Rebecca Zeiler is the winner of free tuition for the fall semester at UC Blue Ash College and the news couldn’t have come at a better time.

“I just recently had surgery on my vocal chords, which meant I wasn’t able to work for a few weeks. Getting free tuition for the semester is a huge help since I am saving everything I can to pay my own way for college,” said Zeiler, who works as a hostess at a restaurant.

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Those who register by the designated deadline are automatically entered into a drawing to win free tuition. Rebecca’s name was drawn from a pool of 1,770 eligible students.

The fall semester at UC Blue Ash began August 25 and runs through December 13. The free tuition covers all instructional costs for the semester and is valued at approximately $3,000.

“We are always happy to help our bright and talented students pursue an education,” said Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, Dean of UC Blue Ash. “I am excited for Rebecca and really glad to hear that this gift of free tuition came at the perfect time.”

Rebecca is a graduate of Mt. Healthy High School and is studying to become a dental hygienist. She chose to attend UC Blue Ash because it offers a great dental hygiene program and she liked the idea of earning her degree from the University of Cincinnati.

The UCBA English and Communication Department has now created a pathway for Liberal Arts students who want to go on to the UC Clifton campus and get a degree in English, Creative Writing, History, or Political Science.

Liberal Arts students can now take specific electives for two years at UCBA, which will fulfill requirements for four-year degrees on the Clifton Campus.

(See Liberal Arts, Page 8)
New Club on Campus
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There is a new club on campus this year, the UCBA Chemistry Club or Chem Club for short. According to Club President Matt McDaniel, the Chem Club works to build an overall understanding and appreciation of chemistry and the different aspects that it entails.

Not only do these students partake in experiments on campus, but they are very active in the community as well. “We’re volunteering for UC Smiles, participating in the Blue Ash Dash in October, and looking forward to finding ways of doing community outreach to local schools by visiting and showing a few cool demonstrations,” McDaniel stated in an interview last week.

The Club will be attending monthly American Chemical Society meetings to (See Chemistry Club, Page 6)
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Since when does the term “dressing nice” mean that you have to wear Gucci, Christian Louboutin, Marc Jacobs, and Vera Wang? Or in our society now high name brands are True Religion, Rock Revivals, Michael Kors, and Ralph Lauren Polo. Why do we let people judge us by the brands we have on our bodies? Fashion is not all about name brands. It’s defining your own style and who you are as a person. Clothes let you express to people who you are without even talking to them.

Most people may not have known that Fashion Week in NYC was this past weekend. Designers such as Alexander Wang and Perry Ellis were showing. The styles off the runway ranged from tailored dresses to cropped tops with skinnies and many, many skirts. Every designer showed their style of what’s considered “HOT” and what’s “NOT.” Some showed only their personal style, but don’t we all have our very own personal style anyway? But what makes you considered to be “HOT” or “NOT”?

With the constant fashion changes that happen, you can never be in style for more than a month. In Fashion Week what was considered on the “HOT” list was oversized everything. This is always great. You can bring the cozy sweater that you curl up in the house in and wear it outside and be fashion forward all day long. Of course, you cannot forget about the sneakers. It’s no secret that sneakers have taken over the fashion world and the trend just won’t stop and will continue all year long. But don’t forget: everything isn’t in style. You still have fashion that’s “totally out.”

Those styles that are “totally out” probably should not be worn anymore—such as the cut-out shoulder tops. If you want to show your shoul-
Professors Shed Light on Independence Movements

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On September 11, the History and Foreign Language departments held the first of a series of special speaking events at UCBA’s campus. This first installment was about Scotland, Quebec, and Catalonia’s similar desires for independence from their current ruling countries.

UCBA professors Jody Ballah, of the Foreign Languages Department, and Tim Forest, of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Political Science, spoke about the long history of each country’s longing for independence and how they are continuing their own pursuit of it into the modern day.

Both professors intended to show that there is more to these issues than just the pop culture images associated with them. “It is unfortunate that students in the U.S. don’t know of the events that are happening,” said Ballah, a native of Western Canada. “Neither here nor the main campus is there a Canadian studies class, and so the students are only getting knowledge from films or books.”

“Part of the reason we’re doing this is to talk about something we may not get a chance to talk about in our class,” said Forest. “We’re hoping this gets more students to think about this, especially given the recent events going on.”

During the presentation, which lasted about 90 minutes, both Ballah and Forest spoke about major figures and events in each country’s history and how everything ties into recent events.

They also announced future events for the speaker series, including a talk on urban planning on October 22, and a showing of the 1962 film “To Kill a Mockingbird” by the UCBA Film Club. “The Film Club shows a combination of Andy and foreign films,” Ballah explained. “We hope to show films that students may not get a chance to see, especially since Cincinnati doesn’t get the first run of these films or a very limited release of them.”

For more information about the speakers series or upcoming events associated with the History and Foreign Language departments, contact Professor Forest at Timothy.Forest@uc.edu or Professor Ballah at ballahjy@uc.edu.

Writing and Study Skills Center Can Also Help With Critical Thinking

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The UCBA Writing and Study Skills Center is located in Muntz 112K. The Center is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 12-4 p.m.

Full-time tutors in the Center are Eric Van Hoose, Peggy Stromhauer, Laurie Bialar, Daniel Sansing and Sharon Disher. They can provide assistance with writing, reading, and study skills. They also provide access to resource materials, textbooks and handouts.

Reading tutors help improve reading strategies, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Critical and thinking skills can also be worked on in the Center upon request, helping students with their study and reading skills in various courses.

All the Writing Center asks of students is that they have an idea of what they need help with before coming in. But it’s important to be on time. With appointments, if you are 10 minutes late, you forfeit your spot, if the tutor is helping a walk-in.

Stay tuned for the next issue for the details of the Scary Story contest to be held in October. For more information, call (513) 745-5733.

Chemistry Club (Continued)

network with professional chemists in what members hope will be a learning experience for all involved.

Last year at the March ACS Meeting, some of us got to meet the science advisor from “Breaking Bad!”” McCordel said. “On top of all that, they will be running study groups for General and Organic Chemistry students, as well as one-on-one study sessions for any students looking to obtain volunteer hours.

The Club meets on the first Friday of every month at 1:40 p.m. in Muntz 309.

No Appointment Necessary For UCBA Science Learning Lab

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Daniel Landfried, Lab Manager of UCBA Science Tutoring Lab, has openly invited students to come get help with their science and study questions in Walters Hall Room 200.

Full-time staff there to help include Landfried, Ginette Adams, and Lynn Rosenblum, all of whom specialize in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, anatomy, and physiology, covering all science major questions and concerns.

There are also seven student tutors available from Monday through Thursday from 4-8 p.m. The hours of the Science Learning Lab are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The lab is closed on Saturdays, but open on Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

The Lab offers tutoring, computers, models, microscopes, science books on reserve, and a microwave. They also offer printing services—eights cents for dual side printing and five cents for single side prints.

No appointment is needed. For more information, call (513) 936-1705.

Plans for New Building May Take 10 Years to Complete

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On September 9, an architectural-firm meeting was held here to discuss details for a new building addition to the UCBA campus, UCBA Interim Director of Facilities and Events Tom Cruse said.

According to Cruse, the location for the building, as indicated by the arrow in the map shown, will be south of the Veterinary Technology Building and west of the Flory Center.

If all goes according to plan, Cruse expects the building to be completed in the spring of 2017.

The building will include classrooms and offices. However, no specific use of the spaces has been established. In addition, there will also be gallery space throughout the building.

Upon partial completion, the building will operate as a “swing building” in order to complete plans to renovate parts of Muntz hall. According to Cruse, rather than shutting down all of Muntz Hall, as parts of the new building are completed, the College will move classes from Muntz Hall into the new building, allowing renovation to take place in the emptied areas of Muntz.

The new building will not be as big as Muntz. Due to that fact and the swing building factor, renovation to Muntz will not be completed until about six years after the completion of the new building, Cruse explained.

In essence, it will be almost 10 years until the plan for the new building actually creates additional classroom space for the campus. In other words, since enrollment is higher than it has ever been at over 5000 students, the College may still feel crowded during that period.

In order to cope with this issue, Cruse said the College was fortunate to have the new temporary pavilion buildings donated. Those are now up and running. The pavilions have nine classroom rooms, in addition to the six classrooms from the older pavilions, which are still being used.

With the easy access that the Internet allows, it’s an everyday occasion that I get to geek out over some seriously good book series. It’s very literally a part of my normal routine: wake up, brush my teeth, feed my puppy, read a book.

But, when James Patterson teamed up with Korean artist NaRae Lee and decided to make “Maximum Ride” into a graphic novel, I never sought geared.

The tale of six mutated, bird-like children who just so happened to escape “the school” and get to live parent-free is one that I envied like every other kid my age. There was even talk of a movie deal, but badly, that fell through quickly.

So, when Lee decided to put some of my favorite characters to picture, I couldn’t help but buy the whole set. The “Manga” adaptation of this eight book series (See Books, Page 12)
**Movies**

**Gandolfini Goes Out in Style in “The Drop”**

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This past weekend marked the release of James Gandolfini’s final film, “The Drop.” In this crime drama a lonely somewhat simple minded bartender (Tom Hardy) is caught in the middle of a plot to rob the money left by gangsters at the bar he works at. Unbeknownst to him, the robbery is being plotted by the bar owner himself and his cousin Marvin (Gandolfini).

The film is perfectly paced, and while it does contain similar elements that have appeared in other crime films, it manages to keep things fresh and interesting with great little twists and turns that make it worth a watch.

Tom Hardy is given a great character to perform, and he delivers on it. Hardy’s character, Bag Sagonis, has a lot of similar elements to Billy Bob Thornton’s Karl Childers in “Sling Blade”—that is, someone who appears to be not so bright but has a dark past.

Hardy perfectly conveys the simple and yet haunted bartender. Throughout the film the audience keeps seeing Bob attending a Catholic church, yet he never goes up for communion. This is noticed by a fellow church goer, the lead detective on the case involved (John Ortiz).

Throughout the film we also see Bob trying desperately to right the wrongs he may have committed and bring a new life to himself. He does this in two ways: (1) he gets a dog and (2) he starts a relationship with a girl named Nadia (Noomi Rapace).

He names the dog Rocco, after Saint Rocco (or Roch), the patron saint of dogs and falsely accused people. This gives a nice foreshadow to future events in the story.

Now, what about James Gandolfini’s role? As said earlier, this was the perfect role for him to go out on. Gandolfini, of course, played the best remembered for his role in “The Sopranos,” in which he played a character who had nearly everything under control.

In this film, however, it is pretty much the opposite. He plays a man who wants to have some sense of Mafia credit and wants to be the boss man, Mr. Big.

**The Web For Those Who Haven’t Tried Twitter**

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The Internet sensation called Twitter has become something well known in the eye of the public these days, from television commercials to radio commercials, and it can even be seen on some advertisement billboards, depending on the company as you’re driving down the road.

Twitter is an online social network that can be used as a sort of blog for “tweeting” about your personal plans and hobbies. Some companies may have a Twitter account to advertise to the people that can be found on Twitter.

The micro-blogging service averaged 271 million users in 2014 and has come a long way since March 21, 2006, when the four founders launched the website across the World Wide Web. This social networking website is usable by almost anyone, from children to teenagers to adults.

What you’re looking to follow on the website could determine how you use it. If you’re someone who wants to follow specific accounts, you could get on Twitter to catch up on current events around you or even in other areas of interest.

Teenagers could use Twitter to catch up with what their favorite movie stars are doing to even their favorite musicians. Children can get on and chat with family members and friends who may also have an account. There are security options to block accounts from following you and seeing what you post, but you can also open up everything you say to the public.

You can use hash tags to talk about current or trending topics and use them to follow trending topics. If you’re a tweeter you have to say the topic you choose to “tweet” about and see if they have similar opinions about what you have to say.

The instant communication aspect of Twitter can be very beneficial at raising awareness for some things like breast cancer or even the more recent ASL foundation for Lou Gehrig’s disease, where people did the ice bucket challenge. That was something that went viral almost instantly on the social networking websites, Twitter being one of them.

Most people are probably tired of seeing friends, relatives and even celebrities or athletes post about this, but this only shows that people care, because it was all over the web at any given time.

UCBA actually has its own Twitter account. The College Twitter handle is @UCBAAthlief and if you are on Twitter you could follow them to get information about campus events.

Even better, follow the Activist’s Twitter account, @TheActivistUCBA. Even if you don’t have a Twitter account, you could find these accounts on the Twitter website and read up about current events in your free time.

The free Twitter social network is great and is something that can be used by any age and can also be tweaked for a user’s own interest.

**Liberal Arts (Continued)**

The Liberal Arts program can direct students into the following programs on the Clifton campus: Creative Writing, English Literary & Cultural Studies, History; and Political Science.

For more information, contact Professor Sue Sipple, Chair of the UCBA Department of English and Communication, or Professor Mark McBay, Chair of the UCBA Department of History, Philosophy, and Political Science.
Justice in the NFL

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Unless your favorite football team is determined by the color scheme of the uniform or you don’t necessarily have ears, by now you’ve probably formed an opinion in regard to the National Football League’s sacking of ex-Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice.

What is an unmistakable case of domestic abuse, as the situation was caught on camera and has been circulating on the Internet since the footage was tossed to the court jesters and Malcolm X’s of social network, Rice has become the NFL’s Chris Brown.

What is certain is that every other remark that has anything to do with football is either about Browns’ punt returner Spencer Lanning’s facemask kisssing the bottom of Antonio Brown’s cleat or Rice’s indefinite suspension, the latter of which does not necessarily signal an end to the former latter’s running-back’s professional career.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell received immense criticism concerning his initial decision of handling down a mere two game suspension. However, despite the league’s new domestic violence policy, Rice received an indefinite suspension from the NFL, which means there is no set amount of time promised for suspension.

“Indefinite” just sounds a little menacing. I also love the spiritual aspect of not knowing when you’ll be thrown back in the game, and I love the sick. I also love the spiritual aspect of not knowing when you’ll be thrown back in the game, and I hope that more people will be interested in making a difference in our society. I hope to become a software engineer. I’ve wanted to design software since I was a kid.”

Deborah Parson
Nursing

“It’s my passion. I have been wanting to go into nursing since I was a kid. Now I’m making it a reality. I want to help people and take care of the sick. I also love the spiritual aspect of nursing. I can pray for my patients to ensure that they’re not only getting healing on the inside and outside, but spiritual healing as well.”

Brian Gottesman
Tech

“Practicality. I’ve always wanted to be in healthcare and help people and work with people. Radiology Technology is a good field to go into, because it’s not a lot of schooling and has room for improvement over time. I would love to go into chemotherapy, so that I could work with cancer patients though, but that’s six years instead of four. You’ve got to start somewhere.”

Jacob Mathias
Information Technology

“I’m starting with Information Technology first, and then from there I hope to become a software engineer. I’ve wanted to design software since I was a kid.”

Emma Fay
Undecided

My World (Continued)

Conduct Policy regarding assault, battery, domestic violence or sexual assault that involve physical force will be subject to a suspension without pay of six games for a first offense.” He went on to say that a second time offender would receive a lifetime ban from the NFL.

Unless the NFL is dealing with evidence unbeknownst to the public, this is Rice’s first violation, which should result in six games on the bench at most. What makes the situation more puzzling is the resentment and lack of empathy extended toward the Rice family (not just Ray) and no charges or legal repercussions have been sought out by the victim herself, who is now happily married to the 27-year-old running back, with whom she has a two and a half year old daughter, Rayven Rice. I don’t buy any talk that supports the notion that the NFL did not view the video, as it was spread all over the news and the internet.

“For the Love of Fashion (Continued)

list by wearing what you want? Nobody. What makes fashion amazing is you—your unique, make it you, because you never go out of style.”

Destiny Daniels

How’s it going? Are you looking forward to the CFDA Fashion Awards in 2014. But don’t forget you can always put on those 20-plus years, many UC students have been involved in this sport. And here’s a heads up to Special Education majors: if you come out to play, you get activity hours.

Now, I know your next question is “How can I get involved in this amazing activity that will not only benefit my body, but also my mind?” I have an answer for that as well. If you’re interested in watching or playing, you can come by the Labrind Recreation Center (2335 Riverside Dr). The game is played on the first Saturday starting October 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. If you would like more information on this sport, contact John Kramer, UCBA Director of Disability Services. I’ll see you guys there.

Opinion
Mike Brown Case is Timothy Thomas Case on Steroids
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Not many UC Blue Ash students are old enough to remember the Timothy Thomas case in Cincinnati. For those who don’t, it was Cincinnati’s own bout with civil unrest after a Cincinnati police officer killed an unarmed young black male.

Do that remind you of something? The incidents are similar, but the manner in which things unraveled is where the two incidents differ.

The situation in Ferguson was allowed to boil over the town becoming a two-week long warzone, with the police on one side and angry citizens on the other. In Cincinnati it was quite the opposite. After the first few days of unrest, the National Guard was called in, and the entire tire city was placed on a strictly enforced curfew. One would have to commend Cincinnati Police for maintaining the handling of this tension during that time.

The underlying factor in both cases is that there was a true disconnect between the police and the people they are paid to protect. There is no doubt that there were mistakes made on both sides in both cases, but the mistakes the victims made should not have led to their demise.

Opinion
Wheelchair Football Is For Everyone
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Are you or anyone you know looking for some fun way to get involved with the community or be active? Well I may have just the activity for you: wheelchair football.

What is wheelchair football, you may be wondering? It’s awesome, that’s what it is. Wheelchair football is a very fun and easy way to get involved in your community, and virtually anyone can play, handicapped or not.

The game is played every Saturday starting October 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. If you would like more information or to play, contact John Kramer, UCBA Director of Disability Services. I’ll see you guys there.

Math Lab Tutors Ready to Help

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Do you need help with your Mathe- matics, Physics, or Statistics assignments? The Math Lab can be of assistance. The academic tutors: Jennifer Clements, Kevin Kellar, and Heather May can help you with any of your assignments.

The Math Lab is located in Muntz Hall Room 112G, with hours of operation of Monday-Thursdays 8-9 a.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

My World (Continued)

I’ve chalked it as an attempt to re- cover from what is seen as a lackadaisical attempt to discipline the Ravens’ all-time leading rusher after Jamal Lewis and appear as though the NFL commissioner cared even slightly about the events that took place on the elevator.

For the Love of Fashion (Continued)

Here it’s called a tank top and the floral crowns, also known as the flower girl. These are just some of the famous “NOIT!” fashions in 2014. But don’t forget you can always turn a fashion don’t into a fashion do.

So who says you can’t be on the “HOT” been around for 23 years. That’s longer than most of us have been alive. Over those 20-plus years, many UC students have been involved in this sport. And here’s a heads up to Special Education majors: if you come out to play, you get activity hours.

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Technology

Apple Unleashes iPhone 6 and iWatch
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On September 9 in Cupertino California, Apple announced their new lineup of upcoming products.

The devices announced ranged from the newest edition of the iPhone (iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus), to the first edition of the Apple Watch, and even a new operating system in iOS8.

The iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus will surely be the most talked about as Apple made widespread changes in the design. Firstly, and maybe most importantly, the display size was upped to 4.7 inches on the new iPhone 6 and 5.5 inches on the iPhone 6 Plus.

This is a huge upgrade from the four-inch screen on the iPhone 5s. This screen size puts the iPhone on a level playing field with competitors like the Samsung Galaxy s5 and the HTC One M8.

The new iPhones also now have no noticeable edge, giving the phone a more seamless design. All these improvements must come at a cost though, and it looks to be around $649 for the iPhone 6 and $749 for the 6 Plus. Prices will be lower if you purchase a contract.

As of Monday September 15, the 4.7-inch iPhone 6 is advertised to ship within 7-10 business days, while the 5.5-inch iPhone 6 Plus will ship in 3-4 weeks.

Despite the price, all the new features make the iPhone an exciting product to look forward to.

Next up, we have the Apple Watch. Apple made a huge splash this year in announcing the Apple Watch and showing their intent to compete with Samsung and their Galaxy Watch.

The watch comes with a flexible retina display, giving it a clear HD screen as well as the much needed flexibility you need in a watch.

The new Digital Crown technology will be the Apple Watch’s version of the old click wheel, giving you the ability to magnify the small screen and display any apps that you might have.

The watch comes in two styles, and iPhone users will be happy to hear that the Apple Watch will come with Siri as well. The watch will cost about $349 and will be in stores sometime early next year.

With these products and even more that were announced, this was Apple’s best announcement conference in years. Look for these items to start showing up on shelves later this month.

Safe Zone Training Here October 3
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UCBA’s LGBTQ community has allied with Safe Zone Training 101 to help in creating a campus environment that is accepting of students and staff of different ethnicities, genders, and sexual preference.

Topics of training include becoming comfortable discussing sexuality and gender identification and using inclusive language. Training for 101 will take place Friday, October 3, and will be followed by 201 training October 24.

Attending 201 depends upon the completion of training 101.

The scheduled time for both meeting dates is 3-5 p.m. You must RSVP for the event by emailing BaMCA@ucmail.uc.edu. The location of the training session will be confirmed upon the receipt of the RSVP.

Music (Continued)

These moody, selfie-taking, foreign car-driving, champagne in the tub-popping culprits have the same job description as the second string quarterback of any professional football team for whom Peyton Manning would consider playing:

Books (Continued)

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