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Nursing students Sean Brown, Taylor Hopkins and Alisha Wilkins practice performing blood pressure tests Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at the GQ

Student groups stress benefits of healthy blood pressure

MADISON ASHLEY | STAFF REPORTER

University of Cincinnati student groups Ambition and Gentleman's Quarterly of UC collaborated to bring attention to the importance of healthy blood pressure levels Monday at Tangeman University Center.

The groups created the event to teach students ways to live a healthy lifestyle to coincide with February being American Heart Health Month.

Ambition is an organization directed toward pre-nursing minority students and promoting academic excellence at the UC College of Nursing.

GQ's mission is to promote academic excellence and inspire black males to excel in academics and graduate.

Their presentation introduced what blood pressure is, how it affects your body and what risks can make you more susceptible to having high blood pressure and hypertension.

High blood pressure and hypertension are heart diseases that affect the African American community at a high rate — 44 percent of black males and 48 percent black females have high blood pressure, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 30 percent of Mexican Americans and 35 percent of whites have high blood

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Co-op, divestment link still debated

SAMANTHA HALL | STAFF REPORTER

The recent Student Government vote against the University of Cincinnati divesting in fossil fuel companies has spurred a debate on exactly how much influence such a move would have on opportunities for students.

The decision relied on the belief that university students involved with the co-op or internship program would lose opportunities for future work within these companies.

Additionally, divestment may not have the desired effect of encouraging fuel companies to become more environmentally friendly, according to some in the SG.

"First of all, if we don't divest, it's business as usual — it's really hard to say what would happen if we did divest because that's not a university decision," said Andrew Griggs, SG vice president. "What we can't control is which companies come to us to recruit."

University divestment from fuel companies could have led to lost student internships and co-ops and leave UC unable to control who the companies recruit in the future.

"So like, if Marathon decides that us divesting our endowment from Marathon means that they don't want to hire UC students anymore, we can't control that, but they certainly could do that — that's the risk," said Griggs.

"Divestment is likely to have negligible financial impact on the affected companies — and such a strategy would diminish the influence or voice we might have with this industry," said President of Harvard University Drew Faust in a 2013 statement against divestment.

There is some

controversy among student leaders over whether the right decision for the university would be to divest from fossil fuels and fuel companies rather than the continuance of investments in them.

Kelsey Reichenbach, co-director of Sustainability in SG, argues the placement of co-ops by employers does not connect to the mission of having a fossil-free university.

"If a company chose to stop recruiting actively at UC because the Board of Trustees' decision to divest from fossil fuel reserve-holding companies — that would be entirely that company's decision," Reichenbach said.

"It is important to note that the university does not invest in all co-op employers, and not divesting because of fear of retaliation from a co-

op employer would set a very concerning precedent for the power co-op employers have over our institutional decisions in the future."

Marathon Oil Company has been the only company that has threatened to pull co-op positions and also hired less than 50 students last year, according to Reichenbach.

With a university of over 33,000 students, roughly 6,000 of which are involved with the co-op program, the amount of students who would co-op or intern with Marathon is a small percentage.

"Our University, one that prides itself in research and education, needs to take a serious stand in its commitment to being on the forefront of climate change mitigation," said Reichenbach.

"Divestment is an important piece of the solution because shareholder activism rarely works, the control big oil companies have over our economic market is not a matter of chance, and the companies that base their profits on fossil fuel consumption need to change their business model for the sake of everyone living on this planet."



GRAPHIC BY RUSSEL HAUSFELD

Sanders, Trump big New Hampshire winners

AMIR SAMARGHANDI | NEWS EDITOR

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and business mogul Donald Trump both scored big during Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, with both winning by nearly 20 points.

The Granite State became the focus of the political cognoscenti following last week's Iowa caucuses. The political calendar now swings into full gear — with contributions and viability being determined by how well candidates performed on Tuesday.

Sanders crushed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton by 22 points in a historic and sweeping victory. It was the largest margin of victory ever in the state's Democratic primary.

Sanders won 84 percent of millennial voters under the age of 30. He also won 66

percent of voters who describe themselves as very liberal. He also won 72 percent of self-described independents.

Sanders won the women vote 53-46 percent, as well being widely favored among men, 65-34 percent.

A fourth of New Hampshire Democratic primary voters said in exit polls they favor an outsider — and 89 percent of them favored Sanders.

Donald Trump cemented his political impact by winning the New Hampshire Republican primary by 19.5 points, gaining 35.3 percent of the overall vote.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich was widely considered the surprise winner, finishing second with 15.8 percent.

"Just maybe we are turning the page on a dark part of American politics because tonight the light overcame the darkness of negative

campaigning, and you made it happen," Kasich said during his post-election speech.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) finished third with 11.7 percent of the vote. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush finished a close fourth at 11 percent.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) finished fifth with 10.6 percent after a widely panned debate performance Saturday.

"I did not do well on Saturday night," Rubio said, acknowledging his routinely criticized performance in which he repeated himself several times during the GOP debate. "That will never happen again."

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie delivered some of the heaviest blows to Rubio during the debate but finished a distant sixth at 7.4 percent. CNN has reported he ended his campaign after betting heavily

on success in New Hampshire.

Former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina finished seventh at 4.1 percent of the vote and also suspended her bid for the presidency Wednesday.

Kasich matched Trump step-for-step among moderates who make up 29 percent of the electorate. Trump won with the moderates by 2 percentage points.

Trump ran strongest among voters who were worried about illegal immigrants, economic turmoil and the threat of a terrorist attack in the United States.

Two-thirds said they support Trump's proposal to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the country and Trump won 42 percent of their support.

Kasich won the other third with 27 percent support.

Trump scored big points on his economic platform with 40 percent of voters saying they trust Trump the most with the market. Kasich was seen as second most trustworthy with 19 percent of the vote.

Half of New Hampshire Republicans wanted an outsider — and Trump won 57 percent of them, with Cruz finishing second with 12 percent.

Seventy percent of voters were "very worried" about the economy, and Trump won 35 percent of them.

Kasich won independents. He brought in 18 percent of the independent vote, compared with 11 percent for Bush and Cruz and 10 percent for Rubio.

Nevada and South Carolina are the next states to give their input on the potential nominees for November's election. Nevada's Democratic Caucus starts Feb. 20, the same date as South Carolina's GOP primary. The GOP will hold their Nevada caucus Feb. 23, in line with the Democratic Primary in South Carolina.



PROVIDED BY BEN SOLOMON
Ryan Depietro, second-year in Neurobiology, looking to defend his title at the AAC championships Wednesday Feb. 17-20, 2016.

UC swimmer has eyes on defending conference title

JASON SZELEST | STAFF REPORTER

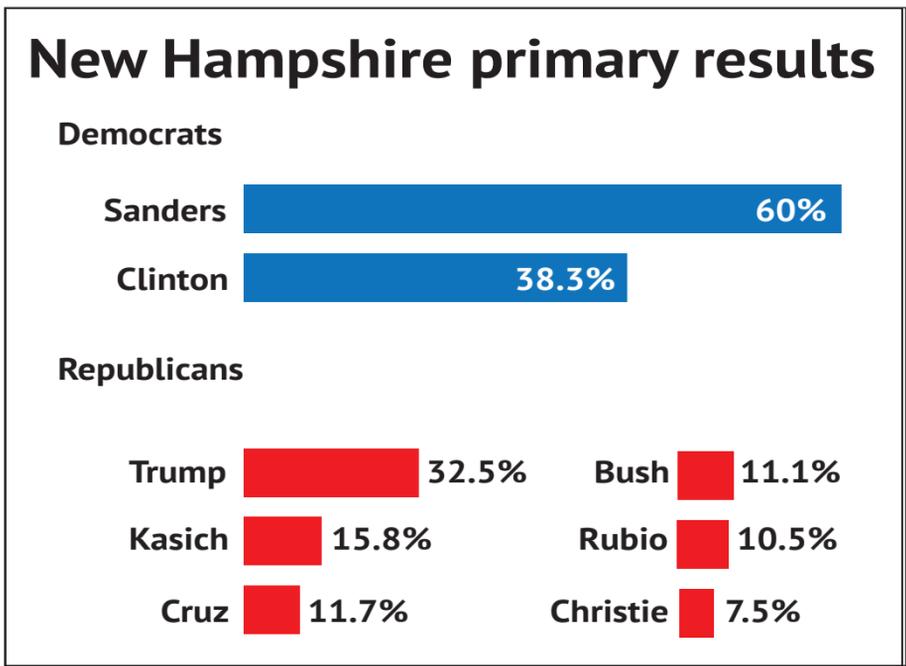
After taking first place his freshman season in the 400-meter individual medley at the American Athletic Conference championship, University of Cincinnati swimmer Ryan Depietro will be aiming next week to keep his conference title.

Following the victory last year, Depietro said it took him a minute to realize the magnitude of his accomplishment.

"I didn't really know how much it meant until after it actually happened," Depietro said. "It was really important with how many points went to the team. Everything that the race meant once I looked at it, and it sunk in, it was pretty cool."

Depietro knows repeating will not be easy, as the rest of the conference will try to de-throne him.

"I definitely feel some pressure after winning it last year," Depietro said. "I keep



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Wage theft in city effects wide range of jobs

CAROLINE CORY | CHIEF REPORTER

Cincinnati Bengals cheerleaders, sandwich couriers and high-end steakhouse servers are just some of the professions around Cincinnati that have been battling wage theft.

But with the City Council recently passing the Wage Enforcement Ordinance (WEO), employers can no longer withhold overtime pay, tips or underpay their employees without repercussions.

Cincinnati workers had thousands of dollars stolen from their paychecks, according to Brennan Grayson, director of the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center (CIWC).

According to a map created by Jessica Moss based on data from the CIWC in their book "History of Wage Theft in Cincinnati 2005-2015," Clifton, Walnut Hills and Over-the-Rhine are the most concentrated neighborhoods for wage theft cases.

The Marathon on Clifton Avenue which is now a Shell, has taken over \$5,000 from employee wages, with three workers involved, according to CIWC data.

The Cincinnati Bengals have their own case of wage theft in Alexa Brenneman v. Cincinnati Bengals, Inc.

In February 2014, Brenneman, a Bengals cheerleader, filed a lawsuit citing the team for paying cheerleaders below minimum wage, according to the Overpay Laws Resource Center.

Aside from being paid \$90 for performing at home games, cheerleaders were not compensated for charity functions, promotional activities or photo shoots based around Ben-Gals calendars.

The lawsuit was settled in September 2015 with \$255,000 distributed.

Any cheerleader employed by Cincinnati Bengals Inc. between Feb. 13, 2011, and Jan. 31, 2014 received \$2,500; Brenneman received \$5,000 in total.

Another Cincinnati case involves Jimmy John's, a chain restaurant that serves

sandwiches and well-known for its delivery services.

"At Jimmy John's, there's a \$10,700 wage claim involving 36 people over the last few years," Grayson said, unsure if the sandwich shop's location near the University of Cincinnati campus was affected.

Walnut Hills restaurant Andy's Mediterranean Grille withheld \$13,559 in wages between 2009 and 2014, affecting 77 employees, according to the same data.

Another example of the link between neighborhood and wage theft cases is McCormick and Schmick's Seafood and Steaks Restaurant and Morton's The Steakhouse, both Downtown.

"There's a pending wage case against McCormick and Schmick's down in Fountain Square and Morton's had a big wage case years ago," Grayson said.

The Clifton Marathon has also taken over \$5,000 from employee wages, with three

workers involved, according to the same data.

The individuals most affected by minimum wage theft are foreign-born individuals who are unauthorized to legally work in the U.S., according to a study done by the National Employment Law Project.

Although the ordinance has passed in Cincinnati, Kentucky has yet to see a similar bill.

The value of objects taken in robberies between 2011 and 2013 totaled \$2.05 million, according to the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

During the same period, documented cases of wage theft restoration added up to \$4.57 million, over double the amount of valuables lost or damaged in robberies.

Kentucky averages 1,900 robberies compared to 12,200 victims of wage theft annually.



Megan Hague demands justice for wage theft in front of Esquire Theatre Aug. 7, 2015.



Andrew Griggs addressing student government Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, 2016.

SG discusses new groups, apparel, co-op

CAROLINE CORY | CHIEF REPORTER

New co-op possibilities, clubs and apparel may come to the University of Cincinnati after the Student Government meeting Wednesday.

The recent decision to not divest in fossil fuel has been brought to the Board of Trustees, but is still under discussion, according to SG President Andrew Naab.

"The vote outcome in regards to divestment was forwarded on to the Trustees for consideration," Naab said. "There will be a forum held and it will essentially be a debate-style presentation."

The College Conservatory of Music Tribunal is gathering to clean up Memorial Hall over the weekend, according to CCM Tribunal Senator Austin Baker.

"This weekend CCM tribunal will be going to Memorial Hall and we're going to clean it up, so clean stands," Baker said. "We're going to pick up trash and we're going to leave little chocolates on each stand because it's Valentine's Day."

The College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning (DAAP) is organizing their first career fair for students, scheduled over the upcoming summer. Furthermore, DAAP is teaming up with Professional Practice and Experiential Learning to combine co-ops and study abroad opportunities.

The McMicken College of Arts and Sciences is looking to market their trademark onto apparel aiming to sell clothing items mainly to the student population, according to Danny O'Connor, McMicken College of Arts and Science tribunal senator.

"We would actually be selling A and S apparel to students," O'Connor said. "We're in the very, very early stages right now."

Many new student organizations were approved last week, according to Student Activities Board Senator Katone Roberts.

"The approved organizations from last week are UC wakeboarding club, UC Korean Culture and Dance Club, Macedonian Student Organization and Unified for Uganda," Roberts said.

An on-campus botany club is also waiting approval.

SG's 2016 budget was released Wednesday evening, showing that \$22,014.95 was used in total, with most of the funding contributing to community relations, at \$4,540.00.

In contrast, nothing has been spent on campus safety.

SG prepares for election presentations next week. So far, 14 individuals have applied for senatorial positions in the 2016-2017 school year.

"Good luck to everyone running next week with elections," said External Holdover Senator Meghan Cappel.



Amina Darwish, Muslim Chaplain at UC, organized the event "Trump the Hate" to bring together different minority groups on campus to spread support of politicians who present positivity rather than bigotry and hatred Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.

Student groups gather to 'Trump the Hate'

ISABELLA JANSEN | STAFF REPORTER

Donald Trump won New Hampshire by a landslide but on the University of Cincinnati campus, a wide swath of student groups banded together Monday to condemn the business mogul and his rhetoric.

The Muslim Student Association brought together different minority groups on campus in an event called "Trump the Hate."

Trump has come under fire for his proposed policy on temporarily closing America's doors to Muslim immigrants in fear of Islamic State militants abusing the refugee crisis as a way to get into the country.

"We are not talking about isolation. We're talking about security. We're not talking about religion. We're talking about security," Trump said in a GOP debate.

Representatives from the Black Lives Matter Movement, the Council on American-Islamic Relations and Latinos en Acción gave presentations about spreading a positive message rather than the divisive one sometimes seen in today's politics.

The Muslim Student Association hopes to bring together everyone who received hate during this presidential election.

"Unity and making a stand against what has been said out there, especially in the political arena, lately it's been acceptable to say such hateful things in open spaces and we just want to make a stand," said Lyan Alkhudairy, a fourth-year medical science student and president of the Muslim Student Association.

Dr. Bob Sohi, a Democratic candidate for the Ohio's House of Representatives 31st District seat, attended and said he will speak out on the prejudices that he has personally faced. Sohi then said students should challenge themselves to get their voice out there and be heard and remember there is only one human race.

Representatives from Latinos en Acción said how much words do matter — such as the term "illegal" is used to justify actions such as deportation and the break up of families. They said the hatred directed towards the Latino community is brought about through fear and misunderstanding.

The Black Lives Matter Movement speakers said the speech they are fighting was relevant even before Trump entered the presidential race.

Amina Darwish, Muslim chaplain at UC, said the best way for students to stand up against this hate is to "make a point to not vote for anyone who preached hate. This is not a political party thing — we will not take hate."

Despite the different groups assembled for the event, each one stressed the importance of voting.

The message shared by all groups was one of unifying America and hoping to spread education and support candidates who avoid negativity. All the groups emphasized the importance of positivity rather than bigotry and hatred.

The event also helped students register to vote, emphasizing the importance of being part of the electoral process.

"The more opinions you hear from different people the more you learn, the more open minded you become, allowing you to make better decisions," said fifth-year marketing international student Filip Jotevsk.

"If there is someone that you don't know, or don't understand go get lunch with them, go get coffee and hear people out," said Darwish.

Added resources help keep campus crime low

KARLY WILLIAMS | STAFF REPORTER

Crime at University of Cincinnati continues to drop as student safety resources increase.

Robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and theft from automobiles saw a significant decline in the past five years, according to a 2015 UC Public Safety off-campus crime report.

Robberies have seen the most significant decline, dropping by more than half.

Much of the drop has to do with a multitude of efforts by the university.

Twelve new UCPD officers were sworn in April 2015, bringing the force to a total of 72 officers.

However, Public Safety has no plans to add further officers this year.

"You reach a point of diminishing returns with that, and of course the cost implications — everybody has a budget," said Whalen.

UC partnered with Duke Energy in 2014 for phase one of a project to change surrounding campus lights to brighter LED lights. More than 300 lights were upgraded during phase one.

A total of 396 lights were switched to LED during the second phase of the project, which was completed October 2015.

The upgrades improved the lighting on 63 streets around and on campus.

"We made so much progress off campus that we started taking a stronger look here on campus," said Director of Public Safety Jim Whalen.

However, glare from bright nighttime lighting can create hazards ranging from discomfort to visual disability, according to a 2012 report by the American Medical Association.

Intense lights can constrict the pupil and make it harder for eyes to adjust when gazing away from well-lit areas, hiding criminals.

"We have lighting standards that were developed by Planning,

Design and Construction," said Michelle Ralston of UC Public Information. "When they look at the lighting, they look at the height of the lighting and how it reflects down or up, so all of those factors were taken into consideration from a strategic standpoint to plan out the lighting."

On campus, blue help phones are a resource to students as well. UC has 280 help phones that allow students to contact Public Safety in emergency situations.

UC also launched a mobile app in 2014 for smartphones called LiveSafe, which allows students to report suspected criminal activity and contact emergency numbers with a few taps on their touchscreen.

The app also lets students text Public Safety, and has a safe walk feature that lets friends track each other through their devices as they walk around campus.

Even with the numerous methods for campus protection, Public Safety stresses that students try to be proactive in educating their peers on safety measures.

"Reducing personal vulnerability is the number one things students can do — the number two thing, once you're pretty good at it, is to do that for people around you," Whalen said.

"I haven't experienced anything that would make me feel unsafe — you're highly protected as a student," said first-year neuroscience student Mounir Lynch.

Lynch believes there should be more education on safety in resident halls and classrooms.

"There's a lot of theft that goes on in dorms, but not enough people report stuff like that — I've been stolen from," said Lynch.

Lynch still views campus police as valuable and important to our campus community.

"UCPD has a lot of presence — they're cool, they know how students are and know how to relate," Lynch said.



The installation of 280 blue help phones allows students to contact Public Safety in emergency situations.

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Japanese professor talks effects of TPP

JUSTIN REUTTER | SENIOR REPORTER

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a hot button issue in this year's elections and, depending on who you ask, either benefit or hindrance to the countries involved.

Fukanari Kimura, an economics professor from Keio University in Tokyo, presented in the TUC Great Hall Tuesday about the effects of the TPP on Japan and East Asia.

The TPP is a free-trade agreement (FTA) between China, the United States and 10 other countries that focuses on lowering trade barriers between member countries and liberalizing trade and investment.

The agreement is viewed as a Pacific equivalent to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), a U.S.-European FTA.

Japan was the most recent to join the negotiations in 2013.

"Although most Americans are aware of the longstanding close relationship between the U.S. and Japan, I believe that many underestimate the depth of our economic relationship," said Ken

Petren, dean of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences.

Presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) predicts it will lead to more offshoring of jobs and leave the U.S. market further overwhelmed with imports, because multi-national companies will be able to relocate jobs to countries with cheaper labor and fewer environmental restrictions.

Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) recently announced his opposition unless significant changes were made.

Portman, who was the United States Trade Representative under the George W. Bush administration, objects to the accord's provisions on currency manipulation, auto parts and pharmaceutical industry protections.

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), author of "Myths of Free Trade," has been one of its strongest critics from the start.

The TPP would be one of several other FTAs where Japan is involved, having established bilateral trade agreements with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well as being involved in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a proposed 16-country free-trade area backed by China.

The effects of the trade agreement on Japan will be limited, as they would be lowering their trade tariffs by 95 percent, as opposed to 99 percent or 100 percent like other nations, but the majority of the Japanese population support it.

Public polls from Japanese newspapers Yomiuru Shimbun and Asahi Shimbun show public TPP support at 59 percent and 58 percent respectively.

Effects on the Japanese government would include a real GDP increase of 2.6 percent, according to Kimura.

"The TPP is important for East Asia in accelerating economic reform, and following a path to high-income levels," said Kimura.

The TPP will also increase the "efficiency of bureaucracy," and Japan will also likely be able to export more agriculture to other countries, Kimura said.

Kimura predicted the ratification of the TPP in Japan would be relatively easy.

"We really need the ratification of TPP by the U.S. and Japan," said Kimura. "If there is no United States, there is no TPP."



SHAE COMBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students take notes as renowned economist Fukunari Kimura speaks about the Trans-Pacific Partnership.



SHAE COMBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Fukanari Kimura, renowned economist, speaks to students Tuesday, Feb. 9 2016

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pressure.

President of Ambition and fourth-year nursing student Imani Rugless said she is excited about the upcoming opportunities for Ambition.

"We advance minorities to transform them into outstanding nurses. We are a mentor program and our purpose is to promote diversity within the nursing college," Rugless said.

Ambition presented ways to take action and prevent heart disease including a healthy diet and regular exercising.

"People don't necessarily talk about it, or are active to fight against it, or take the necessary steps to change and live their healthiest life," said GQ Vice President Xavier Pierre.

Pierre said the group has recently made a significant turn around.

"We are trying to involve and include women of color. It is important for our men and women to empower each other," said Pierre. "Our four pillars include brotherhood, community service, education and mentorship," said secretary of GQ and third year sociology major Timothy Berry.

GQ will be holding a Valentine's Day event, "Love and Basketball," 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the UC Campus Recreation Center.

The groups provided snacks at the event that displayed a healthy diet, such as fruit, baked chips and granola bars.

The Ambition nurses also provided free blood pressure screenings at the end of the meeting.

Rugless said they are working to provide more free services and is excited to create more events to involve more nursing students and engage the UC community.

Deadline for voter registration is near, learn how to register in time

SOPHIA GAINES | COLLEGE LIFE EDITOR

Students still have time to decide whom they are voting for, but the clock is running out on when to register to vote.

The deadline for Ohio's presidential primary election is Tuesday, Feb. 16.

If you have not yet registered to vote, now is the time.

The Ohio Secretary of State's website has printable versions of the form, as well as a complete list of places to obtain physical copies.

Although you can download and print forms online, you cannot turn them in online.

Voter registration forms must be postmarked by Tuesday or turned into a county board of elections

office, public library, public high school or other state office.

You can also register at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles office if you are applying for a new driver's license, renewing a license or changing your name or address.

Absentee ballots are available through the website, your county board of elections, or by calling 877-767-6446.

Absentee ballots are used if you physically cannot make it to the polls on March 15.

With this option, you can vote in person or by mail before Ohio's primary.

Many college students use absentee ballots if they are temporarily living far from home and are already registered to vote under their home address.

To vote you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old before the election, will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election, not incarcerated, not declared incompetent for voting purposes by a court and not disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

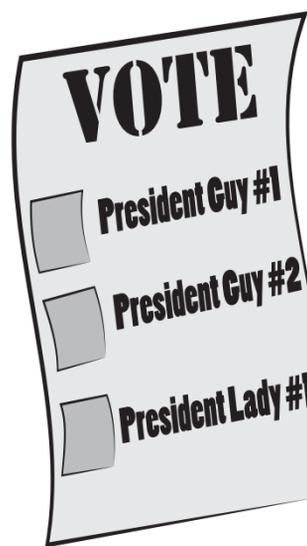
You must provide a valid Ohio driver's license number or social security number on the form.

This information must also be provided for identification when at the polls on March 15.

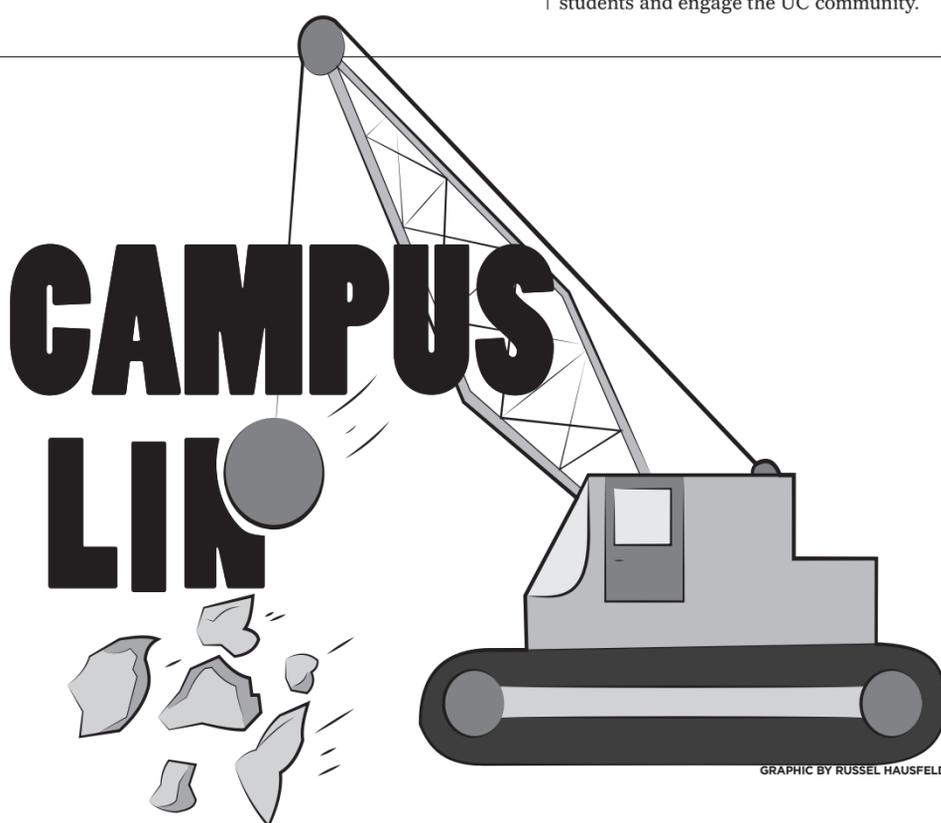
It is a felony of the fifth degree if someone commits election falsification.

The registration form can also be used for already registered voters in order to update an address or name.

You can check your registration status and find voting locations on your county board of elections site or by giving them a call.



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Major facelift planned for Campus Link

STUART LINDLE | CONTRIBUTOR

An overhaul of the Campus Link operating system from Monday through Feb. 19 aims to streamline student engagement in extracurricular activities.

Currently, Campus Link uses the company Collegiate Link to run all of the interactive elements of the website such as posting campus events, organizing student groups and messaging within groups.

Previous updates to the Campus Link were conducted via the Collegiate Link company.

This will be the most dramatic update of the site since its conception.

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development (SALD) asked students back up all documents and forms currently hosted by Campus Link.

SALD said they will try and transfer the basic elements of student group's pages, but encouraged student leaders to save any other documents.

The decision to change operating systems was made in collaboration with Cincinnati's University

Funding Board (UFB), SALD, and leaders in various student organizations during a conference last April.

The goal for the renewed Campus Link website is to make it as accessible and user friendly as possible, allowing for student personalization.

"The feedback we were getting was that students felt like Campus Link was just another thing they had to do," said Susie Mahoney, assistant director of leadership initiatives.

Another Campus Link goal is to be the one site student and campus groups need to organize and advertise their events and encourage involvement.

"To be honest, I haven't used Campus Link that much. Because our organization isn't officially recognized by the university, I can't post online without an advisor," said Sarah Inskip, a fourth-year political science student and student representative for UC GenAction.

This is an issue recognized by Mahoney. "A major factor was accessibility," said Mahoney. "At the same time we want to offer users protection."

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MadTree rides fast growth to big future

STEPHANIE L. SMITH | STAFF REPORTER

MadTree Brewing celebrated their third birthday last month, exceeding original expectations.

The young brewery worked through its five-year business plan by their second year of operations, earned national recognition for its beers and is preparing to build MadTree 2.0 — an \$18 million brewery and taproom located at the former RockTenn paper manufacturing building in Oakley.

The News Record spoke with MadTree's Secretary of Beer Defense Brady Duncan and Beer Can'noisseur Jeff Hunt about 2015 highlights, 2016 anticipations, MadTree 2.0 and the brewery's popularity.

The News Record: Excluding MadTree 2.0, what was the highlight of 2015 for the brewery?

Jeff Hunt: Joon.

Brady Duncan: Yeah, from a beer perspective, Joon was awesome. We got some good reviews from Draft Magazine.

JH: We took Lift and put it in gin barrels that we got from Watershed Distillery, and we put juniper berries and ginger in with that, and sitting in that barrel, it got a little bit of acidity going for it, so it kind of has a tart edge to it. But the juniper berries and ginger keep it pretty refreshing.

TNR: What's in store for MadTree in 2016?

BD: I think it goes back to what we do well. It's always constant improvement. We have a new sales force in place which I think are going to really crush it. We finally have three dedicated people in our lab who are now trained up and ready to go, and we're doing some really cool stuff there on the brew pad.

I haven't brewed in probably two years, but I go back there, and I'm amazed at the things that those guys thought of that I'm like: "Man, we were idiots. Why didn't we think of this?"

TNR: I know it's still too early, but what can you tell us about MadTree 2.0?

BD: From a taproom perspective, we're building it out pretty smart. We're planning for the growth now. It's a much bigger bar, many more taps. A lot of taps will be doubled up.

The taproom space itself is three times the current size. The outdoor space is about five times. It's about three times the parking.

But we're still going to keep the same feel. It's not going to look like you're walking into IKEA to get a beer. It'll still be MadTree.

TNR: Why do you think MadTree is so popular?

JH: I think our breadth of portfolio helps us out a lot. Our seasonal program does really well, and then we have some other beers like Identity Crisis, Galaxy and Citra High that showcases the breadth of beer as a whole.

IPAs make up a good portion of the market out there, but it's not all just about IPAs. It's about some of the other fun beers: stouts, porters, mild ales. We do a lot of fun things like that. It kind of gets people excited.

BD: This industry is also a lot about momentum as much as that's kind of stupid at times. We've been lucky because we've managed it very well. We had a lot of momentum going into it, and then I think we delivered on that momentum with our beers.

The packaging is eye catching, but it's professionally done. People see the employee culture we have here, which is strong. We're super transparent about things. If we put a beer out that doesn't meet our quality standards, we'll recall it and we'll be pretty open about it.

TNR: What do you think contributed to MadTree's explosion over the past three years?

BD: I feel like if I knew, I would be really

smart. It's timing. It's the momentum. It's the quality of how we run our business and of the beer. It's just a lot of small things that add up to a big thing. It's the community, the way the community supports us.

I think we're pretty thoughtful decision makers, too. We don't try to make overly emotional decisions. Jeff, Kenny and I disagree on a lot of stuff. We all come from different perspectives, but I think that's what made this brewery awesome. And now with all the employees who all have different perspectives, it's just getting stronger.

TNR: Did you have backup plans if MadTree didn't work out?

JH: I never really considered the fact that it might not work.

BD: Yeah, I really didn't either.

JH: Maybe it's a little too cocky? I always say, too, that I'm just missing the part of my brain that says there's danger in stuff.

BD: If you're spending your time thinking about your backup plan, you're not spending enough time on your actual plan.



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MadTree fills kegs Jan. 27, 2016, inside their brewery and bar that has recently turned three-years-old and plans for MadTree 2.0 in Oakley

BrewCats: Taft's Nellie Ale

STEPHANIE L. SMITH | STAFF REPORTER

Taft's Ale House is resurrecting Cincinnati history with their brewery taproom, and paying homage to key Cincinnati figures and locations with their beers.

The Over-the-Rhine microbrewery opened last April. Its home is the former St. Paul's Church, the oldest parish in the city, named after Cincinnati native President William Howard Taft.

While the president has four beers in his honor on tap, First Lady -- and Prohibition opponent -- Helen "Nellie" Taft is not forgotten with Nellie's Key Lime Caribbean Ale.

Her namesake starts off with a frothy snow-white head, almost three fingers tall, topping a crystal yellow body. The carbonation is off the charts, similar to champagne. Both deliver a refreshing experience.

Key lime pie dominates the aroma and taste due to the use of Nellie and Joe's Famous Key West Lime Juice.

At the fore, there is a tartness, which continues throughout, but the wheat tempers it. The lime essence becomes more noticeable as the beer warms to room temperature. The coriander gives it a light graham cracker crust finish.

There is a reason why Nellie's is the most popular beer at Taft's Ale House: light and smooth, it makes one eager for spring, and at 4.8 percent ABV, it is an excellent session beer for hot summer days.

Brewcats is a weekly beer review column, appearing in TNR every Wednesday.

Future keeps up hectic work pace

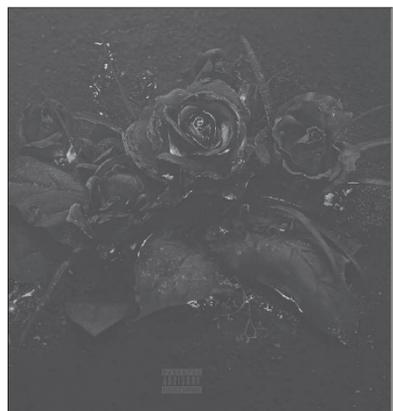
RUSSELL HAUSFELD | ARTS EDITOR
REVIEW

Future's latest album, "Evol," was released Saturday, only seven months after his last studio album "DS2," and three weeks after his latest mixtape, "Purple Reign."

Apparently, Future just lives in a studio — churning out track after track after track. Since his rise to fame in 2012 with his debut album, "Pluto," he has released four studio albums, eight mix tapes (with another scheduled to drop later this year) and a huge collaboration with Drake last year, "What a Time to be Alive."

Future might not be the greatest rapper in the world, but his music is definitely one of the most influential pieces of material in the world of trap music, simply because of the extensive volume of music he has put out in such quick succession.

It could be said that in trap music, the rapper is less important than the beat. By putting out so many albums featuring producers that are spearheading the trap music scene — like 808 Mafia, Southside (who actually helped found 808 Mafia), DJ Spinz and even The Weeknd — Future has kept himself in the headlines, on the radio and in the music charts.



Future's newest album 'Evol' was released only months after his last album, keeping him

The album opens with "Ain't No Time," which is a fairly generic sounding song, but moves on to the track, "In Her Mouth." This song — like many on the album — has absolutely repulsive lyrics; however, Southside lays out an impressive beat, with weird synths that almost sound like they are underwater because of the way the notes distort.

The fourth track, "Xanny Family," is probably one of the best on the album. I am actually ashamed to say that, because lyrically, it is the most disturbing and morally deviant song on the LP. Yet, the chorus flows really well into the bass-heavy, chilled beat produced by Metro Boomin and Southside.

"Lil Haitian Boy," the next track, is a shout out to Future's Haitian lineage. Moe Goonie and TeeLow Da Producer's sensationalist beat is very cocky and sure of itself, matching deep 808's with higher-pitched, trumpet-like synths to create an appropriate fanfare for the prolific rapper.

"Seven Rings," appropriately the seventh song on the album, starts off feeling like a Sage the Gemini beat, with a super elastic, squeaky sound. This is quickly abandoned for a more traditional — and, unfortunately, more generic — trap mix of bass and snares.

The last track on the album, "Fly S*** Only," totally reimagines what trap music production has to sound like, though, bringing in a bunch of unexpected sounds. The track actually starts with an electric guitar chord progression, which is accompanied by some deep 808s, a really loud cymbal clash and some electronic scratches.

DJ Spinz and \$K can be thanked for this addition, adding some variety to a genre of music which can feel stale and repetitive at times.

"Evol" is pretty hit or miss, with a few songs that will quickly be forgotten. However, many tracks definitely shine through and add substance to the trap genre, especially the last addition to the album.

Young Thug hindered by lyrics

CARLY SMITH | STAFF REPORTER
REVIEW

In the last few years, making it in the hip-hop world hasn't seemed very hard. The artists are praised by many, even though their lyrics lack any substance or meaning.

The messages sent out deal with women, their backslides and the ever-important cash money, and these themes continue in Young Thug's "I'm Up" — released Friday.

Young Thug has been on the verge of becoming a huge success, though public opinion about his music is usually split down the middle between love or hate. Many of his previous works have been poorly produced and lack good rhythm.

Every once in a while, Young Thug will release something like "Old English" or "Imma Ride" (a Rich Gang song which he is featured) that explodes in popularity.

His new album, "I'm Up," is different than his previous material. Unlike his usual rambling rap, "I'm Up" is definitely a change for the better, sounding and flowing better.

Of course, the lyrics are still underwhelming and leave you wishing he would actually say something of importance. Instead he uses the derogative language he and his rap peers seem to love so much.

An example is the song, "For My People." He raps, "I beat that b**** like I'm London." While it is now a common occurrence to talk about abuse and misogyny in this genre, it is disappointing because, with the massive audience he could obtain, Young Thug is wasting time on boring and unoriginal lyrics.

The line is really a shoutout to long-time Young Thug producer London — he is referencing "London" making a "beat." It still doesn't really make sense why the only line he could create for this reference was about beating a woman.

However, if you are like most and don't particularly care about the lyrics in favor of a solid beat, you will probably like most of the tracks on this album.

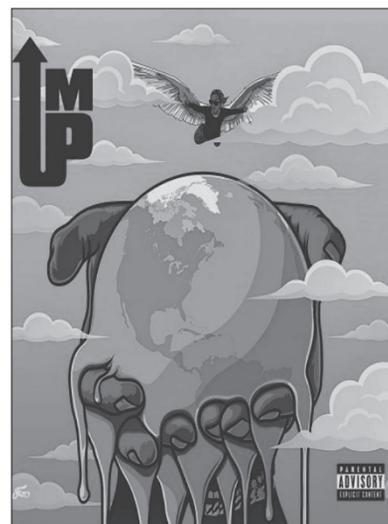
"F*** Cancer" is probably the biggest hit and it features Quavo. Young Thug's rapping skills are most improved here and the track has a pretty catchy chorus that is easy to get into.

"Ridin'" featuring Lil' Durk is extremely underwhelming and was hard to listen to all the way through. One of the more stand-out lyrics was, "I can f*** a b**** on a bus like she Rosa Parks."

With that one line, he defiled women and one of the most important activists of American history.

"Hercules" was interesting and not exactly pleasing to the ear upon first listen. The weird hesitations on the word "Hercules" were annoying at first, but after awhile the listener will probably get used to it and like it.

"I'm Up" is not a bad album, but Young Thug could still stand to make some improvements if he wants to gain the approval of the masses outside of his cult of loyal fans.



Young Thug doesn't impress anyone with his lyrics, but contributions from producers like London make the album worth listening to

'Pride and Prejudice and Zombies' is big on romance, lacking in zombies

ALEXI FRICK | CONTRIBUTOR
REVIEW

"Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" probably flew under a lot of people's radars the past few weeks, having to compete with films like "The Revenant." The movie is a little polarizing — pairing 17th century England with zombies.

Despite its obstacles, it managed to be a pretty creative endeavor by the cast and crew, even if it did not have much of a "wow" factor.

I do not think people expected a movie like this to be a pinnacle of film achievement, and it was not. It is a movie you watch and make fun of with your friends to pass the time, but probably not something you would watch over and over again.

The story follows Elizabeth Bennett, an aristocratic girl who would rather fight zombies than have a husband and a normal life. She then meets Mr. Darcy — a man who she hates at first. The two begin to fall in love. Other obstacles delay their romance, however.

The actors, all relatively unknown (except for Matt Smith of "Dr. Who" fame), did a good job with what they were given. The whole cast took a movie about zombies invading Jane Austen's acclaimed novel seriously, and you can tell they put their heart into their performances.

Sometimes they get a little too dramatic when the romance scenes hit — and there are a lot of romantic

scenes in this movie — but they all play their roles well.

Nobody stood out as very good or bad, except for Sam Riley, who plays Mr. Darcy. Riley gave a pretty bland performance, delivering every line with a fake, raspy voice that was almost comical. It took me out of a lot of scenes, but I would not say his performance was all around bad.

The story was my main gripe with this movie. For the first hour there is not much of a plot, mostly random scenes that seem to have no relation.

For a few minutes they are fighting zombies, then immediately after they're having a banquet. It is only as the movie approaches its climax that a plot actually appears.

There is a bit of mystery as to who the villain is and who is behind everything that has been going on. Due to pacing issues none of this has a big impact on the story.

Most of the time is spent on the forced relationship between Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy — the more "Pride and Prejudice"-inspired aspect of the movie. The zombie aspect seems to have taken a backseat for most of the movie.

There are zombie killings here and there, but I think the director and writer had a hard time finding a good balance between the two.

For people looking to get some good zombie action, you will probably be disappointed. If you're looking for an English romance story, you might actually like most of this movie.



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Bella Heathcote and Lily James in "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies"

Critics interpreted Beyoncé's halftime show wrong

VANISA SILER | CONTRIBUTOR

Beyoncé's overt display of pro-blackness during her Super Bowl 50 halftime performance caused quite the controversy.

The outrage is unwarranted. I watched the entire halftime show a few times, specifically looking for something even remotely offensive and found nothing. What's with the outrage?

Critics point to her performance being anti-police. Admittedly, I struggle with understanding how some have come to that conclusion. It was not even a covert attempt to condemn police officers.

What I saw was simply an ode to blackness, which makes me wonder why many are making this ordeal about police officers.

The song she performed, "Formation," is an anthem touting her unapologetic blackness. She is proudly singing that she loves her child's afro and her Jackson 5 nostrils. She apparently has no qualms about carrying hot sauce in her bag and she wants other black women to get in line and dominate right along with her.

She even touched on black economic power in the song. I do not see how promoting self-love and success can be so offensive. Is this not a message that we should be supporting and encouraging?

Those on the offense were possibly too distracted by her attire to pay much attention to what she was singing. Black power is what immediately came to mind when I saw Beyoncé and her dancers; the Black Panther Party was an afterthought.

One thing that historically kept the black community from advancement is lack of power — from voting power to economic power. This lack of power has been detrimental to the community.

Those women represented black power. Growing up, images of black men and women in the Black Panther Party's signature beret sitting atop afros that defied gravity in the best way represented black power to me.

Primarily, that is what the party was about; restoring power to the black community. Everyone is entitled to their praise and/or criticism of the Black Panther Party.

When I think of the Black Panther Party, I think of the Free Breakfast for Children program that was established by the Los Angeles chapter of the BPP.

I think of the Free Medical Research Health Clinics that provided basic health care to the impoverished and the

Intercommunal Youth band that was formed to create pride throughout the movement.

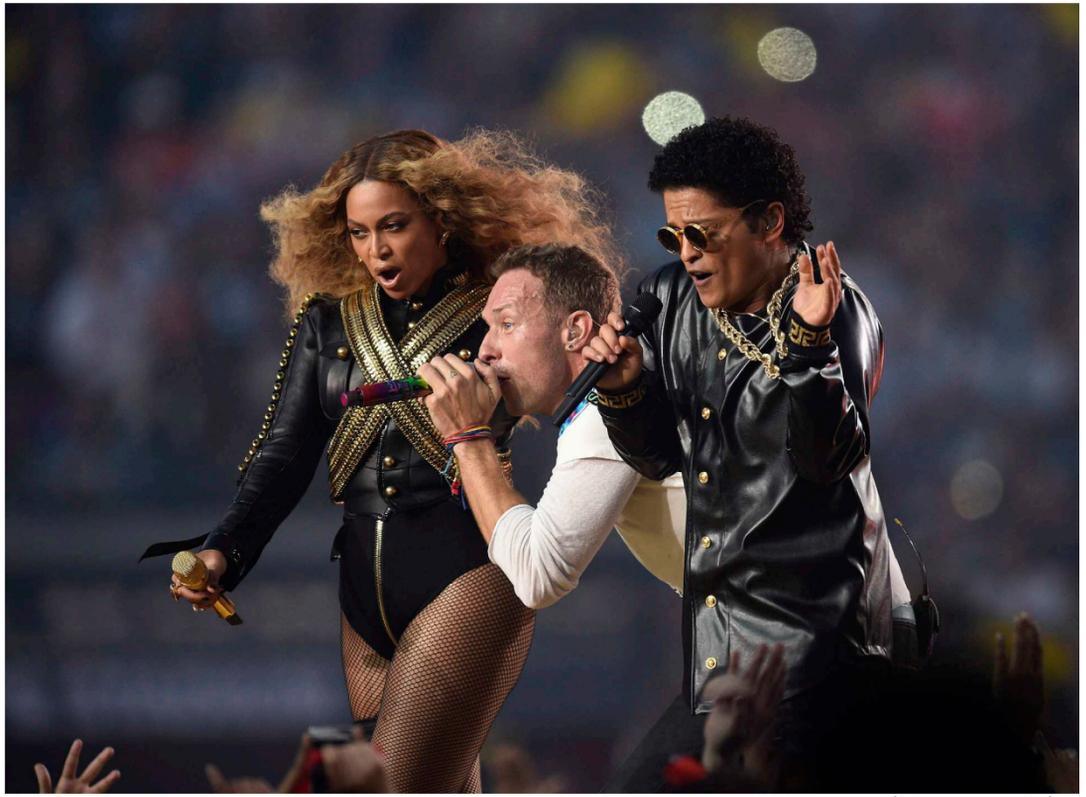
I think of the self-defense movement that encouraged black women to go against the status quo by being armed if ever they need to protect themselves; that is liberation.

That in itself is an American concept; how could that offend?

This is why I thought of black power when I saw those

sisters on national television flaunting their blackness while paying homage to the women of the Black Panther Party during the highest-rated program in America.

I enjoyed every minute of Beyoncé's performance. It could be because I am a black woman in America who has experienced being shunned for simply being black, so much that it felt really good watching Beyoncé flaunt her blackness, unapologetically.



From left, Beyoncé, Chris Martin of Coldplay, and Bruno Mars perform during the halftime show at Super Bowl 50 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016. JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO | BAY AREA NEWS GROUP | TNS

Activism requires actual participation

CHRISTOPHER ROARK | CONTRIBUTOR

I became involved in politics around 2008. I saw then-candidate Barack Obama speak and became interested in rhetoric. However, as time progressed, I became more and more cynical about the system in which we live.

Despite my own grievances with the government, I have elected to take part in their processes and bureaucratic games. I have come to accept the only ways for me to enact what I think are the best policies are to stand up and be heard.

No candidates in the current election represent my ideals or me. I will not give them my seal of approval by helping them get the most politically impactful position available in America.

I have resolved to use my power to get like-minded people involved in a push for positive changes. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are over 80 million millennials in the country, and, unlike me, many remain silent.

Numerous studies show we are among the least politically engaged of all age groups, despite accounting for a significant portion of the population. According to some polls, the number of us who are engaged in politics dips below 40 percent.

But what really is engagement? Before you ask, no, that change.org petition you signed is not activism. The Facebook page you liked and now ignore is not engagement.

Many of my peers get incensed about an issue for an incredibly short period of time and do very little to make a difference, forgetting all about it.

This is called "slacktivism." It is an insulting and incredibly accurate description of the apathy that

plagues my generation.

Engagement is about so much more than these things.

To be involved and truly engaged, you have to get down and dirty with your issue. You need to spread the rhetoric and message for more than the few weeks until a new hot topic issue arises.

We need to mobilize our numbers and fight for positive changes in the immediate and distant futures.

We need to go out and raise hell about the things we're passionate about, be visible and make a feasible difference.

If we start to pick out issues we truly feel passionate about, we can encourage others with nothing more than an infectious, positive attitude.

Further, learning civil discourse and both challenging and being challenged is an essential skill for personal growth.

This extends through so many different avenues as well — national, statewide, local and even internal politics at UC.

Sure, a single vote doesn't go quite as far as you move up the food chain, but elections during our lives have been decided by incredibly small margins. (Bush and Gore, anyone?)

Go run for something, campaign for someone, file a referendum or stage an event or tabling. I want to see your passion, and people who share it want to see it too. I've made some lifelong friends from my time in politics, all because I stood up and spoke out.

If you take anything away from this, please, get excited about your future and be an active participant.



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Broncos have much in common with past champions

JASON SZELEST | STAFF REPORTER
OPINION

After the Denver Broncos' convincing Super Bowl win Sunday over the Carolina Panthers, many are asking how they compare to other Super Bowl champions.

In order to find a champion comparable to the Broncos, you need to go back a bit. The modern NFL witnessed pass-happy, explosive offensive teams hoist the Lombardi Trophy in recent years. Denver was far from that this season.

There is simply no comparison between Denver and the New England Patriots teams led by Tom Brady, the New Orleans Saints led by Drew Brees or the New York Giants led by Eli Manning.

The team most are comparing them to is the 1985 Chicago Bears.

Led by Hall of Fame head coach Mike Ditka, the Bears had what many believe to be the greatest defense of all time.

You can see where the comparisons are coming from since Denver's defense surrendered the few years in the league this season and the fourth-fewest points. They held Cam Newton, the NFL MVP, and Carolina's No. 1 scoring offense to 10 points in the Super Bowl.

However, what most seem to forget is the

defense wasn't the only good thing for the 1985 Bears.

Led by quarterback Jim McMahon and Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, the Bears offense was second in the league in scoring, according to Professional Football Reference's official site.

The Broncos, whose offense finished 16th in total yards and 19th in points, cannot hold water to those numbers.

The 2000 Baltimore Ravens are the better comparison.

Led by linebacker Ray Lewis and safety Rod Woodson, the Ravens defense finished first in the NFL that season, allowing only 10.3 points per game.

Much like the Broncos defense against the Panthers, the Ravens also saved their best game for the finale, picking apart the Giants offense in a 34-7 rout.

In both games, the defense found their way into the end zone.

Denver's Malik Jackson fell on the football in the end zone following a Von Miller sack, whereas 15 years earlier Baltimore's Duane Starks picked off a Kerry Collins pass and took it back 49 yards.

The Ravens offense was also comparable to the Broncos.

In 2000, the Ravens offense finished 15th

in points per game, just a couple spots above the where the Broncos finished this year.

Much like the Broncos, the Ravens also suffered through a quarterback controversy.

Throughout the year, both Tony Banks and Trent Dilfer saw time as the Ravens' signal caller, before the team ultimately decided on Dilfer to lead them to the Super Bowl.

During this season, Brock Osweiler stepped in when Peyton Manning was injured and remained quarterback after Manning returned.

It was only after struggling in the final game of the regular season against the San Diego Chargers that Osweiler was benched and Manning retained his starting job.

With the glaring similarities, it is clear this year's Broncos compared best to the 2000 Baltimore Ravens.



Super Bowl MVP Von Miller holds the Vince Lombardi trophy during the postgame celebration after a 24-10 win against the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016.

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reminding myself that since I won last year I'm definitely going to have this target on my back."

Despite the added pressure, he feels the title gives him the ability to not only lead himself to a successful finish this season, but also his teammates.

"I think it has shown me what it takes to win, the amount of work that must be put in to win an event," DePietro said. "I've been able to show the freshman and the other guys what it takes in these situations."

With wins against rivals Xavier University and Miami University, DePietro said this is the best swim team the Bearcats have had in a while and he expects big things in the conference championship.

"I expect a lot better finish than we had last year when we got fourth," DePietro said. "I think we can do a lot better than that. We've brought in a good freshman and transfer class and everyone who was here last year has gotten better. We should score a lot more points than we did last year."

Despite DePietro's first place finish last year, his favorite memory came midway through this season at the Hoosierland Invitational. There, he was able to cut his 400-meter individual medley time qualified for the United States Olympic Trials in June.

After a career finish, DePietro received a text from his brother Chris, who is a swimmer for Ohio State University and was his role model growing up.

"He's always been a great swimmer, so naturally I looked up to him. We swam on the same teams and I always tried to mimic what he did," DePietro said. "He texted me and said congratulations and it's a great moment and told me to enjoy it while it lasts after he had found out I won. That was really big for me."

Outside the pool DePietro is majoring in neurobiology and is a Taekwondo black belt. He plans to attend graduate school, though he is still unsure of what field.

The American Conference Championships begin Wednesday in Houston.

Women's basketball falls flat against Owls

AMIR SAMARGHANDI | NEWS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati women's basketball team was swarmed by the Temple University Owls in a 74-49 loss Tuesday at Fifth Third Arena.

The fast-paced game favored the Owls and their all-guard line up, as they jumped to a 16-4 lead in the first quarter, a lead that proved to be difficult for the Bearcats to overcome.

Ana Owens, the Bearcats leader in points and assists, scored 15 points but had trouble finding a rhythm, going 6-for-15 from the field.

"A lot of teams deny and trap because they think we can't handle it but I stayed patient," said Owens.

Owens was matched up against Temple's leading scorer, sophomore guard Alliya Butts, who finished the game with 22 points on 55 percent shooting.

Owens said it Butts was the only one that was good — Temple has an overall solid team, which was evident by four players scoring in double digits.

After an 18-point deficit at the end of the first period, the Bearcats went on a 9-0 run to end the first half, cutting Temple's lead to 13 points.

UC head coach Jamelle Elliott pointed to a stronger showing by the Bearcats during the second and third quarters, where they outscored the Owls 26-22.

"I never worry about the effort of my team," Elliott said. "I got encouraged, we worked on certain things, we can still be successful."

Both Owens and Elliott said they felt UC's 12 turnovers — and Temple's 16 points off of them — were a factor in the outcome of

the game, with Temple's denial of Owens' penetration to the lane being the cause of many of them.

"Every team is probably going to deny Ana — she's our point guard, she's our engine. Temple had five guards to keep someone fresh on her at all times. We only had four turnovers in the second half, I thought we calmed down," said Elliott.

Temple was able to run on UC's defense the entire game, scoring 15 fast-break points.

Junior guard Forward Brandey Tarver started for UC, in hopes of adding speed to counter Temple's quickness. Tarver finished with 9 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

"She's probably been our best player the last two games," Elliott said. "I'm glad she's getting these confident moments."

Guard Bianca Quisenberry struggled with her shot, going 2-for-10 from the field and 1-for-5 from 3-point range.

Temple won the rebounding battle 49-39 and had only four turnovers compared to 15 assists.

Elliott described the upcoming games as a really tough stretch. The Bearcats are facing the third-ranked team in the American Athletic Conference Friday, University of South Florida, before playing No. 1 ranked and undefeated University of Connecticut Wednesday in Storrs, Connecticut. UConn currently has a 60-game winning streak.

"We need to continue to build off the foundational things — go out there loose and confident and play hard," said Elliott.

UC is now 7-16 on the season and 3-9 in conference play. They take on the USF Bulls 7 p.m. Friday at Fifth Third Arena. The game will be aired on the American Digital Network.



Alysha Lovett (12) goes up strong for a layup against Temple Tuesday night, Feb. 9, 2016 at Fifth Third Arena. UC will continue their homestretch.



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Men's basketball rebounds with convincing victory against UCF

CLAUDE THOMPSON | STAFF REPORTER

The University of Cincinnati men's basketball team's resounding 69-51 win on the road against the University of Central Florida Tuesday helped take the sting out of a disappointing loss to the University of Memphis.

Big nights from junior guard Kevin Johnson and senior forward Octavius Ellis benefited the Bearcats. Johnson led the team with 13 points and Ellis finished with 10 points and matched career-high 14 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season.

"Octavius getting 14 rebounds, I mean, that's the guy that was first team all-league in the preseason," said UC head coach Mick Cronin. "That's the guy he's got to be. He's got to embrace being a rebounder, a leader, an intimidator, a shot blocker and it makes us a much better basketball team."

Cincinnati climbs to 18-7 and 8-4 in the conference, good for fourth place behind Southern Methodist University, Temple University and the University of Connecticut.

Cincinnati led the Knights in almost every major category except blocks and points off of turnovers. UCF was held to 40 percent shooting from the field and 47 percent from the free throw line.

UC held a slim, one-point lead going into halftime, but outscored UCF 38-21 in the second half to pull. The Bearcats capitalized on 18 total turnovers by the Knights 13 of which were committed in the second half.

"Yeah, 13 turnovers in a half is big," Cronin said. "I thought we were able to get our game plan implemented in the second half and that's probably because we were finishing around the basket and we were able to set our defense. We missed so many layups in the first half that I think we were getting frustrated on defense."

Cronin emphasized the improvement of the leadership on the team as tournament time draws near.

"I thought our senior leadership the last few days has been much better," Cronin said. "Corey [DeBerry] has been more engaged, Farad [Cobb] and Octavius. I think it's got to continue for us down the stretch. I think the key for us is our veteran guys have got to get the job done for us. The teams with players who do that are going to win, get in the tournament and march on."

Cincinnati returns to Fifth Third Arena 4 p.m. Saturday to face conference rival East Carolina University. The game will be aired on ESPNU.



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File art from UC vs. Butler game Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at Fifth Third Arena.



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File art from UC vs USF game Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at Fifth Third Arena.



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