking; and Aikido is "the circular motions; what you see in the Steven Seagal movies."

"We show you techniques to defend yourself," Evans said. "Hundreds and hundreds of techniques."

Evans shared anecdotes of students who have been victims of attempted attacks or robberies. In every story, the student prevailed when they employed the Jukado techniques that they learned in the Sinclair martial arts program.

Evans said that during his years of teaching martial arts at Sinclair, more than a dozen students have been attacked by would-be robbers—and at least seven of those intended victims were female.

According to Evans, they all left their attackers "laying in the parking lot" afterward.

Evans said that due to the nature of the techniques in Jukado, women tend to excel somewhat more than men in the martial arts program.

Evans also said that approximately 30 percent of Sinclair Jukado students are women.

Sensei Debra Southard said that she started practicing martial arts at Sinclair in 1997, and became Evans' first female student to earn

When Southard began teaching martial arts 10 years ago, she taught a women's self-defense class. She told the Clarion that she agrees with Evans that women tend to excel in the Jukado classes.

"I think it's because guys try to think of martial arts as [being] all about strength ... and women think of it more seriously as selfdefense," Southard said. "Plus

[women] are usually more flexible."

A quick look around is all it takes to see that both male and female martial artists in Sinclair's dojo are serious about self-defense.

According to Master Evans, at least five of Sinclair's past martial arts instructors are in the Black Belt Hall of Fame, and two have been on the U.S. Olympic Judo team. Additionally, two Sinclair black belts were on the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union team.

"We have placed people in first, second and third [in tournaments," Evans said.

Indeed, the front foyer of "The Beast," Evans' off-campus dojo, displays dozens of medals and trophies that testify to the favorable results of those tournaments.

The Beast, also known as "The House of Excellence," is Evans' personal dojo at his residence in Dayton, where advanced-level Sinclair Jukado students meet every Friday after school for a free martial-arts workout.

Some years ago, Sinclair's Jukado students and instructors all pitched in to remodel a space in one of Evans' garages as a way to honor their sensei. The birth of The Beast marked the 35th anniversary of martial arts at Sinclair.

Evans said that that the offcampus sessions are for the more serious and dedicated students, and at The House of Excellence, those students will learn things that are not taught at the Sinclair dojo—like how to use weapons in a fight.

Master Evans' gregarious first impression might not lead you to guess at his extensive fighting skill. However, when you step into the House of Excellence, you immediately get the sense that this group means business.

The first things you see when you step through the front door of The Beast are trophies, medals and old Clarion stories about Sinclair's martial arts program. One of the old Clarion headlines from 1982 reads: "Sinclair karate team explodes at state championship."

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Tartan Pride plays hardball



Jimmy White, 28, of the Sinclair Tartans

steps up to the plate during the game on April 1.

Matt Summers

Reporter

The Tartan Pride swept their conference rival Owens CC behind solid pitching, but snapped their 14-game winning streak as Vincennes University handed them their first loss since March 14 against Kellogg CC.

The first of four games against Owens resulted in a 6-3 victory for the Pride with Mitch Asman on the mound, giving up eight hits, three runs and three strikeouts in a seven-inning complete game. The Pride came back from being a run down in the fifth inning and never looked back when Alec Turner came through with an RBI single that scored the speedy Alex Young

The second game was all about Alex Anders as he pitched seven shutout innings, giving up only two hits, one walk and eight strikeouts. However, it was a tight game because the Pride could only muster up two hits of their own, but they made their two hits count as Alex Young had an RBI single in the fifth and had a run of his own. Alex Young also had two stolen bases in the game, and has 26 stolen bases in the 23 games he has played so far. Young also has seven games where he has stolen two or more bases. The most bases he has stolen so far in a game is five which came against Grand Rapids. As a result of him being able to steal bases, he leads the team in runs scored with 30.

Game three of the series turned out to be a bit dramatic as the Pride were down three to nothing going into the bottom of the fifth of a seven-inning game. Jimmy White hit a homerun in the seventh and helped the Pride squeeze by with a 4-3 victory

The fourth and final game of the series was anything but close as the Pride exploded for seven runs in the third inning and never looked back. Jimmy White picked up where he left off in game three and knocked in four RBIs on two hits. Pitcher Daniel Sexton threw more than two innings of hitless baseball and struck out four and earned the win. Brody Basilone finished the job, even with allowing four runs in just under four innings. He had a big enough cushion with the Pride winning

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campuscalendar

April 07, 2015 Sinclair Talks: **New Online Degree Options** with Ohio University Library Loggia

noon to 1:00 p.m.

April 07, 2015

Baseball@Home vs. WSU Lake Campus Grady's Field in Xenia 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

April 08, 2015 Sinclair Talks: Women's History Month

> Celebration Building 2, 2-334 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

April 08, 2015 Sinclair Talks: Substance Abuse Building 2, Room 2-334 noon to 1:00 p.m.

April 08, 09, 10, &11, 2015

Sinclair Theatre presents Songs for a New World Black Box Theatre, Building 2

Showing Wednesday 7:00 p.m to 9:30 p.m. Thursday 7:00 p.m to 9:30 p.m Friday 8:00 p.m to 10:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.

April 09, 2015 Sinclair Talks: Internships for STEM Majors

> Building 2, Room 2-334 noon to1:00 p.m.

April 10, 2015 Sinclair Talks: Poem in Your Pocket Library 2nd floor, Loggia 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ARAMARK MENU FOR APRIL 6 - 10,

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
SIMMER	Turkey Chili	Turkey Chili	Turkey Chili	Turkey Chili	Turkey Chili	
SIMMER 2	Chicken & Okra Creole Soup Broccoli Cheddar Soup	Beef Noodle Soup low sodium Broccoli Cheddar Soup	Beef Noodle Soup Vegetable Orzo Soup	Chipotle Chicken Torti- lla Soup Vegetable Orzo Soup	Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup Cheddar Cauliflower Soup	
HOME	Chicken Stacker Bowl Far East Crab Cakes Steamed Red Potatoes Homestyle Mashed Potatoes Grilled Zucchini Squash Vegetable Medley	Herbed Turkey With Country Gravy Chicken Cellentani Alfredo Creamy Garlic Mashed Potatoes Szechuan Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans	Zoca Burritos Zoca Rice Bowls Cilantro Lime Rice Southwest Black Beans Broccoli Cauliflower	Zoca Burritos Zoca Rice Bowls Cilantro Lime Rice Southwest Black Beans Green Beans Almondine Spicy Corn & Tomatoes	Asian Wok Plate Choose any 3 items White Rice	
ASIANZONE	Orange Chicken	Drange Chicken Chicken Lo Mein Lemon Chicken Stir F		Mushroom Chicken Stir Fry	Asian Wok Sampler	
PIZZAZONE	Pepperoni & Sausage Calzone	Cheeseburger Pizza	Pesto Chicken Melt	Ham & Swiss Flatbread	Specialty Pizza	
SIZZLE	Turkey Bacon Pretzel Sandwich Melt			Roast Beef & Bacon Ciabatta	Roast Beef & Bacon Ciabatta	
WRAP	Buffalo Blue Cheese Chicken Wrap			Buffalo Blue Cheese Chicken Wrap	Buffalo Blue Cheese Chicken Wrap	

sudokupuzzle

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

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in
- 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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horoscopes

Aries: March 21 – April 19

Your partner is dying of boredom, only he or she is too polite to tell you. Uranus, planet of innovation, urges you to shake things up a bit in the bedroom. If you think you're the world's greatest lover, you could be living in a fantasy world.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20

A moon opposition has you obsessing about superficial stuff. So your boyfriend doesn't have perfect abs or your girlfriend doesn't look like a Playboy model. So what? Don't let Hollywood and the media shape your feelings for your significant other.

Gemini: May 21 – June 21

Venus will be in your sign for several weeks, and this will increase your sexual mojo. If you've been single, you'll find that flirtatious people are suddenly drawn to you. If you're in a relationship, you'll feel greater passion for your lover.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22

There's some pent-up frustration on your part regarding an on again, off again romance. The sun is bringing all that intense emotion to the surface. Maybe you still think that a former flame was the love of your life. Keep exploring until you figure it all out.

Leo: *July 23 – Aug. 22*

Jupiter is going direct in your sign after months in retrograde. This will allow you to move forward again in any area of your life where you have felt blocked. A flirtation that fizzled could pick up again, and a spring romance might be on the menu.

Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Money is on your mind right now as Mars continues to bring momentum to your career. If you've been seeking a way to acquire a bigger savings or pay off debt, you're on the right track. Celebrate your success by treating your honey in some way.

Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

With two planets opposite your sign, you're second guessing yourself. Don't be plagued with doubt. You're doing the right thing, even if it's not paying off in visible ways just yet. In relationships, just focus on being compassionate and kind.

Lipstick Mystic: love forecast By Jennifer Shepherd Distributed by MCT Information Services

Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Venus hasn't been doing you any favors lately. The love planet has been spitting in your general direction, making romantic pursuits feel difficult, if not impossible. This will change in another week. In the meantime, make sure you're taking good care of yourself.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You're in the mood to express yourself, and you'll do so in your usual passionate way. To attract soulmates, it's important to be bold. If people don't see the real you, they won't know your true personality or appreciate your special qualities.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

You might need to push for something or do some trouble shooting within your relationship. Your partner might not understand that you have clear insights about what is best. Mars says find a way to remain strong without coming across as arrogant.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Friendly Venus will soon help you out in the social department. If you've been playing the hermit, now you'll finally be ready to meet people and introduce yourself to others. You'll soon find some like-minded people and maybe a romance or two.

Pisces: *Feb.* 19 – *March* 20

Relationships feel weird, thanks to the sun. Maybe you're not even sure that you want to date anybody or remain loyal to your long-time love. It's OK to keep soul searching. It's important not to lead anybody on if you're just not into the romance.

Garden"

crosswordpuzzle

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51				52						53		

Down

1 Name for five Norwegian

kings 2 Pale purple

3 Actress Burke

4 "__ 13"; movie for Tom Hanks

5 __ Solo; "Star Wars" role 6 "__ Z"; Ben Feldman sitcom

7 Actress Lucy 8 Give up voluntarily

9 "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood

10 __ White; Urkel's portrayer

11 Actress Eden of "The

Middle¹

19 Upper limb

21 "__ Life to Live"

23 __ enough; ironically

24 Mexican mister 25 "Snakes on a __"; Samuel

L. Jackson thriller 29 "Crossing Over with John

30 Singer Frankie and others

31 Hotel

33 Long deep cuts

34 Bilko or Pepper: abbr. 36 Homes in the branches 39 "Anna and the King of _ 41 Actress Amanda 44 Onassis, to friends

38 Frasier's brother

37 "I Never Promised You

45 "__ Race"; film for Whoopi

46 "__ Ventura: Pet Detec-

tive"; Jim Carrey movie

Across

Roth

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4 "Two and __ Men"

9" The __"; Eddie Murphy primetime animated series 12 "__ to Me"; drama for Tim

13 Courtyard 14 Stadium crv

15 "Up __ Night"

16 "__ Own"; Ralph Louis Harris sitcom

17 Suffix for text or percent 18 "__ Attraction"; Glenn Close

film

20 One who's doomed

22 Actor on "Cristela"

26 "America's Next Top __" 27 Sushi bar offering

28 FBI crime lab evidence 29 Role on "The Good Wife" 32 Actress Shelley and her

35 Role on "Blue Bloods" 39 Pigs and hogs

40 "77 Sunset ___' 42 Actor Somerhalder

48 "Car 54, Where __ You?" 49 "Without a ___" 50 "Now You __ Me"; movie for Jesse Eisenberg 51 Short-lived William Fichtner

43 __ Michelle Gellar

47 "Grand __ Opry"

medical drama series 52 Web surfer's stops

53 Suffix for old, cold or bold

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and improve the

and myeloma,

quality of life

of patients and

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Someone is diag-

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raises \$50,000 or more in a set

the Leukemia and Lymphoma

Society nominates six men and

six women to be candidates for

Man and Woman of the Year.

In 2010, Cardona-Jones'

stepfather ran for Man of the

Year and in 2014, her mother

but Cardona-Jones became

ran for Woman of the Year. Nei-

ther was able to reach their goal,

motivated by the family efforts.

to do it," said Cardona-Jones.

charm... I just want to do this

"Hopefully the third time is the

"I just felt inspired and called

ten-week period. Every year,

lymphoma,

tartanspotlight



degree in chemistry but soon after realized she had different

"I started thinking about what else I would like to get myself involved in, what my real passion is, and it always led me back to the legal aspect of things," explained Cardona-

The paralegal program at Sinclair was the best option for Cardona-Jones to test the waters of law school. Now that she has begun an official career path, Cardona-Jones intends to fulfill her passion by becoming a lawyer.

Cardona-Jones has been

years and has a three - year - old son. She speaks Spanish and is employed as a paralegal at an immigration law firm.

"I've always been passionate about different cultures and learning from different people," she said.

Aside from attending class, going to work and spending time with her family, Cardona-Jones volunteers and serves the community extensively.

"I am passionate about everything that I do and I am always looking for ways to get involved in the community and give back," Cardona-Jones said.

She volunteers on a regular

Meet Myla Cardina-Jones

for my family."

Cardona-Jones has a sister, Regina Thomas, who is majoring in Liberal Arts here at Sinclair.

"Myla has always been the type to set a goal and just kind of reach it. She's always been the hard worker of our family and she really has kept that quality going through her adult life. She's still doing that with the campaign she's doing right now,"Thomas said.

Cardona-Jones and her sister work to motivate each other. "I appreciate that she's got a lot of honesty to her, which is not a quality that some people really have," said Thomas. "She's just a good motivator to look up to."

Cardona-Jones is also inspired by Thomas. Cardona-Jones said that her sister is very mature for her age because she has endured some difficult things. Cardona-Jones thinks her sister has come out of those challenges as a strong woman.

Although the Woman of the Year must raise \$50,000, after calculating the budget as it relates to her fundraising events and goals, Cardona-Jones has decided to aim for seventy-five thousand dollars.

Cardona-Jones is in the process of creating events,

sending over five hundred letters, getting sponsorships, and fundraising.

"It's long, it's grueling, but it's awesome in the end," said Cardona-Jones.

Cardona-Jones' sister believes in her. "She deserves to be woman of the year because she's willing to work for it. She's put in a lot of thought and effort and dedication to it," said Thomas.

Cardona-Jones wishes to earn Woman of the Year so that she can create a research grant in her grandmother's name. Cardona-Jones lost her grandmother to blood cancer. Cardona-Jones also lost her father to lung cancer.

Although blood cancer and lung cancer are not the same thing, they are both still cancer. As Cardona-Jones explains, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society researches drugs that could be applicable to other medical fields. Cardona-Jones has a personal connection to cancer and said, "I want it gone. I'm willing to do whatever I have to, whatever my part is, to get rid of it."

Cardona-Jones has hope and wishes to instill hope in others. ¡Adios Cancer! Is her slogan. Although Cardona-Jones

takes many things in her life very seriously and handles her paralegal classes in a professional manner, she said she has

a fun side as well. "I feel like deep down inside I have missed my calling to be a comedian. I think I'm funny. Sometimes nobody else laughs,

Cardona-Jones. She enjoys playing basketball, gardening, taking her son to Scene75, and eating pizza.

but I laugh at myself," said

Cardona-Jones has valuable advice for others.

"Whatever your passion is in life, don't let anything get in the way of that. So whatever it is that you have to do, just do it," she said. "Don't let anybody allow you to make an excuse for why you aren't the greatest person you can be, and don't let yourself give you an excuse for why you aren't doing whatever you're called to do."

As Cardona-Jones has proven through the way she lives her own life, she said "You will achieve whatever it is that you want to if you just work hard

Cardona-Jones encourages others to visit her webpage -- www.mwoy.org/pages/soh/ dayton15/mcardonajo.

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Bodary said Saari is good about helping people find the right fit, along with supporting them with their faith.

"For many young people, we're figuring that out, and deciding what's my choice, and how to find the right fit," he said.

Bodary said for every human being it's important to solve the basic question of why I am here. He said no matter what higher power you believe in, it's still about finding our purpose in life.

"What is it that I bring, or what are those talents and gifts that I can share with the world around me? Those basic questions are really spiritual questions, as much as they are anything else," Bodary said.

Any students, faculty and staff can visit the campus interfaith office in Building 10, room 310, to get involved with DMHE.

"[Students can] visit the office and sign the Better

Together Pledge. They can also get involved just by learning about different faith traditions through the [DMHE], or they can just learn about an area of faith tradition that they're interested in," Bodary said.

He brought up a point made by Eboo Patel, muslim activist and founder of Interfaith Youth Core, who wants to make interfaith understanding part of the college experience.

"[Patel] would argue that if we want to create a world that's peaceful, we have to start with understanding our similarities, as well as our differences," Bodary said. "He works really hard with people who have different religious traditions to see the interconnectedness."

Bodary said the office is about creating a connection with others, along with embracing each other's similarities and differences.

"[DMHE] is here as a way of ensuring support for the interfaith campus ministry office," Bodary said. "It's supports the staff, the faculty, the students anyone at all."

Career fair at Sinclair

On Wednesday, April 1, Sinclair Community College hosted the Career Exploration and Job Fair. Held in the great hall of Building 12. The annual event provides students with resources to help them discover

more about themselves and decide what path they would like to take in life. Companies that attended the Career Fair included Reynolds and Reynolds Company, Germain Motor Company and ViaQuest careers.







Sinclair hosts Tech Prep Event

On Thursday, March 26, Sinclair Community College hosted the 2015 Tech Prep showcase registration, a yearly event, Students of Miami Valley Tech Prep had the opportunity to compete and use the skills they developed in their tech prep classes. The showcase



features projects from 15 different Ohio career fields and provides students with the opportunity to network with other students and interact with judges from education, business, industry, and labor.





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Reporting and photos by Maggie Stacey

Keep an eye out for Maggie Stacey around campus. She interviews students on campus, asking their opinions about relevant issues happening in Dayton and around the world.





Erika Weir Social Work Major

"I'm okay with it. I think there's a bunch of flaws in the system. From what I've heard, it's going to make the professors be more on top of working with the system and

updating our grades, so they have to input that information. My teachers have told me that it's really easy to switch over to it. . . Of course it's going to have flaws, but it would be better if the professors worked with us more instead of just not giving us our grades. I think that was the biggest issue in ANGEL."



Mike Profitt Criminal Justice Major

"I'm so used to ANGEL, I'd rather just keep it the same. I haven't really checked out anything on eLearn. I'd rather just stick to the basics, that's how I feel about it. I've

heard other things about it. I just started coming here last semester, so I'm fairly new to it. I hope it's better. I mean, only time will tell. I think ANGEL is pretty easy to use, myself. I just have to look into eLearn to compare them."



Alison McQueen Radiology Major

"I'm nervous about it, just because I've gotten so adjusted to ANGEL. I really like ANGEL. I've never had any problems with it, but I've heard people have had a

lot of problems with it, and that's why they're switching over. I'm just nervous about running a new system and switching over. I like how it's set up. . . I don't think it'll be worse, I just



Vanessa Ras Liberal Arts Major

"[ANGEL] is horrible. I can't get into half of my classes. I've worked with ANGEL now for over a year and it's not cutting it. It is too slow, I can tell it's too much for

what the school can use, and blackboard would be much simpler. Most people are trained in blackboard, and people have used blackboard many times before. It's been around a lot longer than ANGEL. So that would be the best answer I can give."



Devin Routson Business Administration Major

"It's probably a good idea. ANGEL has

been pretty buggy for various different classes that I've had to use it for. It's had a lot of issues, a lot of different problems

that they've encountered. I think it would be nice to have a fresh interface to work with, especially something that's more updated. Maybe it won't have as many issues to deal with, so it's a good idea, actually."



Kevin McCartney Medical Billing and Coding Major

"I think anything would be better than ANGEL. ANGEL breaks down way too often, there's too many glitches, it's always hung up, sometimes it freezes,

and I've had it happen in a test. There's got to be something better. . . I would sure hope it would be better, I couldn't see it being worse. I don't think it could. I look forward to the new system. Anything would be better."

For more, follow the conversation on our blog: www.theclariontheroar.com

callingoutconvention

Hoosier hospitality needs restoration

Hope Houston reporter



On March 26, the Indiana legislature passed Senate Bill 101, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), and on the same day, Gov. Mike Pence signed the bill, effective July 1, into law amidst the cheering and triumph of

It seemed like a time for celebration—break out the communion wafers and Sabbath wine, everybody—until social justice warriors, like myself, came to ruin the party.

Indiana's most devout.

Upon closer inspection, objectors to the bill—from the NCAA to Star Trek's George Takei—sprang up in and out of the state, contesting that the law could have dangerous discriminatory repercussions for the extreme religious right's most targeted group: the LG-BTQ community.

Meanwhile, supporters of the bill say this simply isn't true, but as always, the answer lies somewhere in the muddy middle.

The law itself seeks to prohibit any governmental entity "from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion" unless the government can show that the burden both "(1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling governmental interest."

Stated more simply, Newsweek's Taylor Wofford puts it best: "In other words, the state of Indiana can interfere with someone's right to exercise his or her religion only if it has a very good reason for doing so (the 'compelling governmental interest' part), and it does so in the least inconvenient (or 'restrictive') way possible."

This part of the law is hardly controversial; in fact, 19 other states hold religious freedom laws like this, all of which are "patterned after the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993" with some marginal differences, according to the Associated Press.

Moreover, these laws actually do help people, particularly minority religious groups. In particular, the Federalist reports that an RFRA saved kindergartener Adriel

Arocha from having to cut his long hair.

The Texas school district claimed that the young Native American must trim his locks to adhere to his school's grooming policies; however, after petitions for exemption and legal action by the boy's parents, Needville Independent School District was found to have violated Texas's RFRA.

Yet, what makes Indiana's law so controversial and, by extension, so dangerous is that it allows those sued within the state to claim their deeply held religious beliefs as a legal defense. So, in the case of young Adriel, had he been at a parochial school in the state of Indiana, he and his parents would likely have no leg to stand on.

Other states do not allow this provision without limitations, like Texas, which disallows religious defense in civil rights suits, in the expectation of discrimination.

But, in Indiana, no longer is the law merely protecting the government from infringing upon religious rights unless with incredibly good reason; it is now protecting religious people from possibly infringing upon the rights of those they do not agree with. And, plenty of conservative Christian business owners have said they will do just that. Memories Pizzeria in Walkerton, Indiana is but one of them.

In an interview with a local news outlet, ABC57, Crystal

O'Connor said that her familyrun, Christian establishment would never cater a gay wed-

ding, due to religious reasons. "If a gay couple came in and wanted us to provide pizzas for their wedding, we would have to say no," said O'Connor. "I do not think it's [the law] targeting gays. I don't think it's discrimi-

Luckily, catering pizza for a

wedding is rather gauche. Yet, other business owners, like an anonymous caller to Radio NOW 100.9, have admitted to further discrimination even before the law passed, Think Progress reports.

The anonymous caller told the station's hosts during a conversation surrounding the bill that he frequently tells LGBTQ community members that his restaurant's equipment is broken, in order to refuse them service. He admitted to discriminating, but thought it was justified.

"Well, I feel okay with it because it's my place of business. I pay the rent. I've built it with all my money and my doing. It's my place; I can do whatever I want with it," he said. "They can have their lifestyle and do their own thing in their own place or with people that want to be with them."

It appears that, while the Indiana's RFRA legislation does not carry discrimination literally or inherently in its

language, its lawsuit provision certainly does leave the matter up to interpretation in the eyes of the religious right. However, the issue at this bill's forefront, gay marriage, really isn't up for interpretation, given that it has been legalized since Oct. 7, 2014. While conservative Christians can disagree with the practice personally, this fails

to uphold legally. Let us remember that there was a time when religion was used to justify innumerable injustices against black people, like the permissibility of slavery and the prohibition of interracial marriage.

The wrath of God was frequently invoked as reason enough to not change the status quo and to thereby infringe upon the human rights of an entire group of people, leading to their subjugation and disenfranchisement.

There was a time when businesses posted "Whites Only" signs and refused black people at their counters; when ministers, caterers, florists and banquet halls disagreed with blacks marrying whites and refused to offer their services; all parties citing both freedom of opinion and religion, and all while further segregating our country into the human rights haves and have-nots.

After the Civil Rights Movement, we established both socially and legally that all men are, in fact, created equal and that all minority races should be afforded the same rights, respect and dignity as their white

counterparts. Not everyone agreed, and not everyone complied, but we still set out to make it so and make things right because human rights and the issue of equality are non-negotiable. And that's just it. Members of the LGBTQ community want to live just as ordinary of lives as the rest of us straight folk do with the freedom to get a slice of pizza without fear or their ceremony's centerpieces without worry.

Would it be just for an atheist florist to deny a bride her bouquet all because she is Christian? Would it be okay for a Hindu baker to deny a Christian's order of chocolate layer cake all because they can't agree on the metaphysics of divinity?

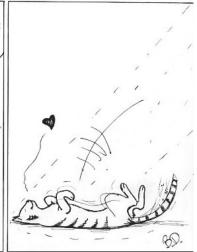
In a country founded on the principle of religious freedom where everyone is allowed to pursue their version of happiness, should personal beliefs allow us to keep others from their pursuits, from their liberty, from their happiness?

On these grounds—these moral grounds—we should not let Indiana's RFRA reign as the new and "improved" Jim Crow. Instead, we should demand the bill's amendment and defend human rights of all.

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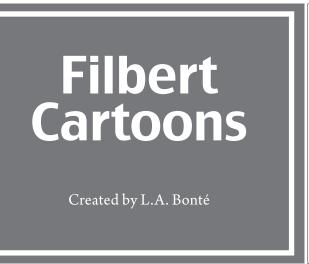








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"Dear Gabby"

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Dear Gabby,

I am a seventeen-year-old female student, who currently takes college and high school classes at the same time. I am a 4.0 student and

somewhat of a perfectionist. I have been stressed lately because I feel as if there is not enough time in the day to do everything that needs to get done. I recently quit my job in order to maintain good grades and now I wish I wouldn't have. I realized that I need money at this moment in time for things such as my phone bill, prom, and to get back and forth to Sinclair. I want to go back to work, but I do not have the time or energy to take on everything. My morals are to put education first, but money is important as well. What should I do? Am I wrong for

quitting my job and focusing mainly on school?

Sincerely, The confused young lady

Dear The confused young

That's a tricky situation, luckily though, I'm assuming you still live at home. I think focusing on a job and being able to save up money, and pay bills of course is a good thing to learn at your age, but I also think education is just as important.

In my opinion, both are essential in order to have a successful life. Unfortunately, it becomes a matter of what's best for you at the time, and also what will benefit you in the future. I think because of your age, I would take the opportunity and focus on education as much as possible.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but it gets harder when you get older. Right now, I assume you have your parents as a "net" for you. I would focus on school and talk to your parents about your personal and academic goals. This might give them a better understanding of your choice, and they might be

more willing to help you with bills. Saving money is always a plus for your future self, however, education is going to get you a better job, not to mention you'll be finished much faster if you focus on college now while finishing high school—getting college credits while in high school is something you should be proud of.

My go-to is always make a pros and cons list. It might help you decide if having a job now is worth it or not. I don't think it's wrong that you quit your job, as long as you're now putting your focus on education, especially since getting a 4.0 is important to you. Being a perfectionist isn't a bad thing, so use it to your advantage to get ahead in life. Try not to let it control you, your high school years should be fun, not super stressful. Believe me, it gets harder once you're out in "the real world". I know it might seem stressful now, but the semester is almost over. Maybe consider just having a summer job, and then focus on school during the fall and spring semesters. Good luck!

> Sincerely, Gabby

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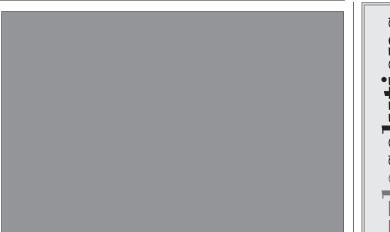
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The Clarion would like to correct an error in the March 31 issue. The story "TVC rallies for traditional marriage" did not present all information as the final edit was not printed. The updated version of the story can be found at *sincleairclarion.com*. The Clarion regrets the error.

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——Letters to the Editor =

= Love Wins: How it gets better =

Dear Editors,

As founders and organizers of the Love Wins Project, we were delighted to see the photographs featuring our logo banner and the filming of our It Gets Better (IGB) video in the Clarion last week. However, we were somewhat disheartened to read that these photographs accompanied an editorial critiquing the national It Gets Better project, and we would like to address some of the author's concerns.

We have all witnessed the so-called "slacktivism" that is rampant on the Internet: slogans repeated without context, spreading "awareness" without action, raising voices without raising money, etc. We admire the writer's attempt to unpack the meaning of the IGB project and encourage others to think critically about the causes they support. However, much of the

writer's criticism is leveled at the slogan itself, rather than examining the IGB program's potential for helping LGBT and other marginalized people. The writer questions what "it" is; how "it" gets "better;" and what "better" means. These questions cannot be answered merely by parsing a slogan. Spend ten or fifteen minutes watching the videos posted on the IGB website, however, and the answers become obvious.

What gets better is vividly portrayed in narratives about bullying, discrimination, depression and suicide attempts. Far from framing the trauma experienced by LGBT

youth as being "easily resolved" or without long-term consequences, many of these videos detail specific acts of cruelty and discrimination, and narrate steps taken along the difficult path to selfacceptance and healing. Watching Sinclair students, faculty and staff speak was incredibly moving, and many of the participants far from just giving lip service to a slogan – felt empowered by sharing their stories and support.

Regarding the question of "how" it gets better, the writer has a stronger point. It's true that the solution offered by many of the videos is "time." Certainly, just enduring suffering and hoping it will end in time is not a solution. But crisis treatment must not only provide short-term resources; it must also give the person suffering a vision of the future. In addition to providing such a vision, the IGB website offers copious resources for youth in crisis, including the Trevor Project and GLBT National Help Center. Additionally, the IGB pledge itself is a call to action.

Critics of IGB project founder Dan Savage have (rightly, in our view) faulted him for suggesting that LGBT youth essentially wait out their teen years and then get out of the communities that marginalize them. We are fairly certain that Savage would count Dayton, Ohio as one of those places: a smallish city in a "red" state just north of the Bible belt. However, as the writer points out, The Advocate recently named Dayton the "Queerest City in America" based

on the number of LGBTfriendly faith communities, arts organizations, and legal protections. In fact, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley has named April 7 "Love Wins Day in Dayton, Ohio." The columnist missed an opportunity to offer information about this event, which will offer the very support and resources the writer found lacking in the one project he associated with our logo.

Love Wins Day events here on campus will begin with a screening of the Rubi Girls documentary at 6:00pm, followed by an informational/poster session in the lobby of Blair Hall with resources for LGBT people and allies. At 7:00pm, Shane Windmeyer, founder and executive director of Campus Pride, will deliver a keynote address about "The Impact of Hate," offering strategies to prevent and respond to hate speech. Following the keynote, a panel of representatives from the Rubi Girls, Equality Ohio, HaveaGayDay, PFLAG and other organizations will discuss their vision for the future and how Sinclair and the Dayton community can actively forward the cause of equality for all people, regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

We hope the writer and all of those who want to see the lives of LGBT community members continue to "get better" will attend.

Respectfully, the Love Wins team: Kate Geiselman, Anne Soltysiak, Jane Cammel, Marlow Davis, Kathleen Hotmer, and Becky Morean

=Nun's Sense: Hello God, are you here?

My name is Angela Winfield and I am about to graduate from Sinclair with a degree in Communication. Everything about Sinclair has been great, and the college offers a lot of wonderful services to help one earn a degree. The professors have been helpful and knowledgeable, overall for which I am grateful. However, there is only one thing I have against Sinclair, which I am going to address in this article, and that is the issue with speaking about God. It is an unwritten rule that we can't talk or write about him.

Sadly, non-sectarianism is a dark facet of our lives now. We are able to handle problems with science and advanced technology, so who needs God? Instead of allowing his presence on our campus, we prefer to ignore him and let other people worship him on their own, and that is our evaluation of freedom and equality, but we are dead wrong.

For a short time, I was a nun with the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in Cleveland, Ohio and led a life of prayer and penance. Health and other factors proved to me and my superiors that the life of a nun was not God's will.

Instead, I have found God's will for me as a Discalced Carmelite Secular, living a life of prayer and penance in the outside world, while maintaining a home and job. I study the writings of saints and scholars about matters like God, so my experience with Sinclair concerning this issue has been shocking. Here is one example that happened to me while here.

In one research paper I wrote, exploring the moral connection for the divorce rate in our country with the banning of prayer in schools, my professor told me that the subject would be offensive to the Jewish people (it was a Jewish group of people who sued for the ban in the 1960's). When I took the paper to the Writing Tutorial Lab, the tutor tapped my paper hard with her pen, and said: "Does your professor allow you to write about God?"

Since we are so concerned with equality, and many groups are allowed to speak of their beliefs, why aren't the names of God, Jesus, or the word Rosary given equal time? The name of God is mentioned in our documents, like the Declaration of

Independence. Our state motto is "With God, all things are possible."

The name of God is not to be thrown into a closet or under the bed like something profane and dirty. That is for other words, like the "f" word that is used so casually in the hallways and classrooms without regard to those who happen to be listening.

The name of God is to be spoken of reverently and with respect. Without this, there can never be peace between people because we don't respect God first. Our nation was founded as "One nation, under God," and God is the principle reason people from all nations enjoy their freedom here. He gave us our abundance that we enjoy and the status of peacemakers in the world. We need to be grateful to him and to start loving him openly again. We are a Christian nation.

In closing, no culture can be truly free, until God is respected, honored, and openly worshipped. Truly free communication includes free use of his name in reverence. Without this, all of our non-sectarian beliefs and advancements in science and technology are futile to help us.

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tartansports

Tartan softball team steps up to the plate

Matt Summers

Reporter

The Sinclair baseball team isn't the only one dominating their opponents this season. The softball team is 17-4 right now and have won seven games in the past three days. According to the Sinclair Athletic

website, they are third in the country in hitting, pitching, and fielding. They are batting an impressive .436 average while the bullpen is holding batters in check with an ERA of 3.47. They also have the most strikeouts of any team that has played in 17 games or less.

During their seven games

won in the past three days, the Tartans have outscored their opponents 62-17.

In two of the games the Pride scored 16 runs each. Rachael Ward was six-forsix including three RBIs, one home run and two doubles.

Kelly Wood and Haleigh Perry were named Players of the Week for the weeks

of March 9 and March 22. Wood hit 17 for 25 with 10 runs, five doubles, two triples, three home runs, and 18 RBIs last week while Perry went 5-0 while only allowing 26 hits, three earned runs, and zero walks. She also struck out 22 batters over 25.1 innings. Both Wood and Perry are having amazing

seasons so far. Wood is batting .479, with 21 RBIs, seven doubles, two triples, and four home runs off of just 23 hits. Perry is dealing a 2.13 ERA on 46 innings pitched with 31 strikeouts and only giving up 48 hits. Perry is also 6-1 for the year as of right now.

The Pride have certainly gotten off to a hot start

while they are riding a 13game winning streak right now. The team together has an average of .442 and have knocked in 21 home runs. Their games with Owens CC have been postponed so their next few games will be double-headers against conference rival Cuyahoga CC and a double-header against Indiana Tech.

Sinclair baseball team plays hardball

Baseball continued from front

Unfortunately, their magical run would come to an end in Indiana where they had their first game since the beginning of March against Vincennes University. The offense was there with Ty Amann hitting in four of the 12 runs Sinclair put up, but it wasn't enough. Between Mason Aelker and Ben Myers, they allowed 12 of the 16 runs Vincennes put up and exploded for nine of the runs

in the fourth inning. The

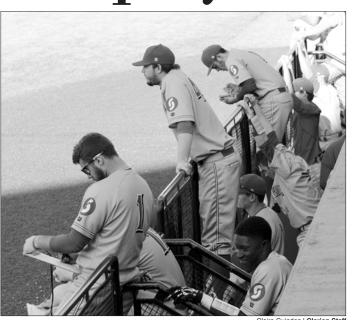
Pride could not play catch-

up, losing 16-12.

The pitching in the second game of the two-game series showed up as Nathaniel Rhodes delivered five innings of baseball while allowing five runs. Fortunately, the Pride's offense kept rolling, tallying up 15 runs of their own, led by Brody Basoline and Eric Hansman who each had three RBIs. Alex Young also stole another three bases and help put himself in scoring position and scored two runs on one hit with two walks.

Though the sample size is

very small, it appears that Sinclair is a much better home team than away. They have not played too many road games though, and with April holding 11 road games, it will be interesting to see if they can bring the same kind of domination on the road as they have in the home games. It is too early to tell though, with only having played six games on the road compared to the 20 home games. Either way, the Tartan Pride stand at 22-4 and they don't appear to be slowing down in the least bit.



Sinclair's Baseball team in the dugoutcheering on their team.



Sinclair Jukado celebrates 40 years

Jukado continued from front

Indeed, seconds after walking past the trophy case and into the dojo proper, the Clarion witnessed one of The Beast's students being thrown to the mat with so much force that he sustained an injury to his ankle.

The unlucky student, a Sinclair automotive technology graduate, crawled away from the mat, obviously in pain. Within minutes, Sensei Southard had brought a bag of ice and applied it to the student's ankle, which was swelling and turning black and blue.

"I didn't have my leg [positioned] right when I landed," the student said. "It hurts pretty bad,"

The student, who is originally from Dayton and holds a green belt, didn't seem to be too fazed, but his injury was serious enough that he sat out the rest of the

"We've had a lot of bumps and bruises over the years," Sensei Southard said. "I broke my ankle my first quarter."

The injured student continued to hold the ice on his ankle while he told the Clarion about some of the reasons why he studies martial arts.

"It helps you focus [and] maintain calm," he said. "The first time I came to class I knew I was going to stick with it—I'll probably never quit."

The Clarion took the opportunity to talk to some of the other students at the House of Excellence as well. One of those students, sports science major Becki Hall, has her second kyu blue belt, and said that she studies martial arts because she appreciates the peace of mind that comes from being able to physically defend herself.

"I live in East Dayton and I just needed to feel confident walking around my neighborhood," she said.

Hall also mentioned that she feels that many in today's society lack respect and selfdiscipline, and that practicing martial arts is a good way to instill those characteristics in oneself. She also said that she may integrate martial arts into her sports science degree at some point.

As for the the 40th anniversary of martial arts at Sinclair, Hall commented

that "it is remarkable. Not many programs stick around for 40 years, let alone in the same location. I don't see it stopping anytime soon."

Hall also admitted to being a "zombie apocalypse fanatic.'

"I train harder, because you just never know," she said.

Fine arts major Josh Rector holds a green belt in Jukado. He said he has been attacked in the past (although not by zombies), and now that he has studied Jukado he feels much more confident. He also said that practicing martial arts is a great way to stay in shape, and he looks to martial arts superstars like Jet Li as inspiration for studying the fighting arts.

When the Clarion asked Rector to comment on the 40th anniversary of martial arts at Sinclair, he said that the program's value has borne itself out through its longevity.

"The fact that it's stayed for 40 years has proven its value. I hope it stays for another 40 years," Rector said.

Sinclair biology majors James Grim and Megan Vaughn are a young married couple studying martial

arts together at Sinclair. The Clarion spoke with them briefly at Master Evans' House of Excellence, and they shared about why Sinclair's martial arts program is appealing to

"It truly is a self-defense program," Grim said. "Master Evans teaches you how to handle situations on the street in a way that will get you out of there. If I had to recommend a teacher, I would recommend Master Evans."

Vaughn, however, said it is mostly the camaraderie and discipline of martial arts that draws her to the sport.

"Fighting is fun," she said. "Everyone's kind of looking out for each other, pointing out how you can become better. It shows you if you practice and try hard enough you can do it."

On the subject of the 40th anniversary of martial arts at Sinclair, Vaughn said: "It's exciting. I really hope to see the classes grow, and hopefully there will be another Jukado club."

Master Evans also commented on the 40th anniversary of Sinclair's

Jukado students working on their moves in class.

martial arts program.

"It's been a great ride," he said. "A lot of champions have been through here, we've won a lot of tournaments, and a lot of people have learned how to defend themselves."

Looking to the future of martial arts at Sinclair, Evans mused: "Hopefully we can start adding some classes back and start growing [the program] again."

Evans said he likes teaching martial arts at Sinclair because of the

educational atmosphere. He said that he prefers the type of environment that Sinclair offers over that of other selfdefense schools that are more business-oriented. Evans said that he places a high value on education and appreciates the opportunity to share what he has learned with students.

"Once you get an education, you can make a blueprint of your journey," Evans said. "Education helps you get to what you want to achieve."

The Real Gay Agenda

Jimaur Calhoun

Arts and Entertianment Editor

On Monday, March 30, members of Sinclair Community College LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered) community hosted a Sinclair Talks in the Library loggia titled "the real gay agenda." It was hosted by members of the organization "Love Wins," which is a group of faculty from different disciplines. The talk consisted of 6 speakers sharing their stories of struggle and acceptance of being part of the LGBT community.

"There is more to the LGBT community than just being gay" said Richard Miller, a teacher from Indiana who is a member of Love Wins. "We are teachers, parents, preachers, even. I know I don't have a gay agenda, I have a life agenda."

"When I hear about a gay agenda, all I can think of is whose ideas are these and why do they think LGBT have an evil agenda?" said P.J. Carlisle, a creative arts teacher at the University of Dayton. "Come to think of it, gay people do have an agenda, they want to be different without persecution."

Also discussed in the presentation were the portrayals of LGBT in social media, such as films and television of the past. "We were always portrayed as perverts with an agenda, tragically flawed and even psychotic," said Richard Miller, "these portrayals do not represent us at all."

When asked if any of them had advice for any students struggling with their own sexual identity, Nick Daily, a teacher at Antioch College, said "It's all about safety and community. It's important finding others willing to accept who you are but it's most important to accept yourself".

"Be strong and know that you are not alone," said Miller, "coming out may not be easy but it's different for

everyone".

"I just want those struggling to know that there is hope. I struggled with my sexuality to the point where I originally

dropped out of college and painted houses," said Carlisle. "But when I was able to be honest with myself, I returned and eventually got my PhD."

Carlisle added, "You know one person who had a gay agenda? Harvey Milk, his agenda was to fight for the rights of the LGBT community."



The panel of speakers shared their stories of struggle with the audience at the Love Wins' event, The Real Gay

tartanarts&entertainment

'Songs for a new world' hits | Tidal launch makes the Black Box Theatre

Jimaur Calhoun

Arts and Entertianment Editor

On April 3, Sinclair theatre presented the Jason Robert Brown production of "Songs for the new world". Originally produced off-Broadway in 1995, Brown has said the show is all about "That one moment. Hitting the wall and making the choice to either make a stand or turn

Directing the play is Kimberly Borst; a Sinclair theater teacher who has directed such shows as "Pride and Prejudice", "Almost, Maine" and "Godspell". Borst said that it is "An enjoyable challenge because the show can be left up to audiences interpretation."

"The challenge of directing the play came from it being all song with no connecting stories. When I directed other plays, they had a connecting story that made them easier to follow. In "Songs for the New World", none of the songs or characters are connected in any way."

"Songs", which is entirely in song, is about the different decisions made by the characters and the struggles made when it comes to making those decisions. "The decisions made range from silly to very serious. One of the characters sings about religion and while the subject may still be touchy, it was not a big deal for the actor performing the

song". Though "Songs" was a challenge for Kimberly to successfully conquer, it was the not the first time she had to face challenges of a production. "When I directed "Pride and Prejudice", the challenge

was the cast. With school

productions, the cast tends to be small but with that show, the cast was of 26, the largest I have ever directed. But again, that story had a connecting story".

When asked what does she want the office to get from "Songs", Borst said, "What I want the audience to take away from the show is knowing that they are not alone. The last song of the show, "Hear my song" is about the characters of the play not giving up and I hope the song's message stays with the audience."

"Songs for a New World" will be presented in the Black Box Theatre, located in building 2. General admission tickets are \$15

Times for shows are as scheduled;

April 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8

April 8, 9 at 7 p.m. with wraps and soups available before the show on April 9.

waves in music industry

Barton Kleen

Social Media Editor

A massively star-studded cast of musical talents took center stage March 31 to announce the new direction for Tidal music streaming service—under the management of Jay-Z.

Alicia Keys was among the first to take the podium during the press conference. Keys expressed her sentiment that with all the entertainment stars on the stage, it felt like a "graduation" for the artists. It was "the beginning to a whole new era" in the music industry, Keys said. "Today we announce Tidal, the first ever artistowned global music platform"

As it turned out, everyone appearing on the stage was part owner of the platform. Music industry headliners like country music star Jason Aldean, the iconic Madonna, massively popular DJs Calvin Harris and Deadmau5, Win Butler and Regine Chassagne from Arcade Fire and many

more would sign the "declaration" on the podium during the conference.

Tidal promises to create a fan-tailored experience for subscribers, as well as additional content, but moreover will hope to serve as a means to preserve a healthy and robust music industry.

Tidal will offer no free services, but instead two levels of subscription; \$19.99/month for lossless audio quality and \$9.99 for compressed audio. Tidal is offering a 30-day free trial to users now.

Tidal enters a music market saturated with streaming services like Spotify and Pandora—both of which offer free alternatives to paid subscribership.

The piracy of music as reported by the Institute of Policy Innovation estimates projected losses of \$12.5 billion annually to the economy of the United

States alone. Reuters reports Jay-Z's purchase of Aspiro, a Swedish tech company, cost \$56 million. The Financial Times reports that free streaming sites brought labels in the United States only \$295 million, compared to the \$800 million created by paid subscription services.

Criticism and doubt are rampant on social media in response to the launch of Tidal. The \$20-a-month price tag leaves many potential consumers unconvinced. Tidal's business model is hard to differentiate from Spotify, meanwhile it

is substantially more expensive. Similarly, music lovers have voiced their concerns that for \$20, the technology gap for the average user will make the "luxury" of the lossless audio a moot point—only high quality listening devices will be able to provide the experience that Tidal has chosen to make focal

To be successful, Tidal may need to be as revolutionary and impactful as the icons that have invested into it to convince listeners to sign up and cough up to plug in.

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