Untapped Potential

Ray Metz, UM-Dearborn’s new Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Life, spoke to The Michigan Journal prior to the university’s spring break. Metz officially began working in his new position on March 1. He hope to create a Dean of Students position and a strategic enrollment plan, define the next generation of student life and invest in athletics.

Metz Ready to Improve Campus in New Position

When Ray Metz came to the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2001, he believed the university had more untapped potential than any he had ever seen.

Fifteen years later, that untapped potential remains, and is one of several reasons that keeps him at the university.

Metz began his tenure as UM-Dearborn’s Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Life on March 1. He served in an interim role since January 2015 and was formerly he was Chief of Staff to Chancellor Daniel Little.

Metz spoke to The Michigan Journal prior to UM-Dearborn’s spring break, touching on both sides of his new job, changes that could be coming to the university in the near future and the relationship with U-M Ann Arbor.

Metz said he would like to create a Dean of Students position and a strategic enrollment plan, define the next generation of student life and invest in athletics.

UM-Dearborn would like to hire a Dean of Students “within the next six months,” according to Metz. “If we hire a Dean of Students, I think it would be nice if the students had already sort of set an expectation of what they’d like student life to be, so a new person coming in as Dean of Students would try to create what the students would like,” he said. “There’s no question that I want to be supportive of student life, but I think between enrollment management and student life, it’s a big job. I’d like to have a full-time person who is dedicated to really paying attention to the needs of students and doing a great job of that.”

A Dean of Students ties into the future of student life, which Metz believes needs to be “better defined by students” and “defined over a period of time.”

“T’m kind of excited about what the next generation of student life will look like on the campus — what kind of spaces, what kind of organizations, what kind of expectations the students have. I think all of that will sort of change,” Metz said. “I’ve been saying for probably three years now (that) student life will look kind of different on this campus because we’ll have a different set of expectations coming from the students.”

Metz said Little has asked him to work on a strategic enrollment plan, which he anticipates will take nine to 12 months to complete.

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Hockey Falls in Second Round of ACHA National Tournament

The weekend started out strong for the University of Michigan-Dearborn hockey team, and confidence was high after the first day of the ACHA National Tournament.

The Wolverines saw Syracuse upset Illinois, and Mercyhurst nearly take down Delaware in the first two games of the tournament, and head coach Chris Halterman was admittedly nervous headed into the first round game against Navy.

The reason for worry was naught, however, was the Wolverines easy took care of Navy as Nate Ferris anchored his team to a victory, earning the shutout.

UM-Dearborn was able to get two goals from Andrew Palusaj, as well as goals from Jeff McFarland, Kevin Bechard and T.J. Zaj in the winning effort.

The Wolverines took the win over Navy 5-0 and the confidence of the team was sky high headed into the second round matchup against defending national champion Central Oklahoma.

The confidence lasted most of the first period of the second round game, and then the wheels fell off.

Palusaj continued his hot streak for the Wolverines, scoring a goal midway through the first period to give his team a 1-0 lead.

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Freshman forward Kevin Bechard celebrates a goal in the first round of the ACHA National Tournament.
Love Your Melon Hits Campus

By MARIA KANSO
Staff Reporter

Love Your Melon, a non-profit organization, lately branched to the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus to give students the privilege of helping kids who battle cancer.

An apparel company run by college students across the country, Love Your Melon was first initiated in 2012 by two college students at the University of Minnesota, Zach Quinn and Brian Kellner.

The main purpose of this organization is to put a hat on every child battling cancer. When a hat is purchased, another gets donated for a child battling cancer to bring joy and show support.

“The fact that there are children with cancer out there in the world who don’t get [publicity] and are just in hospitals bedded worried about the last bit of hair on their heads is heartbreaking,” said Alexandra Davalos, a pre-business student at UM-Dearborn.

“Even though we see cancer every day, it’s really exciting just knowing that you’re doing something and you’re making a difference for someone that you don’t even know,” said Ewald.

The Love Your Melon crew at UM-Dearborn has reached 20 members, which is considered maximum capacity. By promoting their message on social media, the crew hopes to gain more supporters.

The company has grown enough to give 50 percent of its profits to cancer foundations, such as CureSearch, one that helps support the families of those battling cancer.

Students can help promote Love Your Melon products by clicking on the UM-Dearborn crew when they checkout during their purchase online. The crew will be then be given credit, and the company gives them promotion kits of stickers and bracelets to pass around campus as the credits get higher.

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The Love Your Melon crew at UM-Dearborn is to cooperate with other student organization and host more events to spread the word as much as possible.

“Anytime events to promote Love Your Melon and we have fun and creative ideas,” said Gina Verdusco, special education student and vice president of Love Your Melon.

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“Some of the things I know that are being discussed range from stronger academic qualifications to cover in students. We’ve been down that path for the last 10 years and I think there’s an ongoing commitment to make sure we do that,” Metz said.

“And there’s a number of things that need to be done, one of them is technology. We’re one of the few schools around that doesn’t have what’s considered to be a customer relations management software package, which is just designed help to build stronger relationships between high school students, potential and actual students.

Metz also views athletics as an important component to his new position and wants to invest in it.

“One way to do this is by adding more sports. UM-Dearborn currently has nine varsity sports, including its varsity club hockey team.

“There’s certainly a number of students who — if we had the program — would be interested in say that are not interested in us right now because we don’t have those programs,” Metz said.

“Over the past couple of years, the number of students that have applied to the University of Michigan-Dearborn has gone down,” Metz said.

“We are trying to expand our program to become a more diverse campus,” Metz said.

“In our current budget, the school has $30 million to $40 million available to allocate. Metz said the school was researching the best way to use the money to help students.

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Asha Metz has asked him to build a stronger relationship with UM’s enrollment management because students that don’t get admitted to the Ann Arbor campus may have a future at UM-Dearborn.

“There’s no question that there’s a list of high-quality students that want to get a University of Michigan degree, and many of them apply to Ann Arbor and don’t get in. Some of them have a future here,” Metz said. “If you look at the Ann Arbor relationship, the regional campuses for other Big Ten schools have a much stronger relationship when it comes to enrollment, and so there’s a huge potential there.

“And we don’t know exactly what will happen, but if there are 20,000 students that are interested in Ann Arbor and don’t get into Ann Arbor, if we had one percent of these students, it would change this campus forever.”

But Metz believes untapped potential is present with the university’s relationship with UM Ann Arbor.

Metz said little has asked him to build a stronger relationship with UM’s enrollment management because students that don’t get admitted to the Ann Arbor campus may have a future at UM-Dearborn.

“We hope you enjoyed this project and we have fun and creative ideas,” said Gina Verdusco, special education student and vice president of Love Your Melon.

Love Your Melon is now the organization gives a hat to every child battling cancer.
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Journal. Lauren’s views do not necessarily reflect those of the

It is that time of year once more, when everyone forfeits

As to how, no one could conceive

It would increase daylight, they were led to believe

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impediment to the Republican debate this year. 10-year-old Oliver Andress said,

It's not promotion. It's not marketing. It's hard.” If these

as current President Barack Obama said, “Being president

of Americans at Mar-a-Lago, his club in Palm Beach, Florida. It

is that criteria to becoming president of the most powerful

A politician, people think he would be a great candidate. How

by saying he will answer the question, “when they’re done

To me, this was like watching a reality TV show rather than

To think that my right to protest was taken from me at a rally scares the hell out of me — for Trump actually became president and got that power, what else would he take away from us? In the U.S., she can’t even stand two teenage girls standing silently at a free, public

‘OK, OK, so I’m going to go ahead and share my experience

DST is not a mere annoyance; rather, it is an anachronistic

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Debbie Irwin introduced legislation that would opt Michigan out

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lawmakers aware that we actually want such a change. A

good first step is to find and contact your state legislators
directly, and while your individual inquiry may not have a direct impact, the voices of many cannot be ignored. Should the legislators fail to act, there is always the possibility of

putting a measure directly on the ballot. In any case, there are

options for our state to opt out of DST. For most, DST is nothing more than another inconvenient fact of life to put up with. Imposing such a drastic
change on the entire society inevitably has consequences, of which some are deadly. Additionally, many of the reasons

for its initial implementation are no longer applicable. As it

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The Impending Hour: the Reasons and

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yelling for us to be kicked out. At first we laughed it off, of course

while we ignored their comments — screamed and pointed at us,

of teenage boys — who had been harassing us the entire time

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Options like sweet or savory, light or hearty, eggs Benedict or pancakes and coffee or mimosa are a foodie’s demise when going on weekend brunch escapades. It is certainly the ultimate Saturday morning meal. By sampling the menu of downtown Detroit’s Hudson Café.

Located on Woodward Avenue near Dan Gilbert’s One Campus Martius building, Hudson Café is a weekend hotspot serving up innovative, sinful and delectable brunch dishes catering to every taste bud imaginable.

Being the foodie that I am, Hudson Cafe had been on my list of places to go to and I decided that Valentine’s Day Brunch would be the perfect occasion to try it out. I scoped the menu for days weighing out all of my options, and with what my eyes were reading, the anticipation grew each and every day.

When I arrived at the café, I opened the doors to a sea of locals waiting to get a table. Couples, families and people alike waited in the lounge area, overstocking the restaurant. Waiters and staff were hustling and serving up trays of hot-off-the-griddle classics and brunch staples. With an average wait time of an hour, due to the special occasion, guests could grab a hot cup of coffee or a flavored latte from the coffee bar.

After waiting, the aromas of maple syrup, bacon, and coffee filled the restaurant. I could faintly hear the sizzling of hot pans and griddles and forks and knives clinking on the dishes, signaling delicious meals being enjoyed. My mouth was salivating at the sight and smell of the plants being served and I knew that it would be worth the wait.

My eyes traced the walls, looking at the vivid, cartoon-like murals of cracked eggs, a coffee press, omelets, French toast and steaming cups of coffee. Vibrate colors filled the restaurant, but was balanced with the use of simple wooden tables and chairs. The seating area was open, allowing for big groups to have a meal together or just an intimate party of two.

What my eyes also lay on while I was waiting was the menu, my empty stomach grumbled, which was perfect timing because time was up and it was time to eat. With menu in hand, I sat down and looked at my options once more.

There were classics like buttermilk pancakes, Eggs Benedict, and The Traditional—two eggs, choice of meat, served with toast, fruit or house potatoes. While their traditional dishes are great, it’s their unique menu items that makes your eyes widen and your taste buds tingle.

Hudson Café serves up sweet, fluffy stacks of pancakes ranging from flavors like Red Velvet with a cream cheese drizzle and a drizzling of cream cheese provider, to Cinnabun and Oreo. They also have sweet and savory crepes, a variety of French toast options, including a Hudson Café favorite — Very Berry Stuffed French Toast, a loaded stack of French toast filled with fresh berries and berry compote. Their waffles are also popular, especially their Fried Chicken & Waffle. Vegan and vegetarian options are also available.

If you lean towards savory brunch meals, Hudson Café creates different variations of Eggs Benedict such as Florentine Eggs Benedict served with tomato slices, spinach and hollandaise. Their Pear-Bacon Grilled English Muffin with a homemade pine nut basil pesto, sautéed spinach, mozzarella and tomato with two perfectly poached eggs on top.

The restaurant also makes unique omlette combinations, all of which are served with toast and a choice of fresh fruit, cherry or house potatoes.

If breakfast isn’t what you’re looking for, lunch items like fresh salads and sandwiches are available as well. So what menu items caught my fancy? Well, I decided on the Chunky Monkey Pancakes and the Thanksgiving Omlet. The pancakes, which were equivalent to the size of my head, were stuffed with chunks of banana, toffee with chocolate chips and slices of banana. The pancakes were light and fluffy, but not too overwhelmingly sweet — truly an indulgence.

The Thanksgiving Omlet, which consisted of turkey sausage, spinach, cranberries and Swiss cheese, was absolutely delicious. It might sound like a weird combination for an omelet but the flavors of the different ingredients complimented each other very well. The tart, sweet flavor from the cranberries paired with the mild taste of the Swiss cheese balanced each other out perfectly and when combined with the smokiness from the turkey sausage, it brought me back to my Thanksgiving dinner.

The Hudson Café has no limits when it comes to bold flavors and big portions. The popular brunch destination is a must try. Whether you have a sweet tooth like myself, or you’re an eggs and toast breakfast person, Detroit’s Hudson Café will deliver taste and you will be leaving satisfied — just be sure to come ready with an empty stomach.

Hudson Café is located at 1241 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. It was 10 years ago that rapper Ben Haggerty (Macklemore) first released the song “White Privilege,” where he expressed a conflicted outlook on his place within hip-hop culture. In the heat of today’s Black Lives Matter movement, Haggerty knew this was the perfect time to revive the song, now with a fresh perspective and the help of many other collaborations. He and Ryan Lewis close their newest album with an uncomfortably real, nine-minute sequel: “White Privilege 2.”

The album, This Unruly Mess I’ve Made, has been in prog-ress for almost two years and was officially released on Feb. 26. Its 13 tracks feature a plethora of supporting artists, including Ed Sheeran, Chance the Rapper, Leon Bridges, Carla Morrison, Kool Moe Dee and a dozen more. Actor Idris Elba even makes an appearance in “Dance Off” with his beat Vincent Price im-pression, making it sound like it just may be the “Thriller” of our generation.

This Unruly Mess I’ve Made, is, in true Macklemore fashion, a 50/50 combination of introspective poetry and other educa-tion. The subject matter bounces back and forth from light-hearted to heavy, which allows the rapper to deliver specific messages on issues important to him without making the album a total hammer.

Macklemore opens up about losing his little brother to a drug overdose in his song, “Kevin.” He widens the focus of his lens to examine America’s problem with the abuse of prescription pills, pointing the finger of blame at big pharmaceutical compa-nies as well as the doctors who write excessive prescriptions to push certain drugs on kids (Adderall, Xanax, OxyContin, etc.). This, along with the track “Need to Know,” serves as a reminder that there is no quick fix to life’s problems; no amount of drugs, alcohol or money will ever be enough to make you feel complete, so don’t waste time chasing the wrong things.

“Growing Up” is dedicated to Macklemore’s 10-month-old daughter, Simone Alexandra Haggerty. Here, he lays out his questions and anticipations of parenthood, leaving some father-ly advice for when Simone gets older. The song, “Light Tan-nels,” gives an honest, firsthand look at Macklemore’s Grammy experience, which he describes as fake, narcissistic and com-mercial.

Some of the album’s goofiest rhymes and catchiest hooks can be found on tracks like “Downtown,” “Thrift Shop,” “Can’t Hold Us” and “Let’s Eat,” — a profession of a man’s unconditional love of food. I’m sure we can all connect with this one on a deep level. Overall, I would say that Macklemore and Ryan Lewis took on the challenge of balancing entertainment and social activism with their new album, and they succeed in a creative, sincere way.
Deadpool Knocks Competition Dead

By SARAH SHURGE
Guest Writer

As a Marvel movie enthusiast, I’m always thrilled when another film is added to the collection. Over spring break I decided to see the newest release, Deadpool, and I was not disappointed.

After an intriguing opening sequence in which we get a taste of the essence of who Deadpool is as he destroys a convoy carrying his archenemy, Ajax (Ed Skrein), the majority of the film plays out in flashbacks. Throughout the flashbacks, we learn that Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds) is a former Special Forces operative who now works as a mercenary. Wilson comically narrates the movie and strings you along to believe this is a love story between him and his girlfriend Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) until he is diagnosed with late-stage cancer and agrees to submit to the testing of the Weapon X program, which supposedly would save his life. Wilson is experimented on by Ajax, who tortures, disfigures and transforms him into a mutant with accelerated healing and enhanced fighting powers. After a dramatic and violent fight scene in a burning building, Wilson escapes and takes on the name Deadpool, and with help from his friend Wessel (T.J. Miller), trains to hunt down Ajax who is the only hope in fixing his appearance so he can return to Vanessa.

Though the film had a relatively straightforward storyline – boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, tragedy strikes, a poor-choice is made and someone is wronged – which evolves into an equally straightforward tale of revenge, the movie is refreshingly laced with humor to help move the plot along and make it feel one of a kind.

While Deadpool is the most unconventional anti-hero, as displayed throughout the movie, violently murdering those who have done him wrong, he is comically placed in the most unexpected situations for a costumed character such as taking a cab, doing his laundry or relaxing at home while his blind elderly roommate attempts to build IKEA furniture.

In the end, with help from two X-Men allies, Negasonic Teenage Warhead (Brianna Hildebrand) and Colossus (voiced by Stefan Kapicic), Deadpool hunts down Ajax with intent to kill him and is faced with a choice of being a hero or not.

With its R-rating for strong violence and language throughout, sexual content and graphic nudity, this movie was not made for someone with a queasy stomach or a low tolerance to sarcastic humor, one-liners and put-downs. However, if that’s your cup of tea, it is one I would recommend seeing, as I laughed along with every joke. It is not your traditional Marvel movie for the kids, and there will probably never be another like it.

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Get to Know: Michigan Aeronautical Science Association

By TERRY LAKINS  
Student Life Editor

The Michigan Aeronautical Science Association is a student organization that focuses on designing, building and launching rockets. This organization, loosely referred to as the “rocket club,” is well defined for the challenge, hard work and different components members have to endure for a rocket to reach full completion. Unlike other organizations, which usually have a strong social scene, MASA is all business and is very focused on reaching its ultimate goal. Chris Bargman, the president of the organization, feels MASA gives members a place where like-minded people can work together to create something great.

“It’s about giving students an opportunity to explore interests in space and aeronautical,” Bargman said. “There’s really nowhere else at the school to do this.”

Bargman said the members are split into two main groups when working on the rocket. The first group focuses on the mechanical side of things, which includes overall design, basic measurements and preparations to make everything structurally sound so the rocket can launch. The second group focuses on the electronic side of things, also known as avionics when dealing with any form of aircraft. This includes heavy research on the necessary components such as microprocessors, pressure, temperature, UV radiation and possible visual processing.

Bargman said the process of building a full scale rocket also requires members to build a similar but smaller rocket first for testing purposes. Once the members get the results they want from the smaller test rocket they set out to build the actual full scale rocket. Members make this happen by having weekly meetings, setting goals and collaborating with each other.

Bargman said once the group finishes their goal they want to compete in rocket based competitions, where participants launch their rocket one mile above ground and conduct research and a full analysis. Bargman also said they specifically want to compete at the NASA student launch competition in Huntsville, Alabama.

“I picked this competition because you get to follow real NASA engineers,” Bargman said. “If you have interest in NASA or the space research industry as a whole, you’re not gonna get better experience where you can interact with their engineers and programs.”

Bargman said in the future, the organization will do test runs with the Jackson Model Rocketry Club, which will give members the chance to mingle with other like-minded people in the same field. Raquel De La Garza, a member of MASA, said working towards making a rocket is a growth process and often the first set of ideas may not work.

“Part of being innovative is trying things. If [it] doesn’t work, you try different things. It’s part of the process.” Garza said.

While being forced to take a different direction can be frustrating, it also forces members to think outside of the box. Garza also said the process of learning how to reroute and regroup in a different direction is a skill in itself.

“People in MASA come with different skill levels, backgrounds, styles of thinking and points of view,” Garza said. “But they all come and work together because of their enthusiasm for the process.”

While this organization is fairly new, Bargman said he hopes the group will grow in number and in time and hopes to get a member with a background in business or public relations, for promotional purposes and a corporate sponsorship. Bargman also said no prior knowledge in any particular field is needed to join, but it is highly recommended. Bargman encourages anyone with an interest in microprocessors, embedded systems, mechanical engineering, aerospace engineering, electrical engineering or business to check the organization out. Anyone interested in MASA can contact them at cbargman@umich.edu.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship To Hold Religious Discussion

By TERRY LAKINS  
Student Life Editor

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship is hosting “A Religious Approach to Religious Tolerance” on Tuesday, March 15 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in CASE 1030.

This come-and-go event involves Father Anthony Cook, an Orthodox Priest, having a discussion on the importance of religious tolerance and not abandoning your religion in the pursuit of being tolerant. The Orthodox Church will include a short intro and Cook will hold a question and answer session towards the end. Free food will be provided. All students are welcome.

Profesional or Not, Get A Headshot

By TERRY LAKINS  
Student Life Editor

The Public Relations Student Society of America is hosting their Professional Headshot Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 9 at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the University Center stage in the University Center.
Season Review: Women’s Hoops’ Overcast Shadows Midseason Spark

By JERAMY STOVER

The Wolverines line up for the National Anthem against Albion at the Crisler Center.

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Michigan State University-Auburn Hills and Dearborn finished 11th in the

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Experience with success had not been something the University of Michigan-Dearborn softball team was familiar with in previous seasons.

Nicole Payne described the luxury of having so many seniors. “Having seniors, and I’m actually one of them, gives us a lot of leadership. Our job as seniors is to set the standard and example for the underclassmen. Not only that, but being seniors gives us an extra drive to win and succeed and develop under seven seniors on the team,” Payne said.

While last season’s 26-25 overall record was a huge improvement from previous years, the team will not find themselves complacent. “Of course we had the taste of losing but we really left with a sense of confidence and a new sense of fire within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us...”

The Wolverines finished fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 2015 going 11-7 in conference play. Against the three teams in front of them in the standings, the Wolverines were a mere 2-6.

Sophomore Jordan Ewald talked about the effect the championship game loss had on her team going forward. “Of course we had the taste of losing but we really left with a sense of confidence and a new sense of fire within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us the idea that yes we can and will do this and normally within us. It kind of gave us...”

The Wolverines are poised to take the next step toward their diamond and in their dugout, the Wolverines return all but two players from this year’s roster — Ryan Kelly and Kevin Stines, Hockey in Great Shape Moving Forward

LEADING THE CHARGE: Ferris State was able to break out in year two for becoming available options at wing and goalie, respectively. And who could forget Tyler Grout, the freshman who quickly evolved into a phenomenon and No. 1 scoring threat for UM-Dearborn before being shelved in January due to injury. But it isn’t just a returning roster that can help UM-Dearborn take the next step; it that played down the stretch against some top-notch, national tournament teams is a reason for optimism. The Wolverines could have sealed its first national tournament trophy on March 8, 2016 8 michiganjournal.org | Vol. XLV, No. 18