BY LAURA SANCHEZ
Opinion Editor

With establishing an Inter- Fraternity Council (IFC) to serve as a local governing body for National Interfraternity Conference fraternity chapters and the addition of a new Latino-based fraternity, Alpha Psi Lambda, major changes are coming to UM-Dearborn’s Greek Life this fall. The IFC will monitor and enforce all of the rules and regulations for the Greek Life members. According to LSTM, a transfer and international student advisor in the Office of International Studies and Services, the creation of the new fraternity, Alpha Psi Lambda will bolster an even more diverse Greek Life membership and environment.

Jung Koral, a transfer and international student advisor in the Office of International Studies and Services, will serve as an advisor to the Inter-Fraternity Council. Since the creation of the IFC is such an important moment for the Greek community on campus, Koral expressed just how momentous this is for Greek Life and the IFC officered the position of advisor to him. “It was actually surprising that UM-Dearborn didn’t have an IFC. The foundation of the IFC is a pivotal moment for the Greek community at UM-Dearborn. During our first meetings, it’s become quite clear that we all share many of the same values and interests. The IFC is working hard to plan activities that both bring the fraternal community together and contribute to our campus community. This year, we will see more events sponsored or co-sponsored by the IFC.”

The IFC will bridge ideas and events between already-existent fraternities on campus, the creation of a new fraternity, Alpha Psi Lambda will bring a new viewpoint and membership to campus. Alpha Psi Lambda is a Latino-based co-ed fraternity aimed at building strong cultural bonds, promoting new social experiences, all while encouraging strong academic rigor. This fraternity will also serve as a chapter that will advocate for Latino students and their issues on campus in order to increase awareness and impact on the community. Brenda Hernandez, a student from the College of Business, is one of the founding members of Alpha Psi Lambda, and notes that this new fraternity will be an excellent addition to campus. She remarks, “I am very passionate in terms of diversity and everyone should be encouraged to embrace their culture in and outside of the classroom, at work, and in social gatherings.”

The Greek community on campus, including current fra-ternities and sororities on campus, in con-Download to your phone for free in the App Store. connection with Greek Life advisor, Kristen McDonough, were integral components when creating the IFC and bringing Alpha Psi Lambda to campus. Koral remarks, “The Greek Life Office and the member organizations have worked re-ally hard to bring about the creation of the IFC. They should be commended for their vision and initiative.” Hernandez agrees. “Already, I’m feeling the support of potential members of Alpha Psi Lambda and with great pleasure the support of other fraternities and sororities on campus. I encourage everyone to commit to the opportunity of a lifetime!”

UM football student manager dies from an overdose at 22

BY JOHN STECKROTH
Staff Writer
Joshua Ryan Levine, a graduate of the University of Michigan and former student manager of the football team, died this past summer. Levine was an undergraduate student, he was active in Greek life, and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in sports management.

On the morning of July 20, Levine was found unconscious on a sidewalk in the neighborhood of Wicker Park, in Chicago. He spent the previous Saturday night pushing his body to limits through binge drinking and snorting Adderall. This was enough to stop his heart. Levine was taken to the hospital, but often times, it is used by college students to trick the body into staying awake by college students look- ing for a boost during finals.

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-Alfred Kokok Theta Tau

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"What is your favorite thing about being a member in the Greek community is the brotherhood. When I first came to campus, I wasn't sure what to expect. I barely knew the difference between a fraternity and a sorority until I went out to rush events. When I met all the guys at pickup football, I felt so welcome. They shook my hand, got my name, and made me feel a part of something bigger than myself when I didn't know too many people at the time. Greek life has allowed me to open a door to so many great Greek members who I can call my best friends. I'll never have to sit alone in between classes. They help me with homework, plan my future, and I know I can call on any member to have my back. The brothers you gain aren't just around for four years. They are there for life."
-Kyle Finley, Tau Kappa Epsilon

"What my favorite thing about being Greek is because it's opened me up to new experiences and opportunities, allowed me to create lasting friendships, and share a bond with others that is not only bigger than myself, but so strong that you constantly feel a sense of support there for you. It's amazing that women and men from all different chapters can share one common bond, despite their backgrounds, ethnicity, race, or creed. Many people find their best friends when they are Greek. I joined with my best friend, so that wasn't the case for me. However, going Greek allowed me to do something I could never have done otherwise; it allowed me to turn my best friend into a sister."
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News

BY LARISA MARIAN  News Editor

Each year, students from The University of Michigan-Dearborn dedicate their time to serving in communities across the state, country and even the globe through programs organized by the Community Involvement and Volunteerism Center (CIViC) here on campus.

Over the 2014 spring break, UM-Dearborn students served in California, Washington D.C., Virginia, Indiana, Detroit, and Flint through UM-Dearborn’s Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Instead of flying or driving down to warm weather, students are deployed to thrilling locations where they work on projects relating to key social issues such as homelessness, hunger, early childhood education, and environmental justice.

Between November and February, students help plan their trips through fundraising, developing team solidarity, and learning about the community they will be serving.

Breaks are spent not only serving and learning in a community, but also enjoying team activities and exploring the area. After ASB, students typically return home refreshed, having made lasting friendships and applied new skills and interests in all areas of life.

Nolan Muzzin, a participant of ASB last year, says, “ASB was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Not only is it a great way to get to help others, but it is also a great way to get to know yourself. I would recommend everyone check it out.”

This year, ASB is focused around three core issues: urban poverty (Cleveland, OH), rural poverty (Manistique, MI), and environmental preservation (Catalina Island, CA). Applications deadlines for site leaders are this Friday, September 19 at 5 p.m. and Friday, September 26 at 5 p.m. for participants.

For more information on ASB and other ways to get involved, visit the CIViC in the University Center.

Around The World

Hurricane Odile slammed an upscale Mexican resort early Monday with 125 mph winds and six months’ rain in just one hour.

The United Nations has taken over a regional African peacekeeping mission in Central African Republic.

US and NATO troops began Ukraine military exercise.

Thirty countries have pledged to help Iraq fight Islamic State (IS) militants “by all means necessary”.

Uganda predicts bigger coffee crop.

Canadian Air Force snagged plane parts from a museum to fix their ailing aircraft.

Cuba is sending health workers to help tackle the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Scientists predict more severe winters.

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screen sizes. Apple has gone away from the
6 Plus. The biggest part of the announcement (both literally and figuratively) were the new
screen sizes. Apple has gone away from the
4 inch screen in the 5 and 5S, to a 4.7 inch screen in the 6, and an eye-opening 5.5 inch screen in the 6 Plus.

For years Apple has preached about how
inconsistent and unnatural the large screens of most Android competitor phones are. Now, they are following in the footsteps of the likes of Samsung, LG, and HTC. The market has changed, and Apple is making its most
popular, and now they are evolving with it.

As a long time Android phone owner, (cur-
rently with a Nexus 5) I’ve gone from envy-
ing iPhone owners back in 2010, to being glad
I don’t own one now. The lineup of current
Android flagships appeals to me more than a

right for everybody.

Apple has seen that there are a large amount of
people that agree with me though, because
they're losing market share to phones with
larger screens, and more complex operating systems.

To Greek or Not to Greek

By JACOB COLLINSER

The warm beach days of summer have left us
and the line we've made way for the Siecking Flu-
rescent lights of Accounting 298 and Bio 101.

As students begin to become accustomed to the
screen every-night meal plan and make
that zombie-like crawl to Starbucks before their
morning classes, there lies a group of stu-
dents eager and energized to meet you. These
students have been counting down the days of summer in order to begin their favorite period,
and that is Fall Rush.

When I often talk to people about going
Greek or rushing, they generally tend to bring
up films such as Animal House or Neighbors,
with scenes of the dazed elephant walk or
ritual paddling as frames of reference. Let me
be real for a minute: in my four plus years at
this university I can assure you none of these
incidents occur. In fact, no hazing occurs on this
campus, as there is a zero tolerance policy. You
may ask, “How can you be so sure of this?” The simple answer is that I am the presi-
dent of the campus’s InterFraternity Council, IFC, which basically makes me King of the
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mean I am pretty well in the loop on these
types of situations. The IFC is a nationally rec-
ognized organization bringing together mem-
bers of all the fraternities on campus for a com-

mon goal, and that goal is the growth of Greek
life and our community.

What you can expect from rushing and go-
ing Greek is one of the best decisions you will ever make. I still look back nostalgically at
my rush period as one of my favorite ses-
tions ever on campus, even though it was nearly
five years ago. The brothers in my fraternity made
me feel welcomed and valued right from the
beginning. They challenged me and made me
strive to be a better person, and I know to this
day if I were ever in need they would be there
for me.

Now if you’re still with me at these
end credits, I can tell you many more positive side
effects for going Greek. Greeks tend to have a
higher GPA than the student average, are more
philanthropic (Greeks raised over seven mil-
lion last year), and can possibly become the
president, because over half of them have.

The bottom line is that people in the future
nities and sororities desperately want you, and
they want to get to know you. They plan all
year for you to arrive on campus, so you can
join our community. So my question to you is,
“Why not give it a try and talk to someone
from Greek life and see if it’s right for you?”

An IFC meeting in full swing

By JACQUELINE HAMSCH

I (late as usual) walked into this
meeting at about 7:45, with about
45 ladies my age not more than

Greeks are close and family-like, doing what we do for
our friends and family and seeing each other. And I promise you,
these girls will make sorority life
sound like the most amazing thing
on earth. And, well, it pretty much
is.

Any potential new member has
thoughts rushing through her mind
while some girl is spitting every
bit of info at her about her chap-
ter’s annual philanthropy event.

Any potential new member has
to consider joining a sorority is
a big step to take at any point in
your college career, but you won’t
regret it. Participating in formal re-
cruitment was the best decision
of my life. I’ve met my best friends,
my role models, my future brides-
maids, and 45 ladies my children
will think actually are their bi-
ological aunts.
As a young woman, body image always seems to be a hot topic for discussion. For as long as I can remember, girls have been comparing, contrasting, and shaming one another's bodies.

When I was in middle school, I remember being constantly teased for my body. They would call me “stuck” and even spread rumors that I had an eating disorder. No one seemed to take it seriously, and I can see that it was common thought that people were only teased for having a larger body.

Now I can’t speak for everyone, but I’m sure most of us would agree that we were not at our peak attractiveness throughout middle school. I mean, I had just discovered black eyeliner and thought a diaper made great rock chess. That being said, the last thing anyone needed as self-conscious, puberty novices was more body concern.

The boys felt too tall. The girls felt too tall. Some were too thin, some felt overweight. And with the hormones flying, it was all about who had the bigger cup size. I don’t know about everyone else, but I wish I could go back to the time of my 100 percent T-shirts before the time of bras.

As we grew up, the body shaming just got worse. Once puberty was over, it was like there was no excuse. This is how it looked. But instead of accepting that, we pushed our insecurities on each other. I was different. At that age, I had already adjusted my bra cups four years and couldn’t seem to gain weight. So as the “cute” girls made fun of me, I made fun of them. And that is absolutely not okay.

This was the body I was born with. And while yes, I could stand to be healthier and probably eat a few less cupcakes, I love it. We should all learn to love our bodies. It’s a lifelong process, but it’s one worth doing.

That’s why I have issues with Meghan Trainor’s new song “All About That Bass.” She talks about loving her body. Yay! Body acceptance is great! But as the song goes on, it’s clear she accepts her body with details about body image. “I want my specific actions to create a change in something, even if it’s a small ripple noticeable by a few.”

As a young woman, I’ve seen too much beauty that is “shaming.” It serves as a simple reminder that accepting bodies is a lifelong process, but it’s one worth doing.

As for my sweatshirt, I’m going to keep it. The Michigan Journal/5

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To prepare, I really do like movies with food as a theme. "Ratatouille," "No Reservations," "Moulin Martin," "Chef," and "Julie and Julia" are all mov- ies that I enjoy for the way that make me hungry. I love to eat. Food is awesome: However, just because food looks nice in a film does not mean it will be dis- tracted from a less-than-fresh-tasting film. "The Hundred-Foot Journey" is that an Indian family, the Kadam, move to Europe to search of a place to settle down due to violence erupting in their home country. Eventu- ally they settle in a small town by the scenic views and the local food; they decide to open up a restaurant in their own authentic (and in this sec- tion of France, original) ethnic cuisine. But it becomes an instant hit and petty racism erupts in their home country. It is this fact that causes the Kadam family to open a restaurant in Europe. Hassan has been learning how to cook in a French food, not-French music and not-French ways. Yes, racism is a prevalent theme, and is a formidable hurdle for our beautiful Hassan, who is a brilliant self-taught chef.

After several false starts, he gains the attention of Mu- dam Mallory. Hassan has been learning how to cook in the French style and eventually earns an apprenticeship at Mallory's restaurant where he comes into his own as a fusion-ist. Hassan is so insulted by the Indian restaurant that Madame Mallory was so insulted by the Indian restaurant that he quits before he is even shown to be arrested or punished. The lack of recompense rubbed me the wrong way. And Hassan’s hands healed perfectly, as her restaurant certainly isn’t going to suffer.

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**Seva** Life: Dine in a Vegetarian Restaurant

By Jannan W. Guest Writer

As I drive east down Detroit’s Grand River, I see the Detroit Sky- line. Never having been to the city on my own, I am a bit skeptical and nervous to be alone. However, when I arrive at my destination, I am pleasantly surprised by the inviting storefront. The sign just as any guest would be if they walk in off the street. In 1973, the first Seva was opened in downtown Ann Arbor, on State Street, and has recently moved it’s location to the corner of Gratiot and Huron Street on the city’s west side. Georgia N’Namdi, a University of Michigan alumna, frequented Seva in Ann Arbor for many years. Because he owns a building in midtown, he decided to open a restaurant in the art district. As I meet with Manager, Michael Mikolowski, who of- fers up a cup of coffee as we sit outside. Round, black, met- al tables with black umbrellas dotted the patio. Along one side runs a wooden fence adorned with plants and on the other floor, the windows outlined in silver. From my chair I can see across Seva’s roof, a huge State Street build- ing just blocking any view. Also in the neighborhood is the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Mu- seum of Contemporary Art Detroit, and the Detroit Medical Center. It’s a k a God for walking traffic, Mikolowski says and he notes that the hospital population is huge; employees, patients, and their loved ones frequent the res- taurant. Being in the center of the art district, the restaurant includes artists who have ties to the community. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra also offers a lot of business, he adds.

At 11:15, the restaur- ant is officially open, so we can see the wooden tables with black metal chairs lined up. Some walls are made of brick while the others are painted dark gray or lime green, both very complementary. The restaurant “deals with a lot of art and culture within the confines of its establishment.”

Gary O’Connor is the custodian and dishwasher at restaurant, with many years of experience. He is w a sh i n g the dishes and is not aware of the vege- tarian anti-semitism, using both fresh and dehydrated ingredients. He has been working here for 10 years with many of the people who have tended his knowledge, as well as the knowledge of professionals, through clips of interviews, opens the door to the whole new conspiracy concern- ing an already sketchy and rough piece of the past. The film brings light to the ca- turopin in a way that adds many more layers to a well- known tragedy.

Hooper has crafted a documentary that ultimately will leave viewers scratch- ing their heads and ponder- ing all they know. Though he makes it very clear that the stories and ex- periments just don’t add up. Hooper encourages viewers to go out and do their own research like he has so that they may form their own opinion of the topic. No matter what stand you take regarding “9-11,” the “Anatomy of a Great Deception” will distort all that you have heard or read about September 11, 2001. The film is raw, po- tent, and to the point. A Whether you believe what has been told of the day or you believe the government is cov- ering up essential piece- s of the puzzle, this film is a must see. For more information on the film please visit agmovie.com.

I order Tofu Cali- fornia for breakfast, which is tofu spanned with baby spinach, tomatoes, and green

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Welcome, readers, to the newest segment of This Week in Gaming: Marginally Late Reviews. For our debut, we look at the cyber-connected world of “Watch_Dogs.”

Set in a present day Chicago, “Watch_Dogs” follows hacker, Aiden Pearce, on a familiar tale of redemption. Following a botched heist, an attack is issued on Pearce and his family that results in the death of his young niece. Wracked with guilt and rage, Pearce embarks on a path as the Vigilante of Chicago to enact his vendetta against both his niece’s killer and the man pulling the strings.

Any rehashed story can be made fresh and exciting again, given strong enough writing, yet it seems the developers were happy to let convention take over. The campaign unfolds across a five-act arch that sees Pearce interact with nearly every shady element of Chicago. Whether addressing gangsters or his own family, Pearce and his gravelly voice maintain a stoic attitude in every situation. There are attempts to paint Pearce as a fully-fledged character, but none succeed in transforming him past a one-dimensional caricature that sounds like Harvey Fierstein.

The guilt he carries over his niece’s death boils down to a single cutscene played repeatedly for emphasis, and though there’s greater success when exploring the relationship between him, his sister and his nephew, Aiden’s likeability as a character simply falls apart when placed within the context of the game. There’s little that can be revealed without ruining the story, but suffice to say when the time comes that his family is inevitably thrown in harms way, it becomes impossible to sympathize with him knowing that everything that happens to his loved ones is, at least partially, Aiden’s fault.

“Watch_Dogs” gameplay similarly suffers from a severe case of “not bad, just average.” Ubisoft’s obsession with towers perseveres here, as players are able to unlock cTOS regions of Chicago by hacking specific servers. Doing so opens cTOS access in one of Chicago’s six districts as well as a number of the city’s cTOS Towers, which can also be hacked to reveal collectible locations. During combat, Aiden can use the network to disrupt enemy forces in a number of ways, such as by hacking enemy comms or various environment prompts. Additionally, Aiden is capable of crafting various tools to aid in combat or stealth, such as noise sensors and communication jammers.

The sheer volume of options available to players is astounding, and can easily cater to any gamers preferred playstyle. Unfortunately, there’s little else to the gameplay that’s particularly inspiring. As a vigilante hacker, Pearce isn’t a typical soldier in body armor, and the problems regarding a player’s ability to control Aiden are, at times, infuriating. The cover system is serviceable but not nearly as intuitive or elegant as other cover-based shooters. The lack of numerous features, such as blind-firing, prevents Pearce from being particularly effective in the majority of “Watch_Dogs combat situations.”

Coupled with Pearce’s low damage threshold and the enemies’ tendency to rush his location, and player’s will find themselves repeatedly frustrated by scenarios they normally wouldn’t find challenging. There’s an interesting approach to multiplayer, as players are able to accept one of six online contracts with varying goals. There are standard free-roam and racing contracts, as well as hacking and tailing contracts that essentially play out as a game of cut-and-mouse as players must hack into one another’s phones for various purposes.

Deception plays out the closest to conventional multiplayer, as an individual or team must be the first to decrypt a specific file while fending off opposing players. While it’s not likely to garner a significant install base, it remains a different take on multiplayer with enough groundwork laid for improvement in future installments.

This, unfortunately, is the core problem with “Watch_Dogs.” While the game has an interesting premise and several elements working for it, none of them are able to break past their flaws to truly shine. “Watch_Dogs” isn’t a bad game by any means, but it’s disappointing how remarkably ordinary it is.
SOLID Conference spreads ideas of insight and management to student organization leaders

By Craig Henderson
Student Life Editor

Student-run organizations from all of UM-Dearborn gathered at the North Fairlane Center for the Student Organization Leaders in Development (SOLID) seminar on Saturday, September 13. SOLID teaches future and current student leaders the tips and skills necessary to run their organizations by using university resources. The conference also covered many different aspects such as budgeting, policy, civic engagement, program planning, and leadership.

The conference started with opening words by Vice Chancellor Stanley Henderson. In Henderson’s speech, he mentioned the hard work that students put into their academic careers reflects the livelihood of student on campus. “If you’re not engaged with your classes, you will not have a passion for your work,” Henderson said.

Reetha Ravendran from the Office of Student Engagement mentioned all the guidelines that student organizations and the leaders themselves needed to follow. Ravendran also talked about the services rendered to the student organizations such as: graphics, promotions, program planning, reservations and finances.

The conference had under a dozen seminars planned for the student leaders. Each seminar covered a different topic that shed light on what organizations can do to be successful. One of those seminars featured how to manage one’s volunteer hours, led by Assistant Director for CIViC Engagement Amy Finley. In Finley’s presentation, she introduced the audience to a new program that can help with keeping community service activities organized by using a program named Noblehour.

Noblehour gives access to individuals and groups who wish to help their community, or other communities, with creating or joining a volunteer service. The site also lets groups know who is looking for community service opportunities in the area along with keeping track of the number of hours a user gives.

Therefore, without marking down the days, number of hours, who, what, where and when entering that information on the website will save time and Noblehour will arrange all information so the user can access it easy.

Students will be able to create a free account through the UM-Dearborn membership to Noblehour. Considering students have to work and attend school fall part time, and have homework to do from all classes, Finley says, “Find your passion,” while looking for the motivation to keep volunteering. “There are many organizations which students can greatly benefit from, and there might be one that really speaks to your heart. The motivation comes from finding your passion and working on issues that are related to your passion.”

Student Maria Wardell says she is participating with Greek Life, and she was very happy with what she learned. Wardell is involved with Girl Scouts, Young Adult Optimists, her church and Goodfellas. She says, “Noblehour would help me a lot because I currently am having trouble with keeping track of all the community service I did.”

However, keeping in mind that this tool for community service has many positives, she adds a negative aspect that could hurt potential access. “The platform is not going to be on Windows phones, so I would have to remember to log the information in when I get home.”

The other seminar offered was New York Times Talk: a program that allows students to gather and discuss a specific issue that was in the NYT. She thinks this program can encourage students to become more educational and informed.

Thompson says, “It will give the students who are new on campus, such as freshman, the opportunity to join the conversation and say, ‘I like the fact that this group is putting importance on something that is going on across the world.’”

She also expressed how far a story can go to connect with not just students but their families as well. She continued, “Also it would relate to their family members and someone that they know and draws everyone in. Because no matter if someone is on the other side of the world or in the United States, there are issues that touch everybody.”

Sarah Bellaire is a student that belongs to Amnesty International and she thinks Times Talk will play a huge role in the human-rights group. “I am really excited for the Times Talks on campus,” she said.

“We will hopefully be having bi-weekly Times Talks for Amnesty International,” She continued. Bellaire says the group will advertise the Times Talk on social media and then reach out to Times Talk to advertise on their site as well.

The SOLID conference concluded with details in finances and funding by Director of Campus Organizations Abexe Yussouf.

Greek Life Info Night attracts new and returning students

By Craig Henderson
Student Life Editor

UM-Dearborn fraternities and sororities on UM-Dearborn’s campus gathered at the Union on September 9 to share stories and discover new faces at the Greek Life Info Night.

For introductions, nine representatives, one from each of the Greek Life chapters, told their stories about organizations, which are many. Flora Thompson, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha South, said “I believe someone should join Greek life for the networking and brotherhood that it offers.”

Kerstein also related a fraternity and sorority to the category of “family.” He continued, “These people will be here for you for the rest of your life; baptisms, funerals, weddings, they are there for you, regardless of what it is.”

President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Paige Boyd says that new and returning students can greatly benefit from joining a Greek Club.

“Joining a fraternity or sorority can definitely be beneficial for not only new students, but those who want to better themselves academically, joining a group of people who are like-minded in their goals and their personalities,” she said.

At the Greek Life Info Night, Boyd said she received a dozen signatures to start out the year. Matthews says that TKE changed himself considering how he was when he first joined the Greek Life. “Being a member really gave me a lot more confidence. I have always been very shy and more relaxed. My brothers have encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and experi- ence life.”

Raney encourages all students to do their research if they are hesitant. “However, if someone would to discover the right fraternity or sorority, he says, “The saying goes ‘My Greek letters do not make me better than you, they make me better than who I was. Don’t be afraid to discover who that ‘better you’ is.”

Despite that many fraternities and sororities were present to display their colors and missions, there were many students who did not know what to look for when joining a Greek organization. Freshman Dorian Darton is one of those cases. She said, “I didn’t think about joining a sorority until I came here today. However, I want to be in a club with girls who are nice and welcoming.” Considering there is a huge transition from high school to college life, Darton continued with saying “I do not feel like I need to change who I am to be around them.”

Darton’s friend Raven Turner also commented on what she was looking for in a sorority. She said, “If I did join a sorority I feel like it would bring out the best in me.”

Formal recruitment is a crucial event in this week and fraternity rush continues through September.
Seven students awarded CASL Alumni Affiliate Dinner

By Craig Henderson

On Thursday, Sept. 11, the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters’ Board of Governors hosted the 18th Annual Scholar-Ship Celebration Reception to award several scholarships for their continuing and past semesters at University of Michigan-Dear- born.

Dean and professor of His- tory Martin Hershock started the event with warm wel- comes and a small speech that congratulated the recipients on their hard work and determi- nation that made it all pay off.

Hershock said, “The cost of classes and tuition increase every year and these scholar- ship help these hard working students immensely.”

The recipients were Nich- ole Bowman, majoring in Microbiology; Molea Ghan- nam, majoring in Anthropol- ogy and Biological Sciences; Susan Lowery, Sociology and Women’s Gender Studies; Wassim Mohamed-Said, Bio- logical Sciences; Hailey Muscarella, Psychology; Natosha Tallman, Sociology and Women’s Gender Studies; and Alexandria Williams, Be- havioral Sciences.

Along with receiving scholarships, a few of the recip- ients commented with ex- citement as well as advice for students looking to receive scholarships.

A Few of those recipients who gave some insight on their gratefulness to the college and advice about receiv- ing scholarships were Sophor- more Nichole Bowman, Junior Alexandria Williams and Senior Wassim Moham- ed-Said.

Williams said, “I am ex- tremely excited and grateful to the CASL Alumni Affiliates. It allows me to focus less on the financial burden that can come with college and focus more on my studies with- out worrying about money. I would advise students to suc- ceed today so you can have fun later in life.”

Bowman says, “I am ex- tremely appreciative that I can attend UM-Dearborn debt- free because of the scholar- ships offered to me. .. It is an oppor- tunity to me as other students to work hard for the gift.”

Bowman says all students should put out their goals and advice for them. “You will need a lot your first year,” “Expe- rience with time management and setting priorities,” she contin- ued. “I think it’s really important to know what your goals are in life and striving for them.”

Mohamed-Said reflected on the topic of putting the best foot forward and not giving up when things get hard. “I would like to recommend that students be at the top of their game while going to college; try to seek job opportunities and get involved.”

Many of the recipients also brought their families with them to share the moment of recognizing hard work.

According to a flyer by the CASL Alumni Affiliates, the next event will be the No- vember Indulge on Friday, November 7, from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Fairlane Center, located on Hubbard Drive.

This event will help raise scholarship funds for UM- Dearborn Students.

All attending can bid on unique auction items, includ- ing tickets to entertainment and sporting events, dining packages, hotel stays and home items. There will also be a dinner buffet and live jazz music as well.

Tickets and event sponsor- ships are available at umdear- born.edu/idulge.

Student Org Fair invades UC Patio

By Ghadeer Alaradi

Over 60 different organizations, depart- ments, and businesses from the Dearborn area participated in this year’s organization fair.

The fair was part of Welcome Week, a week full of events to welcome new and returning students.

Not only clubs, but fraternities and sorori- ties recruited members as well at the Student Org Fair.

Seth Newell, the coordinator of campus ac- tivities and residential engagement, described the fair as a way to celebrate new coming stu- dents for the accomplishment of getting into college.

“Students have the opportunity to interact with their peers, get to know one another,” Newell said. “We’re trying to welcome students back, get them engaged right away be- cause that week is so crucial in connecting students to the resources that they need to be successful here.”

The Office for Student Engagement’s goal is for students to be engaged throughout their college years and make sure that students take advantage of their time, get involved, and meet fellow students.

“It’s definitely a lot more personal, a way to meet with students face to face,” said Fiana Arshab, co-director of advertising and market- ing of Muslim Student Association.

Also many clubs brought equipment with them to show new and returning students what they could do in the club such as building re- mote control cars with the Intelligent Systems Robotics Club or building a full scale race car with Formula SAE Racing.

The Office for Student Engagement has numerous events planned for UM-Dearborn students this semester as a way of connecting and residential students to be more engaged on campus.

Contact the Office for Student Engagement at 313-593-5390 or email them at student_eng- gagement@um.dearborn.edu.

Student events can also be found on the poster boards outside the office of Student En- gagement.

As a young student, I remember seeing my principal in a panic, not knowing where to direct staff and students. Most of all, I re- member watching a catastrophe unfold right before my eyes on television,” said Christian Cannon, a freshman in the Mechanical Engi- neering program at University of Michigan- Dearborn.

Cannon continues, “The whole class start- ed crying and panicking due to the high ten- sion in the atmosphere. This is just the start to what I experienced on the day of 9/11.”

As the memorial for the thirteenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack approached, the University of Michigan-Dearborn commu- nity chose to remember those that lost their lives that day with a myriad of programs— special guest speakers were in appearance, they passed out symbolic buttons with a 9/11 logo across the flag, miniature American flags were seen across campus in abundance, and students dressed in military attire.

The remembrance was unique in the fact that both students and staff participated.

For many younger students, the September 9/11 attacks are difficult to remember, but they are able to grasp the significance nonetheless. Despite being unable to remember the event themselves, students still showed sym- pathy and compassion.

Jewell Jones, a pre law sophomore said, “I do not recall what I was doing the day of 9/11, but I pray for strength and growth be- cause all sorts of people were affected by the disaster consequences. I feel as if 9/11 polarized the nation greatly. Overall, it was tragic. Yet, it is time for the nation and other nations to move forward together.”

However, one nontraditional student, Dan- niele Clark, said she remembered the attacks vividly. She said, “I still remember that day like it was yesterday. Remembering the fear still gives me chills. I just remember thinking, ‘what’s next?’ What came next was a new na- tion that continues to build upon the United States much like the University of Michigan- Dearborn continues to construct a new school for our beautiful community.”

2014 Student Org Fair
Volleyball falls to No. 8 Madonna, Siena Heights; Wolverines now 0-12

By VERONICA RATES
Staff Reporter
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If the University of Michi-

gan-Dearborn volleyball team was nervous about facing No. 8, Madonna University, you
couldn’t tell.

The Wolverines fell to the Crusaders in three sets, (25-3, 25-13, 25-12), but the squad took away more posi-
tive aspects from their first home match.

As far as the impact of playing a team like Madonna, Head Coach, Eric Stark said, “I think positively. I mean even losing to them, it’s a chance to see what you’re re-
ally made of, what you’re do-
ing, how you’re progressing as a group and it’s just a great opportunity.”

After a first set loss and Madonna’s 0-6 hot streak at the start of the second match, the Wolverines’ spirit did not break. The team fought hard and came back strong but still
tail.

I think it’s fun to play a team that’s on paper better than you because you have to perform,” said senior, Rebeca-
carla Carley, who led the team with seven digs.

Fieldhouse workers make events, like hockey’s opening night, possible

The final match began a huge momentum swing for UM-Dearborn as it had a 3-0 start against Madonna, but the Crusaders went on an 8-6 run to finish off the third set.

Junior, Colby DeMarc, fin-
ished the game with six digs and three kills while senior, Megan Yuen, had one block and four kills.

Stark said the mental as-
pect of the game is holding UM-Dearborn back.

“It’s the mental lapses that we have from time to time;” he said.

Although wireless so far this season, Stark sees a lot of improve-
ments with his team.

“Our passing is getting a lot better,” he said.

“We are doing a little better job of getting the game, try-
ing to recognize when we’re in bad situations and making the right decisions;” Stark stated.

On Saturday, UM-Dear-
born took on Siena Heights.

The Wolverines came close but lost all three games (25-

Now 0-12, UM-Dearborn’s next match is scheduled for Sept. 17 at Lawrence Tech.

Michigan column

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Like Akron last year, Mi-
ami (Ohio) had nothing to lose in Ann Arbor, Mich. What more could a team on an 18-game losing streak have to lose (besides loss No. 19)?

Nothing. Nothing at all.

And in the process, Michi-
gan and a handful of new problems were exposed.

Through three games, Michigan turned the ball over seven times. And it’s a concerning number for Head Coach, Brady Hoke.

“(It) was really concerning. Seven in three games - one in three games you don’t want,” Hoke said. “It’s the ball security issues that we have got to do a better job with from top to bottom.”

With Futherey on the sidelines, Michigan’s of-
fense started slow and stalled off, until the ball was handed to Green. The Blacker. “Knowing when to pump water is the hard part.”

Not every job for the Fieldhouse workers is planned out for the night.

During the hockey game, one of the glass boards that separates fans from players broke apart from its stan-
chion. Blacker and his co-
workers immediately went to work fixing the glass in a quick fashion so the game could continue. It’s these types of impromptu missions that keep the workers on their toes at all times.

All the workers expressed excitement for UM-Dearborn hockey’s opening night, as it is usually the biggest crowd of the year.

Assistant Athletic Direc-
tor, Bryan Earl, was even im-
pressed by the crowd. When asked what makes opening

night special, he simply pointed to the crowd and said, “That.” Earl expressed hope that the large crowds remain for every home game.

For the staff members of the Fieldhouse, UM-

Dearborn hockey’s opening night was a success.

The ice looked beautiful after the workers fixed it smooth and level.

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ers of the Fieldhouse this week-
end. The Michigan Journal/10

Veronica Rates/MJ
literally can remember watching that play just a few years ago on ESPN against Michigan. I played well and it wasn’t until that moment that I felt I could compete with the best.

Q: Being the leading rebounder throughout the country in NCAC is quite the accomplishment. What did you need to do to reach that milestone?

A: I think it’s something you’re always working towards. I think you have to have coaches and teammates who believe in you and I think a lot of the credit goes to Coach Kenny Mitchell. He really pushed me and he knew that I had what it took to get to that next level.

Q: What's one thing that you admire about your basketball career thus far?

A: I think my work ethic. I’m always looking to get better and I think that’s something that’s really paid off for me.

Q: At what point do you think you'll need to make a decision about whether or not to go to the NBA?

A: I think that’s a decision that I’ll make with my family and my agent. At this point, I’m just focusing on my senior year and doing the best I can.

Q: Where did you attend high school and what school did you play basketball for?

A: I attended Ypsilanti Lincoln High School and played basketball in high school. Partly due to my late growth spurt, and the fact that my dad was a big believer in playing rather than playing sports.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: I’m planning on playing basketball in college and then I’ll need to decide whether or not to go to the NBA.

Q: What's one thing that you'd like to see happen in your career?

A: I’d like to see my team make it to the NCAA tournament and win a national championship.

Q: What's one thing that you think your team needs from you?

A: I think my team needs me to be a leader and to be a vocal presence on the court.

Q: What's one thing that you think you've accomplished in your career?

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No Butt-about it

By RICKY LINDSAY Sports Editor

Jake Butt surrounded many with an incredibly speedy recovery after tearing his ACL in February. Now, for the sophomore tight end and injured Miami's defense back Marshall Taylor with his first touchdown reception of the season in Michigan's 34-10 victory.

One play after hauling in a 22-yard pass, Butt and Michigan's offensive huddle up an attempt at finding the end zone. The Wolverines called a bluff screen—the torpedo screen, as Butt said—and Devin Gardner huddled up in an attempt at finding the end zone. The Wolverines put the ball up there and (I) scored.