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GWC Students and Growing Power

April 5th the students of George Williams College were given the opportunity to volunteer at one of Milwaukee’s Growing Power organic farms. Growing Power, was founded by former NBA star Will Allen, who visited GWC April 23. Growing Power was developed to grow fresh produce for urban areas and serves not only Milwaukee, but Chicago and Madison as well.

At 10 o’clock the GWC bus arrived at an out of place farm and collection of greenhouses amidst an exclusively urban. The scent of compost, soil, and sweat greeted students as they entered greenhouse number one. The day started with a tour of the farm and a volunteer orientation so students could learn all about Growing Power operations.

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Recent volunteer opportunity for students
by Landon Baumgartner

Esther Sharp [left] and Landon Baumgartner [right] GWC Photo

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Kathy Clark and the Library

GWC’s research resources are one of the campus’s best kept secrets
by Diane Cline

Because of our affiliation with Aurora University, students are able to use a valuable resource known as the Phillips Library. Students also have a librarian named Kathy Clark, who is on campus every Tuesday, willing to help with any and all research questions.

All libraries are in a transition period because they are online; the library actually has more e-books than real books. Clark also talked about the importance of her visiting the freshman classrooms twice a year to demonstrate how to use the website. She feels GWC students use the electronic library for scholarly sources and our instructors can verify the fact students are using the information to write papers.

Clark reminded students that there are several video tutorials that feature everything, from searching items located at the Phillips Library, to advance searches on WorldCat. These tutorials are available day and night. And every major has resource guides no matter what type of medium students are looking for, “we try to thoroughly cover all subjects” Clark explained.

Clark realizes there is only a small collection of books in the learning commons, but she would love to hear from students about the types of books they would like to see here on campus. Clark changes a third of the books each semester and said she would like to see more activity from the students in selecting text. She would like to have a book swap on campus, and would love suggestions for books that students might want to read for fun. Clark stressed that students can email her anytime with suggestions.

More than anything, Clark would like students to know that the library is available. Students can call, chat online or email the librarians at any time. “We get excited when we are able to dig up information for a student, do not worry about bothering us” she explained with a smile.

A Farewell to GWC

AGazette reporter wanted to find why students are leaving GWC
by Rebekha C. Crockett

As the school year comes to a close, many students have decided to pursue their education away from George Williams College. Out of those leaving, fifteen answered a survey. In the survey, students were asked why they are leaving, what they will miss about GWC, and what they have learned from their experiences here. Those who responded to the survey wished to remain anonymous.

When asked why the students are leaving, most answers pertained to the lack of variety in majors and the dropping of existing majors. “There is no stability here. I am often concerned with things drastically changing” one student voiced as a concern.

Other students have decided to change their major to one that is not offered at GWC. There are also those who are undecided and would like to figure out their goals at a community college where tuition is cheaper.

There were a few students who do not enjoy the isolation of GWC. A lot of these students feel bored and that there is a lack of a social environment. Other answers just stated that GWC is not a good fit for them, and some do not enjoy the academic atmosphere.

However, there are a few things these departing students will miss. Most students stated that they will miss the faculty and staff. Other common aspects these students will miss include the one-on-one attention in the classroom, and the friendships made possible from the close-knit community on campus. Many students are also sad to lose their large dorm room and private bathroom.

Students also gained some skills at GWC. Many students learned how to truly study, others learned how to be independent, and some learned to appreciate the beauty of nature. Other students were appreciative for the opportunities provided at GWC; one student saying “GWC gave me work and volunteer experience that I will always remember.”

Despite a large number of students leaving, there are still students who will continue their education at GWC. However, maybe it’s time GWC considers these students reasons for leaving so more students don’t decide to do the same. The dropping of majors, the small campus, and isolation of the school has led to many students pursuing their education elsewhere. GWC administration might focus on these issues to ensure a student body will continue to exist.

The biggest lesson to learn from all this is that students now know what kind of school is right for them. “Never go to a school that isn’t one of your top choices” one student remarked. “You need to go to a school that you think will be a good fit [for you] or you won’t enjoy it.” Hopefully those who have chosen to stay at GWC will continue to enjoy it. As for those who have decided to transfer out, this article writer wishes them good luck!
Two Facilities, One Dorm
When Emery becomes the center of campus
by Jacob Flores
Where do students wash their clothes and work out? Recently the laundry facility and fitness center have both been relocated to one campus location: first floor Emery Lodge. The reason for the laundry facility being relocated is because the part of Lewis hall that contained the facility is no longer there. Some students who reside in Oak, Hickory, and Coffman, have a different perspective compared to the Emery residents.

For the students who stay in Emery, having a laundry facility is not something that is new. The thing that affects Emery residents is that there is now only one place to wash laundry. Which means that everyone who stays on campus has to use one small facility.

Recently, the GWC Gazette interviewed Rebekha Crockett, student, who resides in one of the other dorms. When asked if the laundry facility change has affected her, Crockett responded “the laundry room is further away, which ends up making it a long tedious walk when you have a heavy laundry basket, but it is also smaller with fewer machines.” With some students being required to make the long walk, it does not seem equal for all students

The laundry facility is not the only thing to change its location. The fitness center was located in Lowey Hall, but was moved during spring break. When students returned from their break they were informed that the center was relocated in Emery. This relocation has been smoother for students compared to the laundry facility. Since the move it seems that teachers go over in class have a higher percentage to be on the test

Housing Options for the 2014 summer brought about change that some students aren’t in favor of. The 2014 summer housing now requires a payment of $1,078 from students in order to stay over the summer. There are very few students who plan to stay on campus this summer; some say due to personal issues, but the majority say due to prices.

Second year student, Jacob Flores, explained the change in student population for this summer: “This year with the school requiring payments, some students who worked on campus last summer have decided to go home for the summer to work,” but he added that GWC still had many opportunities for students: “Even with there being a fee this year, students who decide to stay on campus still have the opportunity to make money.”

Not everyone was disappointed with the new requirement. Jacob further specified that he personally was “fine with the new requirements.” And further expressed that “the school still allows students the opportunity to stay over the summer while still having the opportunity to work.”

Surviving Finals
Finals week is fast approaching and the stress is just piling on our shoulders. Here are some tips to get through the week.

- Get enough sleep
- Eat good hearty meals
- Study in intervals
- Study an hour before bed— it helps retain your memory since you usually are more relaxed
- Take breaks from studying
- Have multiple study areas; like your room, commons area, or go to the local Starbucks
- Study in groups
- Make flash cards
- Take practice tests
- Manage your time by writing out a schedule so you know when everything is due
- Go to class and participate in class discussions—the materials that teachers go over in class have a higher percentage to be on the test

Establish a routine and stick to it as much as possible by writing it out

Know what time your final is at and where it is located (find the schedule under Academics and Academics services on the GWC website)

Work a few extra hours for the Work Experience Program before finals week so that you have more time to study

Try to focus.

**KEEP IN MIND: WE ARE ALMOST DONE!!**
Sex Ed. on Campus
Students are concerned about the lack of sexual education on campus
by Berenice Alonzo, Caress Braswell, and Dominic Calcote
On a college campus, sex can and will be expected to occur, but our campus has not yet provided educational opportunities on a topic like this. This past March there was a discussion called, “Let’s Talk About Relationships” that was focused around sex and relationships. Though the discussion lead by Dr. Julie Beyers was fun to attend, many students left feeling it did not provide enough information on sexual relationships.

According to Association of American Colleges and Universities 69.4 percent of college students are sexually active, and only 29.6 percent use condoms every time they are sexually active, and 35.1 percent have been reported to have been pregnant or gotten someone else pregnant. With the number of pregnancies already high and increasing, it is important to have sexual education present on a college campus.

Additionally, as the average age of ‘coming out’ has shifted from 25 in 2001 to 16 in 2010, it’s not surprising that many college students face this decision in their college years. For this reason it is also important to talk about sexual orientation and how important it is to be safe, especially for those people who have recently decided to come out. Discussions are important in order to educate LGBTQ students on issues ranging from tolerance to safe sex.

In regard to safe sex for the whole student population, being informed on the different methods that will help prevent STD’s is important for students to know, as well as when to say “no.” All of these educational opportunities are needed due to the demographic of a college campus.

For now, GWC students may look to resources beyond organized sexual education opportunities. Dr Julie Meyers and counseling services are available for students. Additionally, Planned Parenthood in Delavan provides opportunities for counseling services, sexual education, and STD and pregnancy prevention.

Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow
Students reflect on the leadership series
by Baylee Hoff and Sami Correa
George Williams College, like many colleges, is always looking to implement new programs to promote the growth of its students. This year, students, who were nominated by faculty for their involvement on campus and work ethic, had the opportunity to attend a leadership series.

A total of 22 students were nominated to attend the event. A few faculty members on campus constructed a curriculum that encouraged self-reflection, peer perceptions, team building, and student-initiated ideas.

In true GWC fashion the information was not presented to the students in lecture form, but rather engaging activities that ranged from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Personality Test to the Zombie Apocalypse Peer Perception Quiz. These activities provided a creative way for students to learn about their own and their peers’ leadership styles.

Tyler Jackson, a current freshman stated that the most beneficial part was the peer perception activity, in which a student could see how their peers viewed them as an individual.

By the end of the series, students had gained the necessary information to properly be a leader in many situations. Overall, all individuals involved enjoyed this series and many look forward to the change it will create on the campus as students put service before themselves.
Local Restaurant Reviews

By Tyler Jackson

The geographic location of George Williams College limits our ability for traditional recreational activities. However, local towns do not skimp on food quality. Whether students are up past midnight doing homework, looking for a great hangout spot with friends, or looking for that Chicago style food; Mama Ciminos and Sprechers Restaurant & Pub in Lake Geneva, or Skips A’La Mode in Williams Bay each accomplishes the tasks.

Many students rave over Mama Ciminos pizza. Sam Correa stated, “Their pizza is really good and it’s great that they’re always [open] late.” Mama Ciminos is open until 1 am every morning and 3 am on Fridays and Saturdays. This allows students to get their late night pizza craving and power food for the night. Furthermore, Mama Ciminos offers more than just pizza, but also authentic Italian cuisine. Their menu includes chicken wings, a variety of sandwiches and award winning pasta. The campus consensus gives Mama Ciminos pizza a rating of 9 out of 10.

Sprechers Restaurant & Pub located in Lake Geneva is a great place to enjoy a heavenly burger and your favorite comfort food (nachos, quesadillas, meatloaf, Italian beef, etc.). Baylee Hoff stated, “It’s a really friendly atmosphere and the food is excellent. She recommends the 911 burger with deep fried jalapeños, pulled pork, and bacon, and also recommends the Margherita flatbread pizza. The food is not expensive, so it is a great spot for friends.” I would give this place 10 out of 10 for comfort, casual atmosphere, and friendly service.

Skips A’La Mode brings back the roots of Chicago style food: gyros, Chicago style hot dog and pizza, Italian sausage, and burgers. Jacob Flores stated, “The gyros are amazing, I would recommend other students try them. The food is good for the price.” I would rate Skip’s 9 out of 10 for food taste and quality.

Students may struggle with having nothing to do and being bored, but they won’t be bored at any of these restaurants. Stop in at one of these places and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

So Many Desserts!

by Silas L. Chester

A couple of weeks ago I had the wonderful opportunity to go to lunch with a few friends at The Waterfront restaurant located in the Abby Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin. It was my first time there so I wasn’t quite sure what kind of expectations to have. To start off, the server was a familiar face, which is always nice when going to a new restaurant, but knowing her didn’t stop her from giving great service and having patience with a new customer. I also should mention that the time it took for food and drinks to come out happened in a great timely fashion.

The food was definitely the best part of my day, so good that I finished my bbq burger and grilled corn before everyone else could make a dent in their food; I was practically licking the plate. After we all finished with our entrees, no one could decide what dessert to get, so we pretty much ordered one of everything, and it was the best decision we could have made. We all got a taste of each one and let me tell you, those were some great desserts. Price wise for a college student, it’s a wallet crunch with $10 or more for a plate, but this time my best friend’s mother got the bill. After a meal like that I am forever in debt. I look forward to going there again. I would give Waterfront four out of five plates.

Music review: Nick Cannon

By Tai Powell and Stephanie Mejia

Nick Cannon, host for “Americas Got Talent” and husband to Mariah Carey, has finally come out with a new album. At the age of 33, Nick Cannon released this album 11 years after his last.

With all of this in mind, some would question, “isn’t he too old to come back and try to do the rap thing?” Many also thought he would come back out to try and mimic the styles of this generations’ rappers; raps that are shallow, meaningless, and pointless. Nick Cannon did not try to be like the rappers of this generation.

The album is called “White People Party Music.” This title along with Nick Cannon going full “whiteface” to promote the album has caused controversy and accusations of racism. Cannon however has explained that this album and “whiteface” is satire and is not to be taken seriously. Instead the title for the album reveals its purpose, generally speaking, ‘white people party music.’ Do not get it twisted though; this album is not just for white people. This album is for everyone. It is funny and makes you want to dance.

The songs on this album are hilarious, and not songs you would hear on the radio these days. These songs showcase Nick Cannon’s comedy with songs like “White Lady” and “Me Sexy,” which make you laugh, but at the same time make you want to get up and dance (badly). The song “dance floor” is a good song if you’re a 90’s child/baby, for the music transports you right back to the 90’s. The beat is a sample from the song “feeling on your booty” by R Kelly and he asks do you remember those 90’s songs and having to be in when the streetlights come on. We would rate this album 5 of 5 CD cases.
Williams Bay Restaurant Offers Discount to GWC Students
by Val Jackson

Located on the shores of Geneva Lake in Williams Bay, Pier 290 restaurant is the result of the beautifully renovated Gage Marina. The restaurant opened in June of 2012 and has been a welcomed addition to the community ever since. In keeping with the historical charm of the marina itself, which was built in the 1950’s, most of Pier 290’s nautical décor consists of salvaged materials from local structures and boats.

The restaurant is open seven days a week from 11:00am until 10:00pm and offers extensive lunch and dinner menus including vegetarian and vegan options, with an additional menu of specials, daily. With most of their ingredients grown locally, Pier 290’s fresh, from scratch approach features the best ingredients of the season. Lunch menu items include salads, starters, entrees, and sandwiches that range in price from six dollars to nineteen dollars. Dinner menu items include salads, starters, entrees and sides that range in price from six dollars to thirty-four dollars. Pier 290 offers a children’s menu and a delectable dessert menu including house made crème brûlée, strawberry shortcake, and tiramisu.

The casual, family friendly environment features its own white sand beach, a retail gift shop, and a play area for children. Dining options include an indoor, outdoor deck, and patio seating, with breathtaking views and each area is complete with six fireplaces.

Pier 290 and Gage Marina, whose motto is: “service is our only business,” has extended a fifteen percent discount to locals, including George Williams College students, every Monday night in the month of May starting at 4:00 pm. If this restaurant were to be rated on a scale of five stars, it undoubtedly deserves six. The magnificent views, cozy ambience, and delicious menu items create an experience that should not be missed at Pier 290.

For event information or to make a reservation at Pier 290, please visit their website at www.pier290.com or call (262) 245-2100.

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Fishing Geneva Lake
By: Jessie Wriedt

Right in the backyard of George Williams College is the second deepest lake in the state of Wisconsin. Because of its natural springs and clear water, Geneva Lake is the best fishing in the area. Geneva Lake is packed with Perch, Bluegill, Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, Crappie, Trout, and many other species.

Spring is right around the corner, and fishing season will soon be upon us. Game fishing season opens May 3, 2014 and goes through March 1, 2015. Examples of game fish are Northern Pike, Bass, Walleye, and Trout. You can fish for panfish like Perch, Bluegill, and Crappie all year long. Surprisingly, Geneva Lake is not heavily fished.

All students wanting to fish need to obtain a fishing license. The cost for a Wisconsin resident license is $20.00. Walmart and the local bait shop on Hwy 67 across from Mercy Hospital will be able to sell you a license. Make sure to bring an ID and proof of residence on campus. If students live on campus they should be able to obtain a Wisconsin resident fishing license, but if there are any questions, they can have the store call the Department of Natural Resources.

Fishing is a great way to relax, tan, and enjoy nature. George Williams College does have a fishing club. If students are interested in joining or have questions please contact Sami Correa at scorrea01@aurora.edu. Happy Fishing!
ARTIST CORNER

Recognizing Student Creativity

Artwork by Jermaine R. Wimpie

I’ll Send You an Owl from Hogwarts

By: Amber Linder & Erika Sprigler

I’ve been staring at a blank piece of paper for hours
Poems are nearly impossible works of art
That I will never be able to write
Give me Snape’s potion essay any day!

I am horrible at similes,
Writing one is like trying to calm an angry Fluffy
With a broken wooden flute from Hagrid
That I never learned how to play.

Metaphors are my number one enemy,
Harry had an easier time defeating Voldemort
Than I ever have
Maybe I could Advada Kadavra the metaphor into oblivion.

Forget about personifications,
Whenever I try my pen flies out of my hand
Like someone charmed it with Wingardium Leviosa.

Alliterations always make me ache.
Harry had Hermione to come up with something clever
Where is my Hermione?
Oh yeah… I am her.

Onomatopoeias cause an awful buzzing in my brain.
Luna says that they are just the Nargles
But I know for a fact that it is the Onomatopoeias
That bang around in my brain.

Hyperboles are more difficult
Than riding a dragon out of Gringotts
While being hunted by the Dark Lord
And fired at by bloodthirsty Aurors.

Writing a poem with imagery is as easy as it is for Neville to ask out a girl.
He’d be sweating, the perspiration running in rivers
down the back of his neck
Like it was the middle of summer
Then he’d stutter timidly about his M-Mimbulus Mimbletonia.

This is why I give up and I refuse to write another poem.
This is why I’m going to Hogwarts.
Because there I will be surrounded with Transfiguration and Potions
And I will never have to see another poem again!

Test of Fate

by Miranda Skukan

Kellie was a sophomore at Western Illinois University, experiencing that time when she was no longer “fresh meat” but also not an upper classman. Lunch was the time where she hung out with friends and had free time for about an hour. Standing in line for food took forever, but as long as she had a friend with her the time passes by a little faster. Standing in line, Kellie was laughing and catching up with the latest gossip until she heard someone call her name. As she looked around confused to find who was calling her name, she knew no one around her.

After five minutes she spotted the guy calling her name, except it didn’t make sense because she only knew of him and never talked to him. He was head of the hockey team and one of the best looking guys in school. The only problem with this guy was she hated his damn guts. He was cocky, selfish, a ‘ladies’ man’ as they say and had the idea that he was better than everyone else.

After seeing who it was, Kelly ignored him, grabbed her food and walked back to the table with her friends. A couple of days went by and with each day she caught him sneaking little peaks over at her, but she tried her best not to acknowledge him. One day as she was walking through campus on her way to class, she felt someone tap her shoulder, when she turned around it was him.

Confusion and anger in her eyes she asked him what he wanted, not knowing how rude she had come off. He looked at her startled; the words could not come out of his mouth so she flipped her hair and walked away. The following day he approached her again, once again he got the same results. Finally on the third day he worked up the courage to ask her out on a date, this time she looked at him with a glow in her eyes, but said she has a study date for an exam.

He looked at her in regret and walked away, for a second she dwelled on what had just happened and wondered if she had chosen the right decision. On the fourth day she realized the mistakes she made the previous day. Kellie tried to seek out the gentleman with the other hockey players at lunch. She asked about his whereabouts; only to find out I had transferred schools.

The team player proceeded to tell her how I had always had a crush on her and made it my duty to get a date with her before I left for Northwestern University. To this day I will never know if that was my fate or if I should have tried harder.

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