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## UM-Dearborn students give up Spring Break to help others



Photo Courtesy of: Brendan Gallagher

Several students from UM-Dearborn spent their week of Spring Break volunteering their time in New Orleans with Alternative Spring Break.

By SAMANTHA ELLIOTT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During last week's Spring Break, many students jetted off to tropical locations and others stayed at home, holed up with their school books, catching up on weeks worth of homework and reading. But four groups of students from campus crammed into University sponsored vans to various locations around the country to participate in Alternative Spring Break (ASB).

The program is designed for students to "trade their swim trunks for tool belts," according to the website,

and spend a week helping lower income areas affected by tragedy to build new houses and fix up the area. The four groups from UM-Dearborn participated in locations in New Orleans, the Everglades, Harlan, and our very own backyard, Detroit.

Sophomore psychology and political science major Bianca Kea participated at the New Orleans location this year.

"What caught my eye about ASB was the fact that I've only heard good things about it, and my school that I went to before UM-D, which was Albion College, didn't have it. I wanted to

try something new," Kea said.

Kea enjoyed the week and brought away many memorable experiences.

"I think the most rewarding part [of the trip] was making friends with the locals and hearing their stories. I remember the first day of the trip. I told everyone in my van that my goal was to make ten new friends and they all had to be locals. While I only made five and one was a dog, I still loved it," Kea said.

Junior and special education major Brendan Gallagher worked with Kea during the week in New Or-

leans.

Gallagher chose ASB to help others whose needs were greater than his own.

"I wanted to make a difference in another person's life," Gallagher said. "I have never gotten the chance to volunteer my time outside the state of Michigan and I thought this was a perfect opportunity to do so."

Junior finance major Aaron Sarver participated in his second ASB trip in New Orleans this year. Like Gallagher, he strives to make a difference during his trips.

"I wanted to participate as a way of giving back to those who are less fortunate than I am," Sarver said, continuing, "Even though I am a self-supporting student paying my way through school, there are always those who have less and I believe that everyone is called to help their fellow man when he or she is in need of assistance."

Working in a place that has seen so much tragedy in the aftermath of Katrina had a big impact on those involved last week.

"The most rewarding aspect of this past week was the eye opening experience

itself," said Gallagher, continuing, "I was able to be a part of a rebuilding process that was much larger than the infrastructure of a city but the mentality and spirits of its citizens. The resilience in the people of New Orleans was unparalleled."

Before volunteering on his first ASB trip, Gallagher wasn't sure there were still that many people willing to leave what was going on in their lives to go help those who needed it the most.

"This experience has made me view others around me in a whole new light. That there are still people who genuinely care about others and are willing to give up their own time to help others who are worse off than themselves," Gallagher said.

Although it is a city where tragedy occurred, New Orleans was bustling with energy and welcomed the ASB group with open arms. Along with the experience, the people in the city are something the Dearborn students will never forget.

"The citizens of New Orleans were so loving and passionate about their city and it was obvious to see.

From the second I got to New Orleans, the hospitality was something I have never experienced in my life. The people of New Orleans were living in harmony as they understood that in order to revitalize the city, they must all work together in order to do so," Gallagher said.

Sarver, Kea, and Gallagher each took many experiences and memories away from their trips and encourage all students to consider the idea for 2013.

"The most rewarding aspect this week would have to be doing service and seeing all the smiles and happiness from those who benefited from our service. It's always great to feel like you're making a difference," Sarver said.

Gallagher agreed, stating, "I couldn't think of a better way to spend my Spring Break than volunteering my time for a cause much greater than myself."

Kea's thoughts mirrored Gallagher's and Sarver's.

"I would definitely do it again, this trip was life changing. It helped me see that there's more to life than grad schools and college parties. I can't wait to go on another ASB trip," she said.

## Wolverines share Big Ten Championship

By BEN SZILAGY  
STAFF WRITER

1986. That was the last time Michigan basketball won a regular season Big Ten Championship.

Under former head coach Bill Frieder, the catalysts for Bo Schembechler's "only a Michigan Man will coach Michigan" speech prior to the 1989 NCAA Tournament, the 1985-86 team finished 28-5 overall (14-4, in conference) on its way atop the Big Ten. Since then, Michigan couldn't call themselves regular season champs.

In the span of 26 years, Michigan has won the Big Ten Tournament, an NCAA Championship, an NIT Title, but not a regular season title.

Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon wanted Michigan to be back to winning Championships. That's why two years ago, he agreed with then outgoing AD Bill Martin in extending John Beilein's contract through the 2015-16 season. The move was unpopular at the time because Beilein was 39-43 at Michigan. And, after taking the Wolverines to the NCAA tournament the year before and having his team ranked in the top 15 to start the season, Michigan was 8-7 overall and 2-2 in the Big Ten.

On Sunday, Michigan needed to beat Penn State, on the road, and have its arch-rival beat Michigan State in one of the nation's most unforgiving arenas, The Breslin Center.

Michigan did their part, coasting to a 71-65 win over the Nittany Lions. The rest was up to Ohio State.

Ohio State overcame a 15 point deficit to pull the game close late against the Spartans. The Wolverines arrived at the William Davidson Player Development Center with just six minutes left. The players and coaches rushed to the nearest set of TVs to see their fate.

After senior Draymon Green tied the game, 70-70 with less than 30 seconds in the game, Ohio State senior William Buford hit a mid-range jumper to take the lead. The players immediately took their celebration to twitter.

"AHHHHHHHHH!!! BIG TEN CHAMPS," tweeted freshman Trey Burke. "# B A N N E R - TIMEEEEEEEEE!!!"

Evan Smotryz, who helped Michigan beat Penn State with 17 points from the bench tweeted "Holy..." The rest of Michigan's family joined in the excitement.

"Yeah buddy!!!!!! BIG TEN CHAMPS! #goblue," tweeted David Merritt, a for-

mer walk-on guard under Beilein who is the radio color commentator for Michigan Basketball.

Former Michigan running back Jamie Morris tweeted, "Congrats to UM Basketball Big 10 Champion!!!!!"

Before yesterday, Michigan was still climbing out of the black hole caused by the Fab Five era. Years of being a bottom feeding Big Ten team came to a crashing end. Under Beilein, Michigan has gotten to the NCAA Tournament three out of five years, something that Michigan couldn't claim since 1998 under Brian Ellerbe. The only banner Michigan has raised was the 2004 NIT Championship banner won under Tommy Amaker.

While some were getting wrapped up in the excitement, redshirt sophomore Jordan Morgan echoed the team's mission "Thank you to all of our fans who have been great all year...but this marathon isn't over yet. #OnTolndy."

Sunday's accomplishment puts teams across the Big Ten on notice that Michigan is back. Next season, Michigan brings in a top 5 nationally ranked recruiting class, headlined by center Mitch McGary and now defending a Big Ten title.

## Romney picks up narrow win in Michigan

By KYLE SCHAFER  
STAFF WRITER

Mitt Romney scored a pair of wins on Tuesday night in Arizona and Michigan to extend his lead in delegates.

Mr. Romney avoided disaster. Michigan has been widely regarded as, "Mitt Romney's Backyard," as it is the state in which he was born. After several weeks of trailing former Senator Rick Santorum in Michigan polls, Mr. Romney pulled ahead late last week, only to regress to a statistical dead heat late Monday night.

When the dust had settled early Wednesday morning, Mr. Romney had landed 41% of the vote, while Mr. Santorum placed in a tight second with 38%. Former Texas Governor Ron Paul and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich rounded out the field with 12% and 7%, respectively.

The Michigan primary was a contest for the Wolverine State's 30 delegates (two for each of the 14 congressional seats, and two more GOP "su-

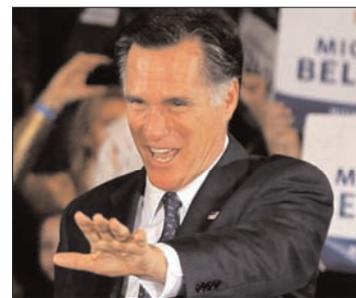


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perdelegates"). So, as in the Electoral College, it is possible that one candidate wins the popular vote, but loses in delegates. However, it is likely that the congressional districts will fall evenly between the two candidates.

The primary was also an "open primary," allowing supporters of any political party to vote on either the Republican or Democratic ballot. This opened the race up to "mischievous" voters who

identify as Democrats and voted for Rick Santorum in an attempt to either extend the Republican primary race or help nominate an easier candidate.

This is not a modern convention, as Republican voters successfully used this method in the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial race to help nominate Geoffery Fieger to run against incumbent Gover-

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## Romney

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nor John Engler. Mr. Engler went on to win that race by a sizeable margin.

Mr. Santorum raised some controversy when he commissioned a set of robo-calls that encouraged Democrats to vote for him in the primary. According to exit polling, roughly 10% of voters identified themselves as Democrats. So, that was expected to play a measurable role.

Meanwhile, in Arizona, Mr. Romney easily took the state by a 47%-to-27% margin over Mr. Santorum, winning the Grand Canyon State, along with its 29 delegates, with ease.

Although the victory was expected, the Romney campaign will take any victory it can claim.

The two victories for Mr. Romney represent a status for the front-runner for the former Massachusetts Governor. He gains delegates and momentum—the latter of which will be important heading into next week’s “Super Tuesday” primaries.

There is much debate as to what these results really mean. While Mr. Romney eked out the win in Michigan, one would think he should have won the contest by a more convincing margin. His comments about letting the Big Three automakers go bankrupt may hurt his chances in the upper Midwest—The Rust Belt—where manufacturing is a key part of the economy. If that is so, he may have trouble in the swing state of Ohio, contested next

Tuesday.

On March 6th, ten states will hold primaries: Alaska (caucus), Georgia, Idaho (caucus), Massachusetts, North Dakota (caucus), Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia. Mr. Paul is expected to have a real chance to win the three caucuses; Mr. Romney is expected to win his home state of Massachusetts, and also Virginia (where only he and Mr. Paul are on the ballot). The bellwether states will be Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Vermont.

Look for Mr. Gingrich to contend in the South, Mr. Paul to contend in Vermont, and Santorum to challenge in Ohio and Oklahoma. The race should be a lot clearer after Super Tuesday.

## Kappa Omega Chi serves at soup kitchen

**BYSTEPHANIE SALVADERO**  
GUEST WRITER

Five University of Michigan-Dearborn students from Kappa Omega Chi Sorority joined a team of approximately 40 volunteers at Crossroads Soup Kitchen in downtown Detroit on February 19.

Donning freshly washed hands with plastic gloves and forming an assembly line in the kitchen, volunteers worked together from 11:30am to 3pm to fill hundreds of lunch bags with large cups of hot soup, ham sandwiches, oranges, and chocolate chip cookies. Volunteers warmly welcomed guests as they gave them one packed lunch each, a Styrofoam cup of cold water, and the choice of freshly brewed coffee or fruit juice. The group prepared nearly 900 hot meals.

Every Sunday afternoon from 12pm to 3pm, Crossroads Soup Kitchen serves a hot meal to all guests who come. Receiving one ticket for one meal each, guests can receive additional meal tickets if they present valid identification for community members who are unable to make the trip to the center.

Founded in 1971, Cross-

roads “is a social service outreach agency with two locations in Detroit” (2424 West Grand Boulevard and 21230 Moross) and “exists to support the community at large by providing emergency assistance, advocacy, and counseling to anyone in need”, according to their website (<http://www.crossroadsofmi.org>).

Volunteer Coordinator for the Soup Kitchen, Janice Coleman, explained, “We at Crossroads work very hard to meet the needs of the people in the community who are less fortunate or may be struggling”.

According to Coleman, the Sunday Soup Kitchen served 38,846 hot meals in 2011 alone.

Volunteers are at the heart of helping Crossroads serve the community.

Kappa Omega Chi Sorority is a local chapter dedicated to volunteer service in southeast Michigan and is heavily focusing on community involvement throughout the Winter 2012 semester.

“Contact was made to many soup kitchens via email and phone messages but we chose Crossroads for many reasons,” explained President Susan Jamison. “It’s important

to give back to the community, especially the Metro Detroit area. Crossroads needed volunteers and we wanted to help. To be a part of Sunday’s operation was truly rewarding.”

Serving others and philanthropic endeavors are highly valued within the sorority. Kappa Omega Chi’s local philanthropy, Mercy Education Project (MEP), is a Detroit-based non-profit organization that provides free educational programs to low-income girls and women in inner city Detroit. As volunteer preparations are being made to support MEP with their 20th Anniversary Doorway to the Future Dinner this coming May, additional opportunities to serve at Crossroads Soup Kitchen are also on the horizon.

As the five Kappa Omega Chi ladies prepared to leave and were saying their good-byes, Coleman warmly offered, “Any Sunday you want to come volunteer in the kitchen again, please, give me a call. It was a great pleasure working with you”.

Accepting the invitation, Kappa Omega Chi is sure to return to the Crossroads Sunday Soup Kitchen in the near future.

## Retractions

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# Detroit: A City on the Rise Media

By CHRIS ZADOROZNY  
STAFF WRITER

This is installment number 20 in the A City on the Rise series on Detroit. If you aren't convinced yet that Detroit is on its way back, just look at the media, because they seem to be very convinced.

Yes you have your occasional story on bad news in Detroit, the typical crime, the Jane Bashara murder case, car accidents, etc. That happens in almost every city, although Detroit does seem to have more crime than the average city. Regardless, the media, local and national, have

taken notice that Detroit has something.

The Detroit Free Press and Detroit News have taken more of an interest in their own city as well. It's not that they haven't before, but because there is so much going on in the city that is becoming news once again. For example, when it was announced this past weekend by both the News and Free Press that the former Packard Motor Car Plant was planning to be torn down, they took it steps further than just the story. Some did follow ups with how the owner plans on paying for the demolition, history of the



plant, and pictures, of the plant then and now.

But the News and the Free Press aren't just the only ones taking notice. The Huffington Post opened its Detroit bureau this past November in the Corktown neighborhood. They are located at 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd. It is a part of the HuffPost Local division, which includes New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Washington DC, and Miami.

They may be a liberal website/news source, but they seem to have views from all sides, with local news, national news, and opinions/blogs about De-

troit. Another source of news that has decided to set up shop in Detroit is the Curbed website. You have probably never heard of it, but it focuses on real estate, development, neighborhoods, and sales and rental prices. They have also set up shop in Corktown, in the same building that the HuffPost Detroit is set up in.

They are also in the same category with other cities having their own website. Aside from the Curbed National page, there is also a Curbed Boston, New York, Hamptons, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Atlanta,

Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Those are all big cities and you can freelance for Curbed Detroit and blog for the HuffPost Detroit. There is another media outlet that has been taking notice in a different way. ESPN has launched an ESPN Detroit radio station on the AM Dial. You can listen to them on 1090 AM with national programming like Mike & Mike in the Morning and the Doug Gottlieb Show. They plan on having local programming on by the end of the spring/early summer. To have another sports radio

station in the city competing with 97.1 The Ticket FM shows that the city of Detroit wants and needs another sports talk station.

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## Hipster MJ: You've probably never heard of it

We ask ourselves daily, what has become of the music industry? A world in which such classics as Big Sean's "Dance (ASS)" with lyrics featuring a hook of the word "ass" repeated 12 times are considered hits is a world that we don't want to live in.

Let us start out by saying that not everyone goes clubbing for fun, listens to the typical club music or top 40 radio stations, and drinks alcohol or does any sort of drugs. An editor decided to share a specific story of his encounter with popular culture not so long ago:

"I knew going in that I was in for a 'rave' of sorts, or so it was advertised on Facebook to 'bring glowsticks and body paint' so naturally I show up wearing the most anti-rave clothing ever. Black jeans, black shirt, black shoes, mom

and dad still don't approve."

I was rudely greeted at the door by the sweet sounds of robot torture also known as the music genre (if you can consider it music) dubstep, and a brightly glowing scantily clad girl lying on the floor.

Realistically I should have just left immediately, but I decided to tough it out and walk into the living room where there was a good 50+ people (some shirtless) all painted up waving glow sticks and grinding on each other. I finally noticed some familiar faces not covered in glow sticks and highlighter and I immediately made my way over to them. I assumed the position and sat on the couch, which is generally my sanctuary at these kind of things, where I have a perfect view of the insanity going on in front of me.

Techno and dubstep were in constant rotation all night. Many intoxicated people would come up to me periodically and prod

me to dance and I always respectfully declined. Occasionally a ridiculous rap song would come on from the successful artists of our time such as Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and Flo-Rida, these were all met with reactions of "oh s\*\*\*!" or "this my song girl!" as people rushed to dan4ce."

This is just a culture that we can't understand. This is the world where a nominee with real talent, Bon Iver, was ridiculed for winning the Best New Artist category at the Grammys because he beat out artists such as Nicki Minaj and Skrillex, both of which are worshipped by the masses. We know many readers may write off this editorial as a source of "hipster" culture, but here at the MJ, we like to think we're just being logical.

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## Word of Mouth

### What do you think of Rush Limbaugh's comment calling a Georgetown University student a "slut"?



Kristen Golembiewski (via Facebook)

"It's undeserved but unfortunately nothing new from Limbaugh. He's been making misogynistic and racist comments on air for years now and while I'm glad he's been receiving backlash for his comments, it's not enough. He should have been kicked off the air years ago. Also, I'm pretty sure he doesn't understand the concept of birth control. You don't need more birth control if you're having sex more frequently. AND PLUS ALSO, Ms. Fluke was there to testify on behalf of a friend who used birth control for cysts, not to testify on behalf of herself or to talk about the pregnancy prevention aspects of the pill."

Mike House @zzantros

"I'm glad that most of the advertisers are pulling their ads from his show."

Jake Wedlick (via Facebook)

"I think everyone is giving him a ton of free publicity. Rush has been trying to shock people for years, so why is anybody taking him seriously?"

Joshua Nobles (via Facebook)

"Rush Limbaugh is just upset that no one will have sex with him."



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# An ode to feminine influences



By ELIZABETH BASTIAN  
 OPINION EDITOR

March is National Women's History Month. While this normally brings to mind images of suffragettes picketing outside of the White House in anticipation of earning the right to vote, or Rosie the Riveter telling everyone that "We Can Do It!" for me there is a different connotation. A more personal one, a more modern one. So for this week, I am taking the time to recognize and thank all of the beautiful women out there who have greatly influenced the person I have become.

I cannot begin with anyone else. To my mother, who has known me longer than anyone else. Being a stay-at-home mom is no easy job, but you do it with grace, style, and joy.

Thank you for teaching me how to express myself, how to read people, and how to do Chinese fire-drills.

To my Oma, for raising eleven(!) children and still maintaining an open door policy, for introducing me to my German heritage, and for letting me use your basement pottery studio as a child. I will always cherish those memories.

To my Nana, for spoiling me and my siblings as only a grandma could, for telling me stories about your Detroit childhood whenever I asked, for all the quilts and afghans you made me, and for teaching me how to knit, sew, and cook.

To all the working mothers and adult women who work alongside me in the restaurant industry - you have put up with the service industry for longer than I can even imagine, dealing with irate customers all day and then going home to a house and a family. You work harder than anyone else I have ever met, and do not receive nearly as many benefits as you deserve. I ad-

mire you so much. Thank you for showing me that you can do it all, and for sharing your stories and your dreams with me.

To my best friend, who has taken me in like a little sister, watched out for me, protected me, Thank you for accepting me, for encouraging me, and for showing me the true meaning of maturity. Most of all, thank you for demonstrating the vitality of the voracious pursuit of a dream. You have single-handedly established yourself as a floral and wedding designer in the space of a year while working at least one other job. I am so proud.

To the ladies of the Honors Program, for proving the age-old adage that "anything you can do, I can do better," and for the infinite amounts of wit, irony, sarcasm, and sass. You are all going places. I know it.

To my female professors, whom I have learned so much from. Breaking into your field may not have been easy, but you accomplished it nonetheless.

And there are so many others whom I could list, but I won't. There are so many fabulous females out there, on and off campus, who manage to juggle incredible amounts of work, school, and extracurricular activities. I don't know what my own future holds, but I hope that it reflects the lives of all the generations of women who have fought to even

allow me to be in the place I am in now.

It's mind-boggling to think that just a hundred years ago, I would not have been able to vote, attend college, own a car, or even to travel some places by myself. Things have changed in the past several decades because women were not complacent with remaining docile domestics for the rest of their lives. Sex-

ism is nowhere near eradicated in our modern culture. We still have battles ahead of us, but I believe we are much more well equipped than we formally were.

So here's to women: past, present, and future. We have come so far, but we've got so far to go. And I am honored to be a part of this rich history of the feminine.

I am an educated, independent woman. Or in Rush Limbaugh's words, a whore.

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Rush Limbaugh kicked off National Women's History Month with a controversial bang, calling a Georgetown University female contraceptives advocate a "slut" and a "prostitute."

# Baseball season winding up



By SAMANTHA ELLIOTT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

March is finally here, the time of the year where Americans can all come together under one common

interest--baseball. Soon, the chill in the air will break and I'll be hearing my favorite sound echoing from the park down the street from where I live. Ah, the loud crack of the bat hitting ball before the white and red stitched sphere arcs through the air, landing with a soft thud into the palm of a hand covered with the soft leather of a baseball glove--there's nothing like it.

The Detroit Tigers will

start their regular season in just a few short weeks but are already making news with their spring training games down in Florida. Before he's even made his major league debut wearing the old English D, newcomer Prince Fielder is all the talk down in Lakeland. Batting a 1.0 in Saturday's game, Fielder is quickly proving that his signing was worth every penny for the Tigers' organization.

But if his impressive

stats backing him up aren't enough to make fans comfortable with the decision to sign him, I don't know what is. He was second both in home runs and on base percentage for the 2011 season. He's had two silver slugger awards, been in three All Star games, and won the 2011 MVP in the All Star game.

This past weekend, he went three for three in plate appearances, including batting his first home run of

the season. Speaking of home runs, the team as a whole had an impressive nine home runs against the Braves this past Sunday, including three in the first two innings and a grand slam courtesy of Ryan Rayburn. Tigers pitchers also took the team into the eighth inning with a no hitter, ending the game with one hit.

Impressive news is coming out of Florida and will continue over the new few

weeks as we gear up for opening day here in Detroit. Winter is drifting away, and spring is right around the corner. Baseball season is in the air. Soon, Comerica will be filled with fans in jerseys, grabbing hot dogs before settling into their seats to watch the game as cheers and chants of "take me out to the ball game" drift through the air. And I, for one, couldn't be more excited.

# How to win an election?



By ALEX MICH  
STAFF COLUMNIST

As the Michigan Journal prepares again for the upcoming meetings with potential Student Government candidates, I cannot help but recall my days when I was thoroughly involved in all of the drama and spectacle that was Student Government. Now, for those students who have been here for more than a year know to anticipate the large amounts of fliers, of candidates and supporters who will seem to be at every entrance of every building on campus. Also, one may witness (but so far, we haven't heard of) conflicts and bad blood that may arise. Certainly, a difference of opinions will occur generating some conflict.

The question becomes one of being civil. I have seen it be as bad as it could be. The allegations that tires were slashed are actually true. I have seen it. Sadly, no one blew up my car (to be honest, I really, really need a new car).

With all of this, students wonder what the point is. Student Government supposedly has not done anything and still does nothing for the students. I had one student call me a hypocrite for saying that I was writing about promoting for more student awareness about the upcoming referendum when I myself in Student Government denied students their right to be heard. I can honestly say, that yeah, people got denied their right to be heard. I petitioned to join the Senate in September many years ago, and was not finally allowed a chance to be heard before the Senate until December. So again, the old raucous days of Student Government were trying times. However, using that excuse to prevent me from being heard is not really a great argument Mr. Vice President and I do hope you could come up with something a bit bet-

ter. Personally, he and I both know that we try to do what is best for the students. I venture to say, that every Student Government administration (despite our differences) has always done something beneficial for the Student Body and has always tried to direct its policies towards the betterment of the Student Body. As a Senator, I tried to bring forward changes to the Constitution that has helped to launch a springboard into the latest amendments. As Vice-President, this student has certainly provided one of the best years that Student Government has had in a very long time.

But overall, you, the reader, don't really care for the constant bickering between old foes. Rather, I hope you find this battle somewhat tiring and disgusting. Hopefully, you will be so fed up with all my articles that "bash" Student Government and the entire rancor about these upcoming elections that at least one person will stand up and say, "I want to change this situation". I hate to break it to you, but it is not that horrible. This present Student Government is again, a very good one. Yet, if you are absolutely certain that you must change the organization, I have for you the following advice:

The process always begins just around the end of the fall semester. Prospective candidates will attempt to bring forward a prospective executive board and have a V.P. candidate ready to go. Also, this is the time where you start to try and find senators to run with as a party/slate/coalition/whatever term can be thought of next.

On a side note, don't be caught up with the battle between slate/coalition and party. I find that overall; its meanings are just the same. A slate has been used by some to say that there is an element to individualism in a slate that one cannot have in a party. A party is one in which everyone must support these views or be ostracized. That is true; you do get hated if you do go against the party. However, I always say a slate/coalition is used by

one large group that is unable to form a party themselves so they must "use" another group to get votes and get into office, then break-away and be the "individuals" that they are and pass whatever legislation they prefer. So unless you are an independent, you will have to inherently compromise something if you join a larger group. So the idea that a slate/coalition is a better word than a party is nothing more than marketing. As such, I highly encourage its use.

Come up with ideas or a platform. That can take months and ideally will require some research of the general student body population. Or you could just come up with some ideas that you feel are important.

A couple of things to keep in mind --

Tuition: Very difficult to fix. I was once part of a budget committee of faculty and students in which the committee mentioned quite a bit about its lack of teeth being only an advisory board. So yes, it might be too big to handle, but perhaps, with enough support, changes can be made.

Parking: Difficult to fix. There have been many proposals to the parking situation. We have tried to point our faculty members who were in student spots. We proposed more parking. Even the previous administration (or the one before it...it is hard to remember) actually negotiated a short-term deal to get the parking next to the estate for a certain time of day (because we sold the estate back to the Ford foundation, it will technically become their parking lot when the estate is back online...and a parking lot full of student cars might get in the way of tourists who want to go to the estate). We even had a proposal for a new parking structure (but that would interfere with the aesthetics of the campus...so parking will be difficult. Currently, there is no real feasible plan. Someone even suggested moving freshmen to their own spots behind the fieldhouse. As one who visits often, I would like at least some spot over in that area. So again, very difficult but

good luck to you.

The majority of changes that will come and be proposed will more than likely take time. I say this because those who promote strong policies will require a multi-year project. Now, unless you plan on being President for half a decade, it is going to be a rather difficult chore to accomplish in one year. I say try to find a mix of multi-year projects combined with meaningful projects that students can see over the course of a year.

Campaigning: Ha! That is always quite entertaining. So, campaigning in the old days required a lot of fliers, pamphlets, stickers, and food (because you will be campaigning all throughout the election days...yea, days...thank goodness the advisor stopped that nasty tradition. Albeit, it is now on a day where few students are on campus now, but hey...even the American election day is on Tuesday for a reason...). So, here are the following pieces of advice.

You must go and talk to people. Learning how to politely say "Have you voted, today" 100 times in a day is absolutely crucial for your survival. Also, you only have a window of one minute to talk to them, so pitch ideas that are relevant to them. If they are engineering students, talk about engineering problems.

If they are in the school of education, talk about how everyone keeps calling it the business building. The point being is that you will be annoying students for votes.

Speaking of which, to all you voters out there...you all make short yourselves quite a bit. And you all are so hypocritical too. Seriously, there are at least 10 people who will make a grand statement about how these campaigners are just pests and that they are only doing this to get votes. Well, for every 10 people, there are about 200 students who will end up voting (about half of which just vote because someone stopped them and talked to them). Yes, it may be annoying, but it is the only thing that grabs your attention. So seri-

ously, start demanding better changes for once.

We are not going to change our tactics because the next party over will just start using them. And if you think people will respond to us taking the high road, they don't care because they don't notice. All you need is a nice mosquito and boom that is it. Seriously, we may have taken the high road, but we didn't get any votes. So honestly, just stop being so mad to the people campaigning.

Fliers: Though the Lorax might be rather incensed, fliers and pamphlets are essential because they provide more material than what you can say (you want to be a mosquito, not a vampire; you can't talk forever). Put your ideas down and all your candidates with the correct spelling! You figured a man like Latif would know how to spell my last name without a T in it. I should've just quit after I saw that. Still, we can laugh about it now. With fliers, try to keep them in good taste. As entertaining as it was having my presidential and vice-presidential candidates being portrayed as either Bush and Cheney or McCain and Palin, it is just not nice. Although, it was absolutely hilarious, it is just not in good taste to do so.

Get sponsors: Basically, if you get organizations to endorse you, you start to look credible. If you are in a student organization, then the task is very easy. If your entire party is composed of an organization, well...that is just beyond easy. It does make it an organization war between different types of organizations but that rarely is the problem. The big thing is to convince student organizations that you are going to do something good. The main feeling for some major student organizations is that it is still the same student government that cause so many troubles in the past. If you show (as this student group has done) that it is not all gloom and doom, than certainly you have a shot. Otherwise, it is just understandable to expect the major student organizations to remain neutral

throughout these elections.

Follow the Rules: Should've been the first thing I said. There is a large packet on the Student Activities Office website that outlines everything that needs to be done correctly. Learn it, Memorize it, and embrace it. If you do not, you will pay by getting disqualified. (Albeit, you can get away with the small stuff, the endless amounts of petty complaints that are brought to the election commission are so numerous and silly that they don't merit much attention). So honestly, be concise because of the rules.

Time and Money: It will take a great deal of time to not only make the fliers, pamphlets, stickers and what not, but there is a great deal of money too. Now not all of us can rely on organizations donating money so donations from your fellow campaigners will barely help. So plan on investing your own money if you want to win this year. As for time, you have to train your fellow campaigners to coach them on what to say. So expect plenty of meetings and even late night sleepovers folding pamphlets.

As for the rest, well...I don't want to give too much away. If you manage to accomplish all of that and win, congratulations to you for making it work. However, it is what you do afterwards that is important.

One last thing, try to have fun. It is going to be a very stressful time with people scrutinizing you and everything that you do. You will feel terrible throughout it unless you find something that can humor you throughout the process (like a silly opinion piece writer's attempt to make some change), you can at least realize that this is still...just student government. Yes, you want to make a change to the campus, just don't forget that you want to keep your wits about you and still have fun being a college student.

So for those that I offend, I do so to bring some humor along with change. Relax...it is not like your tires will get slashed anytime soon.

# Emma's Eats: Hudson Café, Detroit

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I rarely go out for breakfast. If I do, it's usually to Big Boy or a Coney Island (Yes! I eat at "normal" places, too!). So it's always nice to find somewhere that does breakfast as well as lunch and dinner, and even better to find somewhere just doing breakfast, brunch, and a little lunch.

I also love making an event of eating out, so taking a trip into downtown Detroit was just fine by me to get breakfast at the Hudson Café. Located across from the old Hudson's building, this sunny, spacious, yet cozy café is modern in décor and in taste. The lounge-like seating mixed with clean, simple dining tables screams youth. The menu is the textbook example of "classic brunch with a modern twist."

A cheerful, tattooed waitress handed us large cardstock menus. My boyfriend ordered a freshly-squeezed orange juice and I had hot cocoa. He managed not to offer me a sip of his juice until the end of the meal when he had only a slurp left; tasting it, I understood why. I'm not a fan of orange juice because it is usually so far

removed from the fresh, bright taste of oranges, but this was literally freshly-squeezed. It wasn't just juice, but oil and essence and the natural balance of water and juice found in the orange, not some arbitrary amount thrown into concentrate.

I had already snuck a peak at the menu online (as usual) but I still deliberated between several of the different versions of Eggs Benedict. Initially, I wasn't sure if I'd be in the mood for sweet or savory that morning, so I didn't make any hard and fast decisions beforehand. But Eggs Benedict it was. I went for the "Voodoo" with a side of the house potatoes. My boyfriend went for the plain Belgian waffle, bless his soul.

The portions were huge, always nice to see. Two corn cakes topped with two poached eggs and cheese and chorizo, plus probably two potatoes' worth of house potatoes. It was superbly balanced – sweet, salty, spicy, a little sour – and steaming hot. Charlie's waffle took up the entire plate, and he ordered a side of fruit that was more of a meal than a side.

There are so many other unique items on the menu that I would have to go back and try more. At least two other

Eggs Benedict styles caught my eye – the "Eggsparagus" and the pulled pork version – and their pancakes look to die-for. They have red velvet pancakes. Red velvet. And Chunky Monkey, full of white chocolate chips, banana, and topped with caramel. Had I been in the mood for sweets, there would have been no stopping me.

Those I've talked to who frequent the café have only ever mentioned breakfast there, but they do have a lunch menu as well. They have a dozen sandwiches and salads which all look delicious. They all follow the "modern twist" rule, taking simple foods and elevating

them to something fancy.

And with fancy food comes fancy prices. \$25 for breakfast for two is a little much, but to be expected from a small café trying to make its way in the big city. I'd be happier to pay that for lunch instead. It did keep me full all day until dinner, though, which helps it pass my affordability test. It was technically like getting a lunch as well.

The Hudson Café is located on Woodward in downtown Detroit. Open every day for breakfast and lunch. Contact 313-237-1000 or visit <http://hudson-cafe.com> for more information.



A delicious Eggs Benedict "Voodoo" style over corn cakes from the Hudson Cafe, Detroit.

# Student (is this real) Life

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total of two hours of sleep. Sleep doesn't exist in Windsor...just letting you know if you've never been there before on a Saturday night.

Now that Spring Break 2012 is officially dead and gone I feel like my life is moving in slow motion. Sunday night I went so far as to set three alarms for the morning. I just knew I was going to struggle. Well big surprise, I slept through three alarms and my text message alert sounding off fourteen times. Really? My alarm sounds like a tornado siren, those vuvuzelas people blast in Spain during soccer games, and Shia LeBeouf screaming in Transformers. Am I exaggerating? No. Take one listen to my alarm, and you'll hear what I'm talking about.

So what's wrong with my sleep schedule? I have a pretty good idea, but I'm not sure I'll be able to happily get back into the groove of this semester. YOU'RE THROWING OFF MY GROOVE!! Anybody? From "The Emperor's New Groove"...I just love that talking llama.

Anyways, I can tell you one thing, this week will be filled with questions. Most likely "Is this real life?" will be the most popular of all.

I will now explain why I'm unlikely to sleep at all during the next week or so. I guess I will have to rely on coffee and Rockstars even more than I usually do...that's concerning. As soon as Spring Break hit, I decided that I was going to be staying up until four a.m. every single night. Good idea, of course. I wanted to spend my Spring Break the right way...which meant that I decided that staying up reading and watching the History Channel was a fantastic idea. JUDGE ME. After a crazy night like that I obviously need to sleep it off and not wake up until two in the afternoon. That's rational.

Okay, but I'm not 100 percent nerdy. I did go out a few nights. This past Saturday I decided it would be a good idea to go to Canada to celebrate one of my closest friend's birthday. While there, we racked up a whopping

Once I got back home on Sunday I made the decision to not sleep and just go about my day as I normally would have. Bad choice. I ended up crashing at seven p.m. which would have been okay except I woke up ready to only three hours later. Ugh, seriously? Apparently everyone in my house decided Sunday was a good day to actually go to sleep before one in the morning, which left me sitting on the couch with my dog. Eventually the sounds of me raiding the kitchen were loud enough to wake everyone up and convince them to watch TV with me. This kept me awake until nearly two a.m., and I needed to wake up at seven. Seven hours of sleep spread between two days? Well, I obviously make great decisions.

The sad thing is I know that I won't be going to sleep until two a.m. today even though I have to wake up at seven yet again. Why do I do this, you ask? Well, I guess it's because I like staying up late. Whether I'm out partying or just reading at home, going to sleep at a time that contains two digits is unlikely for me. I will continue to complain about how much mornings suck, but I will warn you that it's a bad idea to talk to me before I've had a coffee and/or Rockstar in the morning. If you text me before I'm awake I won't respond to you until I've ingested caffeine because I know I'll most likely give a rude answer. I don't mean to do it, but sleep deprivation wins. I feel bad that my family has to deal with my sleepless, caffeine bereaved self in the mornings. Sorry guys, but just letting you know when I tell you to shut up and move, I don't really mean it. It's not my fault that college gives me Spring Breaks that ruin my sleep schedule.

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