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Sinclair instructor reports in from Afghanistan

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—Jennifer Kostic, Academic Staffing Coordinator

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"It's 9:19 [p.m.] here now," Jennifer Kostic, Sinclair faculty member, Academic Staffing Coordinator and a Major in the US Army Reserve, said in a phone interview from Afghanistan. "We're 9 and a half hours different. It makes communication with the states a little interesting."

Kostic was deployed in November to Kabul, Afghanistan, where she is helping orchestrate the removal of troops and equipment from the area for the Defense Logistics Agency. Until she reported for duty at Fort Benning in Georgia in November, Kostic was expecting to be deployed to Kuwait.

"The day I got there, I was notified that my orders had been changed to Kabul," she said. "I was not necessarily thrilled with that."

But she said her work there was "more challenging, more rewarding and historic." She has had the opportunity to help write a document that will be the foundation for how troops will be moved out of Afghanistan over the next several years, she said.

"The job is entirely different from what I first expected," she said. "But because I've been in the military for a while, I knew what the new job entailed."

Although recent attacks have made it unsafe for Kostic and her fellow soldiers to be transported outside the compound, she said she feels safe where she is.

"In the current state of affairs, this is probably one of the safer places to be," she said.

Kostic said that before the recent lockdown, she was traveling regularly, visiting Kuwait, Qatar, Bagram and Marmal. But the recent lockdown has kept her in the compound for most of the last month.

"We are well secured, maybe a little too well," said Kostic.

The compound that is Kostic's new home is small and has few amenities. She is sharing a room with three women.

"You're either at work, at home or at the gym," she said. "It reminds me of what I think prison would be like. It's not fun to be 38 and be on the top bunk."

Kostic has also "discovered how small the army is," as one of her best friends, a suitemate from Tulane University who she had not seen in 13 years, is also stationed at her location.

"We've had the opportunity to reconnect, and that's been fantastic," she said.

Kostic's work for Sinclair has not stopped simply because she is on the other side of the world. She is still checking her Sinclair email daily and continues to lead several employees in the adjunct office and in human resources. She is

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Police enforce sign policy



photo by Steve Schwerin

Sinclair police officers instruct protesters to put down their signs.

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A talk in the library loggia on Feb. 23 drew fewer than 15 attendees, more than 26 protestors and two signs. The crowd had gathered to protest Traditional Values Club speaker Elton Moose and his talk entitled "A Scientific Overview of Homosexuality."

The protestors sat quietly on the floor behind the seating area, their backs to the speaker's podium. At one point, two students walked to the back with homemade signs. They were immediately confronted by Sinclair police officers.

"We've got to tell you to take the sign down," an officer said to Aja Love, one of the sign-holding students. "Really, you don't want to do this. We don't care what your sign says, we care that you follow the procedure."

Love's sign read: "You can't pray away the gay." Next to her, Joe Moore held "love gay, cure bacon." After a brief argument with the officers, the students agreed to put away their signs and sit with the other protestors.

According to Chief of Police Charles Gift,

Sinclair has enforced a no-sign policy since 1990. The rule is covered by Sinclair's Campus Access Policy, which sets parameters for the use of campus facilities.

"The policy is not all inclusive," Gift said. "There are numerous situations that could arise that are not specifically addressed in the policy itself. [The police] retain full discretion to deal with these situations as they come up."

Signs are not specifically mentioned in the policy, but are forbidden because they can be disruptive, said Gift. Distributing literature and using electronic voice amplification (e.g. loud-speakers) are also prohibited.

Although Sinclair's campus is public property, it is legally considered a limited public forum and administrators have control over the time, place and manner of events. According to the policy, "there is no absolute right to assemble, to make or hear a speech or make presentations, at any time or place regardless of the circumstances."

"I think it really boils down to the discretion of the officers and the way in which it is handled," said Ty Stone, director of business services. "The policy is in place and we have to

allow all groups that we have come onto campus to do what they're doing without disruption... and we try to maintain that across the board."

Stone said that the school is working on revising the language of the campus access policy to make it easier to understand. Students will be asked for input on the new formulation.

"We're not trying to censor anyone," said Stone. "We're here to support [students]; we're here to support the free exchange of ideas the best we can."

Gift recommends that students who plan to protest at an event contact the Sinclair police, for their own safety and to ensure that they fully understand the school's policy. Failure to abide by the rules can result in the case being sent to Student Judicial Affairs or in criminal charges (disrupting a public meeting is a misdemeanor).

"We encourage people to have different opinions and to be able to voice those as long as they do it in a safe, courteous, and non-disruptive manner," said Gift. "This policy does not control the content of speech, the only thing it controls is the time, place and manner of that speech."

Police Department to offer a 30-day verbal warning for disruptive nonstudents

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The Sinclair Police Department is cracking down on the number of nonstudents who occupy and often create a disturbance in restricted areas.

Restricted areas that are no longer open to the public include classrooms and the basement of Building 8, where many students and nonstudents have been observed being loud and disruptive.

Areas that are open to the public include: Building 10, The Bookstore, the Library and all eating establishments.

Since the Tartan Cantina, which served Mexican style food, was closed, Building 8 has been a restricted area for nonstudents.

Building 8 is also the home of the Student Leadership Association (SLA). SLA events and speakers are sometimes interrupted by loud music, talking, screaming and physical altercations by large crowds that gather in the building.

"For the most part, we want students to be down here," said Manager of SLA Chris Bridges. "But we want to make sure that students have a place to gather in a safe and inclusive way."

"Anyone who is on campus cannot be loud and disorderly," said Chief of Police Charles Gift. "If someone is a nonstudent, they will be asked to stop their behavior and if they refuse they can be asked to leave."

Upon a nonstudent's refusal to comply with the Police officers request, they can be given a trespassed off campus notice.

"If a student is given a trespassed off campus notice then they cannot come back to the college," Gift said. "They are generally given a written note saying that if they come back to the campus, they will be arrested."

A student who is found to be loud and disruptive will be told to stop their behavior. If they fail to stop, they will be referred to Student Judicial Affairs, Gift said.

For 30 days, the Police Department will be heavily patrolling



photo by Talya Flowers

Sinclair Chief of Police Charles Gift.

these restricted areas and warning all students/nonstudents who are loud and disruptive to respect other students around them. But mainly advising nonstudents, Gift said, that Building 8 is no longer open to the public.

After 30 days, any nonstudents found to be disruptive will receive a trespassed off campus notice.

"We don't arbitrarily ask students for their identification," Gift said. "Generally another person calls us and tell us that a person or a group is being disorderly then the police officers are sent to investigate."

As the college has 25,000 students and is open to the public, there is no way of knowing who is a student and who isn't. Gift said that nonstudents often expose themselves because of their loud and often disruptive behavior.

"Our main concern is maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for students, faculty and staff," Gift said. "We will continue to issue verbal warnings that Building 8 is no longer open to the public. If nonstudents are on the campus, they need to have a legitimate college reason."

campus calendar

March 13

- Coffee and Conversation**
2 – 3 p.m.
Building 8, Ponnie Kendall Center basement

March 14

- Sinclair Talks How to Prepare for exams**
1 p.m.
Library Loggia, second floor near Building 5

March 16

- Men's Ensemble, Sinclair Singers & Sinclair LIFE (Gospel) Choir**
8 p.m.
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre

March 17

- Chorale, Chamber Choir & Women's Ensemble**
8 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Fifth & Ludlow Streets)

March 19

- Concert Band Concert**
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre

March 20

- Coffee and Conversation**
2 – 3 p.m.
Building 8, Ponnie Kendall Center basement
- Handbell Choir**
7:30 p.m.
Building 2, Blair Hall Theatre

March 25

- Winter Quarter Classes End**

March 30

- Robert and Tiraje Ruckman Piano Duo**
8 p.m.
Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2

marketplace menu

Monday

- Turkey Chili
- Beef Vegetable Soup
- Potato Chowder
- Chicken Marsala
- Burger Bar - choose your Burger, Angus, Turkey or Veggie
- Boiled Red Potatoes
- Wild Rice
- Squash Blend
- Veggie Medley
- Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry over rice
- Calzone, Spinach, Ricotta
- Ciabatta Club Melt
- Wraps
- Steak Caesar Wrap

Tuesday

- Turkey Chili
- Beef Vegetable
- Tortellini Soup
- Cinnamon Roasted Pork Loin
- Casserole, Primavera
- Potatoes, Mashed,
- Orange Sweet Potatoes
- Casserole, Green Bean

Wednesday

- Turkey Chili
- Pork Adobo Soup
- Tortellini Soup
- Meatloaf And Corn Mash
- Turkey Ranch Panini
- Mashed Potatoes With Corn
- Baked Beans
- Fresh Broccoli Spears
- Sauteed Green Beans & Peppers
- Teriyaki Chicken
- Italian Sub
- Turkey Bacon Ciabatta Melt with Chipotle Mayonnaise
- Wraps
- Steak Caesar Wrap

Thursday

- Turkey Chili
- Pork Adobo Soup
- Sauerkraut Kielbasa Soup

- Cajun Pasta Plate
- Lasagna, Mexican, Zucchini
- Mexirice
- Brown Rice
- Chipotle Corn Custard
- Green Beans Amandine
- Lemon Chicken over rice
- Jerk Chicken Caesar Salad
- Buffalo Blue Grilled Chicken
- Wraps
- Steak Caesar Wrap

Friday

- Turkey Chili
- Cream Of Mushroom Soup
- Sauerkraut Kielbasa Soup
- Baked Fish
- Chef's Choice
- Rice Pilaf
- Dill Red Potatoes
- Roasted Corn & Tomatoes
- Steamed Veggies
- Meatball Roma Round
- Roast Beef And Cheddar Ciabatta
- Wraps
- Steak Caesar Wrap

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weekly sudoku

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9. Every Sudoku game begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

9		1	3		5			2
2								
	5	3	2		1			
					3	9		
	8	4				2	5	
		2	6					
			8		4	5	3	
								9
5			9		6	8		1

Sudoku Tips: Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in that box. If there is a 5 in column's 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 any-

where else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

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weekly crossword

Across

- Woolly grazers
- It follows John
- Defunct Olympic sport
- Dieter's snack?
- On ___ with
- Crop production toast?
- 5'7" Spud who won an NBA Slam Dunk contest
- Words before coming or out
- Telegraph sound
- Lover of Psyche
- Artist's pad
- Ability to detect a certain orientation
- Not like at all
- PLO part
- Boxing statistic
- Actress Thurman
- Saint in red
- Raised entrance area
- Ave. paralleling Park
- Useless footwear
- Switz. neighbor
- Soul
- Waist-length jackets
- Gray gp.
- Stray chasers
- Not own outright, with "on"
- Pique
- Debate choices
- Piano sonatas, usually
- It covers all the bases
- Tuna of the Pacific
- Golden ___
- Rice from New Orleans
- Buckaroo at sea?
- It has banks in Germany and Poland
- Dance and theater in Texas?
- Red areas, once: Abbr.
- Case workers, briefly
- The greater part

Down

- Do some glass cutting, perhaps
- "Take it easy!"
- Goes astray
- Declining from old age
- Bavarian carp?
- Friend of Fidel
- Knotted
- Mistletoe piece
- Played with, in a way
- One giving pep talks between acts of "Carmen"?
- Maternity ward?
- Balls
- ___-1: "Ghostbusters" auto
- Relatively cool red giant
- Fail in business
- With 35-Down, fails, and a hint to making sense of this puzzle's pairs of adjacent 10-letter answers
- Acknowledgments
- Pacific dance
- Pews, at times?
- Intersection where cabs hang out?
- Joie de vivre
- Tropical ring-tailed critter
- See 24-Down
- H.S. sophs may take it
- Basie's "___ Clock Jump"
- Auto club employees
- Hot tea hazard
- Ojibwa home
- Young pig
- Thailand neighbor
- New Mexico ski resort
- Buried treasure site, often
- Iberian river
- Disintegrates
- Part of MS-DOS: Abbr.
- Dr. Mom's forte
- ___ in Charlie

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tartan spotlight



photo by Holly Schrader

meet Holly Schrader

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What makes her interesting?

Holly Schrader, a Physical Education student at Sinclair, said that in high school she wasn't involved in sports and wasn't very interested in working out.

"When I got to college I started gaining weight since I was eating bad and I didn't really care," she said, "and I couldn't take it any more."

Schrader then met a group of bodybuilders and started working at a gym, leading to a significant change in the way she lived.

"I learned the way that everybody ate and the way that everybody worked out, and I just became consistent with it and started changing my body," she said.

Schrader competed in her first figure bodybuilding competition in 2007.

"I had never been on stage with that many people looking at me in such a little outfit," she said. "It didn't matter what place I got, I was happy that I looked the way I did and I felt the way I did and I was able to accomplish something like that."

Since then, Schrader has competed in four other competitions and won the collegiate nationals. The preparation for each competition is strenuous.

"You diet for 12 weeks before you get on stage for something like that," said Schrader. "It's a lot of dedication and a lot of work."

Schrader hits the gym twice a day, five days a week, doing both weights and cardio exercise. She wakes up early every day to do a cardio workout and to cook the food she will be eating that day.

She carries around chicken, tuna, and tilapia in little containers and eats six to seven small meals a day.

"I measure it, pack it up for the day and hope I can find a microwave everywhere I go, otherwise I'm eating cold food," she said. "I've had people look at me like I'm a crazy person when I pull a piece of tilapia out of my purse and start eating it in a little baggie."

Schrader has another competition in June. She says she will probably be stockpiling Girl Scout Cookies for after the competition.

"I'm not really trying to get much more muscular," she said. "At this point... I'm just trying to refine everything and make it balanced. I guess that's a lot of what competitions are for, to have an athletic body and make it look normal."

She says she will probably be competing in the bikini category from here on out.

Schrader eventually hopes to open her own personal training studio and "hire a team just like me" to help each person follow a program to meet their goals. She said she thinks her continued involvement with figure competitions will complement her work as a trainer.

Schrader's involvement in training even extends to her pets.

"I have a dog named Muscles," she said. "I don't know what else I would have even named him."

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Career Services to get graduates on to a path of employment

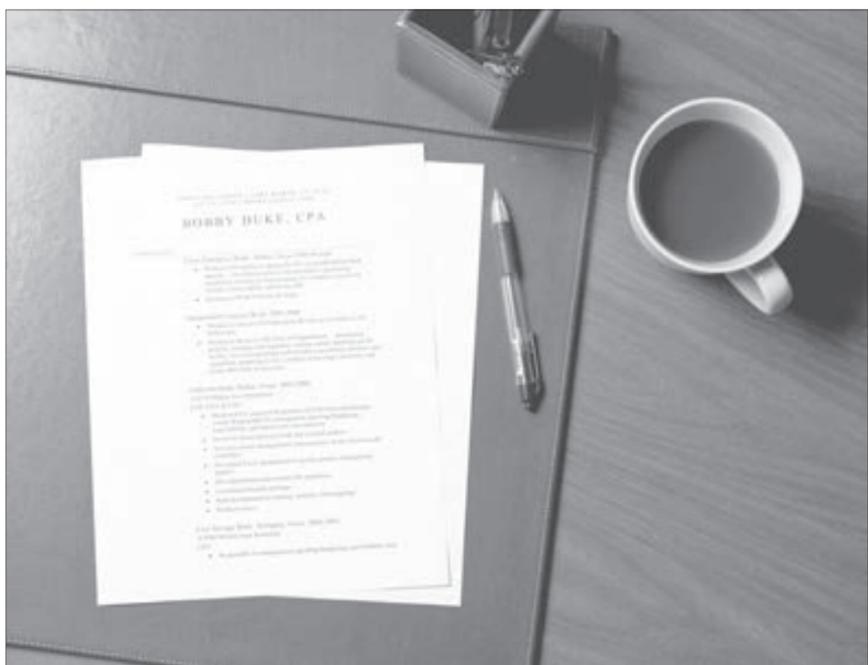


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"The bootcamp allows you to network and expand your circle. It helps you start off with more confidence and start your job search on the right foot."

— Lindsay Tate, career services specialist

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To kick your mind into shape and try to get you hired for the job of your choice, Career Services will offer a one-day intensive bootcamp for Sinclair graduates who seek success in preparing for their job search.

The bootcamp is free and will be held on Wednesday, March 28, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All Sinclair graduates and possible graduates should register at apps.sinclair.edu/bootcamp.

"It is to help all graduates be prepared for the job search," said Lindsay Tate, career services specialist. "We will

be focused on resume writing, interviewing techniques and job searching."

During the bootcamp, Tate said there will also be a focus on handling rejection.

"Unfortunately, rejection is so frequent in today's economy," she said. "But there are lots of signs that the economy is getting better, so we are really positive about that."

Attendees will have access to an online job board called JobLink that connects attendees with possible jobs that fit their criteria. Once you're in the JobLink database the resume can be uploaded and used for future job searches, Tate said.

Participants will engage in interactive mock interviews and prepare drafts of resumes and cover letters. Tate said that the participants will also leave the bootcamp with a binder filled with a plethora of helpful information.

"It is always great to receive free professional help during a job search because job searching has changed in the last five to 10 years," Tate said. "But having somebody help you create an accurate skill section that is not vague and tailor your resume for the job is more beneficial than trying to navigate it on your own."

Network building and

expanding your circle will be an important aspect of the bootcamp. By doing both, Tate said, it builds your confidence.

"The bootcamp allows you to network and expand your circle. It helps you start off with more confidence and start your job search on the right foot."

Toward the end of the event, the financial aid office will be providing information about how to process and work with student loans after you graduate.

"We also want them to know that they can always come back. This isn't a one-time thing and you're done. I have helped numerous people who came in after a bootcamp," Tate said. "We are free service for graduates and community members. Even if you can't make the bootcamp, you are always welcome to come back and receive more help."

For more information contact Tate at 512-2772. Graduates and possible graduates can also call Career Services to register for the bootcamp.

Free parking passes will be given out at the end of event.

"I want the people who do come to learn really important skills and obtain employment," Tate said. "That is the end goal for all of us."

Sinclair instructor reports in from Afghanistan

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helping to coordinate the adjunct faculty awards from afar, and is even involved in the faculty hiring process. Next quarter, she will be teaching Interpersonal Communication (COM 206) online.

Every week, she says she eats the snacks that have been mailed to her at a movie night with her coworkers. She throws parties in her office with the decorations that have been sent to her by Sinclair faculty and staff.

"You know, what I'd really like to say is thank you," she said. "Every day I am touched by how much the people at Sinclair have shown that they care: packages, emails, cards, well wishes on Facebook, gifts and treats from family."

"It makes me feel so good about where I work, and people here are like 'wow, they really like you,' and it really makes me feel good," she said. "Hopefully at some point in time I can express to everybody there how much their support has meant."

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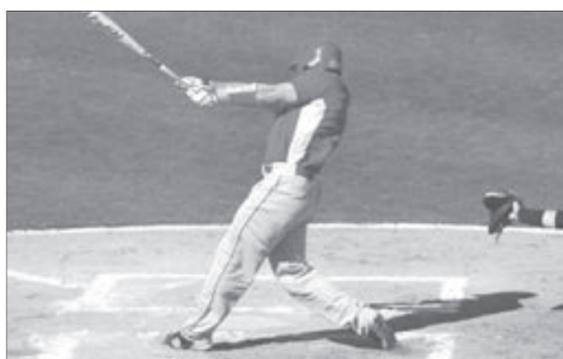
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Sinclair baseball returns from USA Kickoff Classic



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Brock Trimbur (left) and Nick McGill (right) in a game vs. Lackawanna College in the team's trip to Millington, Tenn.

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From March 2 to 4, Sinclair baseball competed in the USA Kickoff Classic in Millington, Tenn. The Tartan Pride took three of five games during the trip that head coach Steve Dintaman said was "a growing process."

"Overall I think the trip was pretty positive," Dintaman said. "You're playing against some of the best teams in the country, some big time programs, [some] fully funded teams, and we competed well."

The first game was against Carl Sandburg College's Chargers, in which the Tartan pride flexed their muscles after a rough start to obtain the first win of the trip 15-10. Ian Creager got the win for the Pride after 6 innings of one run baseball, where he struck out 12 Chargers.

The second game wasn't as positive for the Pride, who lost the game against the 20th ranked Iowa Central Commu-

nity College Tritons 8-4.

Game three produced another win for Dintaman's squad taking the contest 6-0 vs. Muscatine Community College. The game was highlighted by the pitching performance of freshman pitcher Stephen Holland. He threw 5 1/3 scoreless innings with 9 strikeouts.

The fourth game against Southeastern Community College proved to be the hardest task for the Pride. The final score of the game was Southeastern 12, Sinclair 1. The Pride found themselves down 6-0 after two innings of play.

"We made too many mistakes early, and they took advantage of them," Dintaman said.

The fifth and final game of the trip was against Lackawanna College, the 13th ranked team in the nation. The task was large but the game went in Sinclair's favor. The win was sparked by what Dintaman said was a thrilling 8th inning. Final score of the contest was Sinclair 4, Lackawanna 3.

The biggest obstacle facing Sinclair during the trip, was

dealing with a slew of injuries to starting position players. Dintaman said it took a complete team effort in all of the games with some reserve players making some key plays in crunch time.

"We had four of our starters go down," Dintaman said. "We had pitchers running bases and we were subbing guys in and out. But we found a way to win off some nice hits and some nice execution."

Sinclair left the volunteer state with a record of 6-2 on the year, with Dintaman and his team excited to get back on home ground.

"We know what we're capable of doing again, playing against some of the top teams and competing very well and winning some of the games," Dintaman said. "We need to get healthy now and stay focused."

Dintaman hopes to get his injured players back before conference play begins, giving them their best chance at repeating for the fourth straight time as Ohio Community College Athletic Conference champions.

Featured athlete of the week

— Gavin Schumann —

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Gavin Schumann graduated from Roger Bacon high school in Cincinnati, where he played basketball all four years. He said his primary role on the team was to be the defensive stopper. His main objective was to lock down the opposing team's top scoring threat.

But in his first season under Sinclair coach Jeff Price, Schumann has found out he has a pure ability to score the ball—an ability he has displayed in every game this season.

Schumann finished the season second on the team averaging 16 points per game.

"I feel like my game has grown to a different level," Schumann said.

Schumann played in every game this season for the Tartan Pride as the starting shooting guard. He scored in double figures in all but three games.

One of the most exciting attributes of his game is his ability to get to the rim and deliver some momentum changing dunks.

The 6 foot 1 inch guard said that his high flying mentality has always been a part of his game and he was actually a high jumper in high school.

That leaping ability has propelled Schumann to shoot 46.850 percent from the floor, leading all starters.

His most notable game this season came against West Virginia University-Parkersburg.

Schumann notched his first triple-double, scoring 15 points, 11 rebounds, 14 assists and 6 steals.

"Coach [Price] challenged me to get a triple-double, and I got it," Schumann said.

Sinclair won the game in dominating fashion 128-59.

Gavin played in all 30 games this season for



photo contributed by Sinclair Basketball

Gavin Schumann showing his tremendous leaping ability.

Sinclair where he also averaged 4.6 rebounds and 3.23 assists per contest.

Schumann said he plans on returning for his sophomore season at Sinclair, but his basketball mentor Marcus Smith is always looking for better opportunities.

Now that the season is complete, Schumann said he is going to focus his attention on training, specifically strength training.

"To get to the next level I've got to get stronger and probably get my handles a little better," Schumann said.

The Tartan Pride's season concluded on March 6 in a loss against Lakeland Community College and finished the season 18-13. The loss came in the first round of the NJCAA District 12 tournament. The final score of the game was Lakeland 95 -78.



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Schumann shooting a free throw against Cuyahoga Community College on Feb. 25.

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Q. What will you be doing for Spring Break?



Alex Gribler
PSEO

"I'm going to Mexico. The weather here sucks right now, so I'm excited to get to Cabo."



Colby Clark
Liberal Arts

"I'll be playing baseball and enjoying my break from classes."



Jourdan Smith
Criminal Justice

"For the most part, I'll be looking for a job, but this is a time for me to reflect on past experiences. Gives me a chance to recharge my batteries a little."



Nicole Laravie
Paralegal

"Hopefully I'll be going to Florida. Plans are shaky right now. Hopefully we have a free house to stay in at Daytona."

Clarion consensus

The birth control debate

A recent national topic of much controversy and debate is the birth control debate.

The main cause of controversy is that it is an infringement on one of the first amendments of the Constitution—freedom of religion.

Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner feels that it infringes on the right of freedom of religion and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi feels that the repeal of the national mandate is "disrespecting to women's health issues," according to ABC news.

But we at the Clarion feel that birth control is necessary in all applicable cases, specifically toward the case of unwanted pregnancies or preventing sexually transmitted diseases.

We feel that the only ones that should not use birth control are those who are fully prepared to reproduce.

We do realize that no matter how much you prepare for a pregnancy, you will never be fully prepared for the challenges that will face you as a parent. But being financially stable is definitely helpful throughout the process.

Having an unplanned pregnancy can be a huge burden on

life. A burden some most of us would never be prepared for.

We do understand, however, that some religions abolish even the thought of using birth control. Some of us feel those thoughts are completely out of date. When those concepts of religion were created, they were obviously not thinking of the health implications that follow from not using birth control.

The discoveries of retroviruses such as HIV have life threatening consequences that we all should be aware of.

Sexually transmitted diseases alone should be enough persuasion for anyone to use birth control.

Having the national mandate of birth control repealed is ludicrous and could have simply been solved by the mentality of, 'if you don't need it, don't use it.'

It is not against your religion to accept birth control benefits as part of your health care plan.

One of the main understories of this debate is how over-sensitive Americans have become.

You are not the only person in the world, and you can rest assured that there is someone, or probably a majority of people, that could or do deem those birth control benefits useful.



Letter to the editor

Contraception compromise violates religious freedom

I am writing in response to your published article about Obama's Contraception Compromise.

I am a Roman Catholic. The mandate that President Obama is forcing on Catholics is wrong, sinful and criminal. Not only is he trying to make us live against our conscience, but he is also setting a dangerous precedent. Do you think a situation like this will stop with Catholics? Like the Holocaust of WWII, it will take in everybody. It will lead from one segment of the population to another, and it will not stop until we as a nation have all collapsed. That is what sin does. We convince ourselves that the

action can't possibly be bad. We justify and rationalize, then we do it, and later, to our dismay, discover that it was the worst possible thing to have done. By that time, all is ruined, and can not be reclaimed. We start over, and the start is rough.

God is the Author of Life. He has the right to begin and end life. We are only to protect it, nourish it, and respect it, even the lives of those we don't like or find repugnant.

This is the lesson that Jesus taught us, even to love our enemies. Pregnancy is not a medical condition, like an illness or a disease. It is the fruitful result of a man and a woman in the sexual union. Whether the

circumstances are beneficial, like marriage, or not, as in rape or molestation, the baby is a separate entity, and has the right in God's eyes to be treated with love and nurturing, as we all did once. That is the belief of Catholics, and all Christians who truly believe in God.

The President does not establish morals, he is to be the example of them, and to protect our nation's freedoms. Compromise is not the answer. Your readers need to see better written articles than the one you published by the LA Times.

—Angela Winfield, DIT Student

Limbaugh apology: He did it for the money

Thomas F. Schaller

The Baltimore Sun
(MCT)

Rush Limbaugh apologized. Those three words are big news because apologizing ain't Mr. Limbaugh's thing. The nation's top conservative radio talker got where he is today by making controversial and crude remarks, not apologizing for them. Soft, politically correct liberals issue apologies, not "Rushbo." He tells it like it is, scornful critics be damned.

In case you didn't hear the original remarks that forced Mr. Limbaugh to apologize and yes, he was forced, he called Georgetown Law School student Sandra Fluke a "prostitute" and "slut" after she testified in front of a congressional panel about health care coverage for contraception. Here's what he said last Wednesday:

"What does it say about the college co-ed Susan Fluke, who goes before a congressional committee and essentially says that she must be paid to have sex what does that make her? It makes her a slut, right? It makes her a prostitute. She wants to be paid to have sex. She's having so much sex she can't afford the

contraception. She wants you and me and the taxpayers to pay her to have sex."

The next day, Mr. Limbaugh suggested that Ms. Fluke tape her sexual encounters so that taxpayers who subsidize her contraception can watch. He also offered to provide free aspirin to all Georgetown women to hold between their knees.

Mr. Limbaugh's lion-like Wednesday sermon was followed Saturday by a squeaky, mouse-like statement on his website. "My choice of words was not the best, and in the attempt to be humorous, I created a national stir," that statement reads. "I sincerely apologize to Ms. Fluke for the insulting word choices."

Before discussing his apology, let's try to unpack Mr. Limbaugh's puzzling comments.

For starters, because women use contraception on a regular, often daily, basis doesn't mean they are having sex all the time, or even every day, week or month. After all, for birth control pills to function correctly, women have to take them most days regardless of how often they're having sex. Also, does Mr. Limbaugh not know, for example, that some women

take the pill to help regulate their menstrual cycles?

And how can he not realize and acknowledge that men are, by definition, implicit and indirect consumers of contraceptives? Every pregnancy wanted or unwanted, averted or not, affects some man, too.

Mr. Limbaugh, mind you, has been married four times and is childless. Perhaps his four marriages have been sexless although this seems unlikely, given that Mr. Limbaugh was stopped by customs officials during a 2006 trip to the Dominican Republic, a known sex tourism destination, with more than two dozen Viagra pills.

It's possible that Mr. Limbaugh is infertile. It's possible he, his wives and any other girlfriends over the years successfully practiced the withdrawal method, among the riskiest forms of birth control. (The old joke is that there's a name for men who rely on this method: daddy.)

But the more likely scenario is that Mr. Limbaugh and his childless partners over the years have relied at some point on more traditional and effective means of birth control, such as condoms or the pill.

Mr. Limbaugh's sex life is

none of my business. (Believe me: I really don't want to think about it.) But if he or any of his partners have ever used contraception, that makes Mr. Limbaugh not just an insensitive blowhard but a hypocrite, too. Maybe he should hold his Viagra pills between his knees. What the talk show host should apologize for is his obvious and rather profound ignorance about contraception. Contraceptive use isn't just a "women's" issue: It's a couples' issue, and half of the people in those couplings are men.

As for his apology, let's face it: Mr. Limbaugh, who champions the power of markets, learned the hard way what happens when market power is unleashed against him. By Friday afternoon last week, three of his radio program's sponsors, two mattress companies and Quicken Loans, had announced they would no longer advertise their products on his program. (Five more sponsors have since done the same.)

And so, after trademark tough-guy resistance for three days, Rush Limbaugh apologized. He probably didn't want to, but in the end he did it for the money, you know, like a prostitute does.

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Students build eco-friendly birdhouses

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Some of Dayton's birds will soon be living in eco-friendly style. Students in Paul Schilling's Design Basics 3D class (VIS 107) are constructing birdhouses from old pallets and in the process are both learning about design fundamentals and providing housing for some of Dayton's many birds. Although birdhouse building has been a staple of the 3D design class for several years, this is the first year that will emphasize using recycled

building materials. "I had a wild idea in my head about how to engage students," says Schilling, "change the parameters of the project from where the students buy their own wood to something that's recycled, that essentially costs Sinclair money to throw away." The 30 pallets used for the projects were acquired from Shipping and Receiving office at Sinclair, and were going to have to be transported from the campus and disposed of. Although Schilling says that promoting bird housing is one objective of the project, the houses are generally designed more for aesthetics than habitability.

"Students take into account architectural styles or art movements that they want to model their birdhouse after," says Schilling. "You see bird houses at Walmart or Lowes, and it seems like the same cookie cutter birdhouse... here they have an opportunity to jump into a market that nobody's really in." Schilling says that eco-friendliness is catching on in the design world, from interior designers to industrial designers to graphic designers, "some companies have realized that it's really good for the environment, and on top of that it saves money." He hopes that his students will learn that "not only can you utilize the resources around you,

but in addition to that, you can create design with that, [design] that sells." The class's 21 students each designed their own birdhouse, and had to first create small models and run their plans by the woodshop to ensure that they could produce what they had designed. Students usually consider making birdhouses a fun project, according to Schilling. "Forcing them to go outside and use some power tools and cut these apart, hopefully that remains and sticks in their mind," says Schilling. "Hopefully this is an experience that gets catalogued and they can pull from it someday."



photo by John Swain



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Kristen Creager
Visual Communication

"I wanted more of a natural, organic kind of look, and I wanted a more open kind of feel instead of a closed-in regular looking birdhouse. It's for a cardinal, they prefer to build their nest in a more open area, so they can fly in at all angles. It's all recycled except for only four pieces. I had a hard time trying to come up with a concept just using serial planes, this was actually my second idea out of many, that I ended up going with."

Tim Green
Visual Communication

"The project was serial planes. So I kept thinking about lines, parallel lines, things that are equidistant apart. And the one shape that kept coming back into my head was a starburst, like the Japanese flag, where you just see the beams of light coming out of a central point. Using the recycled materials was definitely more of a challenge

than using new wood, just because you have to do so much more manipulating with it. You have to glue certain pieces together to get a piece that's the right size for you, or cut certain pieces, or sand them because they're all rough. It was just a really fun project, and I think I took a lot away about design and serial planes."

Jordan Horton
Interior Design

"I first started with color, and then I chose my basic colors, and it was purple, teal and browns. From there, I found some plaid with those colors and decided that my serial planes would turn into plaid, so that's where most of the inspiration came from, and that's what's on the front of the birdhouse. I didn't follow through with the plaid all the way through, and it ended looking like a wildberry pop-tart. All of my birdhouse is recycled, the basic structure is made out of the pallets that we had. And then the roof and serial planes, so the skinny pieces on the outside, are made out of another student's wood that she wasn't going to use. I recycled it. I don't think it's ever going to go outside, I think it's something that will go on my dad's shelf."

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