

Trail may make biking, walking to campus easier

By Steve Hameister

A \$6.5 million project by the Nonmotorized Sheboygan County Pilot Program will install a biking and pedestrian trail along Taylor Drive. This trail will start at Kohler Memorial Drive and end at Crocker Avenue, just south of Nemark in the industrial park, due to the limited availability of right of way. There won't be any major renovation to Taylor Drive itself, but some traffic lights will be relocated and others reconfigured to accommodate changes in turning lanes.

"Engineering is mostly complete for the Taylor Drive project, and we expect to start construction around spring of 2015," said Emily Vetting, associate planner at the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department. "There might be a bit of work that can be done in winter starting at the end of this year, but that depends on how the design and approval process continues to move along."

This Taylor Drive Multi-use Pathway is en-



Construction of a biking and pedestrian path along Taylor Drive should start in spring 2015. The trail will start at Kohler Memorial Drive and end at Crocker Avenue, just south of Nemark in the industrial park. Photo by Jacob Albright

tirely federally funded and follows the Shoreland 400 Rail Trail, completed in 2013, which uses an old train bridge and weaves through the center of Sheboygan, connecting Superior Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. Shoreland 400 has been well utilized so far, and according to Vetting, an automatic counter installed on the trail picked up over 800 counts in less than a month.

The pilot program was created in 2005 after

Sheboygan was picked—along with Minneapolis-St. Paul, Marin County, Calif., and Columbia, Mo.—as one of four counties in the country to share up to \$25 million a year to build and promote non-motorized infrastructure. This program is also responsible for the reconstructed Highway O, the "share arrows" and bike lanes painted throughout Sheboygan, and sidewalks and widened shoulders in Sheboygan, Kohler and Plymouth.

Engineering annex construction to begin in fall

By Wesley Melton

The new engineering building construction project at UW-Sheboygan is beginning this September. The plans are just for the engineering building, which will be built onto the Brotz Science Building as an annex to the north. The new structure will expand to University Drive across from Bookworm Gardens.

"It will be exciting for engineering students to feel like they have a home here," said Dean and Campus Executive Officer Jackie Joseph-Silverstein.

The floor plan for the engineering building includes three labs of approximately 1,400 square feet each, one classroom of about 800 square feet, three faculty offices of approximately 100 square feet each, and also a study and work area having three to five sets of tables and chairs to facilitate a "group setting" for students.

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— Brian Stout, UW-Sheboygan assistant dean for administrative services and finance

establish camaraderie and a collaborative environment, having them work together on projects and assignments," said Brian Stout, UW-Sheboygan assistant dean for administrative services and finance. The engineering annex will be only one story, a design slightly different than the 2012 presentation by Bray Architects, and it will not have any restrooms. The restrooms in the Science Building will be accessible from the engineering annex.

"We are also working on an equipment list for the labs," said Stout, which will bring in much modern, state-of-the-art tools and machinery. "We want to make sure engineer-

ing students at UW-Sheboygan have everything they need to succeed in the professional environment." This construction project has a budget of "roughly" \$1.4 million, not including the list of equipment.

Stout explained that other long-term projects included in the five-year master plan presented to the UW-Sheboygan Master Plan Steering Committee will not begin this year. Those plans included improvements to the Fine Arts and Physical Education buildings.

"The master plan has not disappeared," Joseph-Silverstein said. "We are working with architects for the Fine Arts Building. Physical education would be the final one" to be improved in future projects.

Just a few months from now, the campus community will begin to see what has only been a vision of students, faculty, the UW-

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Editorial: Good Call to Put Library Restructuring on Hold

By Chelsey Martin

In early January former Chancellor Ray Cross began to discuss ways in which to restructure the UW Colleges library to help cut areas in the overall colleges budget in order to achieve \$2.33 million in cuts. As of late April, however, it has been decided by Interim Chancellor Aaron M. Brower to postpone these changes until further notice. This decision comes as a relief to those involved in the library and staff who were afraid of what changes were to be made, especially considering that these changes would have boiled down to more work for fewer library staff. While the changes have not been disregarded, the conversation has been re-



UW-Sheboygan library. Photo by Heather Hughes

opened to look at other potential options.

However, in early April

the faculty at UW-Fox Valley voted to completely remove the library re-

structuring plan. The “Fox library resolution” claimed that, despite the fact that

there needs to be restructuring somewhere due to the budget cut, the restructuring of the libraries will not actually save a significant amount of money. Also, because no faculty members from the UW Colleges were involved in the committee charged with restructuring the library, the restructuring plan violates the spirit of shared governance. The Fox library resolution also claims that the restructuring of the library will only result in degrading student experience. UW-Fox faculty decided that no change to their libraries will occur until the changes can significantly reduce the budget and the effects to the student body are negligible at best.

Editorial: On the Chancellor Speaking at UW-Sheboygan

By Chelsey Martin

On April 9, Interim Chancellor Aaron Brower came to UW-Sheboygan with four other administrators to speak about the state of education. While many of the people who attended the meeting were curious as to the state of things given the planned budget cuts and restructuring plans, the interim chancellor was very skilled in diverting questions and avoiding straight answers. Instead, he chose to focus on how well the students of UW-Sheboygan enjoy their campus, the features the students appreciate the most, and how we can attract more students to our campus. The message was clear: The budget cut is happening, the two-year campuses will not be getting more money in the foreseeable future, there is a greater chance of receiving less funding from the state later on, and that the focus should be on getting higher enrollment numbers.

It is clear to me, and others, that Mr. Brower has been thrown to the forefront of these depressing times with only two months under his belt as interim chancellor, and while I apologize for him being stuck with the decisions made by people no longer involved, I can't help but be frustrated that he continues to use politically correct speaking tactics when discussing these very real issues. I am also sorry that he is the proverbial punching bag in this topic, but when he is the one everyone points to and looks to for information he is putting himself in that position willfully. I appreciate that he

comes from a professorial background and enjoys complex challenges, but I cannot help but wish he could speak more frankly to the entire staff and student body about these issues. Using political language and diverting questions only makes us feel like he doesn't care about the issues, that he isn't on our side.

I also noticed that the future of the two-year campuses lies in the hands of five older white individuals, with only a single white woman. How does this reflect the true and beautiful diversity of our campuses? We are populated with young and old students. We have African Americans, Hispanics, Hmong, and many more ethnicities represented in our student body and yet those making decisions for us are all from a predominantly white background. I don't claim to know their backgrounds or histories, but it would be nice to see our leaders express a similar diversity to our own.

The biggest takeaway from the meeting I got was that there will be no more funding from the state for the two-year campuses and that the campuses now need to focus on recruiting more students and heightening the campus presence in their respective communities. Mr. Brower is telling us to engage high school students and informing us that our biggest competition is found in the tech schools. He wants us to make our course offerings stand out as the better choice when compared with the free courses offered to high school students by the tech colleges, and yet he does nothing

to prevent the other four-year campuses from still accepting the free tech credits as transferable credits. When both the free tech course and the hundred-dollar-plus course from our campus transfer as equal credits to the four-year campuses, how is it the job of the two-year campuses to make their credits worth more? Shouldn't the four-year campuses step up and stop accepting those credits? Shouldn't the four-year campuses stand behind the quality of their own two-year schools?

The message I heard was clear: We are not going to get any more funding from the state. It won't happen, and in all likelihood it will only get worse. As far as the four-year campuses and administration are concerned it's entirely up to the two-year campuses to find a solution, by themselves. Good luck, and we wish you the best with it.

I love my campus. I adore UW-Sheboygan and the friends I have made of both members of the student body and the staff. It would be a shame to watch the functions of this campus disappear or worsen because the four-year campuses and the administration sitting happily in Madison don't stick out a helping hand to their two-year sisters and brothers. We are all part of the UW System, and it's damn time we started acting like it. I want to know that the interim chancellor and others working near him care about this issue and are planning to do something beyond figuring out what they can cut from our two-year experiences.

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Social Media: The Downsides of Being Connected

By Elizabeth Zimbal

Walking the halls at UW-Sheboygan, there seems to be a recurring theme—nearly every other person is on their phone, talking, texting, playing games, or simply scrolling through seemingly endless social media updates.

As such, it really should come as no surprise that the number of adults ages 18 to 29 who use social media has jumped from only 9 percent to a staggering 90 percent since 2005, according to research done by the Pew Internet Project. With the increased numbers of people using social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, many are wondering if it is really a good thing.

A study done by researchers at Miriam Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, showed that social media use may cause college students to get lower grades. However, this is still being disputed, as research has been unable to prove for certain that social media is the sole cause of the grade drops. Students at UW-Sheboygan don't seem to think that their social media usage affects their grade.

"It is a distraction," Courtney Zimmerman admitted, but she added she is not too worried about that affecting her grades.

Many studies have been done in recent years that prove the existence of "Internet Addiction Disorder." According to Dr. Bernard Luskin, who studies psychology, this addiction can go so far as to cause tremors, shivers, nausea and anxiety. The reason for this addiction is that social media is used as a social reinforcement, according to Dr. Mauricio Delgado, who directs the Lab for Social Affective Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J.

Smartphone users develop "checking habits," which are recurring 30-second glances at social media as often as every 10 minutes.

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He also stated that positive comments and "likes" on Facebook stimulate the reward circuitry in the brain, causing an addiction when the pursuit of rewards becomes obsessive or compulsive.

Students at UW-Sheboygan agree. "There are definitely addictions," said Jacob Bartels and Craig Parrish when asked about the subject. Zimmerman added, "Some people don't have the restraint."

According to a study at Ball State University, most Americans spend at least 8.5 hours a day looking at screens. The study also showed that students who spent more than two hours a day look-

ing at a screen had a harder time staying focused during class.

Furthermore, a 2011 study conducted by Helsinki Institute for Information Technology, showed that smartphone users develop "checking habits," which are recurring 30-second glances at social media as often as every 10 minutes. Even students who don't own smartphones admit to popping on and off Facebook while doing their homework.

So what can be done? There are obvious ways, such as limiting screen time, making a point of not looking at social media until homework is done, or even going so far as to delete accounts. However, social media has become nearly inescapable and, in some ways, necessary.

"I want to delete it, but...it's

almost like the news," said Bartels. Besides that, sometimes the temptation is simply too strong, and the habit is too hard to break.

The good news is that apps have been created with the purpose of turning off social media so that students are able to get their work done without distraction, and the news from their social media accounts will still be there when they are finished.

One free Mac app is called SelfControl, which will block specific websites for up to 24 hours, and the app makes it impossible to cheat, even if the app is deleted.

Another app is called Freedom, which blocks the Internet entirely for however long you set it for. Unlike SelfControl, this app does allow cheating by simply rebooting the computer.



From left, students Luke Stier, Carly Maurer, Bryce Fassbender and Austin Korff spend some quality time ... with their smartphones. Photo by Collin Carey

Facebook: From the Trivial to a Battlefield

By Jesse Ramos

Login, update status, browse news feed, "Like" photo, repeat.

Like coffee addicts who need their morning cup of Joe, most Facebook users indulge in this ritual we call "social networking." Facebook should be rechristened as Lifebook.

Facebook has the ability to help people connect and reconnect, but over the years this seems to have disappeared.

Sociability is now measured by the number of "friends" you have on Facebook, even if a few hundred of them are people you met

for a mere minute or those random strangers you toasted with at a party in Spain.

In reality, Facebook has altered its users' "social-ability" to build and maintain proper relationships.

Now we see teens using internet language in their daily lives like, "OMG. BTW. WTF," instead of having meaningful conversations face-to-face.

Facebook users also seem to also have forgotten the value of communicating on a personal level.

Most people recycle the generic

post, "Happy Birthday! Hope you have a good one!" They should replace this generic post with, at the very least, a phone call. Instead there are hundreds of birthday posts above and below the one you've posted that read just as insincere and unoriginal.

Many other statuses Facebook users post are trivial. Facebook has become an outlet for people to share any thought that pops in their head. Facebook users can read their news feed and discover who is making tacos, who is having a bad day and who is complaining about the weather.

Basically, all the issues that are important in this world can be found by browsing the Facebook News Feed. Wrong.

On the other hand, there is a group of people who post anything that comes to mind and by doing so they offend others and are even politically incorrect on a larger scale. Where once only a few people would have heard your words, a hundred people now have. Every word you post on your timeline or another's status is open to interpretation and the results can become a social battlefield.

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Student: Lucas Stier. Tattoo: Scripture with a cross and wings on his torso. Reason: Stier was in a car accident a few years ago and should have died, but he lived and felt his grandparents in heaven were watching over him. The tattoo is in memory of his grandparents.



Student: Samantha Bowers. Tattoo: Live Laugh Love on her shoulder. Reason: "The rules I go by," Bowers said.



Student: Ryan Kisiolek. Sleeve Tattoos. Reason: Kisiolek likes body art.

What Tattoos Can Tell You

By Tyler Eddie

Tattoos have become a lot more popular in the last 20 years. Nowadays every celebrity or athlete seems to have a barrage of tattoos. Everywhere you go, you will see someone with a tattoo or a whole lot of tattoos. Some people get tattoos because they look cool and creative, while others get them because they have a heartfelt meaning behind them, such as a memorial or a Bible scripture.

If you ask me, I think that tattoos are a great way to show your creativity. Tattoos can express something about you, for example, the people in your life who are extra special or maybe where you are from.

The tattoos that I have all have special meanings. I have a couple tats that put the names of my little sister and my mom on me. I also have a couple religious tats, such as a Bible scripture and a portrait of the Virgin Mary.

I feel that, if you have a good meaning behind your tattoos, they can help you in many ways. For example, whenever I'm in need of some motivation or when I start getting homesick, I can look down at my arm and read one of my Bible scriptures, or I can look at my little sister's name, and it helps me

cheer up.

When I look at other people's tattoos I try to see if their tats can tell me something about them, and most times they do. Since tattoos have become more popular, some people want tattoos just to look cool. I know lots of people who just went out and got a lot of meaningless tattoos, and they ended up regretting them in the long run.

Also, people getting tattoos may have to deal with negative reactions. Some people feel that having a lot of tattoos makes you look like a thug or delinquent, and some employers won't hire you because of the tattoos you have, especially if the tattoos are on your face, neck, hands, or the lower parts of your arms. For example, the Army recently passed rules to limit tattoos on recruits. On the other hand a lot of respectable jobs are starting to accept tattoos more. Lately, I have noticed more police officers, firemen, teachers, and nurses with tattoos.

I guess the moral of this article is: Before you get a tattoo on your body, think about what you want to get and where you want to get it. Also, think about how that tattoo can influence your future, because once it's on you it's on you for life.



Student: Josh Mesun. Tattoo: Homer and Marge Simpson. Reason: The tattoo represents his 14-year marriage with his wife.

'After this summer you'll know why you should stay in school. Ha ha.'

By Jacob Albright

Like many college students, I decided to work full time over the summer to make some decent money. This past year, I was hired on at the Kohler Co. in the cast iron division. The job consisted of moving, cleaning, and inspecting cast iron tubs, which ranged in weight between 300 to 600 pounds.

Over the course of the summer, every co-worker I talked with about school said something along the lines of, "Well, after this summer you'll know why you should stay in school," usually followed by a chuckle.

That advice I was given sure was true. There are some negative aspects about the job

that you would expect when working in cast iron, such as hot temperatures (the hottest day reaching over 105 degrees on the shop floor), being dirty all the time, long shifts, and being physically exhausted from moving such heavy metal.

But for me, the most significant factor was that almost all my co-workers who have been there 15 years or more had some kind of serious health condition, such as a bad back and legs, heart conditions, or even missing appendages. That's what made me realize my body could not handle that job as a career and that I needed to continue pursuing my college degree.

College or Else

Black Friday and a special customer changed one student's plans

By Chelsey Martin

I have always wanted to go to college. I graduated with a 3.7 grade-point average from high school while living on my own and dealing with life, thanks to being kicked out when I was a senior. I was born to go to college, and yet life kept getting in the way. It was never the right time. I was always too busy.

Things kept happening, over and over and over again. Then one day the next thing I knew I'm 21 years old, living in Sheboygan with my fiancé, working as a cashier at Kohl's on Black Friday.

I was one of the "lucky" ones who had to work the midnight shift. The store was to open at midnight, and I had to be in around 11:30 p.m. to prepare. A horde of people was already waiting at the doors when I arrived, screaming and pushing and desperate to get in. They were starving for artificial savings, and I was barely making \$7.25 an hour to put up with it. I had slept over Thanksgiving to prepare for this moment, missed the turkey and time with my family, and was exhausted. Do you have any idea how difficult it is to sleep while the family is banging away upstairs, having the gall to enjoy their holiday?

Well, the first three hours or so of my shift were fine. People were crazy, fast, and filled up with junk. But things were organized, and we were able to mindlessly check everyone out. Mindlessly, because we were all obviously exhausted at this point. It wasn't until the sun had started to peek up over the horizon that I had the pleasure of meeting the older gentleman who would encourage me to finally attend college.

There he was: loaded down with junk he ob-

viously despised and surrounded by people he was clearly desperate to rid himself of. He had to have been in his 60s, and he stared at me with dead brown eyes as I rang his goods up. It wasn't until I was done ringing him up that he reached for his wallet, and he continued to

watch me silently as I punched in the amount of money he gave me. When his receipt was printing he realized, "Oh wait, I have change to give you too." So there he stood, handing me his change while the line behind him backed up.

Smiling, I pulled out a calculator, and that was when it happened. He went ballistic on me. How DARE I not be intelligent enough to be able to calculate his exact change in my head. Obviously this was why I was stuck working a retail position while he had a glorious job doing whatever it was he did that was so

great and dandy. The man hadn't said a word to me before his meltdown, and he continued to berate and tear into me until I calmly told him:

"Look, I'm sorry I can't do this math in my head right now. I've been here since 11:30 last night and am exhausted. I even missed MY Thanksgiving so I could stand here and count out your change, so please..." Without another word from him, I finished calculating his change, counted it out to him, and wished him a Merry Christmas.

As I watched his back disappear, his anger still radiating (he must be a very lonely, very sad old man), I began to ring up the next customer with a smile plastered on my face. I was going to get into college, and I was going to graduate, even if it killed me because dammit: Anything is better than this.

Look, I'm sorry I can't do this math in my head right now. I've been here since 11:30 last night and am exhausted. I even missed MY Thanksgiving so I could stand here and count out your change, so please...

Restroom wisdom: 'In order to get a job I actually enjoyed, I was going to need a college education'

By Lacey Engel

It was cleaning the toilets. There wasn't anything worse than cleaning the toilets. I can appreciate having a clean bathroom and a clean store, but what drove me crazy was that customers never seemed to feel the same way. Nearly every day when I went to work at Tidy Car, a local gas station, I found a new unidentifiable mess that was just waiting for me to clean it up.

Although the majority of my tasks were cleaning, I also stocked endless shelves of

booze, tobacco, soda and snacks. Other than that, it was my job to help customers no matter what strange request they thought up.

It was a menial job, but it was my first menial job and I was determined to do it well. I decided early on—I wanted to impress my boss and do my job without complaints.

After about six months I was at my wits end. I was grateful to have a job, but I knew that I couldn't last much longer doing the same gross tasks day after day. I wanted a new job, but I knew that in order to get a job I



Student Tamara Wright, who is expecting her first child, says she never gets enough sleep, and it's hard trying to find a babysitter or a good daycare. "I love going to school, but I have to be there for my child," she says. In trying to maintain a balance she may sometime miss class or work. "It is difficult missing class knowing that I need it to graduate [and work] because I have to pay for school," she says. Looking to the future, she believes taking on-line classes might make her schedule easier. Text and photo by George Hawkins

'I was cut out for something better'

By Deanna Wiehr

For Carla Wiehr, a lead teacher for two-year-olds at a local daycare center, going to college was not always in the cards. It wasn't until after working in retail that she realized she needed to make a change. That change was going to college and earning a degree.

"I wasn't happy," Wiehr said. "The pay was inadequate, and I simply just wanted to better myself. I knew that I was cut out for something better."

Wiehr knew at the age of 15 that she wanted to be a teacher. So after making the decision to go to college, she began researching different colleges. Through her research, she found Ashford University and immediately began the application process. After being accepted, she worked with an academic advisor to enroll in classes that fit her major, and soon she was on the path toward earning her degree in early childhood education.

"I am so happy with my life right now compared to back then," Wiehr said. "Deciding to go to college and pursue something that I always wanted to do was such a remarkable decision, one that I will never regret and something that I am so proud of."

actually enjoyed, I was going to need a college education.

I had my own experiences, as well as the experiences of my parents, neither of whom had gone to college. Their laundry list of previous jobs were full of jobs that I respect, but would like to avoid, including working at various restaurants, grocery stores, and many different cleaning jobs.

I realized that in order to find a career I'd love with a job I wouldn't despise, college would be the key.

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Taurus (April 21–May 21)

Who needs a summer love when you have cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets and pizza? All your winter binge junk food eating has caught up with you, and hitting the gym probably wouldn't be a bad idea this month.

Jupiter has something up its sleeve and will lead you to a pleasant surprise around the 26th in a place where you least expect it. So, get on the treadmill, and put a smile on your face, Taurus, because this is going to be your month. Grab life by the horns!

Gemini (May 22–June 21)

Take up a new hobby. Avoid crustaceans. Start a conversation with a mime. You will forget to remember what you forgot. Any day is a good day for you to have a fire extinguisher on hand. Make sure you have enough mustard.

Cancer (June 22–July 22)

As summer gets under way, your mood will be greatly lifted. You'll feel happy-go-lucky and will reach out to an old friend. With this newly revived friendship, you may feel adventurous. Just maybe you can ask your friend to accompany you while you get that lower-back tattoo of a crab that you've always wanted. In any case, go wild and order a new swimsuit online.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 23)

As the cold months fade into memories, you'll want to stop your hermit ways. It's time to make some plans with friends. Take a step away from your Twitter and Facebook accounts and spend some time talking to people face to face. You might even meet a charming and mysterious stranger to spend your summer with. A new haircut may help.

Virgo (Aug. 24–Sept. 23)

Your ruling moon will be in the house of the rising sun this month, granting you great luck in exchange for honest foresight. On the 15th be prepared for a challenge to arise, but by the 20th you'll be back on top. Use this chance to do that super-special-secret thing you've always wanted to do, but leave it off Facebook. None of your Facebook friends will really care, and it will only belittle your achievement. It's a good month for trying cronuts.

Libra (Sept. 24–Oct. 23)

You may feel compelled to talk to that cute stranger you've been staring at in that one class all semester. Be receptive to Venus and get his/her Snapchat username. You will find inner turmoil over choosing a new deodorant. Listen to your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 24–Nov. 22)

Think twice about getting a tattoo this month. It won't say what you mean three months from now. For that matter, think twice before you declare anything significant. May isn't the month for big decisions, but it is a time for binge watching "Twin Peaks."

Sagittarius (Nov. 23–Dec. 22)

Don't forget to celebrate your half-birthday. The more gifts the better, but the less cake the better for you. If someone doesn't give you a ukulele, buy one. Watch Amanda Palmer's "Ukulele Anthem" from the Sydney Opera House for inspiration. At least, write a poem.

Capricorn (Dec. 23–Jan. 20)

You will eat something amazing, and it will revolutionize your life. This month you will become more perceptive and notice things that were hidden before. With this new knowledge, your choices in life will become clearer. Life for you will be amazing...or less so. It is your choice, or is it?

Aquarius (Jan. 21–Feb. 18)

Your plans for summer break are starting to get penciled in. Before you get outside and enjoy your time off with friends, be sure to buy a lottery ticket. If you watch closely you may find buried treasures once you finally get to the beach or the campsite. Beware! Buried treasure can cause friends to get greedy and hostile toward one another. Take your share of the loot and run! New shoes are in the cards for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19–March 20)

Maybe you're dealing with finals or issues at your job, but something good is in the near future. A new friend will come into your life on the 25th, and your plans for a vacation this summer could spark a love relationship. Positivity this month is what it is all about. That, and the library.

Aries (March 21–April 20)

This month will take you on the ride of your life. You will have a life-changing decision to make that will affect not only you but also your parents and friends. Don't rush into anything right away; instead, take your time and consider all factors and consequences. Choose wisely. Even though this month may be a bit stressful, be sure to set some time aside to relax and notice something new.

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“Overall Campus from Northwest” was created in 2012 by Bray Architects as part of the master plan update for UW-Sheboygan. Since modified, the plan calls for 1) engineering annex construction to begin in September and 2) renovations to the Fine Arts Building, which are still in the future.

Engineering annex construction to begin in fall (continued from page 1)

Sheboygan Foundation and local industries. “One of the great keys is that it will allow local students of the engineering field to complete their degrees here,” said Stout. The completion of the project “will be a great marketing and recruitment tool” for UW-Sheboygan, he added.

Students at UW-Sheboygan have already begun to express this same excitement. “I am very excited,” said Ian Fahres, who attended UW-Platteville and is majoring in engineering. “It means I won’t have to live in that tiny lab room. It is a first step to UW-Sheboygan becoming a four-year campus.”

Danielle Hughes also is majoring in engineering and will be using the labs in the new building next year. “I am definitely excited about the new opportunities it will bring to this campus. It will make it a lot easier for students to want to stay at UW-Sheboygan for the collaborative program. A lot of people don’t want to stay at UW-Sheboygan for the collaborative program because there is no room” for students to do their work, she said.

Dean Joseph-Silverstein highlighted the convenience and

opportunity in having the engineering building attached to the Brotz Science Building. “In having the science building and the engineering building with all of our sciences together, there are going to be more opportunities across those disciplines to interact with each other,” she said. “It may be that some of the science students will go sit at the tables with the engineering students, and engineering students may go and sit in the lobby of the science building. Having that kind of energy around the sciences and all focused in that one place is a good thing.”

There has been a large response from local employers, such as Kohler and Vollrath in recent years for “home grown” engineers to fulfill personnel needs not met, especially before UW-Sheboygan established a partnership with UW-Platteville. Local companies have hired “head hunters” to visit engineering schools in places such as Massachusetts and California to recruit graduates. These companies also often pay the expenses of relocating these recruited engineers to Wisconsin, which becomes very expensive when engineers brought in from

out-of-state do not remain here.

“Currently the UW Colleges construction team is working with the architects to formalize the final floor plan,” said Stout. “One of the major concerns has been how to ensure the continued ease of accessibility” that currently exists for the UW Extension office. The team and the Steering Committee want to protect wheelchair access to the building, and that has resulted in some adjustments to the floor plan and construction area, according to Stout.

Former Dean and CEO Al Hardersen played a critical role in getting the building discussion off the ground, explained Joseph-Silverstein. “In the last year since I have arrived, I have been engaged in conversations and bringing the press forward to the County, for Foundation approval, and visiting potential faculty who will be involved in the building,” she said.

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Sons motivated future reading teacher to go to college

By Amber Saunders

Rachel Moore was a stay-at-home mom when she decided she had to go back to college.

“I realized I had to go back when one day I was explaining education to my two boys when one of them asked me, ‘Mom, why aren’t you going [to college]?’ Then was when I realized I really had no reason not to be going,” said Moore. “I am lucky to have a husband that supported the idea too.”

Moore, who is now a sophomore studying elementary education, said the most difficult parts about coming back to school were math class and changes in her family life.

“[Math] is a ‘use it or lose it’ kind of thing, and it was difficult to get back into it again.

“Also, missing out on parts of my boys’ lives was hard because before I started school, I was ‘That Mom,’ meaning I was so heavily involved in their school and extracurricular activities that people thought I actually worked at their school. That being said, my boys are my motivation.”

Moore explained that she didn’t think she would have been a successful college student if she had attended right after high school. “But I do wish I would have gone back in my 20s,” she added.

At present, Moore is working with a goal in mind.

“I would love to be a reading interventionist for elementary and middle school students, specifically at that age so I can motivate them not to give up on school when they are older.”

Album Review: The Black Keys – *Turn Blue*

By Steve Hameister

The Black Keys most recent offering *Turn Blue* (Nonesuch Records) is not short on good vibes, which the band has been transmitting en masse since guitarist Dan Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney started playing together in 2001. The emphasis has fallen away from the simple instrumentation and heavy blues riffs of their early work and transitioned to crafting walls of sound waves, ebbing and flowing at will.

The duo has become expert at incorporating synthesizers, extra percussion and digital effects in a way that sounds somehow completely organic and classic. They’re the sort of modern rock band you could show to an over-the-hill stranger trapped next to

you on a plane and they’ll find something there to appreciate.

That’s all well and good to have a cohesive sound, but at times *Turn Blue* becomes ambient background music. It’s extremely well orchestrated but feels a bit

ungrounded. One reason 2011 album *Brothers* was such a breakout success was because it had several instantly recognizable songs that stood out from the rest of the record. You know two notes in that it’s “Howlin’ for You.” Though formidable, the first new



single “Fever” is not the same type of hit. While it does have a distinct synthesizer melody out front and a strong dance beat, it doesn’t captivate with the same assertiveness of previous works. Auerbach’s crooned

vocals in the chorus blend in too much to the swell of instruments behind him, and they don’t have the right punch to stick out.

The entire album has a nostalgic quality, like Auerbach is yearning for a good time long passed. This works strikingly

with the dreamlike air these songs embody and is conveyed perfectly on “In Our Prime.” The lyrics “The house it burned, but nothing there was mine/We had it all when we were in our prime” depicts the real life event of his and his ex-wife’s house burning down. “10 Lovers” is the strongest track, and it does the best job at balancing the Keys old-school vibes with mirrored synth and vocal hooks that will not leave your head for days.

Is *Turn Blue* the best record The Black Keys have put out? No. But is it better than most everything that will be on the radio this spring? Yes. Yes it is.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars



Ever have a craving for a delicious brownie but don't feel like making them? Try a brownie in a mug. Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour, 2 tbsp cocoa powder, 2 tbsp olive oil, 3 tbsp water, and a pinch of salt. Stir until consistent, Microwave for 1 minute 40 seconds, add ice cream (optional), and you have a great late night snack!

**TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY AMBER SAUNDERS
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Life Hacks: 'Cause Ain't Nobody Got Time for That!

If there was an easy button in life, a lot of us would probably push it daily. Most of the time, there simply are not enough hours in a day to get things done. Instead of stressing yourself out, there is a solution.

"Life hacks" are things that make your life easier and save you time so you can get back to the more important things, like finishing that paper, or binge watching new episodes of your favorite show.

GENERAL LIFE HACKS

Check out a few of these life hacks that will make you wish you would have known about them sooner!

- ✓ Remove deodorant stains with dryer sheets. Instead of washing it off with water and

changing your shirt, just rub a dryer sheet on the stain and it comes right out! (Bonus: Your shirt will smell fantastic.)

- ✓ Speaking of the dryer, your dryer can double as an iron when you just don't have the time. By tossing in two or three ice cubes with a wrinkly shirt or two and maybe even a pair of slacks, the steam created by the ice cubes will smooth out those wrinkles in no time.

- ✓ Ice cube trays can and should be used for more than just water. Try freezing coffee to make coffee cubes that won't water down your iced coffee. Freeze soda or juice in the same way

to keep your drinks from being watered down. Also try freezing fresh herbs in olive oil. This will make them last longer and stay fresh for the next time you need to use them.

- ✓ Bread tags are great at fixing a flip-flop or holding your spot on a roll of tape.

- ✓ Before you go grocery shopping however, take a picture of your fridge. Use your phone's camera for more than just your shopping lists and selfies. Take pictures of anything you need to remember like a work schedule, upcoming events on posters, or your favorite movie before you lend it to your friend.

FOOD HACKS

Even things as simple as the food we eat can be difficult. These hacks will make all foods "easy as pie":

- ✓ De-stem a strawberry using a straw.

- ✓ Apples don't have cores, eat them from the bottom to the top for a core-free, mess-free apple.

- ✓ Make a grilled cheese in the toaster. Carefully, place the toaster on its side and place a piece of buttered bread with cheese on top in each slot.

- ✓ Tired of your leftover pizza getting chewy in the microwave? Place a small glass of water in the microwave with your pizza while its heating up.

LIFE CAN BE HARD SOMETIMES... SO HACK IT.



De-stem a strawberry using a straw.



Left: Try freezing coffee in ice cube trays to make coffee cubes that won't water down your iced coffee. Freeze soda or juice in the same way.

Middle: Apples don't have cores, eat them from the bottom to the top for a core-free, mess-free apple.

Right: Bread tags are great at fixing a flip-flop or holding your spot on a roll of tape.