One Stop Renovation Slated for Spring
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If all goes according to plan, the UCBA One Stop Center will be renovated during the Spring Semester of 2015. Bids have been distributed to general contractors, and the due date for the bids was November 25. Assuming the bids are within the budget, a contractor will be selected, and the plans for the renovation will go through.

While the Center is being renovated, the One Stop Center and Admissions will be temporarily relocated to rooms 152, 156, and 157 of Muntz Hall.

In addition to the renovation, which will take place between February and June of 2015, the UCBA Communications Department will be relocated to the area from its current location in Flory Hall.

Walters Health Concerns Raised
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Concerns about environmental conditions have arisen among faculty and staff working in Walters Hall. With the recent diagnoses of multiple, severe health issues (a few involving cancer) to staff working in the building, faculty and staff have begun to question the safety of the infrastructure of the building, which opened in 1999.

In a recent e-mail to faculty and staff, UCBA Dean Cady Short-Thompson offered reassurance that all precautionary actions will be taken in order to provide for the safety of the building and those who occupy it. She said that she has requested that Jan Utrecht, UC Director of Environmental Health and Safety, assemble a team to investigate the concerns as soon as possible and report to her the results of the study. Utrecht’s office has successfully resolved similar incidents on UC Clifton and Blue Ash Campuses, the Dean explained.

The evaluation of Walters Hall will likely begin during the week of December 1, following Thanksgiving, and will continue until December 15. According to Tom Cruse, UCBA Director of Facilities and Events, Environmental Health and Safety will likely call (See Walters, Page 4)
Finding Your Own Style
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We all have our own personal style and unique way of dressing, right? But we all get our inspiration for our outfits from somewhere. So I decided to ask three different people to describe their personal style in one word and where they got their style from.

Everyone has developed his or her style from somewhere in the past and pretty much stuck with it. Whether it was from a celebrity or just someone on the street, we all get it from somewhere.

The first person I interviewed was definitely not shy about her style. It was noticeable to me what her style was already, but I wanted to hear what she had to say.

I asked her what her style was in one word, and she replied, "Hippie." Then I asked her where she got her style from, and she said, "I grew up in a country area, so the only people around were hippies and cowboys. I just latched on to the hipsters."

The next person I interviewed was a really shy guy I knew in one of my classes, and he agreed to be in the school paper after some convincing. I asked how he would describe his personal style in one word, and he replied, "Comfort."

He seemed a little nervous in this interview, but he was slightly loosening up. Then I asked where he got his style from. I was kind of surprised by what he said. "I grew up with a big family so we didn't have much money, so whatever was warm and comfortable is what my mom bought us for clothes. But when my mom passed away, I kept this style in my classes, and she said, "I grew up in a country area, so the only people around were hippies and cowboys. I just latched on to the hipsters."

The last person I talked to was interested in finding her own style. She was looking for new members. She would like to see happen, or are you looking to get more involved on campus?

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The UCBA Student Government is looking for new members. Do you have an idea that you would like to see happen, or are you looking to get more involved on campus?

Student Government can be a great place to meet people and make a difference on campus. Student Government strives to be the voice of students on campus and represent their interests.

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Muntz Hall, Room 207. Everyone is invited to attend.

E-Cigarettes Banned in All UCBA Buildings
The UCBA Communications Office issued a reminder last week that the use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited inside all facilities at UC Blue Ash College. E-cigarettes should only be used outside in designated smoking areas around the campus.

The UCBA Department of English and Communication has announced guidelines for the annual UC Writing Contest. The contest is open to all students who have been enrolled in a Preparatory, English Composition or Intermediate Composition course from Spring 2014 through Spring 2015. All entries must have a completed application cover sheet signed by the English composition instructor and an unmarked copy of the essay.

Entries may be submitted to your English composition instructor and an unmarked copy of the essay.

The contest will award a $200 cash prize for first place, $150 for second place, and $100 for third place.

Freedom Center Event Attracts Almost 200
Almost 200 UCBA students, faculty, friends and family members attended the UCBA at the Freedom Center event on November 22. In the photo above, taken at the Freedom Center, UCBA History Professor Matt Norman delivers a talk on the Underground Railroad as part of the day’s activities. The event was supported with funding from the UCBA Student Life Office and UC Chief Diversity Officer Bluestar Marshall. Plans are already underway for another such event next year, according to Professor Rob Gioielli, who coordinated the event.

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Nursing Program Taking Applications
The UCBA Nursing Department is taking applications for students interested in the LPN-RN track for summer 2015. The Department is also taking applications for the traditional nursing track starting fall 2015-2016.

Information about the selective admission process for each track can be found on the UCBA Nursing Department web page.

The Student Nurses Association is also collecting food and toiletries for needy families during the holiday season.

Pie Eating Contest Is Cancelled
The UCBA Student Government Pie Eating Contest that was supposed to be held on Friday November 21, was cancelled because not enough participants signed up to take part in the event.

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Walters Hall (Continued)

in a consulting firm to do a full study. This includes interviews with the staff about their medical history, conducting air quality studies, and, among other things, closely looking at the building’s systems.

Cruise is in charge of putting together a list of occupants of the Walters building, in order to efficiently schedule the interviews. Cruise and the Dean would like to reassure everyone that every necessary action is being taken to keep users of the building safe. In recent years, similar concerns were raised about the safety of Munzt Hall, yet the study yielded nothing about the building that could be regarded as detrimental to the health of the occupants.

Building Plans (Continued) building will be placed in the lobby of Munzt Hall. The College welcomes all feedback and input towards the building.

Essay Contest Awards Scholarships

Several companies are promoting new scholarship offerings that are available to college students everywhere. Each company is running an essay contest and rewarding the author of the best essay with either a $500 or $1000 scholarship.

The first three companies listed below are said to be Better Business Bureau accredited, while the other two are currently applying for accreditation. The links to scholarship pages for each company are listed below:

- The CPAW Shop Medical Scholarship: http://www.thecpawshop.com/resources/college-college-scholarship-for-students
- Oronoz and Ericsson Law Scholarships (See Scholarships, Page 6)

Happy Holidays From the Activist Staff!
My World
Are Professional Athletes Overpaid?
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The barbershop is a sacred place for a man. Not only is it a place where you get your hair cut, but the conversations that take place there are worth the trip in itself.

On my most recent trip to my barbershop, the conversation was athletics and the question of whether they should take less money. There was a large amount of people in the shop who thought that athletes should turn down some of the money that teams offer them. They easily the dumbest thing I have ever heard in my life.

In some kind of way, we as fans seem to think that, because athletes make millions, as opposed to our small wages, they don’t deserve the money they make.

Professional athletes earn every single dime they get. I’m certain that some Bengals fans think Mike Nugent doesn’t deserve his check after that Panthers game.

Nobody goes to the owners of these teams and tells them, “Okay, you’ve raped enough people for $9 beers. It’s time to start giving them away for free.” A statement like that will get security called on you.

If in the future you begin to think athletes are overpaid and should take a pay cut, I challenge you to do this. Go to your place of employment and tell your boss, “I’m going to do the same job I did yesterday for $5 less.”

It kind of puts it in perspective now, doesn’t it?

Opinion
Ferguson, Missouri, Revisited
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National Guard and extra police officers have been summoned to Ferguson, Missouri, in preparation for the possibility of more racial tension in advance of the decision whether to charge Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting of unarmed Mike Brown last August.

Authorities say the move is simply for precautionary measures, and it doesn’t signal that they won’t bring charges against Officer Wilson.

Regardless of what decision is made in the case, hopefully cooler heads will prevail, and things won’t get out of control as they did back in August. We all know the judicial system in the United States has flaws; it has been proven time and time again. Looting and violence in the streets will never solve that.

The only way to change things in this country is to change the people who represent us in political offices. There has to be a voice from the people heard in Washington D.C., where these laws are made to protect those who kill unarmed teenagers. The idea of rioting and protesting to change things has been proven to be a failure.

There is nothing intelligent in doing something stupid like robbing stores in Ferguson. It’s time to start giving the honor of a tragedy. It certainly won’t bring the lost ones back, and it won’t push any lawmakers to see things your way.

So before we get in a frenzy about the verdict, let’s find constructive ways to change the elements that allowed the tragedy to occur in the first place.

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Movies
Amazing “Interstellar”
by Emily Burch
Guest Reviewer

The film “Interstellar” is amazing. It is a futuristic take on the state of physical Earth, taking place in the future dustbowl of America.

It centers on Cooper, the character played by Matthew McConaughey, an emotionally powerful former NASA pilot and farmer-owner with two young children whom he is raising with the principles of questioning authority and keeping wonder alive.

McConaughey, along with a cast including Anne Hathaway and Matt Damon, goes on a fascinating space voyage through a worm hole in search of another world for earthlings to inhabit after planet Earth goes to dust.

The film introduces an ominous entity that sends transmissions to earth, namely to McConaughey’s daughter “Murph,” named after Murphy’s Law. McConaughey’s character is very likable, and the whole concept enlivens the idea that there is life on other planets and, more importantly, the question of whether those other sentient beings want us to survive and, if so, whether they would actually construct another planet for us to inhabit via a black hole?

The movie awakens the third eye, if you will, and takes one to another plane of thinking and existence. It has got to win some kind of award for film of the year, or I will stop watching award shows.
In a loss to the Cowboys on Sunday Night Football, Odell Beckham Jr. had 10 catches for 146 yards—and the greatest catch I have ever witnessed.

The rookie out of LSU had the most mesmerizing grab that most people have ever seen. With the first play of the second quarter, Eli Manning heaved a ball close to 50 yards, intended for Odell Beckham Jr.

After being interfered with by his defender in the one-on-one coverage, Odell leapt backwards for an “uncatchable” ball. With one arm fully extended over his head, the ball found its way into the fingertips of his hand—forcing his arm past his head, making us question how his shoulder is still in tact.

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The Greatest Catch of the Year

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There once was a project that raised over $13 million for the “Coolest Cooler,” (pictured) which was created by Ryan Greppler, an average man from Portland, Oregon. The cooler has things like a built in blender, a USB charging port and a wireless Bluetooth radio built into it.

To think that someone can raise $13 million for a cooler is utterly insane.

There are also guidelines to help regulate what kind of projects are to be published to the public for funding, including the banning of genetically modified organisms and dramatizations of the product, including renderings or simula-
tions of the product.

You also need a physical prototype of an item and also a manufacturing plan.

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Get Your Project Off the Ground With Kickstarter

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