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Bomb squad defuses 'suspicious item'

Classes canceled
after unusual item
found in Building C.

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Students and employees were evacuated from the B, C and D Building at the LAC after two students found a suspicious item inside the men's restroom Tuesday, March 26, around 2 p.m.

Classes in all three buildings were canceled immediately, with Parking Lot H and a portion of Parking Lot I also evacuated, while the Long Beach Police and Fire Department handled the ongoing situation.

Lt. Julie Prior said officers responded right away after being notified of the suspicious object and determined the Los Angeles County Bomb Squad should access the device.

Prior said, "The college community is encouraged to immediately report any suspicious activity to the campus police by calling 911."

Campus police said the item found at the scene met the criteria of an explosive device. However, Prior said that due to ongoing investigations, the object will not be described and added that the incident will be handled by the violent crimes detail.

Campus officials sent out an



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CRISIS AVERTED: Long Beach Fire Department respond to the discovery of a possible explosive device in the Building C men's restroom. Students and employees were evacuated from the B, C and D buildings about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27.

emergency text update to students and employees, who signed up for the emergency mobile text alerts through the school website, immediately following the situation.

Karmina Limfueco, 19, a radiology major, said, "Two guys from my class found something wrapped in black tape with wires sticking out inside the bathroom and contacted campus security right away."

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's bomb squad brought out a

bomb-defusing robot to the scene and detonated the suspicious device at 3:40 p.m.

Building D was reopened and classes for the evening were resumed after the bomb squad removed the suspicious item and rendered it safe. Students were requested to use the north and east exits of the campus, toward the E Building and Clark Avenue, and to not use the south exits toward the C Building. Buildings B and C remained closed throughout the evening and reopened Wednesday,

March 27 as further investigations continued.

Patricia Peters, 48, also a radiology major, said she was glad LBCC is "taking the situation seriously" before she commended the police and fire department for a "phenomenal turnout."

When asked if the situation was a hoax in regards to midterms, Liz Nash, a biology teacher, said, "As long as students have been able to do it, they've done it."

In regards to the penalty for the people responsible for the in-

cident, Prior said it is the job of the police to be involved and investigate the situation, but added that it is up to the judicial court to review the case.

If caught, the suspects involved with the bomb will be charged with the California Penal Code 12303.2 PC for carrying or possessing destructive devices or explosives in certain prohibited places. The penal code also states that if a person is in possession of

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Mini Grand Prix returns for 38th year

By KRISTIN GRAFFT
Staff Writer

The 38th annual Mini Grand Prix is returning to LBCC on Thursday, April 18, with racing go-carts, a chili cook off and even a royal court.

One of the college's biggest traditions, the Mini Grand Prix festivities have been passed down for years. Even the go-carts are inherited from past alumni within the clubs. This year, however, the event has been moved from a Saturday to a Thursday.

Leading up to the big day, students are also welcome to attend the time trials. They are run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9 at the LAC and Thursday, April 11 at the PCC.

The trials will determine the rankings of the teams based on how fast they make it around a



40-yard track.

Sandra Hickman, 21, theater major, participated last year and will be competing again this year with the club Teens 'N Twenties. "The prac-

tices were actually more stressful that the actual Mini Grand Prix. The Mini Grand Prix was actually pretty fun," she said.

Hickman also is participating in the chili cook off, which

will be presented on the LAC Quad from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. Contestants will be judged based on the taste of their chili and their presentation and spirit.

Contestants also may win a people's choice award, so students are encouraged to attend and listen to the live band while tasting the chili.

The festivities culminate on April 18 starting at 10:45 a.m. with the lead parade of carts. The parade is followed by the announcement of the royal king and queen of the Mini Grand Prix, one of whom also will be awarded a \$250 scholarship.

Applications for the royal court were due by noon on Friday, March 22 followed by an interview process. Brian Reid, the Associated Student Body athletics representative, said, "We will try to get the candidate who will best represent the students."

The races then begin at 11:15 a.m. and the awards will be presented at 1 p.m.

Blaze clears the Library

By ARIEEL ALCARAZ
City Style Editor

Students from the LAC Library were evacuated because of a fire in the men's restroom on Thursday, March 21.

Students were waiting patiently outside the building waiting to return to their studies inside the building. LBCC student, Jessica Logo, 21, an undecided major, said, "We were just all doing our work when the alarm went off."

Logo was in the second floor of the building when she heard the alarm go off. She said she wasn't sure what to do. When the alarm went off, everyone in the room was looking at each other, she said.

The second floor was evacuated smoothly. The staff stayed behind to make sure everyone got out safely, she said.

Another student, Jermaine T., 30, a math major, witnessed the fire, was studying for a test on the first floor across from where the fire happened. He and his peers were all being escorted out of the building. "I saw smoke coming out," he said.

LBCC police and fire department officials have not caught the suspect who started the fire. The Long Beach fire officials suspected a lit object, cigarette or a match could have started it.



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OFFICIALS: Long Beach Fire Department officials clear the men's restroom in the Library's first floor. A trash can's contents were set ablaze by an unknown person. The fire was contained and quickly extinguished Thursday, March 23, at the LAC.

Cabinet accepts \$10,000 donation

Barnes and Nobles provides money for new additions.

By JESUS HERNANDEZ
Editor in Chief

The ASB Cabinet met March 18 and 25 to review new additions to the Cabinet, discuss possibilities of what to do with a Barnes & Noble donation and condense some committees.

After an hour-long workshop that mainly revolved around allowing Cabinet members to voice their points of view in an appropriate way, Kenneth Jones was PCC Club Senate president March 18.

During the meeting March 25, two vacant seats were after an interview process earlier that day. Payne, Troia and ASB President Josh Lorenzini reviewed three candidates for the vacant vice president seat while recommending one person to the Cabinet for the vacant secretary position.

The three Cabinet members recommended Amanda Ford to be the secretary and she was describes as having "her main focus is serving the students."

After reporting their notes on the three vice-presidential hopefuls, the Cabinet voted by ballot for their new vice president. Maria Lopez, former ASB secretary, won the election with eight votes, Kim Thomsen received two votes and Aquil Adam got none despite making a strong impression on the review committee.

In the March 11 ASB meeting, Kristen Payne, ASB treasurer, announced that Barnes & Noble donated \$10,000 to the

students and is at the digression of the Cabinet to use as they see fit. The donation will be made annually though it must be used by the end of every school year because it doesn't carry over to the next.

Despite initial suggestions suggesting the Cabinet split the money evenly among both campuses, Troia said, "I recommend we allocate all \$10,000 to the PCC because they don't have as many amenities."

Other ideas included Building E amenities, insurance for hot-food events on campus, an ice-maker, microwaves, an ASB camera and more.

Even though the donation was mentioned in three meetings, by the end of the March 25 meeting, no final decision was made.

I've heard concerns by students that after 2 p.m. on Fridays, they can't find food.

—Andrea Donado
PCC cultural affairs

The Auxiliary Board has been reviewing new food contracts and said it should have

made a decision by Spring Break. One of the vendors was said to be anti-food truck but got city approval for a food pavilion at LBCC. Further details about vendors were not providing.

Andrea Donado, PCC cultural affairs representative, said, "I've heard concerns by students that after 2 p.m. on Fridays, they can't find food on campus."

Derek Orie, ASB adviser, mentioned as the meeting came to an end the ASB will be given 20 staff parking permits for "student leaders" and will be split evenly among both campuses.

The next ASB meeting will be Monday, April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Valhala Room in the LAC E Building.

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Get your kicks on route 176

BY ARIANNA SMITH AND
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Staff Writers

Long Beach Transit established a new bus route connecting the PCC and LAC. Route 176 is a “zap” route that runs every 30 minutes excluding holidays and weekends.

The route is called a zap because it excludes certain stops to ensure passengers reach their destinations faster. The route travels similarly to the 171, 111 and 112. It starts at the Cabrillo Villages on Pacific Coast Highway, passing the PCC, passed the Long Beach Airport and past LBCC on Clark Avenue to Lakewood Center Mall.

The 176 route advertises itself as, “a faster way to get things done and play.” Not only does it take you between both campuses, it also goes to places frequently visited in the area, the Lakewood Mall Metro Blue Line and restaurant now.

The new route, which started Monday, Feb. 4, has been a great

convenience to LBCC students. Bianaca Higgins, 21, a speech therapy major, said, “I live on Redondo and PCH and usually I would have to take two buses, but now I only have to take one.”

Angelina Monteras, 19, a communications major, said, “It is nice that it only takes 15 minutes from where I live to get to school since it skips stops. If I’m running late, I’m not too worried and I can sleep a litter later.”

Higgins also likes the fact the needs of LBCC students are met. “It’s made for LBCC students and I like that,” she said. Monteras mentions the fact that Cal State Long Beach students had a similar line.

She added, “I always thought it was cool idea that Cal State had the 171 bus, which caters to the students and I always thought we (LBCC students) should also have the same.”

For more information, people may check the Long Beach Transit website for a complete schedule of stops and running times at lbtransit.com.



JASON GASTRICH/VIKING

TRANSPORTATION: The new Long Beach Transit bus 176 stops at LBCC before taking students to their next destination.

The Long Beach Transit 176 route advertises itself as, “a faster way to get things done and play.” Not only does it take you between both campuses, it also goes to places frequently visited in the area, like the Lakewood Mall, the

Metro Blue line and restaurant row.

New options are attractive to students who live close to campus without a vehicle and students who live outside the city and commute with the train.

Attendance and transportation play a big part in making sure LBCC students are successful. It also eliminates a lot of stress from having to drive or walk.

3 students honored in an academic journal

BY GABRIELA MENDOZA
Staff Writer

The Honors Transfer of California’s Conference research conference was Saturday, March 23 at the University of Irvine, involving more than 50 California Community Colleges.

The conference provides students the opportunity to share the results of their research, generated in honors classes, in a public setting.

Reem Halabi, Miranda Arciaga and Student Trustee Jason Troia gave individual presentations on their research concerning teaching habits, student study habits, and the media’s influence on grassroots political movements.

Each gave a 12-minute presentation, with a 5-minute period for questions, to a room full of students and mentors.

Halabi’s presentation, titled “Redefining Math”, discussed the manner in which students are taught math. Halabi said she chose the topic because she has seen even the brightest students struggle with math. She argued that teachers lack emphasis on the

how and why aspects of math.

“Students are so focused on getting the right answer that they forget how to solve it,” said Halabi, 19, a microbiology major.

Halabi said too many math students in the U.S. are taught to reference their textbook while solving problems and to seek the answer from the book afterward. “How many times in real life are

Students are so focused on getting the right answer that they forget how to solve it.

—Reem Halabi
Microbiology major

we given the answers? The answer is never. Following such a pattern is what kills creativity,” Halabi said.

Arciaga presented research, produced with her partner Henry Ruff, on student study habits.

Arciaga, 19, a double major in English and psychology, said, “What made the paper interesting is that whatever I learned while researching the paper could be applied to the improvement of my study skills.”

Troia researched the media’s influence on grassroots political groups.

Troia, 32, an English literature and history major, said, “It is a work on how mainstream media sometimes sensationalizes minor elements of protest movements, wielding their power to silence them in some cases.”

Troia cited the Occupy movement and the Tea Party in his research. “I’d like people to realize that their most basic liberties can be threatened in indirect ways, either through censorship of speech or sensationalism of what one says,” Troia said.

Students who present work at the conference are eligible for financial scholarships and the chance to submit their research for publication.

Arciaga, Troia and Ruff had their work published in the journal. The publication may be found as “HTCC Building Bridges 2012” on amazon.com for about \$6, or on creatspace.com for the same price.

Honors coordinator Maureen Mason help guided the students.

aliation invited students to the Nordic Lounge to learn about Chavez and the impact he left on labor and the engineers screened a documentary on Chavez’s life.

Chavez was a union leader and labor organizer who dedicated his life to improving farmers’ working conditions.

Pagan club to host spirituality panel

BY JENNIFER RUFF
Staff Writer

From an atheist, a Scientologist, a Zen Buddhist, a Satanist and a Wiccan, students can learn more about each belief at the spirituality panel hosted by the Pagan Club.

The event will be Thursday, May 9 from noon-2 p.m. in a reserved room in the T Building at the LAC. Anyone is welcome to attend. At past panels, the club has featured speakers for the Asatru, Christianity, Wicca and Native American beliefs.

Club president Marco Sanchez, 19, a primatology major, said he loves to discuss different spiritualities and is a big believer in zen and meditation. He said by being a part of the club, “as a person, (it has) made me stronger.”

Sanchez said if people are lost in their lives, the club can help them find their path with information about different belief systems. He said Paganism is an umbrella term for different spiritualities and members focus on personal improvement.

Regarding members, Sanchez said, “What they get out of this is what they put in” and through the club, they can become stronger, less selfish and meet new people. The club has roughly 15-20 members and enrolled students are welcome to join.

Although the club has gained a bad reputation on campus from some prayer clubs, San-

chez said it’s a common misconception that they’re “just worshipping the devil.” Sanchez said, “We are good people” and they don’t deny other clubs because “it’s good to have faith.”

Leon Manning, 21, a fire science major, said, “Most people don’t know about the Pagan Club” and for that reason, society may look negatively on the club. Manning was walking around the LAC Quad on Monday, March 25 asking students to join him in a Bible study around noon.

Courtney Hogg, 18, a business major, said, “The club is about discovering what you want to believe and we support individual growth.” She said while most clubs on campus are “a specific thing,” she has been able to learn about different beliefs from people who actively practice it, as opposed to reading it just from a textbook.

Personal beliefs among members varies, but conflicts don’t exist because they’re curious to learn and accept anybody, she said. Hogg also said the spirituality panel will be “what the Pagan Club is about,” similar to an extended club meeting.

The location for the panel will be confirmed Thursday, March 28 and students may contact Sanchez for more information at (562) 884-4695 or email him at slenderwolf23@gmail.com. The Pagan Club meets Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. on the M Building lawn, between M and N, at the LAC.

Clubs celebrate Chavez’s life

BY JACK VOGT
Staff Writer

The Puente Club, the Coalition for Latino Advancement and the Society of Mexican American Engineers dedicated their time to celebrate the work of labor leader Cesar Chavez on

Monday- Wednesday, March 25-27.

Open to students, each club gave a unique presentation.

The Puente Club hosted a forum, encouraging students to share their thoughts about Chavez and his work. The co-

Counselor runs for state union president's post

By JASON GASTRICH
Staff Writer

LBCC's Department Head of Counseling DeWayne Sheaffer, the Community College Association's secretary, is running for state union president against vice president Lynette Nyaggah.

Whoever receives the most votes for the volunteer position will serve for two years. Voting will take place at the CCA's Spring conference in San Diego, from April 26-28. According to their flyer, the term will last from June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2015.

CCA is "the higher education affiliate of the California Teachers Association, the largest and most influential professional association of educators in the state with more than 340,000 members," according to their web site, cca4me.org. They discuss and consider legislation that will impact community college students and faculty.

Sheaffer said, "Our current president has done a fabulous job. I'm running on a platform that the CCA is relevant for the future. I will continue to develop rela-

tionships with locals, coalitions and like-minded organizations and we may seek membership with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, which is the local chapter of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations or AFL-CIO. The CCA is always morphing because of its (diverse) membership."

Since 1996, Sheaffer has been working at LBCC. During that time, he served as the local chapter president for four years.

Sheaffer said the VP may be the obvious choice, but he has worked with the CCA president, attended Board of Governors meetings, met with public leaders, spoke on behalf of the president at national conferences and met with prominent people in the community.

"I'm looking for a challenge. We can't be complacent or think we can do it on our own. We have to work with other organizations. I will support our mission," Sheaffer said. CCA president Ron Reel

will retire after three terms or six years of service, which is the maximum length. Vice president Nyaggah has served as VP for six years, so her position will be voted on and filled, too. Brad Reynolds, a parliamentarian, is running uncontested for vice president.

Proposition 30, Governor Jerry Brown's plan to raise taxes to avoid cutting school funding, was passed in part because of the CCA's efforts, said Sheaffer. He also said Proposition 32 didn't pass, in part, because of their hard work joining hands and voting against it.

"We have a lot of younger people we need to educate about the association. People seek the group when they're in a quagmire of some sort and they need an explanation or support. We've talked with faculty and the administration and although people don't always agree, you have to be cordial, state your mind, own your mistakes and learn from them," Sheaffer said.

I will support our mission

—DeWayne Sheaffer
Community college secretary

Star party dazzles gazers

By ELIZA DE LA FLOR
Staff Wier

Astronomy professor Mike MacCallum's Monday night class sponsored a "star party" in Veterans Stadium at the LAC for LBCC students, employees, and interested members of the community.

The event ran from 7 – 10 p.m. on March 25. Participants were welcomed by a handmade sign declaring "star party" and an arrow pointing to the field. Several telescopes focused on celestial objects like Earth's moon, Jupiter and its moons, the stars Sirius and Betelgeuse and the Pleiades star cluster. Three telescopes were

provided by the school, and three others by participants.

Karina Smith, 20, an undeclared major, was attending her first star party. Smith said, "I took the lecture last semester and I enjoyed it very much so I decided it would be a good lab. I like understanding the universe." Talking about her views through the telescopes, Smith said, "I looked at everything, and it's hard to compare because they're all so different. Looking at far-away things like this gives you some perspective."

Skye Santana, 20, an administration of justice major, also took the Astronomy lecture class and was attending her first star party.

Santana described the night as, "So interesting. There isn't anything you can't see when you point a telescope at it." Her favorite view was of Earth's moon.

Santana said earlier in the night she had been able to see craters on the surface of Earth's moon. He added, the class goes to the roof of the D building to observe astronomical events like comets or planets in favorable viewing positions. The planetarium is in D-326 on the third floor.

MacCallum said another party is planned for 7-10 p.m., April 17, hosted by the Wednesday night astronomy class at the stadium.

LBCC supports foreign plan

By TONIA CIANCANELLI
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Through the State Trade and Export Promotion grant, LBCC supported 23 small businesses to attend a cosmetology convention in Bologna, Italy in early March.

As part of the Small Business Administration, the college had an opportunity to apply for the grant, along with all other SBA members nationwide.

The grant's objectives, according to sba.gov, are to "increase the number of small businesses that are exporting and to increase the value of exports for those small businesses that are currently exporting."

Other participating partners include the Chamber of Commerce, the Center for International Trade Development, the Chancellor's Office and the governor's

office.

LBCC Executive Vice President Lou Anne Bynum said since last year, the 12 businesses funded to attend the trade show collectively earned \$13 million in export sales and tapped into 27 different markets in other countries, validating the decision to send nearly double the businesses this year.

Two staff members from the Center for International Trade Development will accompany the businesses, Bynum said, clearing notions that the Board or administrators were invited to the events.

In a special Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, March 12, student trustee Jason Troia questioned how the trip supports local businesses when more than 25 percent of the small businesses who attended the conference are from Northern California.

Bynum clarified, saying it is all part of the same grants program. Northern California members send small businesses from Southern California as well, based on which industry sectors are prosperous in a particular area. She said each area is responsible for identifying and supporting industry sectors that will benefit the community and create jobs.

Students and community members questioned the Board's judgment in supporting the trade shows while LBCC is discontinuing 11 programs.

District 3 Trustee Mark Bowen said voting down the trade shows would not provide a "single dime for our general fund. If I could see a way for this to go to our classes, if there was something I could do, I would."



DEZ'TINE THOMAS/VIKING

INVOLVEMENT: Janet Hund announces the People's State of the City on Thursday, April 11. She invited LBCC students to the 2nd annual event. The Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy helped her become involved. The program focuses on issues residents face and solutions.

Prof advocates for People's State of City

Social science teacher invites students to April 11 event to focus on problems in L.B.

By RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Writer

The Coalition for Good Jobs and a Healthy Community is hosting the second-annual People's state of the city conference April 11 in response to the mayor's state of Long Beach address.

The goal of the conference is to offer an alternate narrative of the happenings in Long Beach and to discuss solu-

tions to the problems raised. Last year's conference included discussions about housing, the environment, safety, health, education and immigration.

The primarily volunteer-run conference will be at Grace United Methodist Church, 2325 E. 3rd St., Long Beach, 90814.

Sign-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and includes a meet-and-greet and comment cards, followed by a slide show and video presentation. Topics will be discussed in separate breakout sessions from around 6-8 p.m.

Last year's slide show included slides on poverty, violent crimes, foreclosures and voter turn-out.

The conference is the by-product of a report entitled *The Tale of Two Cities* by the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, which focused on the poverty-stricken areas

of Long Beach.

Social science professor and community activist Janét Hund gave details about this year's and last year's event at a press conference at LBCC in the English lounge, P115, on March 18.

Hund was the leader of the education discussion last year and said the huge draw was overwhelming. She did not expect around 300 people to attend, but expects that number for this year.

Co-sponsors for the conference are LBCC Community Studies, Long Beach Area Peace Network, Long Beach Time Exchange, Immigrant Rights, the Center of Long Beach and the LBCC civic engagement club.

LBCC student trustee Jason Troia, speaking on behalf of the Civic Engagement

Club, said the club has agreed to do two or three presentations, but was not guaranteed a time slot. He said the conference is a way to inform the community about topics affecting LBCC, such as program discontinuances and the Long Beach College Promise.

"The conference is an opportunity to get our voice out to the community," Troia said, "a way to give an unfiltered perspective."

All Long Beach residents are invited and the event is free. The indoor event includes food and a free child-watch program for parents to leave their children supervised while they attend the conference. A community organizer for the Coalition, Nikole Cababa, may be reached at goodjobslongbeach@gmail.com for questions regarding the event.

A way to give an unfiltered perspective

—Jason Troia
Student Trustee



JACOB ROSBOROUGH/VIKING

MOBILE NEWS: Doug Hemmig, left, a marketing manager for C-SPAN, shows Charlotte Joseph, a political science teacher, and Colin O'Conner, 19, a marine biology major, the interactive tour bus that travels around the country to university and colleges around the nation providing information about the network and website.

C-SPAN bus brings politics and news to LBCC

BY JASON GASTRICH
Copy Chief

C-SPAN's digital bus visited LBCC's LAC on Friday, March 15 and invited students to use the interactive, touch-screen computers to learn about their website, television programs and the three branches of government.

Visiting colleges across America, the new-looking, air-conditioned, 45-foot digital bus features four large, high definition, touch-screen TVs, two laptops, a long sofa and several other TVs. It introduces students and teachers to shows like "BookTV," "American History TV" and the new weekly show featuring presidential first ladies.

C-SPAN's community relations representative Doug Hemmig gave tours and answered questions. He said, "Elizabeth Monroe and Louisa Catherine Adams will be featured next on 'First Ladies: Influence & Image.'" Airing Mondays at 9 p.m., historians discuss the temperament, habits, jewelry and uniqueness of each U.S. president's wife.

The C-SPAN bus' quizzes include 10 multiple choice questions about the powers of the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government. At times, short video clips articulate the answer. When each quiz ends, the student receives a score from 1 to 10.

The event occurred on a Friday afternoon when most students don't have school or visit the campus.

Jose Medina, 24, a journalism major, said, "I heard about that bus from another student. I didn't see it because I had to work on Friday, but I'd like to see it next time."

C-SPAN demonstrated how students can follow the 113th U.S. Congress on its website in a section called Congressional Chronicle. People may watch recorded videos of Senate and House proceedings and read official transcripts in the Congressional Record. Visitors may also find information about every U.S. senator, representative and member of a congressional committee. Their voting records and details, along with passed and rejected bills are archived online.

Visitors to c-span.org's video library can play State of the Union addresses from 1988 until now. Links to about 200 videos recorded between August 2009 and March 2013, from Bill Clinton to Margaret Thatcher to the presidential primaries, are archived and cataloged in C-SPAN's video library blog. Sen. Rand Paul's March 6 filibuster of President Obama's CIA director nominee, John Brennan, is at the top of the list.

Hemmig said, "We've archived 160,000 hours of programming on our website. Every program we've aired since 1987 is online now."

The social studies brochure emphasizes a free membership program for teachers who want lesson plans, special offers, summer fellowships and to exchange ideas with other teachers. It also mentions how events may be seen live on their television station or website.

C-SPAN is not funded by the U.S. government and its liberal copyright policy encourages students and teachers to use their resources for educational purposes.

Voyager connects campuses

BY ALONA LEFLER AND
DAMONE WILLIAMS
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LBCC's free shuttle helps students and staff save time and money on commuting from campus to campus.

The shuttle is appropriately named the Viking Voyager because of LBCC's mascot, the Vikings. The shuttle bus takes students to and from the LAC and the PCC.

The shuttle seats 24 people and it carries up to two wheel chairs. The shuttle runs on compressed natural gas, which is environmentally friendly and a lot less damaging to the environment than gasoline.

The service is free to students with a current student ID card and sticker and free to employees. The ASB and administrative services co-sponsor LBCC's free

shuttle.

Pick-up locations for the shuttle departing from the LAC are on Clark Avenue and Carson Street and Veterans Stadium.

The shuttle's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

I think this service is awesome.

—Samantha Gillmore
LBCC student

Shuttles are available every 30 minutes.

The ride from

the LAC to the PCC takes about 30 minutes.

LBCC student Samantha Gillmore, 25, said, "I think this service is awesome. It's definitely saved me so much time and money compared to taking the city's public transportation. The shuttle is so much faster than the Long Beach Transit's bus lines."

Most of the students inter-


viewed were satisfied with the shuttle. A number of students expressed how a bike rack could improve the shuttle service. One proposal suggested operating the bus after 7 p.m.

Phillip Rivera, 29, said, "This shuttle has definitely made my class schedule planning a lot more open due to the fact that I now can commute from one campus to the next within 30 minutes. Also, the service, is free of charge. Who can beat that?"

The Viking Voyager shuttle is a free, easy and fast way for students and staff to travel to and from the campuses.

Jaffar Holmes, 20, a freshman, attends classes at both campuses and said, "Using the shuttle saves me a lot of time and money. As soon as I am done with one class, I hope on the shuttle and it takes me straight to the next campus."

Contact LBCC's Shuttle Committee with questions or comments. LBCC's website has the schedule for both campuses.



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Forum explains program discontinuance

Most classes retained, but a few will be cut.

By **JESUS HERNANDEZ**
Editor in Chief

In front of an audience of around 100 people, President Eloy Oakley sponsored a forum to further explain the discontinuance process Friday, March 1.

The process that has been going on for more than a year resulted in 11 programs cut, 19 full-time teachers reductions and six classified staff being let go. The affected staff includes a studio lab assistant, a photo lab technician, an instructional tool-room maintenance mechanic and vocational instructor technicians in auto mechanics, welding and diesel mechanics.

Despite programs being cut, Oakley stressed that the Board of Trustees and the teachers union are working together at being able to offer as many courses as they can, which would still prepare LBCC students to enter the workforce despite the programs no longer existing as of Fall 2013. The only courses not being offered

in the future will be auto body, aviation maintenance and interior design.

The cuts not only affect the staff, but according to the Board, they will be affecting 1,661 students who represent 6.1 percent of the total student population.

The reductions to management positions are 5.25 full-time equivalent positions and seven classified management lay-offs, but 31 new classified positions will be created.

The total savings the school will see is projected to be \$2.4 million from the discontinuances and \$800,000 from the staff reorganizing Oakley said. "This will go a long way in closing the deficit," said Oakley.

Vice President of Administrative Services Ann-Marie Gabel, Vice President of Human Resources Rose DelGaudio, Vice President of Student Services Greg Peterson, Executive Vice President of College Advancement and Economic Development Lou Anne Bynum and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gaither Lowenstein and Oakley were all addressed in the question and answer portion of the forum.

Tammy Lespron, program as-



JACOB ROSBOROUGH/VIKING

Taking Flak: President Eloy Oakley addresses teacher concerns regarding the program restructuring process. After a presentation outlining the budget and the financial situation, he answered questions March 1.

sistant of EOPS, said, "I remember a time when you said you would go in the trenches and fight for us, but you didn't. You put down your weapon and gave up."

Lespron later insinuated the Board was not acting in the best interest of the students, to which

Oakley responded, "The one question that gets me a little hot is the question that we are bending our students because that is simply not true."

Lowenstein, who spoke briefly earlier in the meeting, was asked since his reputation precedes him

and at previous colleges he's been brought in to do a lot of the program cuts and then leave, when he was planning to leave LBCC. "I don't have a response to that," answered Lowenstein with hesitation as to whether or he should leave his comment a "no comment."

LBCC mourns loss of three members of college family

Human services teacher, former professor and Foundation leader die.

By **KRISTIN GRAFFT**
Staff Writer

LBCC has lost three members of the college community in just one month. Human services teacher Jorge Ampudia, retired teacher William "Bill" Seal and Foundation board member Ruth Wright died.

Wright, an alumna of LBCC, was a charter member of the Foundation Board and was involved for more than 30 years before she died on Friday, March 15.

On that same day, Seal also died leaving behind his wife Betty, daughter Judy and grandson Sean. Seal was a counselor at the college for many years, especially to the Veteran students. Seal's wife was also an alumna of LBCC, as was his father, Harold Seal.

One month earlier on Sunday, Feb. 17, Ampudia had a massive heart attack at age 55. He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Millie Ampudia and their three young children Nathan, Georgette and Adam.



Jorge Ampudia



William Seal



Ruth Wright

Ampudia, who was described by his family as a husband, father, son, brother and retro toys, vintage books and music collector, earned his associates degree at LBCC in 1977. He then returned in 1988 as a teacher in the public services department. Myrian Baratie, Ampudia's sister and an LBCC admissions and records employee, introduced Ampudia to the department 25 years ago for the teaching positions and said she never regretted it.

"He loved to teach and would prepare his teaching material by applying it to everyday life for better understanding

on the students' perspective," Baratie said.

Many students said Ampudia also did more than just teach. Danny Flores, one of Ampudia's former students, said, "He was a teacher who mended broken hearts and fixed broken souls."

Ampudia was active with the college as well as in his community. Among his many activities, he was a demographic analyst for Head Start, an adviser to the Korean Christian fellowship, an adviser for LBCC's Latino Club and an active mentor in the Puente Program where he received an outstanding mentor award.

Ampudia also received a teacher of the year award at LBCC. Francis Ampudia, Ampudia's brother, said, "Under his leadership the short ran like the wind and the fat became a ball of strength. He led a one-armed quarterback and the intramural team at LBCC to a championship."

People wishing to donate to a scholarship in Ampudia's memory may do so care of the LBCC Foundation, mail code B-12. A Bill and Betty Seal Memorial Scholarship at the LBCC Foundation has also been established. Donations may also be made to the Ruth Wright Memorial Scholarship. A scholarship in Wright's memory will be awarded by the Foundation at May's reception. Seal will be remembered with a scholarship in May.

Angry speakers call for Oakley to resign

By **TONIA CIANCANELLI**
Managing Editor

Even without program discontinuance officially on the agenda, the topic seemed to dominate the special Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, March 12 with the audience booing and chanting for the removal of Eloy Oakley from his LBCC presidential position.

Board President Roberto Uranga interrupted the meeting several times, asking the protesting audience to be quiet and to respect the Board and the meeting.

In a March 18 memorandum, Oakley urged teachers to consider their impact on students, saying, "...faculty leaders and administrators are targets of personal attacks. I know that many disagree with actions taken by the administration and campus leaders. There is always room for debate, disagreement and dissent at LBCC."

Continuing, he said, "What there is no room for is vitriol and personal attacks."

In the regular Board meeting Tuesday March 26, Oakley presented statistics about impacted students in the discontinued programs who have met with counselors, the number of students who will benefit from Summer courses, and exactly which courses are scheduled.

The special meeting was called for the Board to vote and approve spending about \$138,000 for an "international convention and exhibit"

in Dubai and a cosmetology event in Bologna, Italy. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposed conferences.

Vice President Lou Anne Bynum, clarified, "No trustees are going on this trip. No trustees have been asked to go on this trip." She said two staff members from the Center for International Trade Development will attend, not Board members or administrators.

The conventions are intended for small businesses that will benefit from the trip by gaining international trade development, Bynum said. As members of the Small Business Administration, LBCC, among others nationwide, applied for the State Trade and Export Promotion grant, which must be spent on export development.

Meanwhile, sporting a bull's-eye target that read "targeted for elimination," Student Trustee Jason Troia pointed out that more than 25 percent of the small businesses attending the trip are from Northern California, in an attempt to debunk the notion that the trip is supporting local small business growth.

Before the special meeting, the Board voted in closed session to suspend employee ID number 0001319 for 10 days without pay. The employee's name and reason for suspension could not be determined.

See Board, page 13

Breaking domestic silence

By MARIA DAISY RIVERA
Photo Editor

LBCC’s student health services offers brochures and references to organizations for students who are victims of domestic violence.

According to the Women’s Shelter of Long Beach, “Abuse comes in many forms: verbal, emotional, mental, physical and sexual. Domestic violence is not just a marital argument or a lover’s quarrel. In all cases, abuse is a pattern of behavior where people use power and control over their partners to get what they want.”

Here are examples of four types of abuse, according to the women’s shelter.

Verbal abuse is name calling, yelling, threatening, screaming, insults, swearing, sarcasm, humiliation or verbal intimidation.

Emotional and mental abuse is name-calling, constant criticizing, threatening, public humiliation, controlling behavior, extreme jealousy, destroying possessions or property, mind games, isolation, manipulation, punching walls, intimidation or stalking.

Physical abuse is pushing, shoving, pinching, scratching, hitting, kicking, slapping or abandoning in a dangerous

place.

Sexual abuse is continuing to push for sex after being told “no,” unwanted or uncomfortable touching, calling someone sexually offensive names or forced sex.”

Ashley Patton, 21, a criminal justice major, said, “By not reporting domestic violence, one gives the power to the aggressor. I suggest you don’t give anybody else your power. By holding back, you hurt yourself.”

Ja - Kiel Cooks, 21, an architecture major, said, “Don’t let domestic violence keep you down, speak up for yourself.”

Jessica Garcia, 24, a social services major, said, “Do yourself a favor and speak up. It is a repetitive pattern, that only you have the power to put a stop to.”

Jose Hernandez, 19, an undecided major, said, “Many students stay silent for the fear of being attacked or humiliated over and over. If you know of anyone, find that person the help they may need as you may want someone in your family to be helped if they

were in such position.”

The women’s shelter suggests asking the following questions.

“Are you or someone you know frightened by a partner’s temper? Does he or she threaten, criticize or humiliate? Have you or someone you know been pushed, shoved or hit?

“Do you or someone you know have the urge to rescue a partner and make excuses for their behavior?

“Do you believe the partner’s behavior

will change? Is he or she apologetic and “good” between physical or verbal outburst?”

If anyone answered yes to any of the above questions, shelter experts say it is time to take a good look at the relationship or encourage the person involved in the relationship to consider seeking help.

Immediate help lines are available for anyone. The 24-hour crisis hotline is (562) 437-4663 or students may contact the women’s shelter at (562) 437-7233 or the Student Health Center at s(562)

Many students stay silent for the fear of being attacked or humiliated.

—Jose Hernandez
Undecided major

Shocking stats about student behavior

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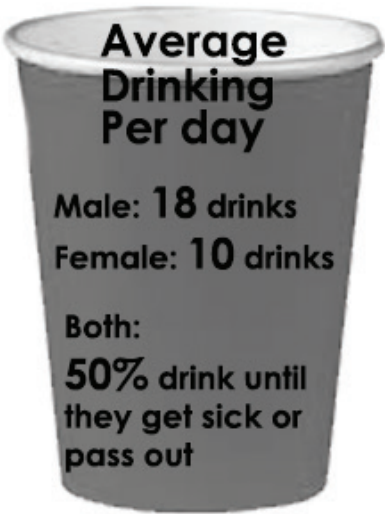
Male: 26%

Female: 36%

SEX AS A RESULT OF DRINKING

Male: 49%

Female: 38%



Statistics from
qpId.me

JESUS HERNANDEZ/VIKING

Warnings issued for Spring Break events

Combination of alcohol, drugs and sex increase risk, experts say.

By MAYRA CASTRO
Staff Writer

LBCC students will enjoy their Spring Break from March 31 to April 7 and catching a sexually transmitted infections is something they definitely want to avoid.

Statistics on Qpid.me, a free website helping students practice “safe sex” by allowing them to share their STI results privately with anyone, proved to be shocking. During Spring Break, the average male reportedly drinks 18 alcoholic drinks each day and the average female drinks 10 drinks per day.

After reading the statistics, Stephanie Cuevas, 20, an LBCC psychology major, said, “If you are going to have fun, be informed.” Cuevas, who plans on taking a trip through Northern California while exploring and trying new foods, also said, “One moment of pleasure can be a lifetime of regrets.” She advises students to use condoms.

During Spring Break, 26 percent of males and 36 percent of females fail to use a condom when having sex with someone they met for the first time, the website stated.

Although the percentage of males using condoms is higher, nearly 50 percent of males and 41

percent of females reported consuming alcohol just prior to sex.

Mario Alanis, 19, an architecture major, said, “Perhaps because the drinking tolerance of males is higher than females this could be a direct reason why males are more likely to use condoms and be safer than females.”

Alanis’ plans during Spring Break include visiting Rosarito Beach, Mexico with his family, catching up on homework and sleep.

The creator of the website, Ramin Bastani, said, “The reality is that college students and even high school seniors take a trip during Spring Break. We are just trying to help them make safer choices and realize it’s essential to protect yourself if you choose to engage in sexual activity with someone you don’t know well.”

When Spring Breakers were asked if their alcohol use had any connection with their sexual activities, 49 percent of men and 38 percent of women reported having sex as a direct result of drinking.

Students said alcohol and drugs had a huge influence in their sexual activities.

The percentage in all of students who rarely or never used a condom on Spring Break is sobering. In all, 75 percent of students admitted to never or rarely using a condom.

Also, 74 percent of males and nearly 88 percent of females reported never or rarely worrying about STI’s or HIV.

Both LBCC students who were asked about their plans for Spring Break agreed that safety is more important than risking one’s life in a moment of pleasure.

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An eye opening pow wow



CELEBRATION: The American Indian student council at Cal State Puvungna dance to the rhythm of the drums to praise their music to the sound of the beat.

American Indian student council gathers for a festival of traditional celebration.

By **SERGIO PARGA**
Social Media Editor

LBCC anthropology students visited Cal State Long Beach annual American Indian social celebration, also known as a pow-wow.

"A silent minority," as professor Adrian Novotny describes the Native Americans. Later, Novotny emphasized the importance of their culture because of the rapid population decline and encouraged his students to attend the pow wow. Novotny said the pow wow, is a social gathering because he is not a native. The professor also said, "The meaning of pow wow is in the eye of the beholder."

Jackson Tohuka, a Seminole and Juaneño Native American singer and dancer, said, "I sing and dance for those who can't." Jackson and his cousins play a northern style, horse thief drum. Jackson's drum was made by the women in the tribe and it was given to him as a traditional piece.

Sarita Little Eagle of the Iowa Tribe describes women's roles in the tribe as important, as the life-givers and producers. Sarita said women in the tribe generally always carry three items: a knife or dagger, flint and an awl, which is a filed down bone or something similar used for sewing. That way they can make anything.

Nancy Roubedeaux of the Otoe Missouri tribe, a for-

mer LBCC student, has been around since the first pow-wow. Roubedeaux talked about how the Missouri tribe was wiped out because of small pox, the Otoe tribe adopted their name, so their heritage wouldn't be forgotten. Roubedeaux also explained how the pow-wow is special and intimate to her because all of the natives involved are in some distant way related, so a sense of community and family prevails.

LBCC anthropology student Rebecca Bass attended for extra credit. Bass said, "And it was really interesting seeing the different costumes and colors people wear. It reminds me of India." Bass also described the Native Americans as "the friendliest people I've ever met," and she described the pow-wow as an "eye-opener."

The meaning of the Pow wow is in the eye of the beholder.

—Adrian Novotny
Anthropology professor



ACCESSORIES: A pair of newborn moccasin baby shoes is for sale at the pow wow at the arts and craft section.

Photos by
D.A. Phillips



PATRIOTISM: Head lady dancer Kristian Smith of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe dances on the Cal State Long Beach quad.

Number of bunnies on the LAC going down

By **MARCY LOPEZ**
Staff Writer

About 50 bunnies are left spayed or neutered and are up for adoption at LAC.

Alejandra Perez, 21, an accounting major, said, "I haven't seen a bunny since last semester, I miss feeding them." Perez said the campus will change "There won't be holes everywhere."

Perez said it is good for the bunnies to find a better place to live with someone to watch them. "I honestly miss seeing the bunnies run around our school," Perez added. She said she would love to adopt a bunny, but living in an apartment makes it difficult for her.

Physical education teacher Donna Prindle is a member of the rabbit population management task force. Prindle said, "No one had ever attempted a project such as ours, to spay or neuter rabbits. Our goal was to

neuter all the rabbits on campus to stop them from reproducing, because rabbits can have babies every 28 days."

Prindle became involved with the idea of having bunnies adopted by meeting up with the Western University School of Veterinarian Medicine, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Bunch Rabbit Rescue.

Prindle and her rescue team rounded up 80 rabbits on two separate occasions. Prindle said Western University

brought a portable surgical vehicle to the college along with its veterinarian staff and students.

They spent four days spaying and neutering. The bunny adoption idea began by LBCC groups and committees on campus.

Prindle's rescue team recently had a rescue in Colorado Springs that offered to take 24 of the LBCC rabbits. Prindle's rescue team will be transporting them there during Spring break.

Part of the project has been to educate the community that LBCC is not a rabbit sanctuary. It was a common practice to abandon rabbits

on campus. More than 300 bunnies were located when the project began with about 50 babies being

born every week.

Prindle and her team have spayed and neutered all of the bunnies and they have found homes for 335 rabbits off campus.

Abandoning bunnies can re-

sult in six months in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

After all the bunnies have been adopted, Prindle said she wants to continue being involved with rabbits. "We have many of our adopters calling us for advice and sharing stories about the rabbits that they have adopted from us. We have had many wonderful people students, staff and

people in our community stop by the volunteer."

"After spending so many hours together working on this project four hours a day seven days a week for three years, we have formed our own 'rabbit community' and will probably continue in some way to help promote the responsible care of rabbits."



Caring: Volunteer Anthony Ramos, 20, a film major, plays with a rabbit at the Bunny Care Center at the LAC in Building Y. Ramos said, "It's always nice to play with rabbits."

RAMON LONTOK/VIKING

PCC horticulture garden hosts plant sale

By GABRIELA MENDOZA
Staff Writer

LBCC's horticulture garden serves as a class laboratory, chicken coop and student study place while fostering drought tolerant plants and testing plant safety for the city.

The PCC's student-maintained garden includes a pond, plants, wooden crafts, and primarily serves as a laboratory for horticulture classes.

"Once you're in the program, you pretty much always take care of" the garden said Erik Brid, 41, president of the Horticulture Club.

Horticulture professor Jorge Ochoa said every plant in the "living lab" has been planted by a student.

Ochoa said, "Nothing in the garden is concrete. It's an evolving unit that is living and growing, maturing and dying."

Ochoa said the program has the widest range of water-wise plants in Long Beach. For three years, the horticulture program has been partnered with the local water department to implement

drought-tolerant plants, which saves 50 percent of the water being used on lawns.

The garden also contains an area where a rooster lives and numerous chickens lay eggs.

With community members wanting to own chickens as pets, the program is conducting tests for the city to determine which types of plants are safe to have around the animals.

Ochoa said the research will help the city determine which regulations pet owners need to follow.

Ochoa said, "The garden is really showcasing to the area what the college is capable of doing."

Current student projects include building bird-houses and a wooden deck that will be placed in the garden.

Students and employees are invited to attend the plant sale from March 30 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Free food and drinks will be available and vegetable-carving demonstrations will be conducted by teachers.

Ochoa said the open house gives the program the opportunity



THINK GREEN: Long Beach resident Jen Parsons listens to horticulture majors Hilda Rodriguez, 52, and Rich Corbaley, 20, explain the plant sale at the PCC horticulture garden. The plant sale is an annual fundraiser sponsored by the LBCC Horticulture Club.

to recruit students while allowing students to learn to deal with the business end of the industry.

Brid said, "My favorite thing about the garden is its peace and serenity. It's a place I hope our college students visit."

Students may access campus

Wi-Fi in the garden and meeting areas that are open to all students from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as long classes are not interrupted.

Xiao Juan Dang, 25, a child development major, said she has never visited the garden before, but "The fact that it has free WiFi and creates such a peaceful atmo-

sphere makes it sound like a good place to study."

Students who wish to visit the garden or learn more about horticulture may attend the horticulture club's weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the PCC garden.

Building K opens its doors to the wonders of studio arts

Classes offer students an opportunity to gain important skills.

By MANNY OROZCO
Staff Writer

The teachers at LBCC welcome studio arts as an offering at the LAC.

The new programs offer a chance for students to express themselves through many forms of imagery and media. Each class meets in the K Building.

Niara McGilothan, 18, a pediatrics major, explained the purpose of the studio arts courses. "The studio arts program is the practice of drawing and other art forms offered as a major study. There are many classes offered with the major."

Erica Guzman, 19, a music major, said, "All fine art majors are eligible for the program. This program is for all students who choose to have a career in the arts."

Lionel Spicer, 24, a student worker in the art department lists all offered classes. "The art and photography

department has a lot of great activities.

Among them are lessons in drawing, painting, sculpting, arts history and photography."

Tiffany Degrot, 20, a criminal justice major, said, "I like the programs a lot and had fun in the painting class last semester."

Emily Garcia, 20, a psychology major, said, "Last semester, I took a beginner's art class and it was okay. I am still enjoying the program this year."

Sherry Rayton, 51, an art major, said, "I think we have great programs being given in school. The program is run by an exceptional staff that will give a lot of growth to the entire school history."

Sheika Lugtu, 25, an art major, said, "We have a broad and extensive program

that will increase graduate rates. In addition, the arts programs will increase the rate of students who have been accepted to attend the arts programs at Cal State and other prestigious universities across the country."

Most students have been accepted to Cal State Long Beach with art as their major.

"All of them have accepted arts as their careers."

"Our staff and programs can continue to make that difference," Lugtu said.

"Our arts programs have joined the promising courses in LBCC. Let the arts learning begin and let our school rates increase. Cal State Long Beach will be given a promising amount of graduates from our school in their programs."

The studio arts program is the practice of drawing and other art forms offered as a major study. There are many classes offered with the major.

—Niara McGilothan
Pediatrics major

Six-day make-up classes being offered

By MAYRA CASTRO
Staff Writer

A 6-day makeup artistry 101 workshop will be sponsored at LBCC, Tuesday through Thursday, March 19 to March 28.

Students will be able to know the essentials of makeup artistry and will earn a training certificate.

The cost for the workshops is \$350, not including the \$25 fee for materials. The materials include four sets of eyelashes, eyelash tool and glue, eyebrow stencils and a contouring brush.

By earning a training certificate, students will be eligible to register with MAC cosmetics and other cosmetic lines to receive discounts.

Andrea Escoto, 20, a criminal justice major, said the class is an opportunity worthy of being taken advantage of. She said, "If you see yourself struggling makeup artistry could be a good skill to fall back onto." Escoto also said, "Although learning this skill does not pertain to the requirement needed for my major, they will be beneficial in the long-run."

The class will be taught at a beginner's level.

Students will be taught by industry veteran Jayson Sanchez,

who has more than a decade of experience. Sanchez's clientele includes MTV, VH1, Hollywood celebrities, acclaimed photographers, fashion designers, top models, celebrity recording artists, socialites, and everyday women.

He will teach students how to interact with a client, the importance of sanitation and disinfection in their workplace.

Among other things students will learn how to do are the right usage for brushes and tools, foundation matching and application, eyebrow shape and application, eyeshadow application and color theory.

Gabriela Rubio, 20, a child develop and psychology major who has taken one of Sanchez's previous workshops said, the class "was a useful experience that can benefit me in the future, I learned a lot of good tricks." Regarding the instructor, Rubio said, "Jayson made the class amusing, he sounded like he wanted to be there. If you showed interest in pursuing makeup artistry as a career, he was willing to help."

By the end of the 6 day workshops, students can expect to know how to create a "look," which would consist of transforming a day look to night.

11 former Viking stars enter the Hall of Champions

BY PEDRO CRUZ
Co-Sports Editor

Former coaches, state champions, national champions, and Pan American Game Champions have been chosen to leave their intercollegiate legacy of success on the walls of the Hall of Champions Gym.

On Friday, March 22, 11 people were inducted as the 12th class of honorees for the Hall of Champions.

The inductees are Nate Fernley (baseball, 1996 and 1999), Tom Hicks (baseball, 1975), Paula Libby-Herbaugh (Softball and volleyball, 1991-93), Stefan Ludecke (Water Polo, 2001 and 2002), Shellie McCall (softball coach, 1993-2004), Bob Meredith (football, 1974 and 1975), Rich Plante (basketball and golf, 1970-1972), Carmelo Rios (cross country and Track, 1978-1980), John Sagehorn (basketball and baseball, 1973 and 1974), Steve Tully (track, 1980 and 1982), Karen Vigilant-Goodman (track, 1994 and 1995).

Goodman, the current track and field coach, holds the school records for the 4 by 400m Relays of 3:44.45 (1994), 400 meter hurdles of 59.53 in 1995, and the 4 by 100 meter Relay of 45.45 in 1995. Goodman was a state champion in the 400 meter hurdles and 4 by 400 relay in 1994, and the 100 meter hurdles and the 4 by 100m relay in 1995.

Courtney Porter, 18, a current track and field athlete, and a political science major, said, "She was a great athlete and it's encouraging having a coach who still holds the school records."



JACOB ROSBOROUGH/VIKING

HONORED: John Sagehorn, left, former basketball and baseball player from 1971-73, receives his award from Chuck McFerrin.

The criteria to be inducted to the Hall of Champions requires an athletic candidate to exhibit outstanding intercollegiate athletic success, having achieved the highest level of accomplishment in his or her sport at LBCC or exhibit outstanding athletic success following his or her participation at LBCC.

President Eloy Oakley said, "thank you to all of the inductees for giving us the opportunity

to recognize what you have achieved and for adding so much to the life of our college. Thank you for continuing to make our tradition a tradition of excellence."

The tickets for the event sold for \$60 per person, with proceeds going toward men's and women's athletics and enhancement of the 2,400-square foot Hall of Champions, in the gym foyer. The facility showcases

important memorabilia and the numerous accomplishments of Viking student-athletes and teams.

Chuck McFerrin, chairman of the Hall of Champions, said, "The inductees in the class of 2013 being inducted tonight are among the most honored Vikings. They have distinguished themselves and brought great pride to their families, their community and to those of us here at LBCC."



KAREN VIGILANT-GOODMAN
LBCC TRACK COACH

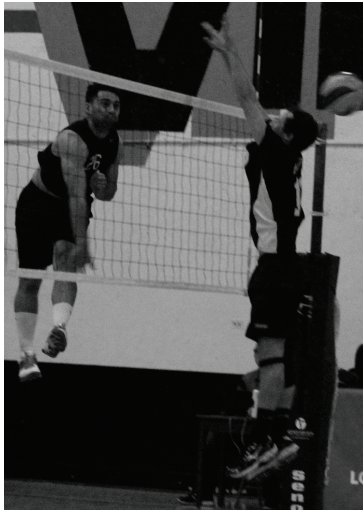
Playoffs on the radar

BY ELIDE GARCIA
Co Sports Editor

The men's volleyball team, 11-2 on the season, has four more conference games until the regional playoffs.

The Vikings were facing Santa Monica on Wednesday, March 27. LBCC will play Los Angeles Pierce on Friday, March 29, El Camino on Friday, April 5 and Santa Barbara on Wednesday, April 10.

The champions will try and defend their state title. Regional playoffs are scheduled to begin Friday, April 22, but details are uncertain. LBCC will host the state championships Sunday, April 24, and Tuesday, April 26.



D.A. PHILLIPS/VIKING

VIKINGS SMASH: LBCC's outside hitter Greg Utupo records a kill against El Camino. The Vikings defeated the Warriors in three of four sets during Western State Conference play on Wednesday, March 20 at home. El Camino walked away with its first loss in Conference play.

CITY SPORTS

SOFTBALL

The LBCC softball team lost 5-2 against Ventura on Saturday, March 23 at LBCC. On Tuesday, March 26 they won against L.A Harbor at Long Beach City College.

They will face Mt. San Antonio at Mt. San Antonio at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. Tuesday, April 2

they will face El Camino at 3 p.m. at LBCC.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team lost 8-1 Thursday, March 21 against El Camino at El Camino College. They will go against Mt. San Antonio on Thursday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at LBCC.

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Tennis team loses

BY DEZTINE THOMAS
Images Editor

LBCC's women's tennis team made an effort but lost 8-1 to El Camino Thursday, March 21. Without winning any team matches and winning only one singles match, the women still managed to hold their heads high.

El Camino Sophomore Chun Young-Shin extended her unbeaten streak to nine matches with a 6-0 sweep in her No. 1 singles match.

LBCC Viking freshman Maria Toledo defeated her opponent. Unable to win all of them, winning one was satisfying enough for coach Jose Alvarez.

Alvarez said, "She came in with little to no experience, but Maria won her singles match. It may have been a challenge, but she made an accomplishment."

Alvarez said, "As their skills develop more throughout the season, they will continue to make progress."

Alvarez said, "This week's game was unevenly matched. I have all freshmen, but they are improving consistently. Unlike high school, you hit about 2-3 balls over and you get a point. Well, in college, you have to hit 8-10 balls over to gain a point. Next year, we will have a more developed team because they will all be sophomores and they will know what they are going up against. I wasn't expecting anything from the women, but to have fun. With ECC being the best tennis team right now LBCC did well against ECC."

The Vikings are using the match as a learning experience or a stepping stone to prepare them for the next team they play. They aren't too worried about the match against Cerritos City College. Alvarez said, "Knowing they can't change the mistakes they've made so they'll take them and apply the lessons learned to the next match to better their skills."

Alvarez's confidence in his team is high for Tuesday's match against Cerritos on March 26.

He said, "Yes, we are quite prepared for Cerritos. We have Cerritos pretty much evenly matched in ability. It all depends on who makes the most mistakes, who makes the right decisions and who plays smart. As long as they continue to practice hard and keep up the good work they, will continue to make progress."

Losing to Cerritos 9-0, on Tuesday, March 26, which will bring them to their next match on Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. against Mt. San Antonio at home. Their record is 9-0 overall and 7-0 in conference matches.

Baseball team manufactures runs, wins

BY RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Editor

Catcher-turned-starting pitcher Nick Wood pitched seven innings of shutout baseball to lead LBCC to a 7-0 victory over Cerritos on Thursday, March 21.

Wood earned the win, allowing two hits and four walks, hitting one batter, while striking out five. The first inning was the most challenging of the game for Wood, as he faced bases loaded with one out. Wood induced a 6-4-3 double play off Cerritos' designated hitter Mylen Mendez.

"I have to give credit to my catcher (Jaime Valle). He called a great game," Wood said. "My fastball had a little bit of velocity and my curve-ball and change were working, too."

Wood did not seem comfortable until the end of the second inning. When he struck out

Cerritos second baseman Tyler Acevedo looking for the third out, he burst out with emotion. His fastball showed good life and velocity until the seventh inning, where he was visibly fatigued, but managed to finish the inning with the help of a 9-6-3 put-out to stifle Cerritos' seventh inning spark.

Wood wears a brace on his left ankle to support an injury he sustained in the pre-season. He said the injury does not affect him at all and he trusts his plant foot to support him on every pitch.

Coach Casey Crook said, "He's becoming more aggressive. This is (Wood's) first year as a pitcher and he is getting better each time he goes out there."

The Vikings used small ball and one extra-base hit to score seven runs. Crook was happy with the team's effort, execution and focus and said it helped

them succeed against Cerritos more than any other game.

The LBCC offense couldn't cash in on early opportunities. In the second inning, the Vikes had the bases loaded with no outs, but Cerritos killed the rally. First baseman Nolan Flashman grounded into a double play, and left fielder Caulin Anderson lined out to short to end the threat.

The Viking's small ball was effective and in the bottom of the fifth, LBCC second baseman Avery Flores beat out a deflection off the pitcher, stole second base, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Phil Visico.

In the bottom of the sixth, Anderson was plunked by Cerritos' relief pitcher Jacob Northcutt. Northcutt had Anderson picked off at first, but Anderson was running on Northcutt's first

move and stole second base. Two pitches later Anderson stole third base and scored on the throw by catcher Taylor Cavazos that sailed over third into left field.

Cerritos freshman outfielder Johnny Martinez and LBCC sophomore shortstop Derrick Garcia proved that baseball is a contact sport in the top of the sixth.

Martinez dislodged the ball and Garcia's glove when he slid with his spikes high into second base. The midair collision during a stolen base attempt left visible wounds on the inside of Garcia's left wrist. Martinez was awarded a stolen base after Garcia was cleared to resume play by LBCC's training staff.

The Vikes (12-10) play a two-game series against Antelope Valley (11-7-1) March 26 and 28 before facing L.A. Harbor (8-13-1) for three games on April 2, 4 and 6.



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SAFETY FIRST: LBCC cleanup hitter Daniel Pitts jumps backwards to avoid a pitch during LBCC's 7-0 victory over Cerritos on Thursday, March 21.

Swim and dive teams prepare for opponents



RYAN CRAIGHEAD/VIKING

GETTING READY: Sophomore swimmer Dor Apffel reels in his teammate while practicing for a meet against Mt. SAC on Friday, March 29.

BY CALEB ELLIS
Staff Writer

LBCC women's and men's swimming and dive teams have their first home meet of the season and second to last invitational, Friday, March 29, against undefeated Mt. SAC.

The women Vikings will compete against East LA, who only has a women's team.

The team has prepared for the invitational by wearing resistant bands to help gain endurance, strength and speed.

Coach Chris Oeding said, "Mt. SAC is undefeated for both men's and women's teams. It's a daunting task going up against them."

With the lack of female swimmers, the Vikings aren't able to fill the three places allowed per event.

"These events are a skill and

numbers game," Oeding said. "When we lose those points, it's hard to win an invitational."

The women's team has managed to keep a winning conference record of 4-2 for the season.

Coach Oeding said veteran swimmers Christine MacLennan, Mackenzie Woolvett and Jackie Rojas were responsible for leading the team to success.

—Chris Oeding
Swimming and diving coach

Mt. SAC is undefeated for both men's and women's teams. It's a daunting task going up against them.

All three swimmers compete in sprint events like the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly.

The men's team has a season record of 3-3.

There was a scary moment in diving practice Monday morning when Vikings' diver Oscar Alfonso was rushed to the emergency room, after injuring his shin.

Oeding said he missed the board on his jump and the injury required surgery, ending his season.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Feb. 5- Wednesday, June 5
Spring semester

Sunday, March 31
Easter

Monday, April 1- Sunday, April 7
Spring Break, no classes.

Thursday, May 30- Wednesday, June 5
Finals will be on the last day of class.

FINANCIAL AID

Friday, April 5
Second Pell Grant disbursements to students enrolled in 9 units or more will be delivered to Higher One.

CAMPUS STORE

Thursday, March 28 - Friday, March 29
Sale at the Viking Campus Stores at the LAC and the PCC. All short-sleeve T-shirts are 25 percent off. Sale ends Friday, March 29.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Thursday, March 28
Open 8 a.m.-noon
Friday, March 29
Closed
All student enrollment services will be closed during Spring Break and will reopen in the new A Building **Monday, April 8** (Financial Aid, EOPS, Counseling, Admissions and Records, Cashier Aid, Assessment, Student Health Services, DSPS).

HOME SPORTS

Friday, March 29
Women and men's swimming and diving vs. Mt. SAC and East L.A. at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2
Baseball vs. L.A. Harbor at 2:30 p.m.
Softball vs. El Camino at 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 4
Softball vs. East L.A. at 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Baseball vs. L.A. Harbor at 12 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
Baseball vs. Compton at 2:30 p.m.

DONATIONS

Monday, March 4- Sunday, March 31
Hygiene kit donation drive for the Fresh Start Sober Living Home, sponsored by the library club. Items that can be donated

are combs, washcloths, individual bars of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Items should be new and wrapped in original packaging.

People may drop off items in the donation boxes in the LAC Library or the PCC Research Center Library will be closed during Spring Break.

Now until Tuesday, April 23
Four sisters hygiene donation drive, co-sponsored by Alpha Gamma Sigma and the Viking Volunteer Program. Items that can be donated are women's toiletries, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion and hair products.

Bring the donations to the fishbowl in the Nordic Lounge and earn up to five Viking volunteer service hours, two items equals one service hour. (562) 938-4795 or mcardenas@lbcc.edu.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, March 28
Commemorating women's history month 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the PCC in the quad area. There will be pastries, coffee, juice, music, poetry and much more. Call (562) 938-3088 or mfriesen@lbcc.edu.

Thursday, March 28
Men of Aztlan presents "AZ Arcade" in the Nordic Lounge LAC E Building 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. 25 cents a play.

Thursday, March 28
The LBCC Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the LBCC Hall of Fame. Deserving alumni who have been successful in their career and in the community may be nominated. The honor is the most prestigious alumni award given by LBCC. Nomination forms are available at lbcc.edu/Alumni/Hall2013.cfm.

Friday, March 29
Easter egg hunt at LAC. Joint LAC and PCC event from 4-6 p.m. Bags of candy collected in March to fill Easter eggs.

Wednesday, March 27- Saturday March 30
41st Annual Horticulture Club plant sale. Horticulture garden at PCC 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Thousands of different plants will be sold. Free parking will be allowed in all lots. Due to construction, visitors are urged to use the parking lots along Walnut Avenue. (562) 938-3092.

Friday, April 5
The first American Criminal Justice Association Sigma Pi Charity presents Poker Tournament and Silent Auction for Long Beach K9 Officers Association. La Lune Palace 2801 East Spring St. 3rd floor, Long Beach, 90806 Tournament begins at 7:30 p.m. Registration at 7 p.m.

LBCC students \$10, Non-LBCC students \$40. Register by email acjasigmapi.lbcc@gmail.com or website. RSVP by Tuesday, April 2.

Friday, April 12
Open mic nite 7-9 p.m. sign up at 6:45 p.m. at LAC P104.

Friday, April 19
Spelling Bee 10 a.m.- noon at PCC LL102. Registration forms in the office of Student Life EE102. Submit by **Monday, April 15.** (562) 938-3995 or (562) 938-4552.

THEATRE AND ARTS

Thursday, April 18-Sunday, April 21 and Thursday, April 25- Sunday, April 28
Theatre presents "Out of the Frying Pan" play production in LAC auditorium. Thursdays- Saturdays 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. General admission \$16 Students, Employees, Seniors \$11. Free parking in lots D, E and F. (562) 938-4659 or lbcc.edu/tdf


ART GALLERY

Wednesday, March 27- Saturday, May 4
Art Galley presents "Gravity" Mondays- Thursdays 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. In LAC K100 (562) 938-4815 or visit artgallery.lbcc.edu.



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Classes in B, C and D cancelled by device



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Los Angeles County hazmat officer shows up to make sure the device did not lead to a spill or any harmful hazardous material.



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Bomb technician Marcus Friedemann of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department clears second floor of LAC's Building C.



ARIEEL ALCARAZ/VIKING

LBCC police officer, S.A. Relf informs students that classes in buildings B, C and D were cancelled until further notice.

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of a destructive device near a college, they will be charged of a felony and can be sent to state imprisonment anywhere from two to six years.

College officials were not available Tuesday or Wednesday to provide details on the

number of classes or students affected or who made the official decision to cancel and re-open classes.

At the Board of Trustees' meeting Tuesday, President Eloy Oakley said he was glad everybody was safe and that the school is cooperating fully with the authorities involved to ensure the safety of students and employees.

Board of Trustees, from page 6

In his president report, Oakley announced the American Association of Community Colleges named LBCC a national finalist for the 2013 excellence in leadership award, which will be presented April 23 in San Francisco.

The ASB is allotted representation on eight shared governance committees; however representatives have not attended meetings for five of them since the discontinuance process began.

The PCC task force, student success committee and college planning committees have not had a student attend meetings since Fall 2011. While only one student attended a budget advisory meeting in Spring and Fall 2012, there has not been any student representation this Spring.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. in T1100 at the LAC.

Counselors open pathway to goals

BY JASON GASTRICH
Copy Editor

LBCC's counseling department advises students so they can monitor their educational progress, plan to transfer to another university and reach their educational and career goals.

On the second floor of the LAC's M building, the department guides students Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

William Martin, 26, a journalism student, said he likes the new, online appointment system. "It makes it so much easier. I don't have to go there or call to make a counseling appointment."

LBCC's department head of counseling, DeWayne Sheaffer, said counselors have to verify a lot of information when students call for counseling appointments. When students walk in, they must show their student ID. However, starting this semester, students also can make appointments online, he said.

Counseling appointments by phone and in-person are only made Mondays. When students

make an appointment, they choose a day and time at least one week in advance. About 30 minutes is typically needed for a counseling session, but counselors may need a 60 minute session for certain issues.

Regarding cut courses, Sheaffer said, "If students are in programs that are being cut, they should speak with the department head for their major and come in and see which courses they need to take this summer. Counseling is working with students to identify courses to complete their program of study and counselors have answered a lot of questions about discontinued programs."

Counselor Elaine Morton advises students in M221 on Mondays and Tuesdays. She prepares in advance for her students' counseling sessions, printing forms and transcripts and opening their student account on her computer before they arrive.

When offering advice, Morton said, "Balance your course load. Students often take more classes than their schedule will allow and (their) grades suffer. Put in the time and effort needed to do well.

Barely getting by won't serve you well in the long run."

She also suggests students find volunteer or internship opportunities in their field because the experience and connections will pay off.

Morton has counseled LBCC students for 16 years, seeing about 15-18 students each day. She said most students transfer to Cal State Long Beach, Cal State University Dominguez Hills, Cal State Fullerton, University of California at Irvine, University of California at Berkeley or UCLA.

Both counselors stressed how students should see a counselor at least once a semester. Sheaffer said students may want to avoid trying to make an appointment at the beginning of the semester because they book up very quickly, especially at the LAC.

**Barely getting by
won't serve you
well in the long run.**

-ELAINE MORTON
Counselor

When students make an appointment in the counseling office, they receive a reminder slip with the day and time of their appointment, along with their counselor's name. LBCC calls and emails students to remind them with the information and their counselor's room number.

According to their form, students may obtain transfer information, check on their progress while pursuing a certificate or degree or have their transcripts evaluated. They also may receive career, readmission, suspension or probation counseling and help with course selection and an education plan.

The department asks students to be on time for their appointment and bring a photo ID and their student ID number. Children aren't allowed in the appointment and if a student is more than 10 minutes late, they will have to reschedule.

Students may call the LAC department at (562) 938-4560 or the PCC department at (562) 938-3920.

EDITORIAL

Planning ahead ensures better Spring Break

Spring Break will be tons of fun, heartbreak for some and Google only knows what for a few. Students who are traveling during Spring Break may want to consider a few things. Research your destination in advance. Knowing the laws, major roads and key phrases of foreign destinations can facilitate traveling in a new area. Consider bringing spare cash and keeping it some place other than your wallet. If you inform your bank about any travel plans, they'll understand the unusual

charges you make with your debit or credit cards. Some banks may place a hold on cards to investigate out-of-state or other country transactions. Let a few close friends know you'll be out of town and for how long you'll be away. To avoid break-ins, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home and avoid telling everyone you're leaving. Write your contact information on any checked bags so the airline can return your luggage in the unfortunate scenario they lose it.

Southern California is a central hub for Spring Breakers seeking a getaway. Unlike many other U.S. regions, we can access the beach, desert and mountains all within a day. Las Vegas, Catalina Island, Big Bear, Lake Havasu, Laughlin, San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Rosarito and Lake Tahoe are convenient travel destinations. Keep in mind additional risk

factors if you decide to visit Mexico. While the drinks and food may be more authentic and cheaper, drink bottled water and see where the locals go because those are usually the best places. Local sewage reports will show spills that contaminate the ocean, primarily because of poor plumbing and maintenance in Mexico. Avoid the ocean for at least three days after it stops being polluted. Perhaps you want to gamble,

without the chaos of Las Vegas party people, check out Laughlin, Nevada where you can take boat rides on the river, gamble and drink. Whatever you do, remember many cities increase their police force during Spring Break, in anticipation of rowdy travelers. For local Spring Breakers, weather reports predict possible scattered showers Sunday and Monday, but 64-71 degrees Tuesday through Sunday. Please stay safe while having a blast, wherever your Spring Break adventure takes you.

Let a few close friends know you'll be out of town.

COMMENTARY

Easter is no longer celebrated for the right reasons

Spring Break is from March 31- April 7 and many students are looking forward to it. Some students have plans, while others will go with the flow of what the break will bring. Many Christian students will celebrate Easter with family and friends, while others don't recognize Easter as a holiday to celebrate. On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is typically the most attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches. In recognition of Easter, Christians all over the world have been celebrating his pas-

sion, death and resurrection. Because of the commercialization of Easter, many Christian churches choose to refer to the holiday as Resurrection Day. With all the celebrations, some people wonder whether many have abandoned the real objective of Easter. Many of the motions people go through during the period, like attending church, looking for Easter eggs, buying chocolate bunny baskets or marking Lent, have become a substitute for facing the reality of the personal impor-

ance of the resurrection of Jesus. Like many other religious holidays, Easter has turned into a platform for pretense with few understanding what it could be about. Easter has become a marketing gimmick with little or nothing to do with the Christian faith, perseverance and sacrifice, which is believed to be part of the real meaning of Easter. The holiday provides a perfect business opportunity and many businesses seize the moment. Beer promotions, flower shops, greeting cards companies,

book stores and special holiday packages unassociated with Christianity will take advantage of the opportunity with huge sales and promotions. I cannot blame the business people for taking advantage of this opportunity, which has presented itself as an open market for good business. Since not everyone is a Christian and some do not have any religious attachment to Easter, the period is like any other day for them. Many students say Easter is a good time to have fun and it's not a crime to feast, while some Christian students say Easter is a time of great passion, restoration

and sacrifice. Others say it is time to make merry. Whether the world will ever agree to what Easter is all about and whether it is a Christian holiday, Spring Break for students or just another holiday, time will tell. In the meantime, every year in late March or early April, I will be looking forward to a holiday most people know as Easter. My hope is Easter will return to its true meaning, the resurrection of Jesus for all Christians and for the non-Christians. It will give them a new vigor, new meaning and a fresh start no matter what their religious or non-religious beliefs are.



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COMMENTARIES

Former electrician criticizes classes

After walking around the PCC, all I could think was how obsolete the trades programs were.

Previously to coming back to school this year, I was an industrial electrician for the last five years. I joined a non-union apprentice for the job with no pre-requisites, only a high school diploma, starting at \$25 an hour. These types of apprenticeships are being funded entirely by the companies that hired us as apprentices, costing the state nothing.



Caleb Ellis

As we went from class to class, it was easy to see the students were learning great skills. The teachers were full of passion willing to pass on their knowledge. It didn't distract from the fact that every teacher gave the same answer for the future of those students.

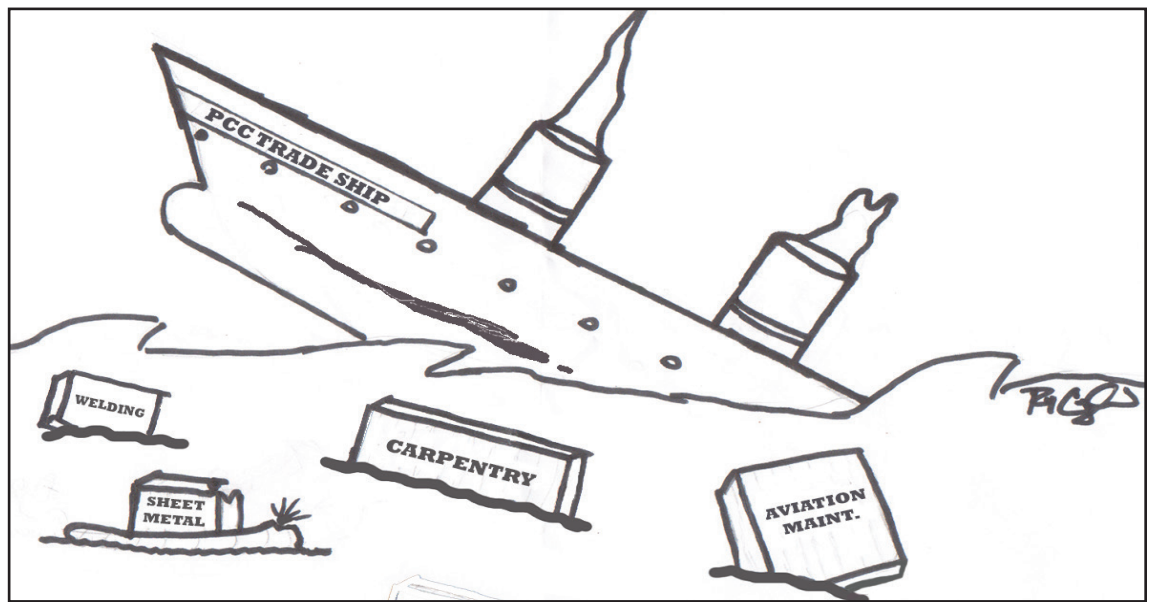
Every teacher spoke of the students having the opportunity to enter an apprenticeship after their 40 units and two years

of trade training at the PCC. One benefit was that you could possibly skip a year or two of the program, if you tested high enough.

At first, this sounds like a great benefit. But with my experience, I knew a few things that weren't spoken about. For one, I was getting paid from the first day I was learning in the apprenticeship. So if I you were able to skip the maximum of two years, you could have been getting paid for the entire two years while being trained.

Second, the way it went for the electrical apprenticeship is that not only did class hours need to be completed, but hours on the job for your pay levels to increase. So skipping one or two years from the course still leaves you two years short for on-the-job hours.

The reason it's important to be caught up on both in class and on-the-job hours is, in California, as an apprentice



RYAN CRAIGHEAD/VIKING

you receive pay raises with every six month's worth of hours in both. For instance in my first six months, I went from \$25 an hour to \$28 an hour.

In these times of budget cuts, the school has had to decide which programs to cut. At first glance, the students would see it as a victory that the trades were not cut. Some of the class-

es offered an opportunity for a livable wage after completion.

I feel they made the wrong cuts altogether. There's no need to waste limited funding on programs the private sector takes care of while benefiting the apprentice along the way for no cost to the taxpayer.

People may wonder if I were making such good money

being an apprentice, why did I leave it to come to school. After a bad injury that required re-constructive surgery of my shoulder, I had the opportunity to change my career.

The trades are a great career and if you want to take that path, don't waste time in college.

Clubs and activities offer variety of fun

With a variety of clubs offered at LBCC, you'd think students could attend something to participate in other than their daily classes, but like they say, that theory only works on paper.

Last week, as I sat in isolation inside the Food Court, I overheard a conversation between two students who were saying how much they want to be involved in campus activities. When one of the students said LBCC "doesn't have enough clubs to participate in," my eyes narrowed and my ears started to bleed.

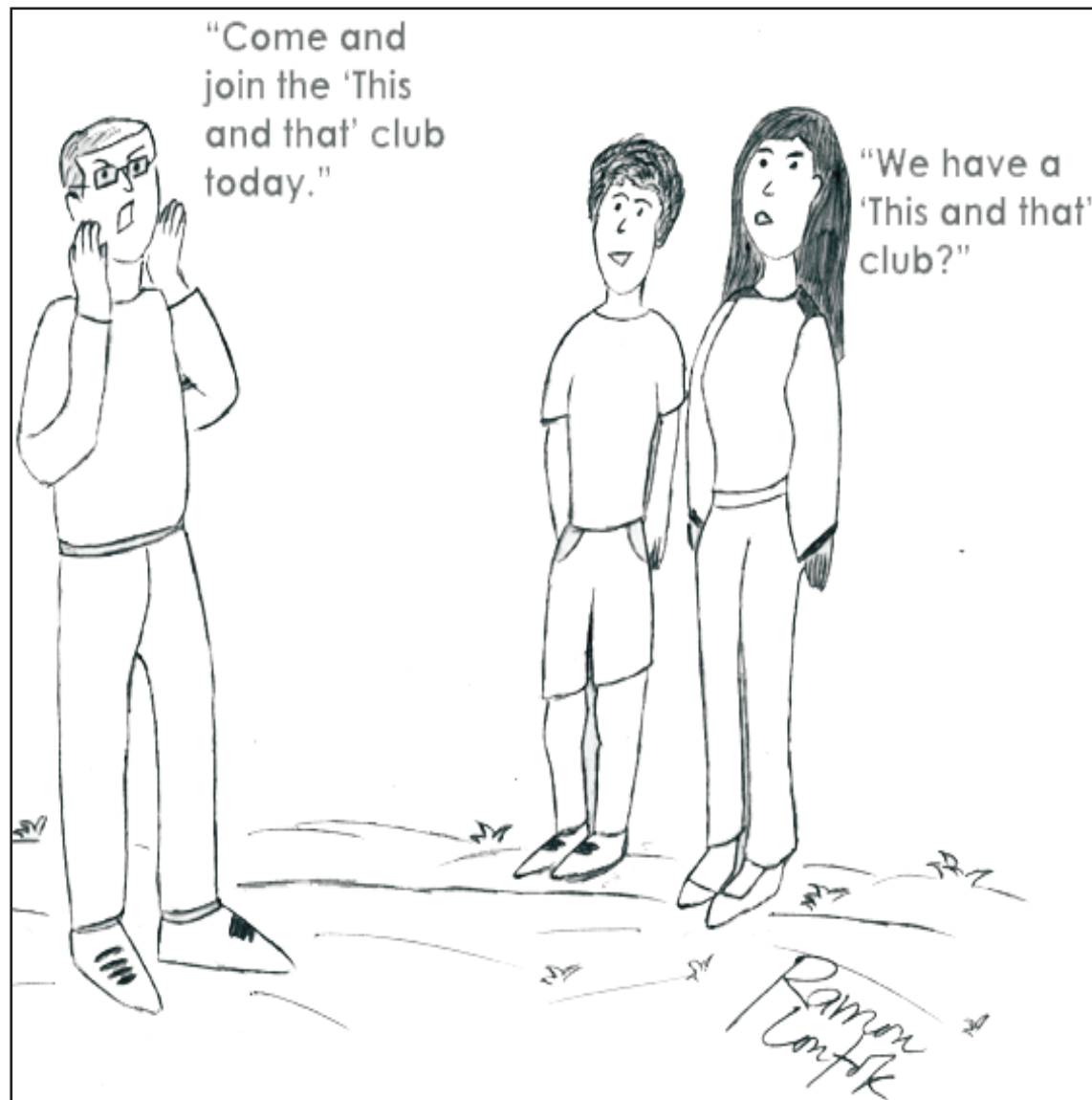
To say that the school does not offer enough clubs and organizations would be ignorant because LBCC offers numerous social opportunities at both campuses for students to explore.

With a number of clubs such as the Anime club and Pagan club, to academic clubs like Alpha Gamma Sigma and Order of Kassai, LBCC is enriched with a diverse amount of clubs where students can make new friends, practice leadership skills, socialize with students who share similar interests and contribute to the college and the community.

For students who are socially conscious and find volunteering rewarding, service clubs such as The Order of Thor, Men of Aztlan, TNT and Ladies of Athena are a perfect fit. If discussing literature and different writing styles excites a student's creative mind, the English Ma-



Ramon Lontok



RAMON LONTOK/VIKING

jors and Minors club always welcomes new members in the English Lounge, inside the literary halls of the P Building.

At certain times, students won't always find the club or organization that suits them, but that doesn't mean these hopefuls can't branch out on their own.

The Office of Student Life

at the LAC and the PCC accepts club charter applications from students who seek to establish their own club. Applications will be approved by the LAC Senate or PCC Club Board. The prospective club needs to meet certain requirements such as having a minimum amount of 10 student members, establishing a meeting location and having an LBCC teacher or staff member act as a club adviser.

As a student who is half-way done with his final semester, one of my biggest regrets is not joining any clubs throughout my stay at LBCC, an experience I don't hope to share with other students.

During my first semester, I was fearful and shy and like some students, I felt at one point the school did not offer what I was interested in. Although, in the end, I focused more on writing and realized

I wasn't socially fit to join any club because of my often self-contained nature. I still look back and wonder what my early college days would have been like if only I had stepped out of my comfort zone and actually participated.

If the need to participate and be active is stronger than the silly doubts and insecurities each of us carry in the back of our minds, we would find how LBCC has much more to offer in terms of student life, aside from the Community College education we're all trying to finish.

Unless you're like me and would much rather curl up on a couch reading Flannery O'Connor or writing confessional poetry, it is counterproductive and a waste of time to spend your days just attending classes and going straight home afterward.

College students ought to participate, as participation is essential in student life. Therefore, instead of sitting next to a friend, complaining how the school failed to meet your social needs, perhaps it's best if you wander around or better yet, attend Join-A-Club Day at the beginning of each semester and visit the variety of clubs and organizations floating around campus.

In a time where programs are facing cuts and important voices are being minimized, we're lucky we have quite a few opportunities to make the most of our college days and meet people who are just as interesting as the voices in our heads telling us otherwise.

DEFYING GRAVITY

The Department of Music, Radio, Television and Associated Student Body presented "To the Skies" featuring the LBCC wind symphony and wind ensemble Saturday, March 23.



Conductor Brian Hamilton guides the ensemble and symphony. The program included "marches that relate to our interpretation of air, space and flight among other works that represented are theme for the performance," Hamilton said. He has conducted more than 50 concerts at LBCC.



Music major Maxwell Cogert, one of the percussionists for both music groups during the concert, which featured the marches by many different composers.



The wind symphony charms the crowd with "Come Fly with Me" by Frank Sinatra. They also played other selections, ending the show with the several of the main marching themes to "Star Wars" movies. The crowd gave the performers a standing ovation.



Zac Cowan, 22, an audio production recording engineering major, left, along with Nancy Allen, a recording engineering teacher, uses a rolls pre-amp, which converts the live performance to stereo and compresses it to a disk. The result will be mixed and edited. In case the theater department wants to revisit the music of the performance, the original copy will be given to the conductor. "We're capturing magic for the next generation," Allen said.



Members of the wind ensemble trombone and trumpet brass section play during their rendition of "Apollo," written by Jan van Der Roost, "which is keeping to the theme of the concert," Hamilton said.

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