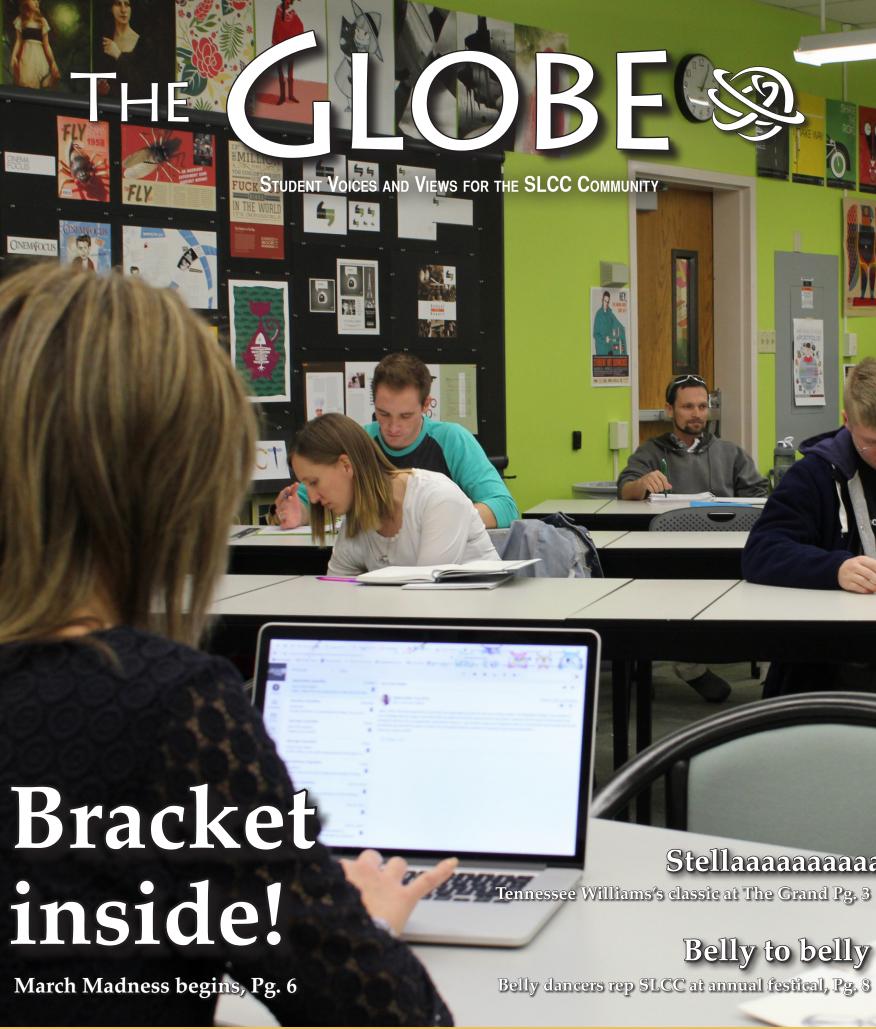


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Williams returns for Grand's American Classics

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This year's March American Classic at the Grand Theatre is the Pulitzer Prize Winning play A Streetcar Named Desire. Written by Tennessee Williams in 1947, Streetcar helped a young Marlon Brando rise to fame and become the iconic figure we think of today. A Streetcar Named Desire is playing from March 16th to April 1st, and is directed by Mark Fossen. Fossen has been directing the Grand Theatre's American Classics series since 2011's The Glass Menagerie, also written by Tennessee Williams.

A Streetcar Named Desire takes place in 1947, in the French Quarter of New Orleans. The stage is set up around the home of Stella and Stanley Kowalski, portrayed by Anne Louise Brings and Robert Scott Smith respectively. The Kowalskis live in a small studio apartment, with only a curtain to separate their bed from the rest of their living space. Into this squalid scene strolls Stella's sister Blanche DuBois, played by April Fossen, who has taken leave from her teaching job after suffering a self-proclaimed nervous breakdown.

As the performance plays out Blanche presents herself as a wronged southern belle who has suffered a lot of heartbreak. Blanche has lost the DuBois family home, known as Belle Reve, and the rest of her family as well, leaving her to seek refuge with her prodigal sister. In her younger days Stella rejected the "proper" upbringing of her past for the tempestuous relationship she shares with Stanley. Stanley is what could be called a man's man, and a provider, but also a drunken lout.

The audience sees Stanley abuse Stella and his friends verbally and physically. The chief source of conflict is the relationship between Stanley and Blanche, as he thinks she's vain and fussy, and she thinks he's a brute. During her stay with the Kowalski's, Blanche is introduced to Stan's friend Mitch, played by Lonzo Liggins. Mitch and Blance, but Stanley cannot stand the idea of her stealing away one of his friends, and resolves to push her out of his life for good. Stan uncovers the secrets Blanche has kept from her remaining family and sets out to show everyone the truth, much to Blanche's dismay. The play comes to a climax as what little Blanche has left is torn from her.

As always, The Grand Theatre offers one free ticket to SLCC students and up to four additional tickets at half price. Ticket prices for A Streetcar Named Desire range from \$14 to \$22. Additionally, The Grand Theatre now supports its own mobile app, which can be found on the Apple App Store or on Google Play. The app hosts special interviews with the cast and crew of current and previous shows, along with updates on everything happening with The Grand Theatre, including audition dates. Users can even purchase tickets directly through the app. The next production showing at The Grand Theatre after Streetcar will be Hairspray, playing May 11th to June 3rd.



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Student government an opportunity for service

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Student Life & Leadership is SLCC's student government. Its purpose, beyond organizing events and programs for the student body, is to give its members and volunteers real world experience and skills.

Student Government is split into three regions. Sydney Cahoon is Vice President for the North Region. She first involved herself in student government at student orientation.

"It was really funny," she says, "the orientation was on a Monday so I applied Monday night. I got a call on Tuesday for the interviews. The interviews were on Wednesday. And then I got a call Wednesday night and started my job on Thursday."

The position was as Historian for the President's Board. She documented and recorded the Executive council through photos, videos, and social media services. It was from her next position as Video Chair on Publicity and Advertising that she ran for North Region Vice President.

This year, she informs me, South City Campus will house a Bruin Fitness Center. It's been a goal for many North Region VP's but she insisted making it a priority and went about getting it done.

"I've held different positions throughout high school with different clubs and sports, but this has provided a real life situation where I'm in charge of all these people. [...] I lobby up at the capitol so I know how that process works. I make changes that affect everyday students."

Student government is there to serve students in all ways. "One of our main goals," Anthony Bible, North Region Daytime Planning Event Chair, says, "is getting our word out there and getting students to know that we plan events for them and for them directly."

Connor Holt, who might be familiar from recent elections, is Executive Vice President of SL&L and president of its senate at the Central Region. At first, Holt was uncertain to run for the position (his sights were previously on Student Association President) but he quickly warmed to the idea.

"I got a little more excited about it because it's something I love to do. I served an LDS mission and as a missionary I got to talk to people every single day. And so when I realized that's what this [position] was doing, like, that's avvesome. I was super excited because I love helping people and I love being able just to talk to people."

"As senators we actually have a lot of power to help students," Holt says. Senators speak directly to deans, associate deans and college directors. There are even senate positions for and representative of the School of Arts, School of Humanities, School of Health Sciences, and each school region.

One thing Holt urges of his peers is to get involved. Student government is there to give a voice to those who would otherwise go unnoticed and to teach them leadership skills.

"It's just such an awesome opportunity," Holt says, "and is something that is for anyone who wants to become a leader, to have fun, to meet new friends—new people."

The application is straightforward and can be done online at the SL&L website by following the instructions under the "Get Involved" link. There are a diverse array of positions available, and it's likely a student can find one specialized to their interests and likes.

Cahoon maintains her time with SL&L was well spent. "This is going to help me with my career--with my next step--because I have experience in all these different fields that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise."

Fundraiser offers pizza for pumpkins

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The SLCC Social Work Club held a fundraiser Thursday, March 16 at Mellow Mushroom Pizza to help raise money for this year's Halloween project. In conjunction with the University of Utah, the SLCC Social Work Club raised funds to provide a safe place for kids to trick or treat. The fundraiser will provide pumpkins for the kids to take home as part of the Officers Hallow Project.

Money was raised by inviting people to come have lunch with the club at the Mellow Mushroom Pizza, where 20% of their meal would be donated to the Social Work Club to support their efforts in the Halloween project. The fundraiser kicked off at 11 A.M and went until to 1 P.M.

The aroma of pizza in the air and a great atmosphere created the perfect environment for hungry donors. The friendly club members were quick to invite people to come sit at their table and share good conversation while enjoying good food for a good cause.

Daniel Poole, an Assistant Professor of Sociology at SLCC and the clubs advisor, stated that the Social Work Club meets every Wednesday at the alumni room at the South City Campus at 11:30 A.M. Visitors are welcome to stop by to sit in on the meetings. Poole added that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities for anybody looking for service hours or just the experience.

The Social Work Club also runs the Bruin

Cupboard which provides services for students that need help with food or sanitary health supplies. For more information the club meets every Wednesday at 11:30 A.M. at the alumni room at the South City Campus where those interested are encouraged to ask questions to learn more about the club or even join. They also have a website at slcc.orgsync.com/org/ socialworkeassociation or email Danial directly at daniel.poole@slcc.edu

Service work is invaluable to those in need of help and makes the community and school a better and more enjoyable experience for all. It also brings people together and promotes problem solving.





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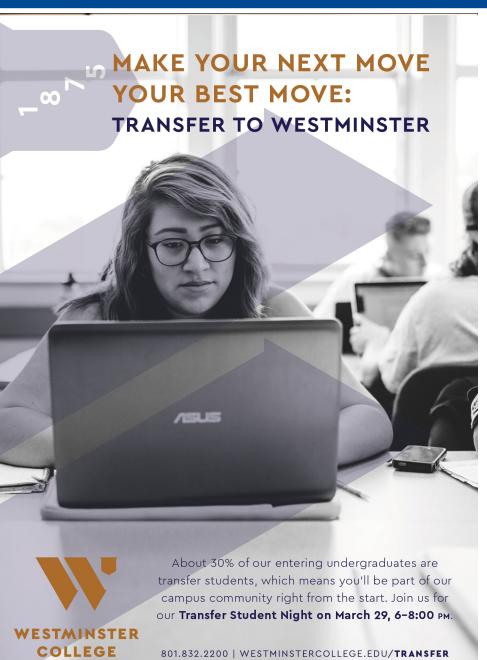


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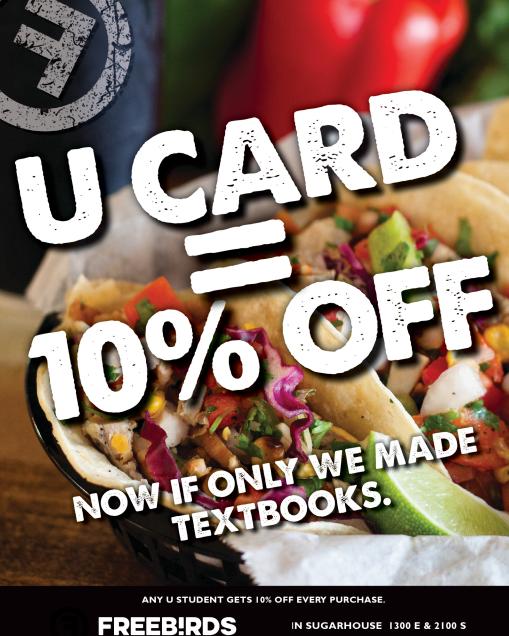








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Springfest 2017 welcomes both innies and outies

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Belly dancing by Thia's SpringFest 2017 welcomed Salt Lake Community College's own Belly Dance Club for the first time this year.

The club was started at the beginning of fall semester and is supervised by Anna West, who is the resident belly dance instructor. West has been belly dancing since 2003 and began teaching it in 2007, she started teaching at SLCC in 2013.

In an interview, club members Delaney McNulty, and Kassidy Ricks, who have both been belly dancing for under a year, said their favorite things about belly dancing is the community and body positivity that is found amongst those who participate. SpringFest is one of the few major community events for belly dance held each year.

"We call it belly dance Christmas, a lot of us. We tend to have a slower season in January and February, so this is when everyone brings out their new costumes they worked on all winter and their new choreography."

says West. "A lot of the time, not always, we repeat those numbers the rest of the year. This is like everyone is reunited, we're a tight knit community, and everybody brings out their new stuff they've been working on and we shake off winter. My favorite thing about it is that it's such a big event, and I like that this event is family oriented."

Along with live dancing, Springfest offers a plethora of merchandise ranging from costumes and jewelry, to temporary henna tattoos and chocolates. The event spans the day from 11 A.M. to 8 P.M. with performances scheduled back to back. The concession stand boasts Mediterranean treats such as hummus and Greek food. West encourages more students to get involved with belly dance.

belly dance.

"There seems to be some kind of idea that there's an expected body type in belly dance, or an expected gender, or an expected role, or identity, and there's not,"

says West. "Learn more about belly dance before you

rule it out because it's the most welcoming, accepting art form in the world.

She goes on to recommend that students interested in joining the belly dance club can greatly benefit from taking the belly dance class Mondays and Wednesdays over the upcoming summer semester. She also states that the most important thing for those who are thinking of joining is to be committed, stick with it and be sure to attend every meeting.

"It's fantastic exercise and great way to meet new friends, and keep your mind healthy as well," says West.

The belly dance club currently meets on Mondays at 4 P.M. but is flexible to the needs of its members and changes each semester to facilitate different schedules. Club members participate in two major events and a service project each year. Some of the perks of joining a club include letters of recommendation and eligibility for a \$500 scholarship.

Aviation: permanently grounded

Photos by Allison Hutto

North Region Vice President, Sydney Cahoon, joined several other members of Student Life and Leadership to sponsor the Aviation Q and A on Monday in the cafeteria of South City Campus.





Hayder Hussein and his classmates shared the impact the aviation program has had on them and how the discontinuation of the program will impact their careers.

Many students in the program have already had multiple job offers, and the field is in such high demand that students are regularly recruited by employers while they are still finishing their degree.





Student in the Aviation program answered questions ranging from their background to job prospects, and shared how they find aviation to be a lucrative and fulfilling career path.

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Five steps to finish spring strong

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As we start back to school after spring break it can sometimes be difficult to stay motivated, and to keep up with your studies.

When discussing spring break with many of the faculty members they all mentioned they notice a large number of students don't come back to class after spring break. Informally it has been projected up to 32% of SLCC students drop out of school after spring break.

When talking to Jordan Franson in regards to what was the hardest for her after spring break, she said, "Knowing I could have caught up on so many different assignments but instead did nothing."

Some teachers have chosen to have their midterms due right before, during or right after spring break which for some could be overwhelming and burn you out.

There are many other reasons people may drop out after spring break other than being burned out. Many may believe they have good enough grade and can skate by the rest of the semester. Some grades are so bad, why bother even trying any more.

How do we stay motivated to finish out the semester strong instead of just giving up?

When talking to Taylore Davis, an SLCC student and Scottish games thrower who needs to stay motivated through everything she does said, "Even when I'm exhausted from work or school I just have to keep my priorities straight and remember what I want in the long run."

Here are 5 tips which will keep you motivated

Set goals

When we set goals like Taylore has it helps you remember what you want in the long run. Make short term and long term goals that will keep you on the path to- your end goal. Write down those goals and place them somewhere that you will see them often. This will help you stay focused and motivated on your desired result. Don't give up, no matter how tired you may be. Your hard work and focus will be well worth it in the end.

Stay organized

When you write things down you are more likely to remember it. Buy a planner and write and organize what you have to do from daily to weekly to monthly. Understanding what is next helps you keep on track of your end goal to finish the semester strong.

Find ways to stay focused

Start to think about what is coming and how the end or the semester is getting so much closer sometimes things get lost and forgotten about. We need to find ways to focus. There are studies that show when you have a clean work space you can concentrate a little better. We also have many more things in our world that make it harder to concentrate so turn off your Facebook and Netflix for 2 hours and see if that will help.

Fight off procrastination

It's easy to say, "It can wait, I don't need to do this right now." Well time is short, you have one month before the semester is over. Break down what you have left, what day you have that test, what day you

have a big project due. Plan what you need to do to get done before the certain assignment is due. Focus on those projects, finish your projects faster and enjoy the end of the semester even sooner.

Reward yourself

The best thing to keep you motivated is to have an end reward. When you have something to look forward to in the end it can be your greatest motivation. These can be anything from a new pair of shoes or the newest and greatest game. You could even plan a great trip that you can look forward to only if you accomplish your goals for the end of the semester.

Follow these small tips and they may help you keep on track to have an amazing end to your semester. The academic standards department has a workshop on March 21 & 22 called Stay Motivated, that will give you more ideas on how to stay motivated to the end. For more information slcc.edu/academic-achievement-center/workshops.aspx

Many suggestions can be made for how to be the best student you can be, but the most valuable advice is to be the best you you can be.



