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Media portrayals of Muslims, public opinion linked in study

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Recent University studies suggest individuals who identify as non-Muslim and are exposed to negative portrayals of Muslims in the media are more likely to support restrictive public policies aimed at Muslims internationally and domestically.

Communications Prof. Muniba Saleem, a faculty associate at the Institute for Social Research, spearheaded the research project. The project consisted of three separate studies that displayed various mechanisms through which stereotypes, as identified by researchers in the media, can cause individuals to deem Muslims as aggressive and consequently support policies that target them.

The participants in each study all identified as non-Muslim but varied in race and gender. After being exposed to media clips that featured negative portrayals of Muslims, the participants were then polled on policies deemed by the researchers as harmful toward Muslim Americans.

In an interview, Saleem said the results of the three studies emphasize how media portrayals influence public opinion.

"This work highlights the importance of media depictions in influencing support for public policies that don't just harm Muslims internationally, but even those who are our fellow American citizens," she said. "This is especially important when we consider that most Americans have little to no direct contact with Muslims and often rely on media to get information about Muslims."

Specifically, after exposure to news stories where Muslims were described as terrorists, participants correspondingly showed support for military actions in Muslim countries to reduce the influence of Islam. They also supported actions such as secretly monitoring Muslim Americans without their consent, not allowing them the right to vote and requiring them to go through separate, more scrutinized airport security lines.

"These perceptions, in turn, can create hostile expectations and anger by some non-Muslims, who may exhibit aggressive behaviors," Saleem said.

However, she noted that the study also found that support for such policies is significantly reduced when participants were exposed to news that portrayed Muslims in a neutral or positive light.

"If media representation of Muslims was more balanced and positive, we would not see such negative attitudes towards Muslims and support for policies that harm them," she said.

Although the research was useful in showing short-term effects, Saleem said she hopes to carry out research that examines the long-term effects of terrorism news on attitudes toward Muslims.

Law student Omar El-Halwagi, co-president of the Muslim Law Students Association at the University, said though the study shows how the media can influence the opinions of non-Muslim Americans, encouraging non-muslim support of anti-Muslim policies, he hopes more research will show how Muslims, particularly Muslim students, are impacted.

"When a presidential candidate's poll numbers increase when he espouses an Islamophobic stance, it makes Muslim students here have to focus on more just their contracts reading," El-Halwagi said. "Feeling like you are perceived and treated like you do not belong on a national level, particularly when the discourse is so vitriolic, has damaging effects on students."

Law student Sarah Alsaden, treasurer of the Muslim Law Students Association, said since the media has a considerable impact in portraying minorities, it is important for it to maintain a neutral light when covering terrorism news.

Alsaden added that she believes the climate at the University toward Muslim students could be further improved if students listened more to how their peers felt about being represented negatively in the media.

"The media does put a focus on labelling Muslims as violent, which isn't the same for other races or religions," Alsaden said. "It is important that these harmful stereotypes are removed and we all become allies."

Saleem said her team is currently working to publish longitudinal data about how reliance on media for information affect non-Muslims' views toward Muslims over the course of three months.

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PERSONAL STATEMENTS

**Personal Statement: Statistically significant**

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By SAMIHA MATIN, Daily Staff Reporter

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I'm a reason why the University can proudly declare they have students coming from more than 140 countries or more. I'm one of the many, many people which helps make this place have a global, diverse community — simply because I come from another place. I'm the token friend who you tell stories about to your other friends from high school. The friend from the exotic place. The friend whose nationality is more important than her personality, it occasionally seems.

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I remember when I was the only one standing in an auditorium of 500 or more international students, as they called out "Bangladesh" during the International Orientation Program. There was a typical scatter of applause; some people, however, looked mildly curious, as if trying to wonder where my country was located. I blindly searched across the auditorium, desperately hoping for another face like mine. There wasn't.

We were told during orientation that from now on, we were going to be representing our countries at Michigan. A foreboding chill ran down my spine as I realized the impact of the sentence. I'd stepped into America for the first time in my life two days before. I'd only ever gone abroad twice, and both times were for religious pilgrimages to Saudi Arabia nearly six years ago. I was undecided about my major. I'd hardly ever eaten with a fork. What I knew about American culture was everything I'd learned by watching television and movies.

How could I, when I barely knew what to do with my life and constantly suffered from existential crisis, represent a country that consisted of a variety of people? How could they expect me to be excited about such a big burden? It was almost as if living up

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Students parade a giant, L-shaped heart (LEFT) and the Detroit Party Marching Band performs (RIGHT) at FestiFools on Main Street Sunday.



COURTESY: BADI DEARY

Ann Arborites gather to watch parade of puppets

Eighth annual FestiFools focuses on nostalgia for 'Déjà Fool' theme

By ALAINA WYGANT
Daily Staff Reporter

For the eighth year, Ann Arborites experienced a case of Déjà Fool, Sunday afternoon, University students and locals alike gathered along Main Street to watch a parade of puppets as part of FestiFools, a free public art spectacle.

This year's theme was "Déjà Fool," a play on the French phrase Déjà vu, or the feeling of having already experienced a present situation. Retro toys, such as Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots, were given life in the form of giant puppets held by participants.

Numerous musical groups were part of the puppet procession. These included the Detroit Marching Band, local funk band The Macpodz and University ensembles including Brazilian percussion band Vencedores and GROOVE.

FestiFools is organized annually by WonderFool Productions, a nonprofit

organization which, in addition to hosting the art parade, hosts workshops for the general public and works to teach art in K-12 schools.

According to the WonderFool Productions website, FestiFools was inspired by cartapesta, paper-mâché art of the Italian Carnevale di Viareggio.

Prior to the FestiFools parade, a similar procession of illuminated puppets and sculptures inhabited the same space on Main Street for FoolMoon, which took place Saturday night.

Among the numerous community members who contribute to FestiFools are

University students in the Lloyd Hall Scholars Program, who create puppets through an LHSP-centric course called Art in Public Spaces.

Mark Tucker, FestiFools founder and creative director, is also LHSP's art director and teaches the Art in Public Spaces course. Subsequently, students in the course helped create this year's theme.

LSA freshman Michelle Belgrad, an LHSP student taking Art in Public Spaces, said she and her classmates took the somewhat "nostalgic" FestiFools theme to create pieces that reminded

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SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

Definition of consent clarified by SAPAC

Online educational materials updated following Daily editorial

By ALYSSA BRANDON
and LARA MOEHLMAN
Daily Staff Reporters

Holly Ryder-Milkovich, director of the University's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center, announced Sunday that SAPAC updated its website to reflect changes to language used to define consent.

The change occurred following a Michigan Daily report that revealed discrepancies between language in the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy and language SAPAC promotes and encourages students to follow.

The Student Sexual Misconduct Policy says consent is a "Clear and unambiguous agreement, expressed in mutually understandable words or actions, to engage in a particular activity. Consent can be withdrawn by either party at any point."

SAPAC's definition is more stringent, identifying consent as an explicitly verbal agreement, not satisfied by silence or body language.

In an editorial published Wednesday, the Daily's Editorial Board voiced concerns about the discrepancy between SAPAC's and the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy's definitions of consent. "While we understand that SAPAC's definition of consent is educational and not a standard used to hold individuals accountable to University policy, the large discrepancy between the two is troubling: mutually understandable words or actions is too ambiguous," the Board wrote. "The current policy sets a dangerously low threshold for consent that can be misconstrued and misunderstood."

In an op-ed published in the Daily, Ryder-Milkovich said SAPAC staff have reviewed the organization's educational materials on its website to clarify the distinction between the University's policy and the standard SAPAC strives to promote.

"It is an encouraging sign of a shift in our campus cultural

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CAMPUS LIFE

Screening of 'Sniper' draws 100 students

No protests organized after controversial choice to show film

By EMILY MILLER
Daily Staff Reporter

After the University called off and then reinstated a showing of the film "American Sniper," the screening drew about 100 people, but no organized protest.

During the last week, the University has received national attention for canceling a showing of the film "American Sniper" at UMix, the University's weekly Friday evening event in the Michigan Union.

After students circulated a letter expressing concern about the film, saying the screening created an unsafe environment for Muslim and Middle Eastern and North African students on campus, the

University temporarily canceled the showing, with the intention of showing the film at a later date followed by a panel discussion.

However, the University reversed course after a counter petition criticized the University's decision, citing free speech concerns. The University provided a simultaneous screening of "Paddington" as an alternative movie option.

Moviegoers filled most of the Michigan Union's Anderson Room for "American Sniper." Shortly before the start of "Paddington," the screening room was mostly empty.

University spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said UMix may not have been the ideal place to screen "American Sniper," but said the University needed to follow through with its original decision to screen the film.

"I think 'American Sniper' didn't quite fit this venue and this event," he said. "But, having said

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Cancer survivors take the first lap of MRelay at Palmer Field on Saturday.

GRACE TALLEY/LEADER

MRelay features stories of cancer survivors, patients

3,000 people attend Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research

By SAMIHA MATIN
Daily Staff Reporter

Games, live performances and education booths covered Palmer Field on Saturday for the University's annual Relay

for Life event.

MRelay, the University's chapter for Relay for Life that annually organizes the event to raise money for cancer research, hosted the 24-hour fundraising event for the 13th year.

LSA senior Dave Mullen-Muhr, MRelay executive director, said approximately 3,000 people attended Saturday's event, including representatives from dozens of student organizations, clubs, fraternities and sororities.

In total, Mullen-Muhr said teams raised more than \$468,000 through fundraising campaigns and benefit concerts held throughout the year. Mullen-Muhr said this total makes MRelay the "highest fundraising collegiate Relay for Life in the world."

Aside from the games and performances, the event featured a candlelight Luminaria Ceremony, which included an opportunity for

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ACTIVISM

Sexist ads protested in event

Fashion for Freedom holds mock fashion show to call attention to rape culture

By SARAH KHAN
Daily Staff Reporter

Fashion for Freedom, a student group that seeks to end a perceived rape culture on college campuses and reverse potentially degrading media portrayals of women, among other goals, staged a mock fashion show on the Diag on Friday to protest advertisements that arguably promote sexual violence and human trafficking.

LSA junior Savannah Dupin, a Fashion for Freedom co-founder, said she felt the event was a fun way to engage peers in fighting human trafficking as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"I became involved because I am passionate about preventing trafficking in high-risk areas and I

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them a childhood. As a result, she decided to create "a giant baby."

"I had friend volunteers help animate the puppet," Belgrad said. "What Mark [Fletcher] says is that *you're* in a parade it's a stage. Each puppet has a message, and say in 10 minutes, 30 minutes, it makes it more like with the help of people. I was the base, so I kind of hid in the off part of my body. It was just a puppet, 20-foot baby with his eyes closed."

Belgrad added that her favorite part of both the glass and the parade was interacting with fellow students as part of the artistic process.

"Usually when I create art, it's very independent and casual," she said. "Traveling to the studio, helping a friend out and goofing off with the people and the energy that they brought to the class made everything just so fun. It was honestly great to see how people could react to my own piece, and those of my fellow classmates."

Ross Haff, an Ann Arbor resident, said he loves *FastFools*

because it's an opportunity for all members of the community to convene.

"Like, this is what we should be doing in our streets," Huff said. "It's the community getting together and bringing it out just for the sake of having a great time. It gets people out of the house and together. It gets you to remember who your neighbors are."

"It's one of our favorite annual traditions with the kids," said Shannon Johnson, who brought her kids from Brighton, Mich., to the festival. "It's just a great chance for them to see some fun, creative things."

Lori Beth, another Ann Arbor resident, recently moved into town from Lansing. She attended the event with a small group of people, all of whom were also relatively new to Ann Arbor, as a way to familiarize herself with her new hometown. Her favorite puppet was a huge, paper-mâché puppet of arcade game character Pac-Man.

"I've never been to a parade of puppets before," Beth said. "I really like the Pac-Man one. I've never been to an event where they've had art on display in this way. It's just so much fun."

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patients and survivors to share their experiences fighting cancer.

LSA sophomore Mitchell Becker, a cancer survivor, discussed losing loved ones to cancer.

"I chose to relay to remember the family members that I have lost and because there's hope," he said. "I hope that someday nobody should ever have to lose another friend or family to cancer."

In an interview, LSA sophomore Meredith Joseph, an MRelay recruitment specialist, said the event aims to be a cathartic outlet for survivors and those currently fighting the disease.

"My mother, who passed away due to cancer, deserves to be remembered each and every day," Joseph said. "When I chose to relay, I found a group

who is passionate about curing cancer. Relay for Life gave me the courage and strength to open up and relate to a giant community."

LSA sophomore Lauren Gallagher added that the event was important even for those not directly affected by cancer. Gallagher attended the event with members of her pre-law fraternity, Kappa Alpha Pi.

"We fundraise mostly for Relay because it's a fun event and it's for a great cause," Gallagher said. "It's really cool to see so many different sororities and fraternities come together. Plus, it's a great way to escape and also have fun."

MRelay will return next semester to promote campus-wide "No Shave November" activities as part of the worldwide event designed to raise awareness about prostate cancer.

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sexual activity to be verbal or oral, sober, and enthusiastic."

However, language in the University's alternative definition of consent — as articulated in the Sexual Misconduct Policy — remains largely unchanged compared to a version updated on Jan. 17, 2015.

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that, we made the commitment, we made that decision, and in the final analysis we needed to honor that decision that was made to show, and so tonight we have two movies."

"American Sniper" is a 2011 film adaptation of the autobiography of Chris Kyle, a sniper who served four tours in Iraq and is credited with the most kills in U.S. military history. While the movie has been critically acclaimed, it has also been critiqued for its depiction of Muslims and the war in Iraq.

"The reason why the film was disturbing to be played at UMich is because UMich is supposed to be fun and inclusive, and the movie

The top of the page begins by describing consent as "when someone agrees, gives permission, or says 'yes' to sexual activity with other persons."

The page then proceeds to note that, "The University of Michigan Policy on Sexual Misconduct by Students defines consent as a clear and unambiguous agreement, expressed in mutually understandable words or actions, to engage in a

particular activity."

During his fireside chat on Wednesday, University President Mark Schlissel told students that the University is planning to roll out changes to the University's Student Sexual Misconduct Policy by the Fall 2015 semester. He said changes could potentially include the guidance students are given in regard to seeking counsel, among other issues.

The University most recently

made changes to its Student Sexual Misconduct Policy in 2012 in response to guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in 2011. These alterations did not alter the University's definition of consent, but focused on modifying the University's responsibilities in the investigation process and the burden of proof applied in University disciplinary proceedings.

"American Sniper" raised a lot of controversy from all sides of the spectrum," wrote LSA sophomore Lamees Mekkaoui in the initial letter calling for the screening's cancellation. "It's clearly not something that could be fun and inclusive. It just doesn't go with Build-A-Bear and inflatable laser tag, those things just don't go with 'American Sniper.'"

Before starting the film, a representative from the Center for Campus Involvement read a statement saying the University supported the right of the media to express viewpoints and would remove anyone who disrupted that right.

Though the University's decisions related to the movie screenings has generated controversy on campus and in the national media, Friday's

UMix proceeded without protest or disruption. Late last week, several Muslim and Arab students reported experiencing threats and racist remarks after many students in those communities advocated for the film screening's cancellation.

Ann Arbor resident Mazghen Savabiasfahani, a University alum, attempted to hold a discussion after the film, unaffiliated with the University. However, students showed a lack of interest and the discussion fell through.

When the University decided to show "American Sniper" at another location and time before returning the film to the UMich schedule, the Center for Campus Involvement had promised a discussion forum following the screening.

Savabiasfahani, and she came to the screening after hearing of the possibility of a student-led protest. However, a protest did not occur.

Business senior Peter Feigles said he agreed with the University's decision to follow through with the showing.

"I liked that they added an alternative movie for people who didn't want to see it," Feigles said. "But I think the film, trying to be a bit of a problem with that."

Engineering sophomore Nick Verschuere also said he agreed with the University's decision.

"The University is not censoring anything in this film, as good or bad, they just want to show a feature film," Verschuere said. "Personally, I'm here because I support the movie itself, and I support our troops."

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see the devastation that this brings all the time," she said. "It is difficult to do this kind of work because you realize how many cultural norms are working against you."

As part of the event, student models carried signs with sexually suggestive advertisements on them, and dressed up to mirror the women in these ads to bring attention to the level of media objectification. Others held signs that read: "Sexual objectification portrays women as sexual objects rather than individuals with their own experiences and personalities," and "Sexual objectification often portrays

women as submissive to men."

The group asked local stores to take a pledge not to objectify women in their advertisements. Several Ann Arbor retailers signed the document, including The Getup Vintage, Pitaya, Bivouac, The M Den and Ragstock.

Lisa Weiss, the women's fashion manager for Bivouac, said the march was constructive for dialogue, but could have caught the store's patrons off guard.

"I believe in what they are doing and it is an interesting concept in order to shock and get attention for the cause," she said. "I didn't have anything against them coming into the store, but I have no idea how my customers feel about it and the way it's done could scare people."

Attendees marched through a number of the participating stores along State Street, applauding them for their respectful advertising and protesting stores like American Apparel for sexualizing women's bodies in their advertisements.

LSA freshman Rachel Beglin, Fashion for Freedom co-founder, said she is passionate about this issue and wants to continue raising awareness by keeping people informed through events like the Fashion for Freedom show on the Diag and the subsequent march down State Street.

"The models were dressed as the people in the ads to show that they are not 2-D and cannot be objectified," Beglin said. "We were bringing them to life to show that

they are real people."

The group engaged in a moment of silence at American Apparel to show its disapproval of their ad campaigns, which includes believe contributions to a variety of social issues, including rape and sexual violence toward women.

LSA freshman Natalie Draboy, who modeled as part of the show, stressed that the objectification of women in the media has been an ongoing issue for decades.

"I think it is really important to raise awareness around what are still using ads that are derogatory toward women," Draboy said. "We had ads from every single decade and it's not getting any better." Beglin said stores are still involved. "It sounded like a really cool thing to be involved in."

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LSA junior Imani Fadzwanjor holds a candlelight vigil on the Diag Wednesday night to honor the 148 killed in the terrorist attack on Garissa College in Kenya. **DELANEY RYAN/Daily**

Vigil honors 148 student lives lost in Kenya attack

Nearly 100 students, faculty members gather to reflect on tragedy

By **SAMIHA MATIN**
Daily Staff Reporter

Nearly 100 University students and faculty members gathered Wednesday night on the Diag to

honor the 148 lives lost in the al-Shabaab militant group attack on Garissa College in Kenya.

At the candlelight vigil, which was hosted by the African Students Association, attendees held candles for 148 seconds of silence — representing each life lost — before they stood on the steps of the Hatcher Graduate Library to recite poems and speeches. Though the students believed the number to be 148, conflicting news reports listed the number of deaths as either 147 and

148.

The victims of the attack in Kenya were mostly students. This was not the first time al-Shabaab attacked Kenya. In 2013, the militant group killed 69 people in Nairobi's Westgate Mall. The attacks increased after Kenyan military troops were sent to Somalia, al-Shabaab's base, four years ago to fight against the group.

At the vigil, many students voiced their concerns about the lack of media coverage of the

attack. In a speech, LSA senior Olubisi Ajetunmbi, president of the African Students Association, attempted to personify the students whose lives were lost, reflecting on the trending Twitter hashtag #148isnotjustanumber.

"The students were brothers, sisters, friends and loved ones whose lives were cut short by this murderous act," Ajetunmbi said. "While the world stands by and ignores what is happening, we need to

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CAMPUS LIFE

'American Sniper' will play after complaints

University reverses decision to not play controversial film at UMich

By **EMMA KINERY**
Daily Staff Reporter

After a letter circulated by concerned students caused the University to cancel a showing of the film "American Sniper," the Center for Campus Involvement will still show the film at its regularly scheduled UMich event Friday night, according to a statement by E. Royster Harper, vice president for student life.

Earlier today, CCI announced the organization would show the film at a separate time, and the film "Paddington" would replace the film's slot at UMich. However, according to Harper, the movie will be shown at the originally scheduled location at UMich, along with the alterna-

tive "Paddington" movie. "Paddington" will be screened at another location on campus.

"It was a mistake to cancel the showing of the movie 'American Sniper' on campus as part of a social event for students," she said. "The initial decision to cancel the movie was not consistent with the high value the University of Michigan places on freedom of expression and our respect for the right of students to make their own choices in such matters."

"We recognize, however, that some students are uncomfortable with the content of the movie, and appreciate that concern," she added.

The decision follows the creation of a student-generated petition Wednesday that called for the University to reverse its previous move to cancel the showing.

Before Harper's statement, CCI announced plans to reschedule the showing of "American Sniper" at the UMich, along with the alterna-

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ADMINISTRATION

RC class hosts 'U' president, associate dean

Administrators talk changes to LSA R&E requirement, diversity issues

By **ANASTASSIOS ADAMOPOULOS**
Daily Staff Reporter

A Residential College mini-course focused on the "Black Lives Matter" protests concluded Wednesday with a panel featuring University President Mark Schlissel and Angela Dillard, LSA associate dean of Undergraduate Education.

Black Lives Matter is a nationwide movement started in response to multiple deaths of unarmed Black men in encounters with police officers over the past several months, notably involving the cases of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and Eric Garner in New York. The mini-course was intended to foster discussion both about the incidents and the protests, as well as talk about broader issues of inequity

in the United States. It was open to faculty and community members as well as students.

The course has hosted several other guest speakers, including Shaka Senghor, an author and motivational speaker, and Detroit activist Ron Scott. Wednesday's seminar provided an occasion for attendees to ask questions and express their opinions about issues regarding diversity on campus, particularly LSA's Race and Ethnicity requirement. Several students drafted several proposals to change the requirement last year, and the LSA Curriculum Committee is currently looking into plans to review it.

Dillard's presentation focused mainly on the history of the requirement, as well as how a series of events last year, such as the #BBUM movement, provoked initial discussion about reconsidering it.

The #BBUM Twitter campaign launched in November 2013 by members of the Black Student Union and was intended to express the experiences of Black students at the University.

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University President Mark Schlissel discusses sexual assault on campus, among other issues, at his final fireside chat of the year at the Union Wednesday. **DELANEY RYAN/Daily**

Schlissel: 'U' to improve sexual assault procedures

At final fireside chat, University executives talk future initiatives

By **GENEVIEVE HUMMER**
Daily Staff Reporter

Sexual assault on campus dominated the conversation Wednesday at University President Mark Schlissel's final fireside chat of the year.

During the chat, which allows randomly selected students the opportunity to ask any ques-

tions of their choosing, Schlissel said the University will likely unveil modifications to the University's sexual misconduct policy in the fall. He said these changes could potentially focus on ensuring students are well-represented throughout the disciplinary process and that they stay on top of their school work during the process.

"One thing, in particular, we're concerned about is there are issues of representation during the process, and after the process, as well, helping students to get caught up ... to provide the interface for the academic side of

the house to the greatest extent possible allows you to continue the setting of a very difficult period of time," he said.

E. Royster Harper, vice president of student life, also attended the chat. Harper outlined several steps the University was taking to improve the University's existing policies.

She listed increased outreach to student groups, adding staff to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center and analyzing results from the student survey on sexual misconduct that was distributed this semester.

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ACADEMICS

Extension built for Rate My Professors

Student creates application to show ratings on LSA course guide

By **COLLEEN HARRISON**
Daily Staff Reporter

Rather than flipping back and forth between RateMyProfessors.com and the LSA Course Guide, LSA senior Mitchell Gildenberg created a Google Chrome plugin that displays the site's teacher ratings on the course guide.

The application is called "University of Michigan Courseguide," and students can download it from the Chrome Web Store. Once students download the plugin, they will see the professors' ratings listed under their names upon opening the LSA Course Guide. Rating categories include overall rating, average grade, helpfulness, clarity and easiness.

Gildenberg said when scheduling last year, he noticed

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remember that 118 is not a number," Ajetunmbi said. The relatively small turnout at the vigil reflects the need for students to know more about international events than what they can find on Twitter.

"We don't want people to forget the issues and simply move from one hashtag to the next," Ajetunmbi said. "Hashtags don't save lives unless we do something about them."

Social Work student Cynthia Simkha also spoke of the lack of media coverage of the murders. She said events such as the January 2015 massacre of 12 people at the offices of the French satirical paper *Charlie Hebdo* garnered immediate

international attention, whereas the murders in Kenya attracted sufficiently less media coverage.

"We go on with our lives, be happy and get our degrees, but what for?" Simkha said. "Two hundred girls from Nigeria are still missing. Forty-three children from Mexico are still gone. What do we do? Nothing. This isn't a one-time incident. It's been happening for years."

At the event, LSA freshman Davina Buruchara spoke about three of the students who were murdered as they ran back to save their friends inside the college building. She also recited a poem about the experience, which was written by her friend from Kenya.

"How many of you dream of passing exams with honors and getting an internship?" Buruchara

said. "Many of us also have dreams about getting married soon. They also had dreams just like us. But now they are all gone."

Trey Boynton, director of the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs, said it is important for the University community to come together during such tragedies and help one another.

"Events like these allow people to come together in a safe space to express their grief and emotions and not feel isolated," Boynton said. Ajetunmbi also emphasized the importance of students having safe spaces to talk about these events.

"The University needs to create spaces for all students," Ajetunmbi said. "The University should take time to learn about the students and create resources for them."

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how much time he wasted trying to figure out which teachers were the best. He said he ended up completing the app in one and a half days at the 2015 MHack competition.

"I spent like two hours going back and forth through like eight tabs trying to find the best teacher, so I thought, 'What if I just made it automated?'" Gildenberg said. "I didn't really do anything with the idea for a while, but then I went to one of the Michigan hackathons and I thought, 'I need an idea to work on, why not do that?'"

In the weeks since publishing the extension, CourseGlider has gained about 1,000 users, mostly in the last week. Gildenberg said he was surprised by the number

of downloads.

"I wasn't even sure how it would turn out in the beginning, and it was really anyone's guess as to how people would receive it, but it was something that I really wanted, so I figured other students would want it as well," Gildenberg said. "The friends I showed went, 'Mitchell this is amazing.' They wanted it very much, so I figured I would release it."

Gildenberg said he believes the extension will help speed up the process of backpacking for classes.

"I think it's going to help them speed up their decisions — having all the information they need on a teacher and helping them choose the best professor they could get," Gildenberg said.

Though he thinks the extension and the site will help students, Gildenberg recognizes the flaws associated with students

trusting ratings based on little feedback, as some of the professors only have one or two ratings.

Though this extension is geared toward students, some professors say they have mixed feelings about RateMyProfessors.com, in general.

Physics Lecturer David Winn said he would neither discourage nor encourage students to use the website. Winn is listed as one of the more popular professors on the site, but he said this does not change his opinions. He pointed out that students should not solely use the site when deciding whether or not to take a class.

"These criteria make it useful as a tie-breaker, but students should really pick their classes based on what subjects are interesting and useful to them," Winn said.

The hashtag generated thousands of tweets from across the country.

Dillard said the #BBUM campaign and other diversity-related expressions of student concerns generated an internal discussion within LSA about how to educate faculty on issues of diversity and inclusion.

"We believed that the way of addressing some of these concerns was to give faculty more information and then start to give them resources for how to think about microaggressions and the other kind of things the students were talking about, inside their own classrooms," she said.

Speaking to broader University struggles with low minority enrollment, Dillard said one particularly troubling rate at which enrolled Black students leave the University for another institution.

She said the University must take decisive steps to make significant progress on the issue.

"When I think about race in America, I am increasingly coming to find that what we need to do is to not just think in incremental ways," she said. "I think we've been really inhibited by that — we can only do things around the edges, that we have to be careful. So it means that nobody wants to do anything bold anymore."

Dillard said there are currently about 99 courses that fulfill the University's Race and Ethnicity requirement. She said 43 percent

of these courses focus on issues within the United States. Overall, Anthropology 101 is the most popular.

She opened up conversation of specific reforms to the crowd, asking how attendees think the requirement could be reformed. Dillard said the committee planning the review of the requirement remains in the information gathering stages, and is still exploring what changes could be made.

Students' concerns were mostly centered around whether the courses should focus more on past or current issues related to race, as well as whether current courses clearly address matters of race. Attendees also discussed how future courses could do a better job of educating students who haven't previously engaged with these topics.

LSA freshman Darian Razdar, a frequent seminar attendee, said in an interview after Wednesday's session that while he was confident Dillard is passionate about reforming the requirement, he was disappointed by omissions in the information she presented.

He pointed, in particular, to courses listed in part of the requirement that he said don't focus heavily on race — an issue also raised during the group discussion.

"I feel that she should want to have substantive discussions of race happening, and I didn't hear anything on that from her," he said.

Schlissel also addressed the requirement. He said he didn't think it was possible to design an ideal Race and Ethnicity requirement course, and that he liked the idea of many courses fulfilling the requirement.

"I think that one purpose of the race and ethnicity requirement is to promote the discussion," he said. "Any kind of discussion that taps into this set of issues and that licenses you to speak with one another and to speak with the faculty about this set of issues of what it's like to be part of a group or many groups in modern society in any context."

Schlissel added that he felt the University did have an obligation to make everyone on campus feel safe, but said achieving that would require some unsettling conversations.

"If we want to make progress on this set of issues together, which I think most of us would recognize are the most challenging issues we're dealing with in terms of the campus climate, we're going to have to go through some uncomfortable times and some really difficult, challenging, threatening kind of conversations in order to educate each other and to see how one another are looking at these difficult issues," he said.

Along with discussing the requirement, attendees also asked questions about a variety of issues, including campus police and fac-

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"All of those efforts that, in different ways, shine a spotlight on this issue are really, really important," Harper said. "So the more creative and diverse we can be with our programs means we will pick up different students in different areas to help understand and begin to change the climate. And that's why I think culture shift is so important."

Though students raised questions related to sexual assault during the chat, Schlissel set the conversation by opening the forum with a video to tie with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The clip featured University administrators discussing their commitment to ending sexual misconduct.

Schlissel said University administrators dedicate a significant proportion of their time together working to create a safer campus.

"...Sexual assault, in particular, is a topic of discussion almost every time we meet," he said. "It's not backburner, it's a front burner. I think it's going to take a consistent effort that's a collaboration between the University leadership, the faculty, the staff, and then, all the members of our community need to figure out together how to make this place the safest place to go to school that there is."

An LSA junior, who asked to remain anonymous for this article, identified herself as a survivor of sexual assault. During the chat, she described her experience

with the University's reporting process. She told Schlissel she first reported the assault to the University last July and received her first decision that September. Because she did not agree with the initial decision, she was given 10 days to file an appeal. The results of her appeal were not released until just before the fall semester's final examinations.

"I do not feel at all that the University supported me throughout the process because it was a very trying, very horrible time in my life and I feel like, first off, that the University could improve its process by shortening the time between the report and the decision," she said. "And also when we turn in the appeal, we have 10 days to write that appeal and then we don't get a decision for a month and a half, it's extremely unfair."

After hearing the account, Harper apologized for the policy's faults and said the University is working to make the reporting process more efficient.

"One of the things we are changing is the timeline, holding ourselves to that standard much, much tighter because it's too hard," Harper said. "And also switching it so that you don't go all the way through the process and then appeal, but you can appeal right away. You are absolutely right about the timeline and we are going to fix that."

Several members of SAPAC attended the chat, including members of their Men's Activism Program.

Schlissel also discussed engaging student-athletes in

sexual assault awareness, and said he talked about the issue during a recent meeting with LSA junior Cooper Charlton, the former president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Central Student Government president-elect. Charlton said there are two problems with the existing sexual assault education programs for athletes — the programs are lengthy and student-athletes feel stigmatized.

"I think you need to reach a student leader on each of those teams," Schlissel said. "Then they become your champions and then it becomes cultural."

LSA senior Ashley Barnes, a member of SAPAC, said sexual assault education needs to become more of a priority to the University. She said many administrators don't seem to have educated themselves on the topic.

"My issue is it's not that it's only at the student level at this point, it's also at the administrative level," Barnes told Schlissel at the chat.

Schlissel acknowledged that there is still room for educating University administrators.

"Five years ago I didn't understand this issue at all," Schlissel said. "I didn't understand why it wasn't the police and courts' problem until I started talking to people that had experiences, so I think there's a huge amount of learning that has to go on at all different levels, and I do think I should be responsible for helping train the senior staff to understand these issues."

SNIPER

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"Michigan Football will watch 'American Sniper'! Proud of Chris Kyle & Proud to be an American & if that offends anybody then so be it!" Harbaugh tweeted.

The controversy surrounding the screening — which has since gained national media attention — began Tuesday, when Mekkaoui wrote a personal letter of concern to the CCI.

After posting a screenshot of her letter on Facebook and garnering support from peers, Mekkaoui created a collective letter urging the CCI, who organizes UMix, to choose a different film. The letter attracted more than 300 signatures from people who signed as members of Middle Eastern, North African or Muslim communities. Those who did not identify themselves as falling in this category signed "in solidarity," Mekkaoui said. A majority of the signatures were signed by students in solidarity.

"There were actually more non-Middle Eastern students and non-Muslim students than

there were Middle Eastern or Muslim students signed on, so that's fantastic," Mekkaoui said. "It shows that this is clearly an issue that everyone thinks, from a variety of backgrounds, that it is something really salient and that it's something that needed to be changed."

Mekkaoui said during her time as a student at the University, she has learned to take a stance against injustice.

"U of M teaches us that when we see something that is wrong on campus to raise questions, and we proceeded to, so I'm really happy about that," she said.

However, other students who disagree with Mekkaoui's views have united behind third-year Law student Rachel Jankowski's petition, which called on the CCI to reverse their decision and show "American Sniper" on Friday as planned. It's unclear whether the petition will be taken down now that CCI announced its plans to reschedule the showing for a different forum.

"If the University prevents a movie like this from being shown, it promotes intolerance and stifles dialogue and debate

on the subject and goes directly against the atmosphere UMix purports to provide," the CSG petition states. "As adults at a public university, we should have the option to view this movie if we so choose and have the opportunity to engage on the topics it presents to come to our own conclusions on the subjects."

The petition calls for the CCI to show the movie as planned but allow students to present their own opinions on the film after its showing. The petition currently has 486 signatures as of Wednesday night.

Jankowski could not be reached for comment.

University alum Hari Vutukuru, an officer in the U.S. Army, tweeted Wednesday morning that he was disappointed in the University's initial decision to cancel the screening.

"...Did you ever consider how the hundreds of ROTC cadets, midshipmen, & student-veterans would react to this? Shame on you," he tweeted.

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ulty and staff knowledge of diversity issues.

In response to a question about his plans to increase diversity overall, Schlissel highlighted several initiatives from the past year. He pointed to his launch of a planning process for the whole campus to increase the diversity of the student body.

"There are series of creative ideas that are being considered, and we are going to pick some and get started and see how it works, with the goal of increasing diversity of the campus in many ways," he said. "Not just racial and ethnic but socioeconomic, geographic. I think there is dearth of diversity of political thought on our campus — I think that's an important thing to diversity. So, in many ways."

Razdar said hearing from administrators exposed him to the realities of working within institutions.

"I didn't really hear completely everything that I wanted to out of the president, in particular, when it comes to concrete solutions," he said. "Obviously it's hard for him to talk about that because he is getting to know the University after a year. I don't know. I was slightly disappointed. I felt like he could be more pointed on his remarks."

LSA sophomore Reon Dawson, who has attended several seminars, said while the guests addressed many issues, group discussions like Wednesday's also

showed that sometimes the challenge is not identifying problems, but implementing solutions to make the University a safer place.

"The way we talked about (diversity) in class, there was no set solution," he said. "There were solutions, but nobody was ready to put it in place."

In an interview with the Daily after the event, Schlissel said he

thought these kind of discussions help make progress on these sets of issues.

"The things I learned today give me a sense of what's important to students, what's important to some of the faculty and (to) this gentleman from town," he said. "All these things get incorporated in how we think about the plans we need to make."

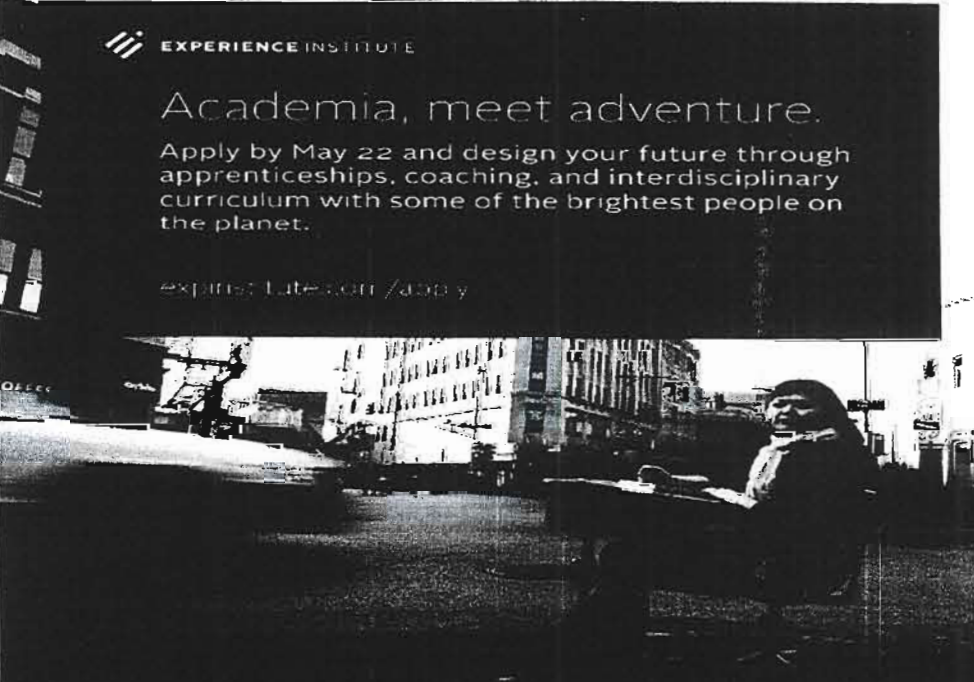


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Left: Connor Merck speaks during the 44th annual Hash Bash Saturday afternoon. Upper right: Guitarist Lath Al Saadi performs the Star Spangled Banner at Hash Bash at the Diag. Lower right: A crowd gathers on the Diag with a large 'Legalize 2016' banner, handmade signs and flags.

For 44th year, marijuana advocates assemble in A²

'Hash Bash' promotes ballot measure legalizing cannabis and hemp use

By ISOBEL FUTTER and SAMIHA MATIN
Daily Staff Reporters

Marijuana, smoke, along with sermons of "Free the weed, end the war," filled the air Saturday as the 44th annual Hash Bash unfolded on the Diag and Monroe Street. The event lit up at "high noon."

Speakers included State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor), Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, City Councilmember Sabra Briere (D-Ward 1) and acclaimed comedian and activist Tommy Chong.

Since its inception, Hash Bash has been an outlet for advocates of marijuana decriminalization. This held true Saturday. Charlie Strachheim, who coordinates the accompanying Monroe Street Fair, estimated that 9,000 people were in attendance. One of these attendees was the event's originator, John Sinclair.

The first Hash Bash was held in 1972 as a response to the 1969

arrest of activist and poet John Sinclair, who gave two marijuana joints to an undercover officer. Sinclair was sentenced to 10 years in prison, which sparked the "John Sinclair Freedom Rally" in December 1971.

Held in the University's Crisler Arena, the event featured a host of celebrities, including John Lennon, Yoko Ono, Stevie Wonder and Allan Ginsberg who came to protest for Sinclair's release. The Michigan Supreme Court eventually overturned the law under which Sinclair had been convicted, and by the following April, the first Hash Bash was underway.

"I started this and I'm still alive, so I like to come back," Sinclair said. "This was all a little idea me and some other people had 44 years ago ... One day, I'll be here and we'll be celebrating legalization in Michigan."

A large emphasis at this year's Hash Bash was promoting a 2016 state ballot measure that would legalize cannabis and hemp use in Michigan. It also aims to remove past criminal convictions for the possession of marijuana.

In Ann Arbor, marijuana possession is a civil infraction — offenders can incur a \$25 fine. See **HASH BASH**, Page 3A

ACADEMICS

'U' to host high school program for 46 students

Initiative aims to increase minority enrollment amid calls for change

By ALLANA AKHTAR and CARLY NOAH
Daily Staff Reporters

The University will host 46 high school freshmen and sophomores from Kalamazoo Public Schools for a three-day residential program designed to spur increased application and enrollment numbers for underrepresented minorities on campus.

The purpose of the program is to expose younger high school students to the University in a way that will encourage them to aspire to attend. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and submit a 500-word essay to gain acceptance into the program.

The newly formed Michigan Institute for the Improvement of African American Representation — a committee connected with the University's Black Student Union — will organize and run the pro-

gram. Engineering junior Will Royster, who helped launch MIAAR and is the BSU Academic Concerns Committee chair, said the idea stemmed from interest in expanding minority representation on campus. He said many of the programs offered for minorities at the University don't provide participants with the full college experience.

"Most of the other programs don't let students allow themselves to visualize themselves as students on campus," Royster said.

Among the activities planned are opportunities for participants to meet with various student organizations, take a campus tour, view a presentation from an admissions counselor, participate in an SAT workshop and hear from University alum Shawn Blanchard, who teaches mathematics for the University's Summer Bridge Program, a pre-freshman year academic preparation program.

While this is the immersion program's pilot year, Royster said he hopes to increase participation from other underrepresented high schools in the state, such as Detroit. See **PROGRAM**, Page 3A

SUSTAINABILITY

'U' celebrates environment on early Earth Day

Diag festivities feature student organizations, tap water tasting

By ANASTASSIOS ADAMOPOULOS and JACQUELINE CHARNIGA
Daily Staff Reporters

Though Earth Day is celebrated nationally on April 22, University celebrations came weeks early this year to accommodate potential conflict with final exams.

Central Student Government's Commission on University Sustainability, the Student Sustainability Initiative and University Dining co-hosted the festivities, in partnership with more than 20 campus groups Friday. The event drew in both University students and local attendees, with activities underway on both the Diag and in Palmer Commons.

On the Diag, activities included

sustainability-themed games, moss graffiti and a "take-the-tap-water taste test," in which students were asked to taste test unlabeled containers of bottled and tap water and guess which was which.

Students selected Knute Nadelhoffer, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and director of the University's Biological Station, to address attendees and explain the significance of Earth Day. He spoke from the steps of Hatcher Graduate Library to the crowd.

Nadelhoffer spoke to the intentions of Gaylord Nelson, the former Wisconsin senator who founded the day in 1970, whose wish was to raise awareness about a multitude of environmental issues, including pollution and the impact of overpopulation on the environment.

"Back then, we had no idea about fossil fuels and burning forests," Nadelhoffer said.

LSA senior Angela Yang, the CSU Commission on University Sustainability chair and SST board

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The Michigan Kavas team performs in "That Brown Show" at the Power Center on Friday evening.

South Asian groups dance in fifth "That Brown Show"

Several ensembles perform during event headed by Michigan Sahana

By TANYA MADHANI
Daily Staff Reporter

Several of the University's South Asian student performance groups gathered at the

Power Center on Saturday night to perform in the fifth annual "That Brown Show."

Michigan Sahana, a student group composed of Indian classical dancers and musicians, organizes and hosts TBS every year.

Engineering sophomore Sandeep Siva, Michigan Sahana vice president and TBS Committee chair, said the event was created to showcase South Asian arts to University students

and local residents. Siva said the founders of the event titled the event "That Brown Show" to connect across a variety of groups across campus.

More than 800 students, alumni from the performing groups, family members of participants and Ann Arbor residents attended Saturday's event.

The most challenging part of the show, Siva said, was preserving the original ideas and identity. See **SHOW**, Page 3A

BUSINESS

Shinola to open Ann Arbor location

Detroit-based company plans to launch new stores across the country

By LINDSEY SCULLEN
Daily Staff Reporter

In the time it takes a watch's hour hand to complete about 1080 full cycles, a new store will pop up in Ann Arbor selling a product to measure just that.

By mid-May, a store selling Shinola products — an up-and-coming brand known primarily for its watches — will open on South Main and East Liberty streets.

The new store in Ann Arbor will be the first of eight to 10 additional store openings slated for Detroit-based Shinola this year, adding to the store's six existing locations: Washington, D.C., Miami, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Los Angeles, Dallas, Austin, New York and London are among other

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Spring Game

Harbaugh's Michigan Stadium debut was a defensive affair



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member, said many of the participating organizations meet together regularly, and so hosting this event was a way to share the work that these groups have done.

"I think sustainability is something that our previous president and our current president, Mark Schlissel, have kind of seen as a really important value for the University to have and I think a lot of students feel that way," Yang said. "For CS&T to put on an event like this really represents how key sustainability is as a value to everyone."

Sustainability was the tagline of the day, with each group present weighing in on the concept.

LSA sophomore Stephanie Galezky is a member of the LSA Student Government's Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment subcommittee — which promotes more sustainable practices within LSA. At the event, she said, to her, sustainability is "preserving of natural resources that are far from abundant."

The subcommittee distributed natural cleaning products and "seed bombs," colored clumps of birdseed with biodegradable

paper adhesive.

Keith Soster, director of student engagement for University Unions, said sustainability through the scope of Michigan Dining means providing students with locally produced food processed within 250 miles of campus. In the spirit of representing local produce, Soster dressed as a carrot.

He added that making use of seasonality is another way the University reaps maximum benefits regarding food quality as well as cost efficiency. Soster spoke to the effectiveness of this technique in incorporating healthier food into the campus diet.

"Right now, asparagus is out of season, so it tastes bad and would be expensive," he said. "We save money by not getting it."

Michigan Dining chefs were prominently featured in Friday's event, performing cooking demonstrations and distributing healthy snacks.

Friday's festivities also drew discussion on the role of students in promoting environmental protection.

Rackham student Jonathan Morris, a member of the Divest and Invest campaign, said activism is a campus's most powerful tool in making constructive, sustainable change. Divest and Invest has repeatedly called on the Uni-

versity to divest from coal and fossil fuels.

Most recently, Divest and Invest worked with the CS&T to pass a resolution calling for the University's Board of Regents to create a committee to consider the University's investments and the potential of divesting from oil and coal companies.

"The best thing for students to remember is that they have a tremendous amount of political power," Morris said. "Just by coming out to an event, or signing petitions, they can make a change. Activism works when it is run on clean, student-powered energy."

Engineering junior Jessica Abfalter, president of the University's chapter of Take Back the Tap, a student group that promotes the importance of municipal water facilities and the value of tap water, said the event showed her that most people want to reduce the use of plastic bottles. She said altering public opinion is perhaps no longer the primary goal at hand.

"It's been really refreshing to see that it's not really a matter of changing public opinion that we need to focus on as much as getting the administration to kind of follow along in what the student body and the citizens of Ann Arbor already have expressed

that they feel about bottle water," Abfalter said.

The Earth Day celebration also showcased the efforts of Beat the Bottle, a petition launched last week by LSA senior Joanna Thelen that calls on the University to phase out plastic bottle sales.

LSA sophomore Jayson Towch, CS&T Sustainability Commission treasurer, added that student activism for sustainability has expanded significantly since Earth Day's conception — a positive sign for the future. He dressed as "Rufus the Recycler," the blue mascot of the University's Waste and Recycling Office.

"Informing people about a cause and going to the people in charge, is the right way," he said. "It shows education and gets rid of the crazy tree-hugger image and makes it about the science."

This new wave of "formal activists" are what Towch believes is the future of a less radical and more mature method of making change on campuses.

"This event raises awareness of the wonderful things our Earth provides and celebrates these things, as well as identifies the problems our planet faces," he said. "We hope students will participate in more sustainable actions and take initiative around campus."

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of the show without getting distracted by the planning process, which began in January.

"We put a lot of time and effort into it," he said. "A lot of the time it's easy to get caught up in the logistical work, but the main thing we wanted to emphasize was the community of musicians and dancers that represent South Asian arts ... The main idea is to build that community and build that connection and showcase the arts to everyone."

LSA freshmen Shalini Rao and Dhara Gosalia, publicity co-chairs on the TBS Committee, posted flyers around campus, chalked sidewalks and promoted the show on social media.

Throughout March, members of Michigan Sahana and other participating dance groups — including Michigan Manzil and the Michigan Bhangra Team — posted selfies on social media with TBS's mascot, a bear named Thyagraja, using the hashtags #tbs2015 and #tbs to promote the event.

Affectionately known as T-Raja, the bear mascot helped make TBS more popular and visible this year, Rao said.

"People who might not normally notice what the 'That Brown Show' table is, they see the bear dancing around and that's how we can get our name out there," Rao said. "The mascot really helped us with getting all the other teams integrated with TBS. Even though Michigan Sahana hosts it, TBS has been put on by eight different groups in total, so in the past years it has been a struggle getting those other teams more involved in promoting TBS with us, but taking selfies with the bear was a great promotional

tool."

Rao added that Saturday's attendance was one of the biggest in TBS' five-year run.

"It was so rewarding to see people asking me if they could sit in the taped-off area because there weren't other seats left, or having people ask if to go into the hallway because the main floor was that packed," Rao said. "We got a lot of people to come who didn't come last year."

Ann Arbor residents Pallavi Prabhu and Baani Jain said they were impressed with TBS. Prabhu, who trained in Indian classical dance for 13 years, said her favorite part of the show was the final performance put on by Michigan Sahana dancers.

"I think it was really well-coordinated and I think they choreographed it themselves," Prabhu said. "It takes a lot of effort to pull off something where a teacher isn't watching."

Prabhu will begin attending the University next fall, and said she hopes to come back and watch future performances of TBS.

"Hopefully next year I'll be participating in it," Prabhu added.

LSA freshman Rahul Ahluwalia said he attended the event to support his friends in Michigan Sahana, Michigan Manzil and Michigan Izzat, but enjoyed the classical and modern dance fusion performances.

"I thought it spread the culture well," Ahluwalia said.

Siva noted that he regularly sneaked out to the audience from backstage throughout the show to observe reactions. He said numerous people after the show told him how much they liked the event.

"When the other teams told me how much they enjoyed the show, it really made me feel like a community had been built," he said.

iversity, as is done through its Detroit store with the College for Creative Studies. Because the store is located near the campus, the company works with the school to both participate in and sponsor classes, Carr said. They've given courses in environmental design, bicycle design, watch design and leather accessory design.

"We're actively involved with the school, we love being in that building, being part of the creative energy from there," Carr said.

While no official discussion has begun as to whether Ann Arbor's new Shinola store will open up lines of communication with the University, Carr said it's likely to arise eventually.

"We love being in the town where

the University is and introducing the brand to the University and the community there, so I wouldn't be surprised if we're working with the University in many diverse ways in the future," he said.

Shinola has already collaborated with University students. In SHEE Magazine's last issue, which had a theme of "movement," Shinola's watches, bikes and leather goods were featured in a 10-page spread.

LSA senior Anna Fuller, editor in chief of SHEE Magazine, said the issue was her first experience with the brand, and was a very positive one.

"We had such great success working with them this past fall and everyone really loved the brand," she said.

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I don't deserve a professional career or that I am a bad student and a person," Kardell said. "As

leaders of the future, we don't want to feed into a system of misinformation and injustice. We need to have our voices heard now."

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tricts in Battle Creek and Detroit. He said he hopes to increase the number of participating students from 16 to 100.

"We want to allow them to acclimate to the culture and make them passionate about the University," Royster said. "We want them to envision themselves at the University."

Black students enrolled at the University currently make up 4 percent of the student body.

After the Proposal 2 ballot initiative passed in 2006, the state of Michigan outlawed the consideration of race, among other factors, in the admissions process for public colleges. Minority enrollment subsequently declined, and the University has relied largely on recruitment efforts to encourage underrepresented minority students to apply and then enroll at the University.

Royster said, by working through a student group rather than the administration, MHAAR has more freedom and it is easier to make efforts to increase minority enrollment without being limited by Proposal 2. However, Royster said, because the program is not a part of the University, it is sometimes harder to receive the extra resources University-affiliated programs receive.

"Students can target minority groups and bring them to campus," Royster said. "For us, as students, we can create a program and reach out and make a difference."

E. Royster Harper, vice president for student life, said according to the admissions office, students who visit campus are more likely to attend upon admittance. The program, she said, is attempting to develop a relationship between high-achieving minority students and the University to increase the likelihood they will want to apply and attend.

Erica Sanders, interim director of Undergraduate Admissions, said students on campus want to connect with others from similar backgrounds or from the same area. She applauded the program's effort to connect prospective students with current students from the same area.

"We are encouraged by the level of commitment and dedication from Will Royster and the Black Student Union to make this program a success," Sanders wrote in a statement.

In past years, the University has struggled with increasing minority enrollment.

Last year, members of the Black Student Union launched the #BBUM movement, which demanded the University increase Black enrollment to at least 10 percent of the student population.

MHAAR worked alongside Rob Sellers, vice provost for equity, inclusion and academic affairs, to help develop the residential program. Sellers heads the Office of the Provost's Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which University Provost Martha Pollack convened in December 2013, following the #BBUM campaign.

The committee's report, released in September, recommended the

University heavily invest in new and existing programs to build partnerships with target districts "to increase the pipeline of college-ready underrepresented minority students as well as first-generation students."

Sellers said the MHAAR program aims to help build familiarity and trust between talented students and the University.

"We commend the Black Student Union for its dedication and commitment to creating a more diverse campus," Sellers said in a statement. "This is a goal we all share."

Harper said though the program would help get students more familiar with the University campus, she cannot predict whether minority enrollment numbers would see a direct impact.

"I think it's just trying to increase the notion that students will consider Michigan as an option by having them on campus, getting them familiar with being on campus, going to some classes, meeting with other students," Harper said. "I think that this helps in that recruitment effort, but I'm not sure you can draw a direct relationship between if you do this then you'll have more students of color on campus, I think that's a stretch."

Royster said because this is the first year of the program, he, too, can't promise an increase in minority enrollment without any influence in the admissions process. However, he said, he can still inspire students to attend the University.

"When it comes to students in a minority environment, understanding they can come here and that there is a body and a face that looks like theirs is very important," Royster said. "We want to get them more excited to apply and more aware of the obstacles they will face to apply."

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cities likely to see a new Shinola store this year.

Ann Arbor will be the first. Heath Carr, chief executive officer of Shinola's parent firm Bedrock Manufacturing Co., said Ann Arbor residents often visit the Detroit store, prompting the opening of a Main Street location.

"We're very excited to be coming to Ann Arbor," Carr said. "We believe we have a solid customer following there based on the people that make the trip over to our Detroit store and for that reason we're very excited to be there and can't wait to get open."

Shinola produces a variety of products, including watches, bikes, leather accessories and paper products. The Detroit location produces all of their watches and bikes while leather production expands beyond Detroit to St. Louis, New York and Massachusetts. Paper products are made in Ann Arbor.

Though operated by Bedrock Manufacturing in Texas and owned by Swiss timepiece maker Ronda, Shinola is based in Detroit. The city is its epicenter for sales, manufacturing, marketing, design, product development and distribution.

The crux of the Shinola brand is that products are manufactured in America, Carr said.

"We believe in the beauty of manufacturing and creating jobs in the United States and we believe that folks in the United States — specifically in Detroit and the other cities where we manufacture — that people can

design, create and manufacture beautiful products in the United States and we want to support that as best as we can," Carr said.

Edwards Brothers Malloy is an Ann Arbor-based book printing company and plant.

John Edwards, president of Edwards Brothers Malloy, said while they print a variety of book types — such as textbooks — they also supply Shinola with all of their sketchbooks and lined and gridded journals of all sizes.

"We're used to shipping books that we make all over the country and all over the world, so it's pretty neat that they're actually having a store here in Ann Arbor," he said. "I think for our employees it's a pretty neat thing that they can go see our product placed at a store in town, if product we make for them."

Like the Shinola in Detroit, along with its products the store will have a Commonwealth Coffee on its first floor. Unique to the Ann Arbor location, however, will be a "finished-out" lower level to be used as an event space for brand and community events.

"It's really just about connecting to the community and having a place where not only can people have a coffee and purchase the products that we manufacture here in the United States, but also they can come in and hang out," Carr said.

While Carr said the number of employees at the Ann Arbor store will be contingent on the store's volume of customers and products, Shinola's other branches employ an average of eight workers.

Beyond functioning as a store, Carr said the Ann Arbor Shinola may also partner with the Uni-

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CSG ELECTIONS

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WITH LITIGATION PENDING, ELECTION REMAINS UNDECIDED

Final outcome of ongoing lawsuits could flip the race

By TANAZ AHMED
and EMILIE PLESSET
Daily Staff Reporter and
Daily News Editor

The results are in, and Make Michigan has done it again.

LSA junior Cooper Charlton and LSA sophomore Steven Halperin will be the Central Student Government president and vice president, respectively, according to unofficial election results released early Saturday morning.

The vote tallies were released 21 hours after polls closed for the CSG elections. Charlton and Halperin won with 4,041 votes, beating The Team's presidential and vice presidential competitors, LSA junior Will Sawyer and LSA sophomore Matt Fiddl, by five votes.

Charlton is the current president of the University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Halperin currently serves as an LSA representative. This is the second year the Make Michigan party has secured the two CSG executive positions.

Litigation against both parties is still pending. Make Michigan has filed a suit against The Team.

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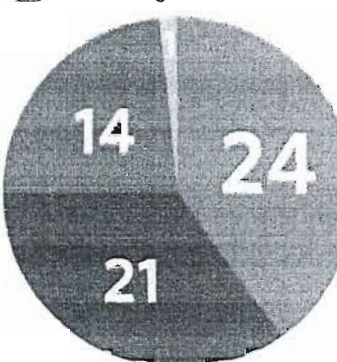
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LEFT: LSA junior Will Sawyer and LSA sophomore Matt Fiddl. RIGHT: LSA sophomore Steven Halperin and LSA junior Cooper Charlton.

SEATS WON BY PARTY

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Make Michigan wins CSG executive seats by closest margin in a decade

By EMILIE PLESSET
Daily News Editor

According to unofficial results released Friday evening, Make Michigan's Cooper Charlton, an LSA junior, and Steven Halperin, an LSA sophomore, narrowly secured the Central Student Government presidential and vice presidential seats by five votes, making this year's race the closest student government election in the past decade.

Prior to this year's election, the 2012 presidential and vice presidential elections had been the closest victory, according to election returns data from 2004 to 2013. In 2012, independent candidates Manish Parikh and Omar Hashwi beat youMvH's Shreya Singh and Ethan Hahn by 116 votes.

This is also the first year that both major parties received more than 4,000 votes each, though Make Michigan came close last year when it secured the top two executive seats with 3,937 votes. In that year, Make Michigan beat forUM by 1,087 votes. During the

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CAMPUS LIFE

Students rally to support fossil fuel divestment

Diag gathering, keynote lecture celebrate legacy of the first teach-in

By LINDSEY SCULLEN
Daily Staff Reporter

In the spirit of Vietnam War teach-in protests on campus 50 years ago, University students, speakers, local community members and parents of students enrolled the Black 'M' on the Diag on Friday afternoon to rally for better treatment of the environment and divestment from fossil fuels, and to continue campus dialogue on the issue.

Later in the day, participants gathered in an Angell Hall Auditorium - the same location in which the first Vietnam War teach-in was held in 1965 - to listen to investigative reporter Amy Goodman.

Both events were part of "Teach-in '50: End the War Against the Planet," a two-day-long demonstration focused on giving climate

change the political and social attention necessary to counteract future consequences.

On the Diag, protesters chanted pro-divestment slogans, including: "Be the leaders and the best, from fossil fuels we must divest." Some carried recycled cardboard signs with calls to action such as, "Find This Climate War NOW!" and "Save our ONLY home! Divest from Fossil Fuels #ClimateTeachIn50."

At one point, the participants also assembled to form the number 350 in honor of 350.org's goal to keep the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere below 350 parts-per-million. Many scientists say this decrease in carbon dioxide levels is necessary to maintain a habitable planet.

Goodman - host and producer of independent public news program, "Democracy Now!" - gave the keynote address. She is a renowned investigative reporter who has covered the East Timor independence movement and the impact of oil rigs in Nigeria. She was detained outside of the 2008 Republican National Convention.

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LSA senior Kayla Johnson, LSA sophomore Mercutio Galloway and Smith Ward student Kyla Smith perform during the Vagina Monologues at the Trotter Multicultural Center on Friday.

Vagina Monologues add new emphasis on diversity

Students perform acclaimed play on feminism, sexuality

By SAMIHA MATIN
Daily Staff Reporter

The annual production of "The Vagina Monologues" returned to campus Thursday and Friday to explore feminism

and female sexuality.

Held in Rackham Auditorium on Thursday and at the Trotter Multicultural Center on Friday, the University's chapter of Students for Choice put on the critically acclaimed show for the third time. Sponsored by LSA Student Government, Central Student Government and Student Life, the event featured performances by University students.

Created by playwright Eve Ensler in 1996, "The Vagina

Monologues" is a play based on interviews with real women talking about their experiences and views on their sexuality. It is composed of short scenes dealing with an array of topics such as masturbation, orgasms, birth, sex, love and rape.

LSA junior Kayla Smith directed the event and said she made an effort to include topics about diversity in the show, which the original monologues lacked.

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SCIENCE

Research develops mini-lung structures

'U' collaboration uses stem cells to better understand lung disease

By SANJAY REDDY
Daily Staff Reporter

Stem cell research has long been seen as a new frontier for disease therapeutics. By coaxing stem cells to form 3D miniature lung structures, University researchers are helping explain why.

In a collaborative study, University researchers devised a system to generate self-organizing human lung organoids, or artificially-grown organisms. These organoids are 3D models that can be used to better understand lung diseases.

Jason Spence, the assistant professor of internal medicine, and cell and developmental biology, who was a senior author of the study, said one of the key implications of these lungs is

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Michigan took two of three games in its weekend series



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MONOLOGUES

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"Recently, the Virginia Monologues has fallen under criticism for its lack of diversity," Smith said. "Our goal is to acknowledge these criticisms and think that dialogues surrounding issues of intersectionality are productive and important to have."

Intersectionality refers to the intersections of identities such as race and gender.

In keeping with the original format of "The Virginia Monologues," students took turns performing their versions of popular monologues, including "My Angry Vagina," "My Vagina Was My Village," "Stomach Cunt" and "My Revolution Begins in the Body." Students also performed "They Beat the Girl Out of My Boy," a new monologue that explores the identities and difficulties of transgender life.

LSA senior Wendy Carter performed the role of a sex worker in the monologue "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy." Carter said she was thrilled to be part of an event that opened discussions on a stigmatized subject.

"I hope everyone's awareness changes and that they can understand issues impacting women's sexuality and identities," she said. "People should realize that despite everything, women are still powerful and independent."

Business sophomore Edith Zhang performed the monologue "My Vagina Was My Village," which focuses on the experiences of Bosnian women subjected to rape. Zhang said the monologues provide a powerful voice to all women.

"Some of the monologues are very comedic, such as 'My Angry Vagina,' but others bring out compelling issues," she said. "As a society, we definitely need to be more aware of them."

LSA junior Jayla Johnson, another performer in the show, said she believes the event is a great way to introduce these topics to students in a more intimate setting.

"It's a taboo topic but events like these bring awareness to the student population, especially since it includes students from all kinds of backgrounds," she said.

LSA junior Khani Franklin, the show's producer, said she hoped the event will continue at the University, in part because 90 percent of the show's proceeds go to the SafeHouse Center. The center provides services to women experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault in Washtenaw County. The other 10 percent supports the V-Day campaign, which aims to end violence against girls and women.

"Through our events at the University, we are certainly contributing for a greater cause," she said.

ELECTION

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and LSA senior Andrew Lach for harvesting 561 e-mails. The Team filed a similar suit against Make Michigan for harvesting 5,719 e-mails and NLU Michigan for harvesting 1,541 e-mails. LSA junior Will Royster, the Team's presidential candidate, for influencing a student while voting.

Email violations are assessed per e-mail recipient. Candidates are not allowed to solicit votes through listservs they don't own, for example. Candidates or campaign volunteers are also not allowed to harvest student e-mail addresses for campaign purposes, according to the CSG Compiled Code.

"We're going to fight them on whatever we have," LSA junior Jacob Abudaram. The Team's campaign manager said Sunday morning. "Win or lose, we're still here."

According to Law student Paige Becker, the University's elections director, if both parties are found guilty of harvesting e-mails, their credentials could be disqualified. In this scenario, the Defend Affirmative Action Party would take office. DAAP's executive slate amassed 712,053 votes — over 3,000 votes less than either Make Michigan or The Team.

"It would be all of the next highest vote getters that are actual students," Becker said in an interview Sunday. "So for example, the DAAP ticket would take over the presidential and vice presidential seats, and everywhere where there were DAAP candidates for the assembly or independent candidates for the assembly they would take over the seats. Any that weren't filled were to be filled in the fall."

The election results came in after Make Michigan filed complaints against The Team for destroying campaign materials. The party alleged that members of The Team erased a Make Michigan chalk advertisement on the Diag and replaced it with an advertisement reading "Vote for the Team." The University Elections Committee ultimately found The Team guilty of the charges in a two-to-one vote

and assessed them four demerits. Demerits do not affect a party unless it receives 10 demerits, which then disqualifies the candidates.

Make Michigan also filed a complaint against The Team for campaign finance disclosure violations. However, The Team filed a counterclaim against Make Michigan for filing a frivolous complaint. Both parties were found not guilty Saturday night, yielding no demerits on either side.

The Make Michigan platform addresses several issues regarding campus safety and diversity. The party's platform outlines goals to improve campus safety by working with the city of Ann Arbor to improve off-campus lighting as well as launch a new safety mobile application.

The party also intends to promote an inclusive campus environment through the implementation of SEED faculty training, a for-profit faculty education program.

During CSG debates earlier this month, Charlton addressed the party's commitment to improving diversity and inclusion on campus.

"Diversity is more than skin deep," Charlton said. "The University of Michigan is where great minds come. With Make Michigan, we are going to be able to make the difference."

The release of the results coincided with the deadline for filing litigation. According to law student John Lin, CSG's student general counsel, this change was implemented in spring 2014 to expedite the litigation process.

The former election policy stated that results would be announced after litigation was resolved. Under the previous policy, the announcement of last year's CSG election results was delayed until five days after polls closed.

"The intent behind this rule change is that, say if you won, you can drop all the claims you filed against the other party and that would reduce litigation a little bit," Lin said.

Daily News Editor Michael Sugerman contributed reporting.

CLOSE RACE

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Last decade, the average difference in votes between the winning and second place ticket was 793.9 votes. Excluding this year's margin, the average is 872.8 votes.

According to Law student John Lin, CSG's student general counsel, including write-in candidates, about 22 percent of the student body voted in this year's presidential election, a roughly 2 percent increase over last year's student body voter turnout.

He said while this year's election saw one of the highest voter turnouts, the 2013 presidential election saw the highest voter turnout, with about 24 percent of the student body voting in the election.

Lin said the higher voter turnout could be attributed to the parties' intensified campaign tactics and efforts to reach out to many communities on campus. He also said having multiple parties contending for positions usually increases voter turnout, citing the 2013 election which saw students voting for four major parties, including forUM, youMICH, momentUM and an independent ticket.

Though Make Michigan received the most votes in this year's election, Law student Paige Becker, the University's elections director, said due to pending litigation against the party, the election results could flip in The Team's favor.

The University Elections Committee is still ruling on five complaints, including three against The Team for harvesting e-mails and influencing voters while voting, and another against Make Michigan for violating e-mail regulations, which are assessed on a per e-mail recipient basis.

Becker said Make Michigan was accused of harvesting 5,719 e-mail addresses. If the party were found guilty of violating the CSG Compiled Code under this allegation, they would garner enough demerits to disqualify their party.

The next hearing will be Monday night. Then the UEC will have 36 hours to release an opinion, at which point the parties have an additional 24 hours to file an appeal to the Central Student Judiciary. Lin said assuming no complaints are dropped, election results will not be certified until Thursday morning at the earliest.

If Make Michigan is disqualified, this would not be the first time a winning party is unable to take office after being found to have violated election regulations.

In 2013 forUM's Chris Osborn and Hayley Sakwa garnered 8,413 votes in the presidential and vice presidential elections, beating youMICH by 185 votes. However, the UEC later ruled that Osborn had influenced voters, thereby disqualifying the forUM executive ticket and allowing youMICH's Michael Propp, a current Business graduate student, and Bobby Dishell, current CSG president and Public Policy senior, to take office.

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the controlled environment they offer for future research.

"These mini lungs will allow us to study diseases in a controlled environment and to develop and test new drugs," he said.

Specifically, Spence said, scientists will be able to take skin samples from patients with a particular form of a lung disease, reprogram the cells into stem cells and then generate lung tissue for further study. He said by analyzing the disease

COLORFUL FESTIVAL



Law student Funkh Sanganee dances at the Holi "Color-Fest" event on the Diag hosted by The Hindu Student Council on Sunday.

TEACH-IN

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for attempting to report on an anti-war protest outside.

In her speech, Goodman stressed the role of independent media in bringing social justice and peace. She said the personal narratives investigated by independent outlets can allow audiences to break down stereotypes and caricatures that lead to misunderstanding and hate.

"I think the media can be the greatest force for peace on Earth," Goodman said. "Instead, all too often, from the Vietnam War, to Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria today, it is wielded as a weapon of war. And that has to be challenged."

She described the challenges reporters met in Vietnam in the 1960s, including how corporate media agencies such as ABC, NBC and CBS would not run their stories. For this reason, she said, independent media is important for telling the stories that are sometimes too controversial for corporate-run outlets.

"We need a media that covers power, not covers for power," she said. "We need media that covers movements that create history and make static."

LSA junior Nicholas Jansen — the president of Divest and Invest, a student organization that promotes sustainability — led chants on the Diag and stressed the necessity of divestment to fellow protesters. He echoed Goodman's call for movements that challenge the political landscape.

Divest and Invest has repeatedly called for the University to divest from fossil fuel companies. Recently, Central Student Government passed a resolution in conjunction with Divest and Invest which asks the University's Board of Regents to form a committee to investigate the propriety of the University's oil and coal investments.

Jansen said the University's Vietnam teach-in 50 years ago was responsible for a domino effect of activism that ultimately encouraged the United States to pull soldiers out of Vietnam and end the war, adding that this example was what inspired Sunday's event.

"Now that's what we hope to do

with this: start something here, start something big," Jansen said. "Create some noise that make institutions like the University of Michigan — that have a lot of power and influence on what this country does — say we're not putting up with this anymore, we're done with fossil fuels."

M. Jabi Chappell, the director of agroecology and agriculture policy at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, was among many speakers at Friday's teach-in who spoke prior to Goodman's keynote address. He said the issue of global climate change "is even bigger than the Vietnam War."

Chappell added that, because climate change happens in "slow motion," it can be difficult to impress upon people the reality of its severity. Oftentimes, he said, economic barriers are what stop people from acting on climate change issues.

"But there's a really good recent presentation arguing we could see 30-percent unemployment 80 years from now because of the amount of damage from climate change," he said, referencing a Tufts University study called "Macroeconomics in the Age of Climate Change."

"This is slow motion, but that is a real possibility. We could see huge unemployment in the future, not to mention lots of other bad effects and lives lost," Chappell said. "So this is to try and reenact energy from the Vietnam era, on something that's even bigger than that."

Chants continued intermittently throughout the rally. A common one was "Hey, Obama. Stop this climate drama."

Tom Hayden, author of the Port Huron Statement of the Students for a Democratic Society and a former editor of The Michigan Daily, gave the rally's final speech prior to the formal teach-in in Angell Hall. He spoke about clean energy sources that the University and the rest of society have yet to use. Citing wind and solar power successes in other countries, he questioned why the University has not made similar strides.

"The Great Lakes should be the source of wind power for the whole region," he said.

He further referenced the University's potential in this area, given the esteemed College of

Engineering and its students. He acknowledged the significant strides already being made by engineers at the University, though he believes more could be done.

After Hayden's speech, teach-in participants filed into Angell Hall to listen to Goodman's keynote address.

Engineering freshman Trevor Hoffman said he attended the teach-in because people need to understand the reality of climate change science and future consequences.

"Why am I here? To save the planet," he said. "If we don't educate the masses and get them all to know, then we're not going to move forward and we're not going to make any progress. We just have to keep moving, we have to educate more people, get more people to know, spread the word, make it known, get everyone to know."

Marie Lynn Miranda, dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, gave the welcoming address prior to Goodman's presentation.

Miranda said events like the teach-in are important for inspiring others to promote change through dispersing knowledge.

"I always say challenging times are also times of opportunity," Miranda said.

During her speech, Goodman used her experience in Selma, Alabama on March 7, where she went to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of Bloody Sunday, to emphasize that it is not enough to simply remember the past — citizens must use knowledge to make social progress.

"I think we are seeing little uprisings and larger ones around the country that indicate something is afoot," she said. "The media doesn't cover movements, the media covers politicians, those who cheerlead for war."

LSA sophomore Valeria Epshteyn, outreach chair for Divest and Invest, left Goodman's speech spoke devoted attention to voices that usually do not receive recognition from other media outlets.

"Amy Goodman's speech was one of the most honest things I've heard in a long time on campus," Epshteyn said. "It didn't feel very censored, and that's what she said about the independent voice."

in a controlled environment, researchers can gain insight into the progression of various diseases and then tailor drugs for treatment.

Rackham student Briana Dye was also a lead author of the study. She said the team manipulated numerous signaling pathways involved with cell growth and organ formation to make the miniature lungs.

First, Dye said the scientists used proteins called growth factors to differentiate embryonic stem cells into endoderm, the germ layer that gives rise to the lungs.

Different growth factors were

then used to cause the endoderm to become lung tissue.

"We add specific growth factors, proteins that turn on pathways in the cells, that will then cause them to lift off the monolayer so that we have this 3D spherical tissue," she said.

Previous research has used stem cells in a similar manner to generate brain, intestine, stomach and liver tissue. Dye said one of the advantages of stem cell research is its direct path to studying human tissue.

"We have worked with many animal models in the past," Dye said. "Animal mod-

els present obstacles because they don't exactly behave the way human tissue and cells do. This is why stem cells are so promising."

In the future, Spence said researchers hope to use stem cells to replace diseased lung tissue and generate new lungs. Though he said the future is promising, he stressed patience with the process.

"In terms of tissue replacement and regenerating new lungs for regenerative medicine, that's a much more ambitious goal way down the road, we are still far away from that."

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University-wide dance party raises money for financial aid

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Students gathered at the University's Indoor Track and Field Building on Saturday to raise financial aid funds by dancing the night away.

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The University-wide dance party, called INFINITY, was designed to promote an inclusive space for a diverse array of students to congregate and support a good cause.

An offshoot of #BBUM, a Twitter campaign launched in 2013 (<http://michigandaily.com/news/black-student-union-gains-national-attention-bbum-twitter-campaign>) by the University's Black Student Union, INFINITY aimed to use ticket sales and donations to provide scholarships and financial aid to students in need. The event was co-sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, School of Social Work, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, The Black Student Union, Engineering Student Government, Hillel, optiMize and Big Ticket Productions.

The event also served as an after party for the Block 'M' Party, a concert held earlier in the evening at Hill

Auditorium.

University alum Tyrell Collier, event organizer and a former speaker of the Black Student Union while a University student, said the movement is meant to create a space where minority students can share their experiences and viewpoints with a wider audience.

"We challenge ourselves to think creatively about how we, as a student community, can contribute to increasing minority enrollment while also building a better and more inclusive University community," he said.

Collier said the funds will make it easier for underrepresented students to enroll at the University, and in turn help bolster the University's Black student enrollment rate, which has hovered around 4 percent. As part of a list of demands provided to the University in 2014, the BSU has called on the University to [achieve](http://www.michigandaily.com/news/minority-enrollment) (<http://www.michigandaily.com/news/minority-enrollment>) 10 percent Black enrollment.

"We hope to encourage admission by alleviating some of the financial barriers students of low socioeconomic status face when deciding whether to accept their admittance to the University of Michigan," Collier said.

Kinesiology junior Capri Nara Kendall, the event planner, said not all #BBUM events raise revenue solely intended to benefit Black students.

"We want students from all walks of life, religion and race to collaborate and learn from each other," Kendall said. "We want to generate revenue for all students, not just Black students."

The dancing-centered event featured two DJs — a University alum as well as a student in the School of Music, Theater and Dance. LSA senior Arnold Reed, the BSU speaker, shared his enthusiasm about enjoying the dance event as well as contributing to a great cause.

"It's very important for the University community to understand how much diversity can affect a student's life," Reed said. "INFINITY is a great event to raise money while having a good time with your friends."

Though the event involves raising money intended for underrepresented students, LSA senior Darrartu Ali, an event organizer, noted that INFINITY does not directly challenge the problem of low enrollment of minority students at the University. Rather, he said, it is designed to create a fun and inclusive environment for all students to help others in need.

"INFINITY should not be seen as the outcome of everything we hope to accomplish under #BBUM," Ali said. "Instead, it is annexed to #BBUM as we wait for the University to implement policy that actually works."

The organizers said they hope this event will begin to take place annually during Welcome Week to attract more students.

"We need to create spaces for Black students, and students of color more broadly, to socialize and have fun," Tyrell said. "The lack of available safe spaces on campus for Black students to flourish socially has negatively affected the perception and reality of Black student life at Michigan."

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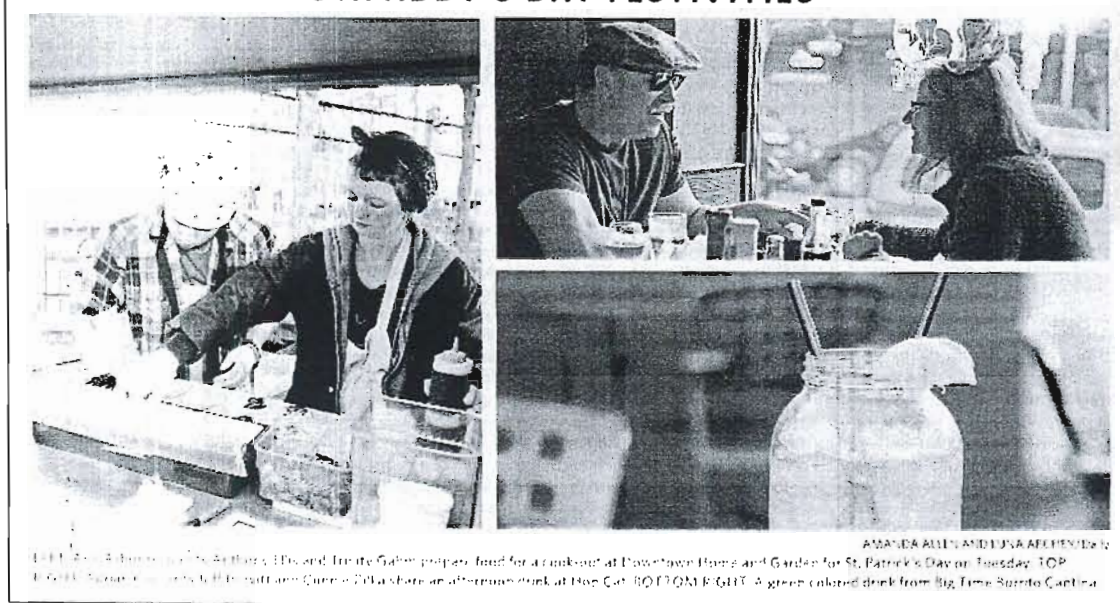


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LEFT: Ann Arbor's St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception churches, food for a cookout at Downtown Home and Garden for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. TOP: A green-colored drink from Big Time Sundaes. BOTTOM: A green-colored drink from Big Time Sundaes.

AAPD officers patrol city amid St. Paddy's festivities

Daily reporters ride along with Ann Arbor officers

By DAILY STAFF

Daily staff reporters filled the passenger seats of Ann Arbor Police Department and University of Michigan Police Department cars throughout the day Tuesday to get a taste of officers' experiences on one of the most notoriously rowdy holidays of the year — St. Patrick's Day.

Each reporter was assigned to an officer with whom they would spend the next few hours.

7:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's day shifts began early. With bars such as the Blue Leprechaun, Ashley's and Conor O'Neills opening as early as 7 a.m., AAPD Lt. Renee Bush met fellow officers at 6 a.m. by the Cube to divide and conquer over bagels.

For the alcohol prevention team, St. Patrick's Day began

when the Ann Arbor police, along with volunteers from the University programs Beyond the Bagel and Expect Respect, met to hand out cream cheese and bagels along with fliers that provided tips on how to "Stay in the Blue."

The group divided the bagels, split up and headed to their respective locations, focusing on popular bars. At 7 a.m. people were already lined up to take part in this day of drinking and merriment; there was a line of about 20 people in front of the Blue Lep-

rechaun, and an estimated 60 in front of both Ashley's and Conor O'Neills.

While the intent of giving out breakfast to the public was to help keep people who planned to drink in safe health, the gesture suggested the public and the police work together on major holidays to ensure safety for all celebrating.

After handing out the bagels, groups reconvened in the Michigan Union to discuss how every-

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GREEK LIFE

Int'l board disbands SAM after vandalism

Former fraternity members must vacate chapter house by May 3

By EMMA KERR
Daily News Editor

The University's chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu was suspended and permanently closed by the fraternity's international board of directors following its participation in a January ski trip that resulted in property damages valued at more than \$250,000.

In an e-mail to The Michigan Daily, SAM Executive Director Leland Manders wrote that residents currently living in the SAM house on Oxford Road will be forced to move out by May 3. He said he could not discuss future plans for the house.

Current University chapter members will be placed on alumni status as a result of the board's vote. According to Manders, alumni status means that the members cannot affiliate

with another chapter, do not have the rights associated with undergraduate membership and are ineligible for SAM scholarships.

A press release sent to The Michigan Daily from the fraternity's national headquarters stated that the actions of the University chapter violated SAM's values and standards of conduct.

According to the national office's press release, senior members of the University's SAM chapter refused to cooperate in the national office's investigation of the incident, particularly by refusing to name the members involved in the ski trip and vandalism and the lack of action from bystanders in attempting to halt the vandalism.

"It is regrettable that these vandals, as well as the officers of the chapter decided that avoiding personal accountability and/or university sanctions took priority over the welfare of the entire chapter; their lack of cooperation led to the university's withdrawal of recognition of the entire chapter for a four-year period," the release read. "Sigma Alpha Mu

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Class examines protests against police brutality

Residential College students consider #BlackLivesMatter movement

By CARLY NOAH
Daily Staff Reporter

Though demonstrators call for an end to police brutality, the Ferguson officer who shot and killed an unarmed Black man, students held a vigil on the Diag and later organized a "die-in" in front of the Crisler Center after Winter Commencement.

In response to the deaths of two unarmed Black men in Ferguson, Mo. and Staten Island, N.Y., at the hands of police officers, the Residential College has developed a seminar-style mini-course titled "Black Lives Matter." The course is designed to give students a space to share their concerns and frustrations over recent incidents of police violence.

Charlie Bright, acting director of the Residential College, said the program originated during a meeting of faculty in the Residential College's Social Theory and Practice major. Several of the faculty noted the significant amount of emotion their students expressed incidents related to police brutality.

Following a grand jury's decision not to press charges against the Ferguson officer who shot and killed an unarmed Black man, students held a vigil on the Diag and later organized a "die-in" in front of the Crisler Center after Winter Commencement.

"There was a realization among us that an interdisciplinary program like ours had resources and perspectives to bring to bear on the issues raised, and the learning community of the RC had the framework to foster a thoughtful conversation about the concerns students shared," Bright said.

LSA freshman Darion Razdar, a student in the class, said

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Dr. Saied Atshan, postdoctoral fellow in international studies at Brown University, speaks about being a gay Palestinian during the "Coming Out as Gay, Coming Out as Palestinian" event hosted by Arab Heritage Month at Rackham Amphitheater on Tuesday.

Professor addresses stigma faced by gay Palestinians

Arab Heritage Month event embraces unique identities

By SAMIHA MATIN
Daily Staff Reporter

In honor of the University's second annual Arab Heritage Month, about 70 students gathered in Rackham Amphitheater

Tuesday evening for a keynote address by Saied Atshan, a postdoctoral fellow at Brown University, about coming out as a gay Palestinian.

Atshan has served as a lecturer for peace and justice studies at several universities including Harvard, Brown and Tufts. Besides his work advocating for Palestinian rights, Atshan is also an active member of Al-Qaws, an organization that promotes

LGBTQ rights in Palestinian society.

Sponsored by the Trauter Multicultural Center, Arab Heritage Month provides a platform for students to embrace their Arab identities.

This year's theme, "Arabism and I am Arab," was chosen to explore multiple aspects of Arab identities and their impacts and influences in the world.

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Fundraiser for homeless couple stalls

Allegations of drug use call recipient's story into question, organizer says

By ANASTASSIOS ADAMOPOULOS
Daily Staff Reporter

The online funding campaign for an Ann Arbor homeless couple hit a significant bump Tuesday.

Kinesiology freshman Michael Funkhouser, who launched the campaign earlier this month, said several people purporting to be family and friends of Mar and Danielle Chavez are now calling the couple's story into question.

Funkhouser posted an update on the fundraiser's home page Tuesday explaining the allegations, and providing new options for the money's destination. The campaign has raised \$7,517 so far.

Tuesday evening, Funkhouser announced the money would be given to a local non-profit for the purpose of helping the couple

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Seton Hall and a game against her frustration as Michigan is knocked out of the Big Ten Tournament by Michigan State Thursday in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The game was 69-59.

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Medical school to modify admissions requirements

2017 application will make space for unique experiences in place of courses

By AMABEL KAROUB
Daily News Editor

The University's Medical School is getting up its bearings with prospective

students entering in 2017, the Medical School has altered the admissions requirements for its applicants. Requirements previously included a list of eight courses in subjects such as organic chemistry and biochemistry. They now consist of qualities and experiences the Medical School looks for in its students.

Most of the new prerequisites are framed more broadly: rigorous experience in the humani-

ties, academic strength and rigor in the fields of biology, chemistry and statistical methods and analysis; demonstrable knowledge of basic physical principles; and "a clear and distinct experience in intellectual inquiry and active participation in the independent discovery of new knowledge."

Though these prerequisites may seem less specific than a list of classes, Rajesh Mangrulkar, associate dean for medical stu-

dent education, expressed the opposite sentiment. He said the new requirements allow the admissions office to be more specific, telling the students the exact information the Medical School needs them to know prior to matriculation. He said listing a class title does not convey that information as effectively.

"When you look at a course name, do you know what you're able to do because of having

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ADMINISTRATION

Exploring the process for gaining tenure

Distinction encourages faculty to push academic boundaries

By MICHAEL SUGERMAN
Daily News Editor

Tenure (noun): having or denoting a permanent post, especially as a teacher or professor

Tenure is an honor -- a mark of recognition and a reward for distinguished contributions to scholarship both in terms of research and teaching. Subsequently, it is a coveted title. For students, however, it is quite possible that tenure is a complete mystery. How important is it, and how do faculty earn it?

In the realm of academia, holding tenure is "being able to hold controversial, unpopular or provocative views without the fear of losing one's job," according to Sara Blair, vice provost for

academic and faculty affairs. "Tenure enables faculty to press research questions, teaching, scholarship into areas that may be new, that may be uncomfortable, with confidence that the institution will protect the freedom of their inquiry," Blair said.

It is important to clarify that freedom of speech is afforded to all faculty. "The principle of freedom of expression and protection for the integrity of scholarship is of paramount importance to officers of the University," Blair said.

"Everyone has freedom of speech," said Lori Pierce, vice provost for academic and faculty affairs. "But it's the freedom to pursue ideas that perhaps are more risky."

Pierce said the timeline for promotion varies among the University's assorted schools and colleges. The University's maximum "tenure probationary period" is 10 years -- a deadline set by the University's Medical School.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Near the end: CSG reflects on initiatives

Reps. work on new honor code, mental health support network

By LEA GIOTTO
Daily Staff Reporter

With elections for the Central Student Government's 2015-2016 leadership less than a month away, current members of the assembly discussed goals they have accomplished this semester, initiatives they wish they could have achieved and issues they hope to address in the future.

CSG President Bobby Dishell, a Public Policy senior, said his benchmark for success has been the realization of last year's Make Michigan party platform.

"I think this semester is going really well, to be honest," Dishell said. "We accomplished pretty much our entire platform so far. So now we're able to take on additional projects like the honor code."

The honor code aims to complement the existing Statement

of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which outlines University responses to student behavior deemed inappropriate. The proposed code asks students to pledge to support honor, integrity, inclusivity and respect.

Dishell mentioned a recent resolution that, if passed, will ask University administration to release data from course evaluations, so students could see accurate "ratings" of their professors and graduate student instructors.

Additionally, Make Michigan's original platform called for expanding the Night Owl Bus route, revamping the Michigan smartphone application, improving off-campus lighting and introducing a academic minor in entrepreneurship.

Though CSG announced plans in December to discontinue the bus route due to lack of funding, University Parking Transportation Services ultimately offered enough funds to keep the current version of the program running at least through the end of the semester.

But perhaps most notably,

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Audrey Williams, a Women of Color Task Force member, carves at a workshop during the 2015 WCTF Annual Career Conference at the Michigan League Friday.

Women of Color Task Force conference talks confidence

33rd annual meeting seeks to promote career development

By SAMIHA MATIN
Daily Staff Reporter

With a focus on confidence and respect, The University's Women of Color Task Force convened their 33rd annual conference Friday.

The annual event aims to

empower women of color in their workplaces and promote career and educational development. Open to any University employee, the task force promotes professional development, particularly for women of color.

Elissha Dermont, communications manager at the University's Center for the Education of Women and a member of the WCTF executive team, said the conference is the largest professional development event based at the University.

Dermont said the task force

offers mentoring programs and training seminars to help women develop leadership and workplace skills.

This year's theme, "Tools for the Journey: Self-Awareness, Confidence & Respect," focused on encouraging women of color to excel in leadership and career development as well as promoting financial education and work-life balance.

Alfred Squire, a former workforce development manager for the Greenville Health System and current director of

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GOVERNMENT

'U' alum to consider run for president in 2016 race

Renowned former neurosurgeon looks to gain GOP nomination

By EMMA KINERY
Daily Staff Reporter

The Big House could meet the White House again in 2016.

Ben Carson, retired neurosurgeon and graduate of the University's Medical School, is considering a run for president in 2016.

Last week, Carson announced the formation of an exploratory committee that will weigh the potential of a campaign for the Republican Party's nomination.

A neurosurgeon with no previous experience in elected office, for most of his career Carson was better known for his contributions to medicine than his politics. He only appeared on the national political stage in 2013 after delivering a speech at the National Prayer Breakfast that received praise from many conservatives.

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Scout team no more

John Beilein gave two former managers the chance of a lifetime Saturday

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taken that course?" Mangrulkar asked.

Steven Gay, assistant dean for admissions, also discussed the logic behind requiring proficiency in topics rather than class credit. He said the old requirements did not take into account that students may learn necessary material outside of the conventional classroom.

"We see a number of students right now ... with advanced degrees, or who have spent extensive time in labs," Gay said. "I think we should give students the opportunity if they are learning in those innovative and different ways not to have to repeat things unnecessarily."

Mangrulkar said the new application process is meant to create a dialogue in which students can reflect on how they have earned the knowledge they need, whether it be from a class or from another experience.

"The student will be able to say, 'alright, these are the expectations, let me reflect on what I've done and show how these all meet those different criteria,'" Mangrulkar said. "That's a better way to have a conversation than what we've had in the past, which is basically a student saying 'I took this class, is this okay?'"

Gay said that, though students have the freedom to gain knowledge in unique ways under the new requirements, taking classes is still the easiest way to fulfill the prerequisites.

Listed with the new prerequisites is a group of Core Competencies. The four competencies are

analytical thought and problem-solving skills, written and verbal communication, mathematical/statistical analysis and application of hypothesis-driven methods of research. Mangrulkar said these competencies began as expectations for residents, but have now trickled down to the pre-medical level.

"It started triggering a discussion in our realm saying, 'What are our competencies and how do they line up with the fact that 98 to 99 percent of medical students go on to do a residency?'" he said. "Shouldn't there be some alignment?"

Mangrulkar added that the University's changed requirements are part of an overall shift in pre-medical education in the United States. He said the changes stem, in part, from collaboration with the Association of American Medical Colleges, a national organization that is strongly allied with many medical school admissions teams.

"There were sessions and conferences asking what are the issues with pre-medical requirements," Mangrulkar said. "I think the fundamental premise is that all of medical education is moving towards much more specificity on what we, as a profession, expect physicians to be able to do."

Implicit in the new pre-med requirements is a push for well-rounded pre-med students who have knowledge and experience beyond what one gains in the classroom. Mangrulkar said the medical profession has been searching for this type of student for some time.

"I think for the longest time the profession has wanted students who are not only academi-

cally excellent," Mangrulkar said. "If students think that by getting the A in biochemistry and getting an outstanding MCAT score, that that is a ticket to medical school, that has not been the case for a long time, it really hasn't."

Mangrulkar added that, ultimately, what the Medical School looks for in its students are the same qualities that a patient would seek in his or her doctor.

"If we're not aligned, our education program, with what our patients want in their doctor, then there's a disconnect there," he said.

Gay also spoke to the qualities that make a good applicant.

"Great applicants have experiences that not every applicant for medical school has," Gay said. "They may do Teach for America, they may do the Peace Corps, they may work in the lab, they may work on Wall Street, they may build programs and do things as undergraduates that give them the opportunity to learn in great depth a lot of the topics that we look at."

Students in the Class of 2016 will have the option of completing either the new or the old requirements. Mangrulkar said the 2016 cycle is meant to serve as a transition period.

Though the difference between the old and the new requirements may seem drastic, Mangrulkar said it really isn't.

"The movement in the pre-med requirements, I wouldn't see as being that big a deal," he said. "It just allows us to be more specific, and actually to be more inclusive, giving credit for the stuff that our pre-med students already do."

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If the transition from assistant to associate represents recognition of scholarship, Martin said, then the transition from associate to full or higher denotes an expanding breadth of study. However, the benefits of tenure remain the same, whether a member of the faculty is an associate or full professor.

"In addition to supporting academic freedom, tenure also provides security," Martin said. "And we would expect our best faculty members, once they're tenured, to begin to focus a little bit beyond the core things that they're invested in."

"The way I view it is, when we tenure someone, we're making a huge investment in them, and our expectation is that they're going to continue to make a big investment in the University not just through research and teaching, but in other ways as well," he added.

The first administrative body to examine the departmental portfolio is the Divisional Executive Committee. LSA is split into three divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. Two representatives from each of the three divisions and four other elected faculty representatives from within LSA comprise the DEC — which doesn't vote on the faculty member's pending tenure, but instead aims to "discuss and characterize the scholarship," Martin noted.

This discussion is then submitted in the form of a report with the departmental portfolio to the College Executive Committee. This body votes to recommend a faculty member for tenure to the Office of the Provost.

The CEC is smaller than the DEC, and is comprised of two members from each of the three LSA divisions. Martin sits on the committee as an ex officio, and only votes if there is a tie.

This entire process is meant to evaluate a faculty member solely upon his or her academic excellence, and not upon other intangible qualities.

"One thing that this college has done with some really great leadership over the last few decades is to think very carefully about our promotion and tenure process to remove sources of bias," Martin said.

This yields "a real rigid following of our process ... to remove those intangibles." For example, talking about race, gender, religion, age or any part of a person's background is completely off the table, Martin said.

Once the CEC recommends a faculty member for tenure to the Office of the Provost, the vice provosts and University Provost Martha Pollack conduct a final

review of the faculty member's portfolio by mid-February.

Pollack reads each casebook and evaluates the CEC's recommendation, re-reading the faculty member's portfolio and looking for context. For example, Pollack said, in examining teaching excellence, she looks to see whether or not a faculty member innovated in his or her teaching methods, or if that person mentored students outside of the classroom.

"I think what has evolved for me is a broad appreciation of how these fundamental questions play out differently in different disciplines," Pollack said. "I mean, I have this bird's eye view ... and what it means to have impact when you're a medical researcher is very different from what it means to have impact when you're an English professor. But in both cases, that's what we're looking at."

Ultimately, if the Office of the Provost approves the faculty member for tenure, Pollack submits a report to the Board of Regents, which has the final say.

Blair and Pierce said it's not entirely uncommon for faculty members who are being recruited by other institutions to perhaps try and fast track their tenure process. However, as Martin noted, the process is rigid in its search for excellence.

"Never once have I seen a shoddy casebook," Pollack said. "The process is always very careful, because it's so important."

"It's not exactly a marketplace," Blair said. "As an institution, we take tenure very seriously. The process for granting tenure is absolutely the same whether it's a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who is coming to us from outside, or someone on our faculty is being recruited (elsewhere), or a young assistant professor who came up through the ranks here. We stand behind the process."

And according to Pollack, that process is not just important, but essential to the growth of academia. Pollack is a tenured professor in the School of Information.

"Tenure is a right to express your opinion without fear of losing your job, but it's also a responsibility in my view," she said. "It's a responsibility to seek the truth and to speak the truth, and speak up when you think that views that are being expressed are inaccurate. And I think that's a very powerful mechanism for getting people to make sure that they grapple with difficult issues."

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the MedEx Academy, presented the conference's keynote speech.

The conference also included 22 workshop sessions around campus, which focused leadership and workplace development pertaining to this year's theme.

Inspired by the WCTF's programs, GHS created their own professional development opportunities for women of color. The initiative ultimately resulted in an alliance between the University and GHS to further increase development opportunities for people at both institutions.

As a director of operations, training and human resources, Squire promotes diversity and leadership development at different institutions by mentoring staff. He helps organizations and individuals achieve success by

promoting mutual respect and investing in "human capital."

Squire discussed GHS's slow evolution to a diverse community throughout the years and his involvement as a director there.

"My personal mission is to educate, enable and empower individuals and teams to achieve excellence," Squire said.

During his speech, Squire focused on how "color groups" can be used to represent work performance. He discussed how people could be broken into red, yellow and green groups to indicate differences in work motivation, skills and performances among the workforce.

"Colors reflect our lives because we all have them," Squire said. "We bring them to our work. They bring up the question — what color are you? Are you the manager who never provides follow up to your instructions? Are you the person in the team who always

complains and tries to bring the team down? Or are you a different color because you are always sincere in work and take risks to achieve your goals?"

Using this concept of colors — where green is considered the best of the workforce — Squire also discussed implementing changes to increase the staff's efficiency and satisfaction and to understand problems stemming from a lack of communication, initiative and awareness of consequences.

"The most important responsibilities of leadership are to recognize, respond and reward," Squire said. "Then you can have your work done the way you want it done every day."

Squire concluded his speech by emphasizing the importance of a diverse workforce.

"We are the most creative when we are not homogenous," Squire said. "Working with various groups of people can create the most effective leadership skills."

CARSON

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Carson, who was born in Detroit, enrolled at the University after completing his undergraduate education at Yale University. He graduated from the University in 1977 and spent his career practicing pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University.

Carson became the first surgeon to separate twins conjoined at the head. He went on to perform the surgery several times and develop a method to remove deeply embedded brain tumors, before retiring from medicine in 2013.

After Carson's 2013 speech at the National Prayer Breakfast, prominent Republican John Philip Sousa IV created the National Draft Ben Carson for President Committee dedicated to helping Carson gain a nomination for the 2016 presidential election. The committee's catchphrase is "Run, Ben, Run."

A month later, Carson returned to the University to give a lecture hosted by the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and the Department of Neuroscience.

In the lecture, Carson encouraged future physicians to branch out into the political sphere, emphasizing that doctors are the best people to talk about health care policies, as they deal with these programs and regu-

lations every day.

During a speech at the 2015 Conservative Political Action Conference in February, Carson outlined several broad platform ideas, including welfare reform and the replacement of the Affordable Care Act with a health saving accounts system.

With health saving accounts, individuals can contribute a specific amount of money per year towards healthcare expenses that is not subject to federal income tax. Individuals, not the government or a corporation, own the accounts. They are currently only available to those who have health care plans with high deductibles.

"It is not affordable," Carson said of the ACA. "And it is absolutely about redistribution and control. If we really wanted to use our intellect, we would come up with something that works for everybody."

Last week, Carson attracted widespread media attention for comments during a CNN interview in which he said homosexuality is a choice, citing that people "go into prison straight, and when they come out, they're gay."

He later apologized for the remarks, but said he would not address gay rights issues for the duration of his presidential campaign.

Contact information for a Carson spokesperson was not immediately available.

Aaron Kall, director of the

University's debate team and an expert in election politics, said Carson probably did not get involved in politics while at the University because he came for graduate school.

"I think that his time at Michigan, just being a medical student, and all of the rigorous amount of time and everything, I don't know how much time he had to dabble into politics while in graduate school," Kall said.

In the two years that have passed since he spoke at the University, Carson has advanced from a name thrown around when talking about the 2016 presidential election to a serious contender.

"(Carson is) not a frontrunner in the GOP, but certainly a candidate, a legitimate candidate," Kall said.

This year's CPAC straw poll placed Carson fourth among likely Republican candidates, pulling 11.4 percent of the vote. He placed behind Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, but ahead of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Even so, Kall said he has doubts about Carson's ability to gain the nomination.

"He got about just over 10 percent of the vote, showing that he's a legitimate candidate in 2016," Kall said. "But I don't think that he would be considered one of the very top most formidable favorites."

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CSG launched an initiative not specifically featured in Make Michigan's 2014-2015 platform.

The Wolverine Support Network, which launched in September, aims to address mental health issues on campus through peer support groups and community events.

CSG Vice President Emily Lustig, an LSA senior, said she is most proud of the assembly's work developing the Wolverine Support Network.

"I think everyone has, if it's not themselves or a family member, some connection to mental health or mental wellness," Lustig said. "Enacting a program with the ability to change people's lives and addressing mental health, and trying to break the mental health stigma is something that is so important."

Though some feel there has been progress in certain areas of policy, LSA senior Emily Sexton, a CSG representative, said the assembly's actions thus far have been somewhat insignificant.

"This year, I've felt like

we haven't done anything or brought any really great resolutions," she said. "We haven't taken any risks. It just feels like CSG isn't important."

She said CSG's executive leadership have accomplished their individual goals, but haven't expanded much beyond those efforts.

"I just think that the assembly is kind of there to aid (Dishell and Lustig) to get the things done that they want to get done," Sexton added.

LSA junior Jacob Ruby, a CSG representative and chair of the assembly's finance committee, said two resolutions in particular have been markers of success during his term.

"I, for one, sponsored a resolution that's going to add 60 charging stations in the UGLI," he said. "There's (also) an upcoming resolution that should help with some of the safety and cleanliness concerns in the CCRB and IM (Building). Just a lot of really good things coming up."

However, he added that addressing issues of diversity on campus has not been a strong point for the assembly.

"One of the main concerns I've seen here on CSG is minority enrollment," he said. "There

have been a lot of resolutions that have been passed and committees formed, and there just hasn't been that much actual results."

Increasing minority enrollment through on-site admissions at schools in the Detroit area was a point on Make Michigan's original platform.

In December, CSG passed a resolution to support such programs, creating a task force to work with the Office of Admissions. The group would have until March to report back with strategies for implementing an on-site admissions program or reasons why the initiative would be unfeasible for the University.

In this vein, one element of Dishell's presidential platform that did not come to fruition was partnering with the University's Alumni Association to fund more LEAD scholarships.

LEAD scholarships are merit-based monies for minority applicants. Though the assembly approved funds for the project, they were barred from providing funding under state law since University funds cannot be used for scholarships to specifically promote diversity, and CSG's budget comes from student fees.

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The University's chapter of the Pretty Brown Girls Club hosted their first conference Saturday with the aim of empowering women and children with darker skin tones. The program was designed to provide a platform for club mentors and guest lecturers to share stories about the types of struggles faced by girls of color.

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Inspired by the original Pretty Girls Movement and its founder, Sheri Crawley, Azia Harris Martin, a junior at College of Engineering, founded Pretty Brown Girls Club #52 at the University in 2013.

"Sheri recognized the need to address the harmful messages about skin tone and beauty in media," Martin said. "She was very concerned about the effect on girls who rarely see images of their own likeness depicted in a positive manner. She created a product line for young ladies that carried the message 'Pretty Brown Girls.'"

Nationally, the organization holds workshops, various events and clubs for girls and young women. In Ann Arbor, Pretty Brown Girls Club #52 offers mentorship, healthy dialogues and social activities to young girls.

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"Through Pretty Brown Girls Club #52 here, we want to fulfill this mission and encourage girls to be happy in their beautiful brown skin," Martin said.

LSA Student Government and the Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach sponsored the event, which was held on North Campus. The event's theme, "Dream Big," centered around encouraging young girls to sustain passion and determination throughout their lives and careers.

A discussion panel allowed college students, high school seniors and professionals to share stories about facing and overcoming difficulties and insecurities stemming from the color of their skin.

Izetta Bright, a judge for Michigan's 36th District Court, told the group about her life-long dream to become a lawyer and represent African American women, such as herself.

"The road had many bumps and bruises," she said. "I came from the civil rights era and during that time, and even now, law has always been a white male dominated area and you couldn't even imagine a Black woman in such a position. However, as Martin Luther King has shown, we can all be who we want to be if we dream big."

Jolisa Brooks, a senior at Michigan State University, described her own journey to law.

"When I was nine years old, my father went to prison," she said. "Being a product of the cocaine culture, which caused my family to break up, I wanted to be an attorney and give back to the community by writing policies. I care about environment policies because they affect Black people in brown bodies differently."

Adrian Roberson, a high school senior who has a passion for softball, openly talked about the sometimes hostile treatment she received at school.

"In my school where there were only five Black students, I faced many challenges," she said. "There were teachers who didn't know how to talk to Black students or help me. It was worse in my softball team since I was the only Black girl there and some team members shunned me and tried to get against me because of my culture and skin. But I worked hard, overcame the problems and showed my tremendous dedication. I managed to become the captain of the team."

Following the discussion panel, members of the audience participated in separate workshops geared towards children and parents. While the children decorated mason jars, parents participated in interactive workshops that covered topics such as parental curriculum, balancing lives outside of work and their roles in society as women of color.

Despite the low attendance of University students in the audience due to Spring Break, Alexis Stanton, LSA junior and activity planner for the group, was happy and grateful for the opportunity to coordinate the event.

"We hope everyone in the audience leaves empowered and with the thoughts that it doesn't matter where you come from," she said. "You can do anything. And as a club, we hope to get bigger since we haven't yet gotten our name out there yet."

Martin was also eager to share about the future plans, including a two-year anniversary celebration.

"We want the whole community to be involved, not just African Americans," she said. "We want all brown girls from different backgrounds and cultures to become part of the group so that we can talk about these issues and help each other."



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FRIDAY:
Photos of the Week

- CUT IT OUT

Chemistry student Tabeta Tolon makes paper valentines for a stop-motion video in her sculpting class in the basement of East Quad on Monday.

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Based on overall production I'd say "VIP," and the numbers show

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3 The Academy Awards scored its lowest ratings since 2009 based on preliminary estimates. USA Today reported Monday. There was a 16 percent drop in ratings, with 36.6 million viewers, this year compared to last year's 43.7 million.

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They spoke on condition of anonymity either because he wasn't authorized to make comments or because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

Greece and bailout creditors have been in a standoff since Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party won general elections last month on a pledge to tear up bailout agreements and seek a massive write off of bailout debts, totaling 240 billion euros (\$271 billion).

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Dogacan Ozturk, a Ph.D. candidate in Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences, said as an international student, he found Gombosi's speech inspiring.

"Attending this lecture really showed that your background didn't matter if you have passion for it," Ozturk said. "He's a remarkable professor."



CONOR BADE/Daily
Andrea Semigla and LSA senior Talin Gerstle, Executive Director of the Detroit Partnership, prepare cardboard to be made into theater props at the Franklin Wright Settlement in Detroit Saturday.

Third Detroit Week event focuses on direct service

Students volunteer at Franklin-Wright Settlements on city's East Side

By CAROLYN GEARIG
Daily Staff Reporter

On Valentine's Day, 40 University students showed their love for the city of Detroit.

For the third and final event of Detroit Week, students spent Saturday painting walls and building a cardboard school bus at Franklin-Wright Settlements, a human services organization in the city.

Detroit Week was a series of three Detroit-focused events organized by the Detroit Partnership, the Black Student Union, Semester in Detroit, LSA Student Government and the Black Volunteer Network.

The other two events included a dinner called The Soup and a panel on race and food justice.

The events aimed to raise awareness of challenges facing Detroit, and promote action among the University community.

LSA senior Arnold Reed, BSU speaker, and Public Policy junior Blair Sucher, education director for the Detroit Partnership, began planning Detroit Week at the end of fall semester.

"We had the same vision," Reed said. "When we came together, we were like, let's do it. We said, 'What if we could bring other organizations into the fold? There's a lot of community service organizations on campus and a lot of orgs that would love to do this type of work.'"

Franklin-Wright Settlements is a neighborhood service. See DETROIT, Page 2A

ADMINISTRATION

Regents, 'U' face lawsuit for violating civil rights

Current and former employee make claims on three counts

By ANASTASSIOS ADAMOPOULOS
Daily Staff Reporter

One former and one current University employee are suing the University and the University's Board of Regents in federal court over three alleged civil rights violations.

The two plaintiffs are Lorie Biggs, who began work in November in 2010, and Jamie Mercurio, who joined in April 2012. Both worked as patient service associates. The two women claim they were sexually harassed by coworkers, and Biggs also claims a documented disability was not properly accommodated.

The lawsuit was filed on Jan. 13, 2015. It includes one count of sexual harassment under federal law, one count of failure to accommodate in violation of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and one count of violation of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, a state statute.

Sexual harassment
The lawsuit alleges that the two women were initially harassed by the same person, fellow employee Richard Page, who took photos of Biggs during work that she "considered to be inappropriate and of sexual nature," asked Biggs for sex, and sent "sexually explicit" messages about Biggs and Mercurio through his work computer.

Page is listed as a patient registration and insurance specialist in the University's directory. Biggs complained to her then-supervisor Jenny Wilson who, according to the lawsuit, told her "there had been previous sexual harassment complaints against Page, but nothing was going to be done about his behavior."

After Wilson left the University in 2013, Biggs and Mercurio See LAWSUIT, Page 3A

BUSINESS

HopCat grand opening draws hundreds with local craft beer

Grand Rapids-based chain opens new location on Maynard Street

By LAURA SCHINAGLE
For the Daily

About 300 people lined up outside 311 Maynard St. on Saturday morning, braving frigid temperatures and biting winds, as workers inside finished up preparations for the grand opening of Hopcat, a Grand Rapids-based craft beer bar.

The chain, which focuses on specialty craft beer and sells food as well, announced in July that it would open its fifth location in the 8,600-square-foot space that formerly housed part of the Borders flagship store.

Leading up to the event, HopCat advertised that it

would offer free "crack fries," a signature dish of beer-battered French fries, during the grand opening. It also said the first 200 people waiting in line would receive free crack fries every week for a year.

Though the heat of July may have seemed distant on Saturday, patrons waiting outside — several of whom camped out overnight — said they were especially looking forward to both the free fries and the beer selection.

Public Health graduate student John Lee, along with friends Megan Hayes, physical therapy doctoral student at the University of Michigan-Flint, and Public Health graduate student William Weichsel, scored a spot in line at 5 a.m. Weichsel said the beer selection was the main reason he tagged along.

"Two of the beers they have are super rare, by Founders — Canadian Breakfast Stout and See HOPCAT, Page 3A



ROBERT DUNNE/Daily
Jason Frenzel, Huron River Watershed Council member, shows off the local food hero cape at the closing ceremony of the Sustainable Food Conference at the Michigan League Ballroom Sunday.

Seventh Local Food Summit addresses food sustainability

'Food Love' theme encourages produce awareness, nods to Valentine's Day

By SAMANTHA WINTNER and SAM THILNATIN
For the Daily

University students, together with food lovers, entrepreneurs and farmers, filled Rackham

Auditorium on Sunday for the seventh annual Local Food Summit.

Billed as a sustainable food conference, the event promoted stronger relationships with local food businesses, as well as encouraged local entrepreneurs to adopt environmentally responsible business plans.

"The intent is to bring people around local food so that they can experience learning from multiple different angles," said Ann Arbor resident Jason Fren-

zel, one of the event's organizers. "So we have participants here who are very new to the Local Food Summit and we want to allow them an opportunity to meet people who are very involved in the system and learn a few basics. We also want to create opportunities for people who are currently involved in the system so that they can get a chance to increase networking."

Slow Food Huron Valley led the Food Summit, which was See LOCAL FOOD, Page 2A

ENVIRONMENT

Students rally for fossil fuel divestment

Community members stage protest for Global Divestment Day

By JING JING MA
Daily Staff Reporter

Dozens of students and community members in matching bright-orange shirts emblazoned with the phrase "Global Divestment Day" rallied on the Diag on Friday afternoon in support of fossil fuel divestment.

Global Divestment Day was sponsored by the Divest and Invest campaign, a coalition of students, faculty, staff and community members. The protest aimed to urge University officials to divest the school's interests from fossil fuel companies.

LSA junior Nicholas Jansen, the event's director, said he hoped the rally on the Diag would raise awareness of the fossil fuel divestment movement and mobilize students in support of the cause. He said he believed See DIVESTMENT, Page 3A



Heartbreak

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The women's basketball team suffered a last-second loss Saturday

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Former English prof. arrested

"A lot of people are talking about campus food, food security and healthy eating and nutrition, so I'm really excited to work on that," she said. "I love that (we are) a presence on campus and are able to provide students with produce."



Oya Amakisi, community resource manager of the Greening of Detroit organization, speaks at the Race and Food Justice Panel in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Ford School on Monday. BY TANAZ AHMED/Daily Staff Reporter

Detroit Week kicks off with discussion on food and race

Panel explores connections between health and social justice

By ALLANA AKHTER
Daily Staff Reporter

Agriculture, food access, race and social justice were all topics of conversation during a panel

discussion held Monday to kick off the University's first-ever Detroit Week.

Detroit Week examines a variety of barriers in the city, including racism and poverty and encourage community service in the city, according to Public Policy Junior Blair Sucher, education chair of the Detroit Partnership and recruitment coordinator for the Semester in Detroit.

Several student groups including the Detroit Partnership, the

Black Student Union, Black Volunteer Network, Semester in Detroit and LSA Student Government sponsor Detroit Week, with features two more Detroit focused events scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday.

Titled the "Race and Food Justice Panel," Monday's lecture examined food and agriculture in terms of their historical and current impacts on the city. The lecture also explored how food helped shaped present racial

relationships within the city.

The panel included local activist Oya Amakisi, Kami Pothukuchi, professor of Urban Studies at Wayne State University, and Anthony Flating, garden production coordinator for the Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation.

Sucher said the panel aimed to look at social justice from a unique lens and to push students to push stu-

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CSG task force plans to create honor code

Guidelines to simplify current policy for student responsibilities

By TANAZ AHMED
Daily Staff Reporter

Central Student Government has commissioned a task force to establish a University-wide student honor code. The code would stand in addition to the pre-existing Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities — a set of standards to which students agree to adhere by upon accepting admission to the University.

Established by CSG President Bobby Dishell, a Public Policy senior, the task force is designed to create an honor code covering academic integrity, individual behavior and student rights.

"The aim of the task force, and eventually the honor code, will be to encourage and motivate students to hold ourselves

to a higher standard," Dishell wrote in a press release. "Currently there is not one place where students can turn to in order to know what our community stands for. It's important that, as students at Michigan, we understand our roles as the leaders and best both on and off campus."

In an interview with The Michigan Daily, CSG Vice President Emily Lustig, an LSA senior and chair of the task force, said the University lacks a clear, institution-wide honor code.

"Only certain colleges or schools within the University have honor codes and they are adhered to at different levels," she said.

The Statement acknowledges this decentralization, noting that numerous entities have individual conduct policies and mechanisms for sanctioning for violations of standards. In addition, Lustig said, the Statement is sometimes too long to be comprehensive. Lustig said short-

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SCIENCE

Research calls into question use of biofuel

Analysis shows existing studies employ imperfect methods

By SAMIHA MATIN
For the Daily

Though expanding biofuel production is often lauded as a key strategy for decreasing carbon emissions, a University-based analysis found that the benefits might not be so extensive.

John DeCicco, a research professor at the University's Energy Institute, reviewed existing studies that evaluated the effectiveness of biofuel as an alternative energy source. He discovered that the variety of computer models used does not accurately represent the amount of carbon dioxide absorbed from the atmosphere when biofuels are produced.

Though biofuel, an energy source composed from organic or food waste products, has generally been deemed a leading eco-friendly option for reducing gasoline consumption, DeCicco said many of the studies are misleading.

"The government has sponsored computer models which have made a very basic accounting mistake," he said. "Particularly, they count carbon dioxide uptake as it happens. They completely offset the carbon dioxide admitted when the biofuel is

burned."

In recent years, scientists and researchers have debated the advantages and disadvantages of biofuel compared to petroleum production.

DeCicco, however, said his work takes a step back to re-evaluate fundamental mistakes made when measuring carbon dioxide uptake throughout the decades. His research argues against the assumption that biofuels decrease net carbon dioxide emissions.

Using a field of soybeans as an example, DeCicco talked about how these models fail to recognize that lands are constantly being used for production. Fields previously used to grow food are now providing for biofuel production.

"The computer analysis methods forget to check what land is doing before it is used to grow soybeans for biofuels," he said. "They think that the land is completely barren. That's a very big mistake."

Consequently, there has been no increase in the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as a result of increased biofuel production because the fields were already being used to grow food.

The research paper also highlights the use of carbon footprint models and their incorrect calculations that carbon dioxide emissions are lower with biodiesel than petroleum. The results are inconsistent with the realities of the carbon cycle,

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SACUA Vice Chair Sally Ong, an astronomy professor, discusses the reorganization of Senate Assembly Committees with German Prof. Silke-Maria Weierbeck at a SACUA meeting in the Fleming Administration Building on Monday. ALUSCHTAFFER/Daily Staff Reporter

SACUA discusses possible committee reorganization

Body discusses Fitness for Duty policy during executive session

By CARLY NOAH
Daily Staff Reporter

At their weekly meeting Monday afternoon, the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs discussed the reorganization of several Senate Assembly committees.

SACUA also reviewed procedures related to the University's Office for Institutional Equity and the Fitness for Duty and Professional Standards for Faculty. Both were discussed during a private executive session, which are not open to the public or the press.

The Fitness for Duty policy offers protocols for situations

when faculty are deemed physically or mentally unable to perform their jobs. The policy provides for the possibility of financial compensation during a University investigation of competency and one year of severance pay if their employment is terminated due to their condition.

Last year, SACUA considered revisions to the policy to mediate conflicts between provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the University's current policy.

The ADA does not require faculty state the reason they are unable to perform their job. SACUA concluded that the University could rework the language of the policy to make that provision explicitly applicable to faculty with physical or mental illness.

The committee also discussed restructuring the body's committees to reduce the

number of committees under SACUA.

"We're looking to economize SACUA," said SACUA Chair Scott Masten, a professor in Public Policy and Business Economics.

He said the meeting did not finalize any decision, but determined what matters would be taken up in the next Senate Assembly meeting.

For example, a merger of the Tenure Committee with the Rules Committee was suggested during the meeting.

The Rules Committee currently works with bylaw changes within the Senate Assembly. It was recommended that the Rules Committee be granted the responsibilities of looking at University Standard Practice Guides and technology information before proposals are sent to SACUA.

SACUA member John Lehm-

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HEALTH

Antiviral treatment shortens flu symptoms

Despite CDC recommendations, doctors continue to prescribe antibiotics

By PARISHA NOVA
Daily Staff Reporter

Researchers from the University, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Alabama have found that Oseltamivir — an antiviral medicine marketed as "Tamiflu" — shortens the duration of influenza symptoms by about a day.

When treated with Tamiflu, researchers observed a 44 percent reduction in the development of respiratory infections or other infectious complications.

Epidemiology Prof. Arnold Monto, a researcher from the School of Public Health, said the study confirms the success of antiviral medication in treating the flu.

"We decided to conduct this study as antibacterials are often prescribed on grounds that antivirals are not as effective," Monto said.

Antivirals typically inhibit the development of pathogens, whereas antibacterial treatments kill bacteria.

Monto added that despite the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to use of Tamiflu for treating influenza, doctors tend

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NEWS BRIEFS

MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN

CMU head coach plans for long career

Like so many schools in the Mid-American Conference, Central Michigan faces a real challenge maintaining continuity in its football program.

Everyone wants a coach who wins — but win too much, and your coach becomes a candidate for other jobs pretty quickly.

In John Bonamego, CMU may have found someone who can buck that trend.

"I plan to win, win now, and be here for a very, very, very, very long time," Bonamego said.

Bonamego was introduced as the Chippewas' new coach Monday, his voice crackling with emotion almost immediately as he described his connection to the school where he was a player during the mid-1980s. The question now is whether his passion for CMU will translate to victories on the field in his return to college football after a lengthy stretch as an NFL assistant.

BOSTON, MASS.

Cities struggle after record snowfall

More than 2 feet of fresh snow piled up in parts of New England on Monday, breaking records set during the Blizzard of 1978 and testing the patience of officials and commuters as forecasters warned of more winter misery later in the week.

The latest onslaught forced the cancellations of hundreds of flights, tested transit systems and tempers, and collapsed roofs straining beneath the weight of 5 feet or more of snow that has fallen in less than two weeks.

"It's awful. I'm done with it. It's ridiculous," said Priscilla Medina, a sandwich shop worker in Westborough, Massachusetts, suffering from a nasty case of snow fatigue.

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Drone strike kills Islamic State leader

The top recruiter for the Islamic State group's affiliate in Afghanistan was killed by a drone strike Monday, local officials said, marking the first such attack on the extremist group in a volatile country where it has a small but growing following.

U.S. officials said a total of eight people were killed in the drone strike, but could not confirm the Islamic State recruiter's death.

The deputy governor of the southern Helmand province identified the recruiter as Abdul Rauf, saying he and others were killed when a drone-fired missile struck their car.

The attack would appear to deal a blow to the Islamic State group's efforts to develop a local affiliate to challenge the long-dominant Taliban.

Last month, Afghan tribal leaders and Western intelligence analysts told The Associated Press that Abdul Rauf was the top Islamic State recruiter in Helmand. Rauf had been held in the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba for his involvement with the Taliban.

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

Prime minister maintains powers

Australia's beleaguered Prime Minister Tony Abbott emerged politically wounded after withstanding a leadership challenge from within his own party Monday, with many analysts doubting he can survive to lead his conservative government to next year's elections.

The polarizing leader's grip on power has slipped since last month when he drew widespread criticism for making Queen Elizabeth II's 93-year-old husband, Prince Philip, an Australian knight on Australia's national day. Many saw it as an insult to worthy Australians.

Abbott, in office less than a year-and-a-half, survived a mite by disgruntled Liberal Party members calling for a secret ballot to decide who would be prime minister.

— Compiled from Daily wire reports

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to prescribe antibacterial medication.

Dr. Robert Winfield, chief health officer at the University Health Service, said e-mails are sent to UHS caregivers encouraging prescribing Tamiflu.

"Influenza peaked in the first week of January, and anybody coming in within 48 hours of getting sick will be treated with Tamiflu," Winfield said. "Tamiflu is a useful drug, but after four hours it tends to be ineffective."

This research has been underway for the past several years and trials were conducted on more than 4,300 patients globally. The study employed a placebo-controlled design, where patients with placebo medication experienced their flu symptoms alleviated within

123 hours — whereas those who took Tamiflu were remedied in 98 hours.

"Observational studies were conducted with a double-blind approach," Munro said. "Neither the patients or the researchers were aware of the placement of placebo. It was done to reduce bias from the nature of observations."

Researchers found the drug to be ineffective when administered to patients not carrying the influenza virus, even if they show similar symptoms. The study also showed that use of pain-relief medications with Tamiflu reduced its success.

Though the study demonstrated Tamiflu's usefulness, Munro stressed the need for new antiviral medications that could shorten the duration of symptoms. He said it could be possible to combine different antivirals to achieve this goal.

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dents to look at race and hunger in Detroit from an angle they might not have thought about before.

"We just really wanted to focus on different areas of food justice," she said. "Social justice doesn't just happen one way, you can look at the same problem and have a lot of different solutions for it."

Growing up, Hatinger, the garden coordinator, said he was the only biracial resident in a small Lansing suburb. He said he moved to Detroit to learn about a new culture that might subsequently help him learn more about himself. With his work in spirituality, agriculture and community development, he strives to bring together larger issues in the city like health, education and nutrition.

Pothukuchi, who was raised in Mumbai, India, employs her work in architecture and community planning to find links between communities and their food systems. Similar to Hatinger, Pothukuchi noted the importance of addressing Detroit's larger problems including water shutoffs, housing shortages and poor land quality.

"We don't really plan for food, that thinking is shifting partly due to the work my colleagues and I have done in raising awareness between the links between community planning and food systems and how integral those links are and how many community goals you can advance by intervening in the food system," she said.

A self-described activist since the age of 11, Amakisi became involved in food access work after noticing the minimal knowledge Detroit residents had of cooking healthy meals and finding adequate ingredients to feed their families.

Growing up in a family of farmers from the South, Amakisi said she realized the necessity of relating to the Detroit residents she was trying to serve. To do so, she shifted the conversation to focus on the ways in which problems related to food access shaped other problems within the city.

"By growing food and these basic issues I'm also able to also get them involved in water rights, I'm also able to talk to them about neoliberalism and privatization and issues that relate to relate to their basic needs first," she said.

The dialogue brought in the panelists' backgrounds and their wide array of experiences to help explain barriers to food accessibility within the city.

Pothukuchi, speaking from her experience as an urban planner and architect, used history and city development to help understand these barriers.

She explained that though Detroit once housed various local, independently owned grocery stores, they were sold out by larger corporations like A&P, Kroger and Walmart — stores with buying power to bankrupt local grocers and local sellers.

Furthermore, as aid from the

federal government declined, the city took money from local elites and corporations while ignoring and neglecting exploited residents.

"You can talk about the corruption that politicians, about Kwame, you can talk about Kwame buying SUVs and the corruption, but Detroit did not cause the problems it experiences," Pothukuchi said.

Amakisi described the hardships residents face in the context of food accessibility, pointing to the way public schools take away food stamps if children miss too much school and the long distances residents often walk to reach gas stations that only sell processed food.

Amakisi also mentioned the lack of knowledge residents in and out of the city have about growing and cooking food, saying that training people to build their own gardens and cook their own food can have a direct impact on developing and supporting the city.

Hatinger said power-holders like politicians and corporations oppressed residents by controlling the distribution and access to food and thus limiting the resources of the general public. He added that learning about the dynamics of power and giving food resources back to the people is what propels him to do his work with agriculture in the city.

"It's natural, it's natural to every person on the globe and it's more so about getting people back in touch, letting them learn how to foster and sustain life."

The panel continued the discussion to help identify the confluences of food and the city's racial history.

Hatinger touched on the stigma of agriculture and farming Black residents may feel due to its historic connection with sharecropping and slavery.

Amakisi spoke on the way that the construction of freeways cut through thriving Black communities within the cities and the arrival of big businesses demolished existing homes and agricultural land.

LSA freshman Elena Mosher, who attended Monday's panel, said the biggest takeaway was the larger role food accessibility plays in the more publicized problems within the city.

"One thing that's really important is just realizing that, like one of them said, these problems aren't the fault of the people in Detroit, it's really part of the bigger food system and we need to work with education and proactive movements to combat the oppression that has already occurred," Mosher said.

Public Policy junior Hattie McKinney said she felt a larger responsibility as a college student to lead the movement to improve food resources and spread awareness of the potential harms that food consolidation brings to inner-city residents like those in Detroit.

"Basically, what everyone should know is that we should take more interest in where our food comes from, as well as what we can do to make it healthier, and to share with those who don't have access to food at all," she said.

HONOR CODE

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ening the Statement to make it more "digestible" would allow students to "fully understand" their expectations as members of the University community.

While drafting the code, the task force plans to consult members of the student body — in part by holding at least one open forum — as well as University administrators. Lustig said the task force would like to speak to members of Greek life and large student organizations like the Black Student Union, as well as the deans of different colleges and eventually, University President Mark Schlissel.

CSG representative Steven

Halperin, an LSA sophomore, will serve as the task force's vice chair.

"I wanted to become involved in the task force because I wanted to be a voice for students," Halperin said. "I feel that it gets a little complicated and students sometimes get a little confused about what is permissible and what is not."

The task force is also comprised of students outside of CSG.

"We reached out to large organizations and different schools within the University and tried to get students that represent the entire University," Lustig said.

Kyle Lady, a member of Rackham Student Government, will also serve on the team.

"I think there's value in work-

ing on what's out there and where shortcomings might be," Lady said.

Violations of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities have garnered significant attention this semester. In January, six University Greek chapters were suspended by their nationals for reportedly causing thousands of dollars worth of damage at two Michigan ski resorts. Sigma Alpha Mu, who attended a retreat weekend in Gaylord Mich, with Sigma Delta Tau, reportedly caused upwards of \$100,000 in damage to several of the hotel's rooms and common areas.

If found responsible by University disciplinary procedures, they could face sanctions based on violations of the Statement.

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an, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, did not favor the proposal to increase Rules Committee responsibilities.

"From my perspective, when you start adding all of that extra responsibility, the jurisdiction expands and it becomes a big burden," Lehman said.

While it was decided that the Tenure Committee would not be recommended for merger with the Rules Committee, it will be recommended that the Rules Committee

be renamed the Rules, Practices and Policies Committee. This change would give the committee more leverage to deal with policy related issues.

SACUA also recommended the addition of two committees.

The Information Technology Committee was proposed to address technology issues. SACUA also proposed the Buildings Facilities and Infrastructure Committee to confront matters within the University's facilities.

The next Senate Assembly meeting will be held Feb. 16. The next SACUA meeting will be held Feb. 23.

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causing carbon footprint calculations to incorrectly estimate carbon dioxide uptake by crops like soybeans.

However, DeCicca remains optimistic for the future and believes that scientific critical analyses will help to remove these assumptions.

"I, alongside many researchers around the world, have begun peeling the layers of the onion," he said. "It's necessary because the scientific community has made some erroneous decisions."



Millersville University students attend a candlelight vigil for slain student Karlie Hall.

SUZETTE WINKER/AP

Boyfriend charged for college student's death

Freshman arrested for homicide following autopsy

MILLERSVILLE, Pa. (AP) —

The boyfriend of a college freshman found dead in her dorm room was charged Monday with homicide after an autopsy found she had been severely beaten and strangled, during a struggle in which a prosecutor said she "fought for her life."

Police officers responding to a 911 call early Sunday from the boyfriend, Gregorio Orrostieta, 19, said they found him trying to administer CPR to Karlie Hall, 18, his own face, hands and jeans smeared with blood, his shirt ripped, his chest scratched and his forehead cut, a police affidavit said.

Authorities believe the CPR was "completely fake," and that Hall had already been dead for hours when Orrostieta called them to Millersville University, claiming the young woman had suffered a heart attack, said Lancaster County District Attorney Craig Stedman.

Questioned by police, Orrostieta said he shoved Hall, causing her to fall and hit her head on a chair, and then gave her a "back hand" to the face, the affidavit said. But he made no mention of choking her.

"He's responsible and we're going to hold him accountable," Stedman told a news conference to announce the homicide charge. He had been charged only with aggravated assault pending the autopsy.

"She fought for her life," the prosecutor said.

The dorm's video surveillance confirmed that no one else entered or left the room during the time when a struggle was heard in the dorm room.

The couple, both from the Philadelphia suburbs, had been

dating about 11 months.

Orrostieta, of Kennett Square, is not a Millersville student. He was being held without bail. The prosecutor said he did not have a lawyer on record, and no one answered the door at his residence Monday afternoon.

Orrostieta told police that he and Hall, 18, of Chadds Ford, had argued at a party Saturday night and she had hit him, the affidavit said. They made up before returning to the dorm at around 1:30 a.m. and arguing again, the affidavit said. Stedman declined to say if there was a history of abuse.

Stedman said witnesses reported hearing yelling and the sound of furniture moving between 2 and 2:30 a.m., about the time authorities believe Hall was killed.

The dorm's resident assistant knocked on the door, but no one answered and no further sound was heard, authorities said.

Police found Hall unresponsive when they arrived at Bard Hall after getting the 911 call at about 5 a.m., authorities said.

Asked about the resident assistant not calling police, Stedman said: "They're not criminal investigators. Their responsibility is ... to make sure there's no more disturbances going on."

"It's something that we'll look at," he said while adding: "I don't want in any way anybody taking out of this press conference today that anybody's responsible for her death other than the defendant who's charged."

University spokeswoman Janet Kaeskos said the RA was awoken by other residents who heard the noise. After knocking and not getting any response, she figured they had "quieted down," Kaeskos said.

In a note to students, Millersville President John Anderson called Hall's death "unfathom-

able." "We've never had this happen. We're a pretty bucolic, rural campus. Very safe," Kaeskos said.

Hundreds of students attended an outdoor vigil for Hall Monday night at Millersville, an 8,000-student state-owned university. Standing in the rain and holding candles, many of them wept as they sang two hymns and campus minister Dwayne Netzler prayed, the Reading Eagle reported.

Friends said Hall was a finance major who always appeared happy and often spent her free time going to the gym or feeding ducks at a campus pond.

"I knew that the relationship wasn't that great," said Hall's friend, Trisha Faust, 19, of Emmaus. "It was on-again, off-again."

Molly Gaetano, 19, of Pittsburgh, who lived two doors down from Hall on the second floor of the three-story dormitory, said she last spoke to her Friday.

"She never talked bad about anyone. She was always smiling and cheerful," Gaetano said.

A memorial with flowers and cards was set up at Hall's dorm room.

Hall and her twin sister, Kristin, graduated from Unionville High School last June and went to Millersville together. Principal Paula Massanari said. The girls also have an older sister.

Hall was a member of the school rugby club and gay-straight alliance, and she volunteered at an animal shelter, Massanari said. She was described in a college recommendation letter as a "hard-working" student, who was working a part-time job to help offset the cost of college.

"This has certainly hit our school community very hard," Massanari said. "We are devastated by the loss."