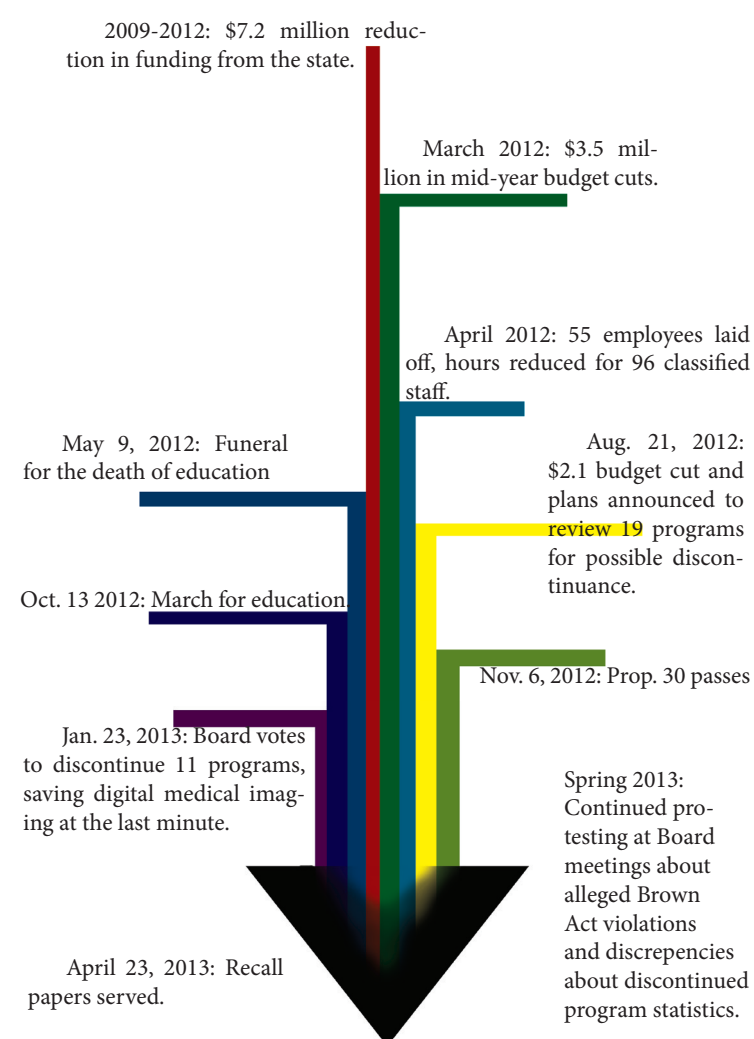


Near-total recall papers served to 4

TIMELINE OF ACTION

BY JESUS HERNANDEZ
Editor in Chief



NO CONFIDENCE

Four LBCC Board of Trustee members were served with recall notices and the entire Board was presented with a vote of no confidence by Student Trustee Jason Troia on behalf of the ASB Cabinet without their consent on Tuesday, April 23.

A notice of intent to circulate recall petitions were served to Trustees Doug Otto, Tom Clark, Jeff Kellogg and Roberto Uranga by David Root, 47, an auto body major, in T1100. Trustee Clark was not present.

Troia accused the Board of not including students in the program discontinuance process, voting on items in closed-session meetings and allowing the Academic Senate to conduct closed-door meetings, which he said was a violation of the Brown Act.

The serving is the first of many steps in the recall process that could include gathering about 10,000 signatures in each of the four areas the trustees represent, possibly leading to a public vote.

"Words cannot adequately express how much worse things are at LBCC than my wildest expectations when I was elected," Troia said to open his trustee report.

He went on to say the Federal Aviation Administration suspended accreditation of the aviation maintenance program because the college was falsifying FAA certificates.

President Eloy Oakley later said, "The FAA has not changed the accreditation status of our program... I'm not sure where Trustee Troia got that information."

Troia continued to cite information

he found in the college database and from speaking to teachers of affected programs that showed differences between numbers he found and those the Board presented. A figure suggesting the aviation maintenance program is ranked in the top 5 percent in the country was questioned by Area 1 Trustee and Board vice president Kellogg.

Kellogg asked for a source of the figure and the parameters of the rankings. After referring Kellogg to documents from the Academic Council that reviewed the programs, but ultimately not having an answer, Troia was assisted by a member of the audience who yelled out, "The FAA."

Later in the meeting, after Kellogg stepped out of the room to find more information, he walked past Troia and quietly said, "I couldn't find anything regarding the FAA rating anyone."

Troia walked out of the meeting and did not return. Troia later revealed he left the room because Trustee Mark Bowen pulled a letter out of his briefcase written by ASB Treasurer Kristin Payne that disclosed the opposing view of the divided Cabinet. After reading part of the letter, Troia knew he would face a lot of criticism so he decided to leave before Oakley could read the letter.

After the meeting, Board President Uranga's reaction to getting served a recall notice was, "It's the price you pay for being in public office." In a public statement, Uranga said, "Student representatives also participated in the President Leadership Council, which developed the policy, which was used in the program discontinuance process."

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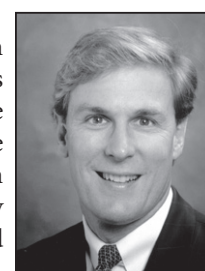
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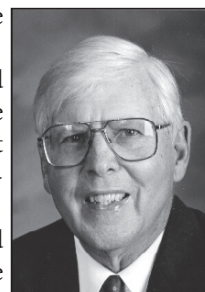
Club D'Art President Amelia Eller, 29, an art major, chawks a childhood traditional Mexican doll, incorporating it with the style of her favorite artist Frida Kahlo in the LAC Quad on Tuesday, April 30. See story on Page 6.



Roberto Uranga
"Price you pay."



Jeff Kellogg
Disputes FAA claim



Thomas Clark
Misses meeting



Doug Otto
Running for mayor

Spring Sing combines talent and suspense amid scholarship drive

As 19 acts prepare for the 62nd annual Spring Sing concert, the final week is the most time-consuming and stressful with practice, rehearsals and preparing physically and mentally, a member of the men's social-service club Atzlan said.

Spring Sing is Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Hall of Champions. Tickets at the door are \$10 and all proceeds will go to the LBCC scholarships.

Many clubs have been practicing since the beginning of the Spring semester, usually late at night to preserve the mystery of their skits, props and costumes from their competitors.

Peter Serna, 20, Thane men's honor society president and Atzlan member, said, "It's just tradition, we don't want to know what other clubs are doing before the deadline and we don't want them

knowing what we're doing."

Last year, Atzlan won the sweepstake for the men's category with their "Toy Story" themed skit and they're going for the three-peat this year with their "Snow White" skit.

Sandra Ramirez, 21, a member of the Isis women's social-service club, is performing this year to defend Isis' women's sweepstakes title from last year's "Lion King" skit. While Isis isn't revealing its theme until the performance, Ramirez said she is most excited to showcase the group's costumes and make-up.

Serna said, "I know it sounds cliché, but everyone does an amazing job so everyone is our competition."

"We put a lot of pressure on ourselves so we're also our own competition."

Service dogs guide students past challenges

By **LEONARD KELLEY**
Staff Writer

You may see students on campus walking with their favorite, loyal canine study buddy.

A variety of dogs walk around the campus. Inside the LAC Viking Food Court, Elmer Ugarte, 26, a freshman physical therapy major walks proudly with his friend Patches, a highly trained Golden Retriever service dog who can detect what's around him and alarm Elmer when he needs to be alert about his Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Patches had no problem staying close to his master and did not pay attention to distractions around him. Even as they walked quickly in a hurry to get to class, Patches had a temperament of alertness.

Darla Drummond, a former Navy jet engine mechanic, served four years, including a tour in Cuba at Guantanamo Bay. She walks with a 6-year-old Great Dane, Fubar, through the campus, on their way to play in Heartwell Park.

At the PCC, Brian Hastie, a vocational instruction technician

in horticulture, said, "I have seen human assisted students, but in 10 years of being a staff member, I cannot think of one service dog. However, I have seen barking Chihuahuas and skinny road dogs free running on campus."

During lunch at the LAC Food Court, Arron Ball, a music major is with Adam, his service dog, 10-year old Tiny Toy, a poodle.

Adam was a rescue dog, re-trained to meet Ball's partial hearing needs. Adam is Ball's ears and identifies sound's location by how Adam's body reacts. Adam seeks out all surrounding sounds.

One concern for service dog owners was made by Ball: "People passing off their animal as a service companion creates hardships for the disabled. Untrained dogs are likely to act up and cause disruption making people question the viability of real trained service dogs."

Marti Sellers, a liberal arts major, had her partial sight restored 17-years ago by surgery. She was walked into the LAC Food Court by Mercedes, her 8-year old yellow Labrador service dog. Sellers said, "I say 'ice' and no matter



LEONARD KELLEY/VIKING

AT YOUR SERVICE: Spotted outside the LAC Food Court, Adam may be small, but he is a huge help to LBCC student Arron Ball.

where she is on campus directing me, Mercedes will find the Food Court where she may get some ice."

Every semester, Mercedes returns to Sellers' new classrooms.

Mercedes knows to avoid going to the old classrooms and she has never gone to the wrong location. Mercedes even knows when to take the steps or the ramp, depending on whether Sellers is pulling her roller

bag or not.

Service dogs are always welcome on campus and Lt. Julie Prior with the campus police said, "Students or visitors do not have to register their animals."

LBCC scorecard above average

By **MAYRA CASTRO**
Staff Writer

Based on a state scorecard, LBCC ranked above average regarding its graduates and sending college-ready students to universities among 112 colleges.

The score, released on April 9, was launched by the California Community College Board of Governors and Chancellor Brice Harris.

Student success is measured in earning certificates and degrees and students who complete technical training for careers or continue to universities.

California Community Colleges are one of the most transparent systems of higher education in the country due to the access it gives students, parents and the public to track student outcomes, the Chancellor's office said.

The scorecard indicates the college has seen 74 percent of its students graduate or transfer to universities in the past six years. However, only 40 percent of its remedial students met the same results, the report revealed.

Vashti Hollomon, 18, a mechanical engineer major and music minor, is dually enrolled in LBCC and Cal State Los Angeles. She said, "Reading the college's scorecard gives me a bit of confidence. If something were to go wrong at CSULA and I had to become a full-time student at LBCC, I know I would be able to transfer because the college is demonstrating that it is capable of sending students to four-year schools."

Statewide remedial students make up a majority of the 2.4 million Community College stu-

dents.

A little more than 41 percent of the remedial students graduate or transfer to universities.

71 percent of Cerritos College's college-ready students and 35.2 percent of its remedial students transfer to universities or

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—Vashti Hollomon
Mechanical engineer major

graduate.

LBCC President Eloy Oakley said, "Part of the challenge is prioritizing resources and ensuring we're doing everything we can to help students move along at (faster) rates while at the same time securing less revenue for students."

Oakley also said the college "welcomes the student success scorecard as a way to provide benchmark data on sustained institutional improvement over time."

79 percent of roughly 4,000 freshman attending Pierce College were able to reach their goal in six years. 45.4 percent of about 16,000 remedial students succeeded in transferring or graduating, making Pierce College one of the best colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District.

69 percent of Cypress College's college-ready students graduate or transfer to universities and 41.4 percent of its remedial students reach the same goal.

Amie Miramontes-Franco, 19, a kinesiology major and member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Kappa honor society be-

gan attending LBCC in the Fall 2011 semester. In the two years she has attended the college, she has witnessed and been affected by the budget cuts the college has endured.

Challenges exist, she said, but the college's scorecard reinforces her decision of pursuing her education at LBCC.

"It's unfortunate that the cuts have affected those it has, but it is good to see that the college has been able to focus its attention on purposes that benefit the greater majority," Miramontes-Franco said.

Percent of students who graduate or transfer to universities:

LBCC
74%
Cerritos College
71%
Pierce College
79%
Cypress College
69%

Percent of remedial students who graduate or transfer to universities:

LBCC
40%
Cerritos College
53.2%
Pierce College
45.4%
Cypress College
41.4%

Students disagree on Proposition 8

By **ELIZA DE LA FLOR**
Staff Writer

Proposition 8, the California ban on same-sex marriage, has gone before the U.S. Supreme Court and students at LBCC are talking about the impending result.

For a brief time, same-sex marriage was legal in California. Proposition 8, an amendment to the state Constitution defining marriage as strictly between a man and a woman, was passed in November 2008. Since then, the proposition has been challenged repeatedly and appealed as unconstitutional, finally ending in the U.S. Supreme Court on March 26. The case has gained national attention, as the decision could affect policy across the country.

Reactions are mixed nationwide and LBCC students are no exception.

Samuel Castillo, 24, a French major, said, "I'm disappointed so far. I think it's unfair. Take the word 'gay' out of the situation and take a look at rights and protections that any couples should have under the law and you see it's unjust. The government's responsibility is to rectify that. Let's keep equality in our minds and love in our hearts."

Liam Donohue, a linguistics major, echoed Castillo's sentiments. In an email, Donohue said, "I believe that Proposition 8 represents discrimination against homosexuals, by denying our equal rights as citizens. It's inappropriate because anti-homosexual ideology is based on religious perspectives, which have no place in a country, which upholds freedom of religion, as well as free-

dom from religion, as a virtue and as a policy."

Two students who wished to remain anonymous spoke about their support for Proposition 8. One student described "a strong Christian upbringing" as a factor. The student said, "I don't hate gay people, but I don't think they should be allowed to get married. We have God in the Constitution and that gives us strength as a country and I think we are slipping morally and I think redefining marriage now is a bad idea."

Another student shared personal conflict as well as perspective, saying, "Generally, I'm very neutral. Personally, everyone should have the right to choose, but on a broader scale, I feel like it's a moral hit to the country. As far as my faith is concerned, I'm not sure if it's the right thing right now. I'm not sure if I would vote for it."

According to a Los Angeles Times article written by David Savage, the day deliberations began, the Supreme Court "has at least four options in the case."

First, they could leave same-sex marriage a state's decision by ruling it is not a constitutional right.

Second, they could dismiss the appeal, which would again return the decision to California.

Third, the court may find Proposition 8 unconstitutional, but only because it is denying a right won in a state court, again limiting the decision's effects to Californians.

The fourth option is ruling denial of gay marriages unconstitutional, which could potentially open the decision to nationwide legalization.

V.P. considers job in N. Mexico

Controversial administrator one of three finalists for director position.

By MAYRA CASTRO
Staff Writer



Gaither Loewenstein
V.P. of Academic Affairs

LBCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Gaither Loewenstein is among three finalists being considered by the University of New Mexico Gallup to become the branch campus' new executive director.

Loewenstein said he is not currently engaged in a widespread job search and is happy with his position at LBCC.

"College administrators see opportunities at other colleges that might appeal to them and apply for the position as a means of learning more about the prospective opening. The course of going through the interview process can be a good learning opportunity," he said.

He added, "My wife and I have talked off and on over the years about the possibility of finishing my career in the southwest since the costs of living are quite low and the dry climate is good for my arthritis."

President Eloy Oakley said he was aware of Loewenstein's interest in UNM and approved his participation in the process for the reasons he cited. Oakley said, "I encourage all administrators to consider positions where they may fulfill either career or geographic desires."

Loewenstein said, "I had a nice visit with the folks at the Gallup Campus and the administrative team at the University in Al-

buquerque and was able to share some of what I have learned with my deans team at Long Beach. Although it is unlikely that there will be an appropriate fit for me with regard to this particular opportunity, I found the experience itself to be worthwhile."

As LBCC's vice president of academic affairs, Loewenstein has served as the chief instructional officer of the college, while overseeing the college's academic programs and deans.

Loewenstein resigned as president of Modesto Junior College in May of 2011 after unpopular employee reductions at the college and the discovery of controversial song lyrics that he had written and posted on his personal website.

Controversy followed him as he took his new position at LBCC in March of 2012, amid the college dealing with mid-year budget cuts, resulting in staffing reductions and eventually the discontinuance of 11 programs.

While 11 programs were discontinued, diagnostic medical imaging also was recommended to be cut but was granted immunity at the last minute.

Cabinet meets 4 times in week

By JESUS HERNANDEZ
Editor in Chief

The ASB Cabinet has conducted four meetings in the span of one week with the hope of reviewing a number of important topics including a vote of no confidence, allocation of a Barnes and Noble grant, student and Cabinet questions about program discontinuance and funding for a Students helping Students event which all came to a conclusion at the shop exterior extension of the II building at the PCC on Monday, April 22.

The Cabinet spoke to clarify reasons why the Board of Trustees allegedly made Brown Act and Student Educational Code violations during the program discontinuance process. Members of the Cabinet argue that the Board did not include the students in the process as has been outlined in the SEC.

The next attempt at a meeting on behalf of the Cabinet fell short of quorum on Thursday, April 18 at 3:30 so the meeting was forced to be canceled as dictated by the Brown Act which outlines rules any meeting by an elected body must abide by.

The special meeting was intended to educate the student body on the vote of no confidence and despite there not being enough Cabinet members to hold the meeting, many of them spoke to the concerned students who attended and had questions

prepared. The next meeting was scheduled at 7:30 a.m. in the Fishbowl of the E Building at the LAC and only required the elected members of the Cabinet to attend. This meeting outlined the document which will be presented to the Board along with the vote of no confidence which was voted on and passed on Monday, April 22.

The PCC was host to two meetings back to back Monday, April 22. The first meeting had Gregory Peterson, vice president of student support services, Ann-Marie Gabel, vice president of administrative services and

Troia found. The possible reason being that some of the numbers Troia was looking at might have counted students multiple times because those numbers were based on enrollment on individual classes when one student could have been counted once in each class.

Peterson said the college will give affected students the opportunity to attend other colleges and complete classes necessary and if the new college will not honor the LBCC credits then students can transfer back and LBCC will allow them to receive their certificate here.

There were numbers of certificated being presented by the Board which conflicted with numbers presented by the Cabinet. Troia asked Peterson why the Board presented such different numbers and Peterson explained the difference was probably because of two types or certificates; the accomplishment certificate shows students who have completed less than 18 semester units or 21 quarter units while the completion certificate is more than 18 semester units and goes through a more rigorous process to complete.

Soktear Phuy, 26, an auto body major, said, "The vice presidents are answering the questions pretty fairly, but they leave some gaps here and there. I know a lot of the stuff being asked isn't their area but they should have brought everyone."

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—Soktear Phuy
Auto body major

Cindy Vyskocil, associate vice president of human resources answering questions presented by students and Cabinet members in an open forum.

Gabel explained the college might have had a \$14 million reserve but it didn't mean the college had all of that in cash since the state owed the school more than \$20 million. The actual cash amount in the college reserve was closer to \$6.4 million.

Peterson spoke to number differences between what the college presented to the Chancellors office and what Student Trustee Jason

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New vendor will try to bring healthier food

S&B will replace Aramark at LAC.

BY RAMON LONTOK
Staff Writer

Food Service Company S&B Foods is expected take over LBCC's Food Court this Summer, after current provider Aramark's contract to provide food service to the school ends.

Director of public affairs Mark Taylor and director of business support services Margie Padron said S&B Foods is contracted for a three-year term at LBCC, with an option to renew the contract for two additional one-year terms.

Taylor said the LBCC Auxiliary, in coordination with the Purchasing Department, issued a request for proposals from different food vendors in January.

An evaluation committee of students and employees reviewed the proposals from three food vendors and made site visits to the vendors' facilities. Taylor also added that during the interview process, the three food companies were asked to bring food samples.

"S&B Foods had excellent tasting food, great references and provided the most advantageous

proposal for the college," Taylor said. The food service company will be offering a variety of items from their menu including "breakfast, burgers, vegetarian and many healthy options," according to school officials. The company also has items made to order such as hand-tossed salads and wraps, sandwiches and individual pizzas, as well as a selection of grab-and-go items, both hot and cold, freshly prepared each day.

Student Trustee Jason Troia said, "The quality of the food will be above the quality given by Aramark."

Troia also said students should see "a little cost-savings"

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—Mark Taylor
Director of public affairs

regarding the prices of the food, with Taylor adding how S&B Foods understands that students have a tight budget and "therefore its food prices will be affordable."

S&B Foods, which handles the food services for colleges such as Irvine Valley and El Camino, will provide full service catering for LBCC. According to school officials, the food service company is partnering with The Growing Experience, an urban farm in the Carmelitos



RAMON LONTOK/VIKING

CHANGE TASTES GOOD: Students refuel in the LAC Food Court. S&B Foods, also serving Irvine Valley and El Camino colleges, will be the campus' new food provider starting this Summer.

housing project in Long Beach that will help grow the school's fruits and vegetables, which will be included in the food vendor's specials and salad bar.

"They grow vegetables and fruits year-round using sustainable methods, with no chemical pesticides or synthetic fertilizers," Taylor said. "It's a great way to reduce our carbon footprint and support a local farm."

Troia said S&B Foods only will provide food service at the LAC Viking Food Court be-

cause PCC's is contracted to a food truck catering company. However, Taylor confirmed that the company will be a subcontractor to S&B Foods and is only temporary until the construction of Building GG at the PCC is completed, allowing for a full-service cafeteria operated by S&B Foods.

Jordee Halili, 18, a marine biology major, said she has never paid attention to the cafeteria food and has always bought lunch at nearby restau-

rants. With a new food service, Halili said she is willing to give the LAC Food Court a second chance.

"With the guaranteed improved quality of this new company, I am willing to try out their food," Halili said.

"I also think it's great how LBCC will now be receiving and incorporating fresh-farm produce into their meals, which will undoubtedly change the quality of their food."

Justin Rudd foundation revives students' lives

Scholarship leads foster child to CSU Fullerton.

BY MANNY ORZCO
Staff Writer

Shashana Dent, a former LBCC student, transitioned from foster care to a student at CSU Fullerton with the help of the Long Beach Giving Project's Justin Rudd Foundation.

Nancy Yoho the Gateway to greatness manager, said the purpose of the foundation is to give "less fortunate students a chance of a future in their education. It was established to fulfill the needs of these young individuals."

With the help of the foundation, Dent was able to get a loan for her tuition and books, in addition to being able to afford a new car she can use to drive her younger siblings to school.

Dent said she was really grateful when the Rudd Foundation contacted her and informed her about the money and she spoke about her story during a dinner for the Long Beach Giving Project.

After her speech, a representative from CSU Fullerton informed her about the school and she immediately accepted the offer to attend the university.

Rudd has dedicated his life to

helping children and has developed the Community Action Team (C.A.T.) in Long Beach, which has produced quality events in the community that benefits

children, animals and the environment.

"My motto is 'explore, dream, discover,'" Rudd said, "I want to explore, dream and discover as much as possible in my life on Earth. I want to help folks find something new to do and experience," he added.

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—Justin Rudd
Foundation founder

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Shakespearean class gives dramatic edge

Students spar to make stage fights look real.

By **GABRIELA MENDOZA**
Staff Writer

The art of the Shakespearean sword fight survives at LBCC, the only local Community College to offer the course, as theatre students practice movement acting using three-foot steel swords.

Students in the movement for the actor's course learn how to perform fight scenes using rapiers, thin light swords, playing and acting out scenes similar to those in "The Princess Bride." While rapiers normally have sharp edges, the swords used in the class are completely dull on the edges.

The program has twenty-four, 17th century rapier swords costing \$250 each. Theatre professor

Anthony Carreiro said, he donated some of the rapiers while the rest were purchased with fundraising money and a grant.

Carreiro said it is his job to teach students how to make fighting scenes exciting, historically accurate, and safe. "It's a technique as challenging and demanding as ballet. My biggest challenge is to remind actors that they are acting, not fighting," said Carreiro.

Carreiro said students who are able to learn the complex technique well have an edge over actors who have not learned it. He said it makes students better actors because they are forced to remember their lines and choreography at the same time. "It's acting a scene with complex choreography. I've never seen a student not to become a better actor after taking the class," Carreiro said.

For students who want to take the movement class, TART 1B, the only prerequisite is the



JENNIFER RUFF/VIKING

EN GARDE: Jorge Oliva, Jr., left, fences with Sorlie Reeves with instructions from theater teacher Tony Carreiro, center, in front of the LAC Auditorium during a Shakespearean sword fighting class Thursday, April 9. The class teaches students theater combat in a way that looks dangerous, but it's safe.

introduction to acting class. Similar courses are offered in movement, acting, and other arts are available during the summer through the

Cal Arts program put on by the state universities. The summer courses are two weeks long for 10 hours a day. Students may earn a state university credit for

taking a two week course. For information on Cal Arts tuition scholarships and offered courses, students may visit csusummer-arts.org.

Honor society creates family like setting

By **JENNIFER RUFF**
Staff Writer

The Honorary of Kassai, a tight knit LBCC service organization, welcomes women with an academic focus to join their club.

Vice president Suzannah Rochelle, 22, a geographic information system major, said she likes the "diverse representation of really strong women" within Kassai. She said since its founding in 1927, Kassai has created a niche for students who care about academics.

Rochelle joined in 2011 and said the club is organized with people who care about their future. She said, "We really care about each other a lot" and the club is "small enough to feel like family."

Kassai has 12 members, but Rochelle said they aim to have the top 25 women of the sisterhood as representatives for LBCC once again. Rochelle said community leaders, like former Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill, are Kassai alumni.

Rochelle said Kassai differs from other clubs through its deep

tradition and the events held for provisionals. Provisionals are "like little sisters" who work toward becoming a member and carry on their roles as student leaders.

Kassai encourages provisionals by giving them the ability to vote on club decisions Rochelle said. At the end of semester, pro-

**Diverse representation
of really strong women.**

—**Suzannah Rochelle**
Geographic information
system major

visionals are initiated and Kassai throws them a celebration dinner.

Vice president Megan Doss, 20, an engineering major, said since joining Kassai in 2010, she has gained "a lot more connections" and has "learned a lot about myself."

Annita Kuo, 24, met Doss last semester during Join-a-Club day and she is the president of Kassai. She said, "I have made new friends, networked and had an

opportunity to work with the top women at LBCC on projects that matter to our members."

Kassai is sponsoring a Spring Break kickoff mixer Thursday, March 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for provisionals to meet members and their adviser, Ericka Gutierrez, Veteran's certifying official, at Gutierrez's house. Kassai also is planning a movie night for provisionals. For more information, students may email Rochelle at suzannahrochelle@gmail.com or Doss at megdoss92@gmail.com.

To become a member, a female student must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be enrolled in at least six units, be registered with orgsync.com, pay a \$10 fee, complete 30 Viking volunteer hours and serve 15 Kassai hours. As opposed to Viking volunteer hours, Kassai hours are obtained by going to meetings, attending group bonding events and service events.

Members also have a chance to become a marshal for graduation. Being a marshal is a tradition where two male and female leaders of Student Life have the honor of leading the class.

Meetings are Fridays from 11 a.m. until noon in the Valhalla room at the LAC.

Distinguished student wins award for essay

Business major honored for "tremendous" volunteer service.

By **MAYRA CASTRO**
Staff Writer

Student Caitin Bolt-Chambers, 20, a business major and sociology minor, is being recognized as a Young Woman of Distinction.

She said she was thankful to be recognized with the other candidates. "I feel honored. It's very humbling," she said. According to the nomination form, recognition is given to women under 24 years old who have excelled in helping the community through volunteering and who serve as role models in District 63.

Referring to the women, Bolt-Chambers said, "Each of these women has dedicated themselves towards helping others and they are role models for our next generation of leaders. All of these women have done a tremendous job in the community and all of them in one way or another are incredible, special and inspirational."

Candidates for the award are nominated through an essay. Bolt-Chambers does not know who nominated her, but she suspects her mother nominated her. "My parents are always trying to do nice things for me," she said.

She describes her parents as proud of her and amazed how she is able to do all she does.

She plans to transfer in Fall 2014. Among the schools she

plans on applying to are Cal Poly Pomona and Chapman University.

She also plans to apply to out-of-state universities, but hopes she is able to receive a full scholarship to attend. Although she is an inactive member this semester, she is part of the Ladies of Athena and a Lady for the Men of Aztlan.

Jeanette Castro, 21, a human resources major who met Bolt-Chambers during the semester she was pledging for the Men of Aztlan, said, "Caitee deserves this recognition without a doubt."

She balances all her roles including being a determined and dedicated student, employee, volunteer and friend."

**My parents are
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do nice things for
me.**

—**Bolt-Chambers**
Business major and
sociology minor

When she is not volunteering she volunteers at Park Church in Long Beach. She directs the Kids Club, run by the church.

As the director, she is

responsible for the curriculum and choosing songs for K-5 children.

Though she rarely has free time, she said Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for fun.

On Tuesdays, she and her aunt have started a tradition of going to the movies and on Thursday nights, she goes to a restaurant, bowling or shopping with her friends.

Some of her hobbies include reading and working on her fairy garden, which she recently started and enjoys adding unique ornaments to.

Regarding her recognition, Bolt-Chambers said she does not see why she is being applauded for what she likes to do. She said, "I don't think it's something that should be acknowledged."

Engraving error etched in stone

By **JASON GASTRICH**
Copy Editor

Construction on the LAC's A Building is complete and it's open for business, but the engraving on the cement planter on the Front Quad doesn't reflect the college's name.

Instead of writing, "Long Beach City College," the sign reads, "Long Beach Community College."

Mark Taylor, LBCC director of college advancement and public affairs, said, "College staff noticed the error during installation,

but due to the design and type of construction it was deemed too costly to change."

Taylor described it as an oversight by CS Legacy, the construction company and said it would be too costly to change or fix.

Austin Chase, 19, an audio production student, said, "I didn't notice it until today."

It was Tuesday, April 9, but it was Chase's first day back from Spring Break.

"That sign says City College," he said as he pointed to another sign. "This sign says community," he said and pointed to the engraved planter.

ASB Treasurer Kristen Payne said, "I like the idea that it makes you think about the fact that we are a community within Long Beach, but I hope the school will fix it before the Fall semester of new students."

Ronald Johnson, 27, a radio and television major, said, "It should say Long Beach City College, not Long Beach Community College."

He noticed how a sign directly behind it said the college's name correctly.

"We should also get some more plants in here. This is a city, not a desert," he added.

T-shirts speak for victims rights



ELIZA DE LA FLOR/VIKING

FIGHTING FOR RIGHTS: Rocky Tim, vice president of the Human Services Club and an auto mechanics major, walks behind the clothesline exhibit at the PCC on Tuesday, April 30. The exhibit is part of a campaign to raise awareness about sex crimes, including assault and human trafficking.

By **ELIZA DE LA FLOR**
Staff Writer

A number of colorful T-shirts decorated with moving messages were displayed at the Pacific Coast Campus of LBCC April 30 to mark the last day of Sexual Assault Awareness month.

The exhibit is known as the Clothesline Project. The T-shirts were collected by the Young Women's Christian Association of greater Los Angeles at various shelters for victims of abuse and brought to the PCC. Women and men used paint and markers to write messages on the shirts.

Some were messages of hope, some of anger, some of sorrow. The shirt colors stood for different types of assault.

The exhibit was sponsored by the PCC Human Services Club. Several club members were nearby to provide information to students. The Cambodian Club provided a video to be shown during the event. Rocky Tim, an auto mechanics major and the vice president of the Human Services Club, said the video showed a 16-year old girl being sold into prosti-

tution to support her family. He said awareness raised by events like this was aimed at "preventing human trafficking and sex slavery all over the world."

Preventing human trafficking and sex slavery all over the world.

—Rocky Tim
Auto mechanics major

we have to support this cause, the greater effect it's going to have. Hopefully, Washington can hear it. Maybe make a national day, wear a ribbon or something."

Gina Wilson, 48, is also a member of the Human Services Club, and has a very personal connection to the cause. Wilson freely shared that she is a survivor of gang rapes, assaults, and homelessness, and believes being open about her experiences can help other victims to speak out and not be ashamed. She said, "Being a survivor, I think there are a lot of people that have been in this situation that don't know where to go. A lot of people don't talk when this happens to them. When I was homeless, the YWCA really helped me." The YWCA has a 24-hour hotline: 1-877-Y-HELPS-U (1-877-943-5778).

Club D' Art takes a walk

Students express their creative artistic ways to expose their audience's views.

By **ELIZABETH CHERUTO**
Staff Writer

Club D'Art took over the front pavement of the LAC F Building in an organized third chalk art for chalk walk, Tuesday, April 30.

The event gave students from both campuses an opportunity to show their artistic skills and express their art talent. 10 students participated. Club President Amelia Eller, 29, an art major, said the event was free and open to all students with a drawing talent. The requirement to participate was a pre-approved sketch by club officials.

The KLBC Radio Club also participated. The organizers of the event said it is good for the college because it is an opportunity for students who are not art students to show their artistic talents. Eller added that the mission of the chalk art for chalk walk is to expose the non-art students to art. Club secretary Chaz Jones Hennessey, 22, a health care major, said, "This is a cool event that brings creativity in the life of students. It is a great way for students to come together and experience art and create something beautiful."

Susanne Favella, 31, a communication major, said she was inspired to participate in the drawing to promote the radio club and to bring awareness of the club to more students. She added, "I want the students to know that there is a radio program at the college that represents their voice on campus."

Brian Allen, 37, a graphic design major, said he was glad to draw an anime figure that he had sketched.

Allen said, "I draw for fun and this is a good opportunity to display my art for more people to see. I hope one day I can earn money through my drawing."

Melissa Arellano, 18, a business major, had a huge beautiful drawing of the four seasons blended together through art. She said she had sketched the drawing for fun, then she saw the advertisement to participate and it seemed like a great idea.

Tori and Jade Boyd, 21-year old twins and art majors, participated in a joint drawing. They said they enjoy drawing and think it is a good way of exploring the beauty of art. Tuesday was the second time they have both participated in the drawing.

Vickelly Lopez, 21, an art major, drew a person with a shadow over the image and said, "I participated because I want to promote the art club."

The organizers of the event provided the chalk supplies, snacks and drinks for participants and said the art will be on display for a week before they wash it off.

Dance enlightens prestigious performance skills

By **JESSICA DE SOTO**
News Editor

The dance concert will be on May 9-11 and it'll illuminate the focus of the ideal philosophy of performance excellence this Spring semester.

Artistic director and dance teacher, Stephanie Powell, said, "My main goal is to encourage, empower and prepare students for the next phase of their academic, professional and artistic journey."

All students are required to rehearse each piece they have selected for three hours per week, in addition to enrolling in a dance technique class, such as ballet, modern dance or jazz dance to focus on strength, stamina, precision and technique in preparation for the concert, she said.

Auditions were Tuesday, February 12, in building Q113, when the students were critiqued on their technical skills and performance qualities. The concert will showcase a variety of pieces, choreographed by students and teacher choreographers in forms of balletic, modern, contemporary and other art essentials of movement.

LBCC student Tytus Larue James Gibson-Jackson, 22, a dance and musical theater major, will be choreographing a piece



ARIEEL ALCARAZ/VIKING

RHYTHM AND MOTION: Itsaree Rachatsumrit, 22, a dance major, practices for her performance at the upcoming dance department event.

about what he thinks it is to be on the drug ecstasy. The title of his ballet is "Molly and Friends." Jackson said he was cast in four pieces and this time the concert will be pulled together really tightly. He added, "I think there will be somewhat of a variety."

Powell personally evaluates the success of her teachings based on the accomplishments of her students. She said, "I had a lengthy and diverse dance performing career that ranged from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to Dance Theater of Harlem to the

Broadway musical 'Lion King.'"

She also said her experience has given her vast knowledge in the field and helps her to guide serious students toward a successful career.

"I have had the great fortune of seeing students transfer to and graduate from Chapman University, University of Hawaii, CSULB, UC Irvine, UCLA and others," Powell said.

Another area where many of her students have been accepted into prestigious dance companies is summer intensives, where they

have been recognized by LBCC President Eloy Oakley.

"My favorite part of teaching is coaching dancers to be the best they can be," she said.

The 2013 Spring dance concert will be in the LAC auditorium. Free parking will be in lots D, E and F.

General admission is \$16. Tickets cost \$11 for students, staff, employees and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased online. Call (562) 938-4659 for more information or visit lbcc.edu/tdf.

AIDS Walk set with five events

By KRISTIN GRAFFT
Staff Writer

Students are invited to support their community at the 25th anniversary of the Long Beach AIDS Walk on Sunday, June 2.

The event will be in Downtown Long Beach with the main festival area in front of the Aquarium of the Pacific, at 100 Aquarium Way, 90802. Registration and check in will begin at 7 a.m., followed by the opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. and concerts from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary, participants can now join five events. "We really wanted to add some other events for people to have fun while fundraising," said Garry Bowie, executive director for the Long Beach AIDS Foundation.

New this year is the beach life challenge obstacle course, which will be at the Pike, instead of the main festival area. Start times are still tentative, but it is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. A 50-mile bike-a-thon is planned at 7:30 a.m., a 25-mile bike-a-thon at 9 a.m., a 5k run starting at 8:30 a.m. and a 5k walkathon or pet walk at 9:30 a.m.

Students not participating in

the activities are still welcome to attend and enjoy the main festival area. Along with the live music, booths will be set up by sponsors; including Kaiser Permanente, Frontiers LA magazine, Rite Aid and a radio station. Huberts Lemonade will give away samples and Monster energy drink may as well.

People also are encouraged to show their support by donating. Those who wish to make a donation may go to AIDSwalklb.org and look up participating people or teams they know. From there, they may then donate on their personalized fundraising page.

The money raised goes toward programs that service the HIV and AIDS victims of Long Beach and raise awareness in the community. Bowie said none of the money will go toward finding cures or research.

"There are plenty of organizations that already do that. What we do is service Long Beach, not fund pharmaceutical companies. This is all about funding our own community," Bowie said.

This year, the money will go to "Project: Red Paint" a middle and high school HIV awareness-through-art program, "Block by Block" an outreach program for homeless citizens with HIV, and many other organizations.



MARCY LOPEZ/VIKING

FASHION FOCUS: Saul Lopez, 21, a fashion major, concentrates on sewing his piece of garment together in preparations for fashion week.

Fashion class takes a trip to L.A.

LBCC students participated in the California Community College Statewide Fashion symposium and fashion show on Saturday, April 27.

Over 600 Fashion students from 20 different Community Colleges across California gathered at the California Market Center in Los Angeles to celebrate Careers in Fashion.

The event provides the opportunity for students to network with industry professionals, compete in fashion illustration and fashion presentation, organizers said.

Students had the opportunity

to submit for display and competition, fashion design illustrations and fashion presentations, as well as compete in activities that challenge their design aesthetic independently and in team environments.

The fashion show was produced by the LBCC fashion program. Students conceptualized the theme, conducted a press shoot and created media kits.

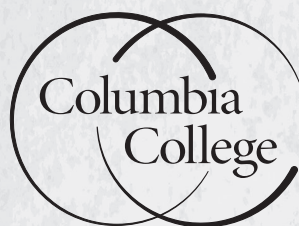
Models were hired and conducted 20 hours of model fittings, created the graphic images for the screen, designed the programs for the symposium event and coordinated the panel of industry judges for the show, among many other

tasks to showcase more than 100 garments from throughout the state.

All LBCC students fared well in the statewide fashion competitions, teacher Pamela Knights said.

Top award winners were: contemporary sportswear first place Lucy Acosta, second place Sopheap Ros, third place Pablo Torres; cocktail and clubwear first place Jalen Harrison, second place Meca Smith; evening wear first place Sopheap Ros; 5B design board computer first place Sidra Lay, second place Krystie Anaya, third place Cyndi Proeng; best workmanship Jalen Harrison.

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Aztlan dominates the school speedway

By RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Writer

Energetic students, hand-made pushcarts, four-foot ramps, hay bales and sweeping turns created a festive and competitive atmosphere at the 38th annual Mini Grand Prix in the LAC Quad on Thursday, April 18.

The Men of Aztlan successfully defended their title as both men's teams faced off in a final race. The Golden Beasts defeated the Golden Men twice in a row, earning an award for the fastest lap time of 27.63 seconds.

Aztlan entered a women's team, the Flying Sparkles, who defeated the White Wolves of Isis in two heats to earn Aztlan the sweep.

At the end of the women's final, the entire Aztlan club circled near the finish line to chant in celebration and lift Bryan Berkley, a Golden Beast team member, on the group's shoulders.

Before the race, the royal court was announced with Angel Vasquez and Michelle Vargas earning king and queen honors. A dual election of king and queen had not happened in the Mini Grand Prix's 38-year history, they announced.

The Quad was full of music, employees and students. The event is a double-elimination competition and features a hay bale-lined course roped off with black-and-red flags, beginning with a ramp with a lift-gate toward the northwest end of the Quad.

The two-lane course went over a ramp and looped right, connecting a left loop before a home stretch straightaway, ending by the announcer and DJ booth in the southeast corner.

Three designated switch areas challenged racers and entertained spectators. Even though they were situated just a few feet from a light pole, the finish line and the hay bales couldn't stop racers. Several times, competitors went through or over the hay bales onto the concrete surrounding the grass.

Vivian Lauwers, 23, a child development major, said, "I was on my way to the Library, but stopped to watch the race. It looks like a lot of fun, but those hay bales (behind the finish line) don't seem to be doing anything."

Scraped knees, bruises, twisted ankles and strained hamstrings are accepted by-products of the event.

Berkley said he suffered "nothing but minor scratches."

The final race included the Golden Men from Aztlan calling on alternate Nate Padilla to replace Jaime Reyes, who said he strained his hamstring while crashing.

Mini Grand Prix awards were distributed after the race. The Mario Andretti award for the best team uniform and spirit went to Isis for the women and Aztlan for the men. Aztlan also won best cart design. Isis' White Wolves won the women's fastest lap with a time of 31.77 seconds.



Caleb Ellis/Viking

Stephen Araujo, 21, an undecided major, and his team, "The Golden Beasts," roll to the finish line to capture Aztlan's 6th consecutive racing title Thursday, April 18. Two Aztlan teams competed for the top spot in the final race.



Caleb Ellis/Viking

Julia Ochoa, 20, a child development major, gets her face painted to show her support for the Isis racers in the Mini Grand Prix.



D.A. Phillips/Viking

Ladies of Aztlan member Nayela Buenrosto, 21, a communications major, makes the last switch as her teammates Vannesa Munoz, 21, a communications major, and Evelyn Alvaro, 19, a social science major, right, push to a final victory.



Caleb Ellis/Viking

Students show spirit as they root for their team during the race.



Caleb Ellis/Viking

Welding majors Bernie Parra, 19, Bryan Buck, 28, and Garret Green, 19, from left, run their last lap. Welding is one of the programs being cut at LBCC.



D.A. Phillips/Viking

Bryan Berkley, third from left, 19, a sign language major, and Nate Padilla, a sociology major who raised his hand in triumph, celebrate with Aztlan members as they qualified for the final race.

4-run rally by Mt. SAC downs LBCC

By RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Writer

The LBCC softball team's shaky defense gave up four runs in the top of the seventh to lose against the visiting Mt. San Antonio College Mounties, 6-2, on Tuesday, April 23.

The loss leaves the Vikings with a record of 24-14 overall and 13-6 in-conference.

The Vikings' workhorse, freshman pitcher Candice Shadwell, pitched all seven innings and took the loss. Shadwell has pitched 184 and a third innings in 28 games starting this year with 20 complete games.

"I felt really good, really confident today," Shadwell said. She felt she was able to keep batters off balance and guessing while changing speeds and locations.

Walks have hounded Shadwell throughout the season. She has allowed 115 free passes this year, good for second-most in the state. Four out of five batters reaching by a walk for the Mounties scored, accounting for the difference and unearned runs in the game.

The score was tied 2-2 after the fourth inning until the top of the seventh. With the lead-off runner on, Mt. San Anto-

nio shortstop Caitlin King laid down a sacrifice bunt to the third baseman, freshman Eileen Rivera, who threw the ball up the first base line. The runner on first scored on the overthrow to put the Mounties ahead, 3-2.

After a walk, Mt. SAC sophomore Vanessa Bracamonte stole second without a throw and scored along with King on a single. Mt. SAC added another run on a RBI single before the half-inning ended.

Mt. SAC used team speed to force Viking errors. The Mounties stole eight bases and reached on a throwing error once. In the top of the second, Mt. SAC designated player Holly Mooring stole third on a walk without a throw, catching the Vikings napping.

LBCC coach Melissa Angel said, "They used their speed wisely. Teams like that outsmart us."

With runners on first and third, Rivera was unable to make the charging play on a bunt, allowing the Mounties to score and the runner on first to get to third. With runners on first and third again, the runner on first attempted to steal. Sophomore catcher Victoria Padilla threw directly to second baseman Melissa Lepez to start



CALEB ELLIS/VIKING

LEADING OFF: Second basemen Reanna Guzman of the Vikings tries to prevent Mt. SAC's Devynne Butler-Topete from stealing second base during the game on Tuesday, April 23. LBCC lost, 6-2.

a run-down. When first baseman Lauren Alferos had the ball, the runner on third broke for home, causing Alferos to hesitate and make a poor throw to second. The Vikings got out of the inning when the runner tried to make it to third on the overthrow, but was thrown out by left fielder Shanise Compton.

The first hit for LBCC against any Mt. SAC pitcher this year came on a first inning

home run by freshman outfielder Jezeree Misaalefua over the center field fence, her fifth of the year.

In the seventh, Misaalefua struck out to end the game with runners on second and third, the sixth and final strikeout victim of Seidel.

For the first time in three tries this season, LBCC had offensive success against Seidel, getting four hits and a run. Se-

idel leads the state in strikeouts and pitched two no-hitters against LBCC this season, on March 5 and March 28.

The Vikings closed out the season with a 2-1 loss against Palomar on Wednesday, April 24 and finish the regular season with an overall record of 24-15.

The Vikings missed out on playoff spot after finishing the season with two consecutive losses.



D.A. PHILLIPS/VIKING

TOUGH LOSS: LBCC sophomore Jo'Lon Clark spikes one of his 17 kills. The Vikings fell to the Griffins in the semi-finals, 3-1, on Thursday, April 18, in the Hall of Champions gym.

Vikings lose in semi-finals

By RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Writer

LBCC's men's volleyball season ended in a semifinal match in the state championships against Grossmont, 3-1, on Thursday, April 18, in the Hall of Champions gym.

The Vikings only won one game, but were close for the majority of the match with scores of 19-25, 25-23, 20-25 and 22-25. LBCC kept the game close, but trailed often, losing the first point in all four games and only leading by two or more points twice during the match.

Grossmont and LBCC exchanged points, service errors and diving plays from the second game on. The match was tied 37 times, from 10-10 in the second game until 21-21 in the fourth.

Viking coach Jonathan Charette said, "Errors were the tale

of the tape. The atmosphere got to the guys."

In the third game, the Vikings gave Grossmont six points by serving the ball into the net and only mustered one block. "We're not going to beat anybody that way," Charette said.

The fourth set had the more spectacular plays of the match. LBCC Captain Greg Utupo dove after a ball on the Grossmont side of the net to save a point, but was unsuccessful. The very next point, the right-handed Utupo jumped on the left side of the net to spike the ball with his left hand to win the point, tying the game at 11-11.

Each point scored featured a huge crowd outburst and both teams slapping hands and bumping chests. Grossmont's outside hitter Davis Anderson ran around the referee's chair and dove on LBCC's side of the court to hit the ball back to a

teammate, saving the point and putting Grossmont ahead, 19-18. The Vikings could only tie the game after that point and eventually lost the game and match, 25-22.

Grossmont lost in the championship game to Golden West, 3-0, with games of 31-29, 26-24 and 25-17, on Saturday, April 20.

Utupo was one of six players named to the All-Tournament team.

LBCC ended the season with a 15-4 overall record, 8-2 in their conference and was awarded the Western State Conference's number two playoff seed.

The Vikings had six players earn all-conference honors including a co-MVP, sophomore Jo'Lon Clark. Utupo, sophomore Jon Schaefer and freshman Austin Arcala earned first-team honors. Sophomore Jake Burkhardt and freshman Skyler McCoy made the second-team.

Freshman distance runner advances to Southern California regionals

By PEDRO CRUZ
Co-Sports Editor

LBCC's men's track and field team placed 5th out of seven teams in the South Coast Conference championships on Tuesday, April 23 and Friday April, 26, at Mt. San Antonio College.

The women's track and field team placed 7th out of 8 teams competing. Cerritos College won both men's and women's South Coast Conference Championships.

Freshman distance runner, Justin Weiver will be advancing

to the Southern California Regional Championships on Saturday, May 5 and 11 at Antelope Valley College. Weiver ran the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:03.63 to secure his spot in the next round.

Weiver said, "Well for starters, it feels good to be the last surviving distance runner in the season. I guess you can say it's hard work paying off."

Last year, the only distance runner to qualify for the Southern California Championships was sophomore Michael Delgado. He fell short of the qualifying mark in the 5,000 time

of 15:22.66 and a 10,000 meter time of 34:00.77. Cerritos runner Munir Kahssay ran in 31:10.45 to win the 10,000 meters and 14:19.47 for 5,000 meters to finish first.

In the conference meet, Viking Dallas Coble ran the 10,000 meters in 35:53.82 and the 5,000 meters in a time of 16:58.21. Brandot Willet ran the 1,500 meters in 4:41.86 and the 800 meters in 2:13.69. Andrew Felix recorded a time of 4:43.77 for the 1,500 meters and clocked in at 2:23.65 for the 800 meters.

Freshman Jerry Toliver re-

corded a time of 4:33.58 for the 1,500 meters and 2:18.88 for the 800 and did not qualify for the next round of the championships.

Toliver said, "It was frustrating, but me not going to SoCal revealed many things I had to work on."

The men's running program has undergone major changes in its coaching staff. In the summer, it was announced by athletic director Randy Totorp, the replacement of the men's cross country coach Tyrus DeMinter by Cerritos College's men's cross country coach John

Goldman. In the final weeks of the fall cross-country season, John Hall, the track and field coach was suspended, but the specific reasons for it are unknown.

Sources say Hall coached a group of female Poly High School athletes who were bound to compete for LBCC. The apparent coaching violation involving these athletes is presumed to be the reason for his suspension, sources say.

Totorp said Goldman was the interim track and field coach replacing Hall for an unspecified period of time.

Pitching gives baseball team a winning edge

By RYAN CRAIGHEAD
Staff Writer

LBCC's baseball team finished the season 21-15 and 12-9 in conference, the first winning season since 2009.

The Vikings' most impressive stretch of the season was an eight-game win streak from March 19 to April 6, outscoring their opponents 48-10 and pitching three shutouts during that span.

LBCC had three hitters to play in every game and hit over .300 to lead the team. Sophomore third baseman Ray Patchen hit .358 with 24 runs batted in, freshman outfielder Daniel Pitts hit .321 with 29 RBI and sophomore outfielder Derrick Garcia hit .311 and two triples.

The strength of the Vikings was the pitching staff that featured three freshman starters with earned run averages under 3.00. Sean Hale logged 76.2 innings, had a 2.11 era with three complete games, Edgar Nava started 12 games, pitched 72.1 innings and had a 2.61 era and Nick Wood struck out 7.21 batters per nine innings and had a 2.40 era.

LBCC pitching is ranked 10 in the state with a 2.72 team era.

Swimmer sets new school record

By MAYRA CASTRO
Staff Writer

At Mira Costa High, freshman Jackie Rojas was pulled aside by her high school coach, who taught her how to swim. Although the experience may have been embarrassing, she did not let that stop her. Six years later, in her sophomore year at LBCC, she has broken 2 college records.

At 19, biology major, Rojas leads a busy life, juggling family, friends, boyfriend, school, work, and swimming.

Last year, at the South Coast Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, she was .16 seconds from breaking the breaststroke record. "This year, I was record-hungry," she said.

At this year's conference meet, she won the 50-yard breaststroke and broke Lauren Sweet's school record, set in 2010, by clocking in at 31.11. Rojas also broke the 100-yard breaststroke record previously held by Samantha Arnold in 2004 by coming in at 1:08.57. She came in fifth in the individual medley.

Chris Oeding, head coach of swimming and water polo at LBCC, who has coached Rojas for the past two seasons of swimming and water polo, said she has improved in endurance, speed, power and tempo. Coach Oeding also said, "Jackie is dedicated, goal oriented, competitive, driven and highly coachable."

She considers herself lucky at LBCC because she is able to swim and be part of the water polo team. The situation may change when she transfers because both sports are played during the same season at universities. When talking about which sport she would pick, she said, "If I could go somewhere and do both, it would be



KRISTIN GRAFFT/VIKING

JOY IN WATER: Jackie Rojas swims underwater during practice after she set two new school records at this year's conference meet. She broke the 50-yard breaststroke record by clocking in at 31.11 and the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:08.57.

ideal." Although, the chances of being on two teams are bleak, she said she would choose swim over water polo. She said she would excel more in swim and could go farther with the sport.

In a team of four, they are the only two female swimmers who qualified this year for the California Community College Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships. Rojas also said being one of two female swimmers on the team feels like she is a "top dog, a beast." Rojas' sportsmanship shows when she says MacLennan is deserving of breaking some records of her own.

At the California Community College Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships both swimmers lead LBCC

to a 20th place finish, earning the college a combined score of 45. Rojas broke her own record in the 100-yard breaststroke by coming in at 1:08.29, placing in ninth place. In the 50-yard breaststroke, Rojas earned a fifth-place medal by coming in at 31.30.

Her teammate and friend for the past two seasons Christine MacLennan, 19, an undecided major, said "Jackie is a very dedicated and talented swimmer." MacLennan also said, "I am excited to be going to the state swim meet again with Jackie for the second season in a row. I look forward to seeing how we both do in our events." MacLennan, broke the 50-yard freestyle setting a new LBCC record with a time of 24.46 to finish in fourth place at the state finals.

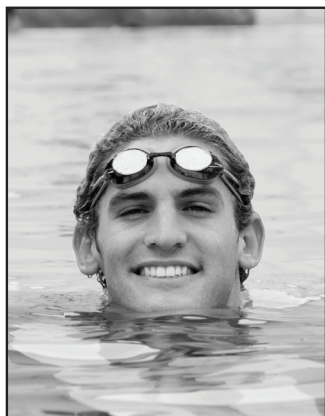
24 years of history are replaced by new record

By JASON GASTRICH
Copy Editor

Swimmer Michael Carrillo broke a 24-year old, LBCC record Friday, April 19, winning the 200-yard freestyle race in 1:41.69, nearly one second faster than the old record.

Carrillo credits coaches Chris Oeding and David Kasa for motivating his success. "(Coach Oeding is) a great coach. At State Champs this year, he told me, 'If you don't beat the guy next to you, then we are leaving you here.' That got me motivated to swim fast because I didn't want to be left. (Oeding) is by far the greatest coach I have ever had. He is the reason why I am as fast as I am today and (he) really pushed me to make my mark on this school."

After he broke the 200-yard



KRISTIN GRAFFT/VIKING
Swimmer Michael Carrillo

freestyle record, Carrillo and the swim team finished in 4th place at the South Coast Conference championships on April 20. El Camino College walked away with the win.

Carrillo broke the record for the 500-yard freestyle stroke at the State Championship swim meet, on April 27, with a record time of 4:36.89. Last year, he broke the 200-yard medley relay record with three teammates at the South Coast Conference with a time of 1:35.11.

"My favorite stroke is butterfly, but I tend to win more in freestyle, so I like to compete in the freestyle events," Carrillo said. He also said although he enjoys swimming, he doesn't think he's fast enough to qualify for the speedy US Olympic team.

This is his second year at LBCC and after this semester or next, Carrillo plans to transfer to Cal State Long Beach, major in communications and pursue an acting career. He said he prefers water polo over swim and may try out for CSULB's water polo team in the Fall, especially because he likes their water polo coaches.

In 2012, Carrillo was named the South Coast player of the year. He also earned 2012 All-American honors.

LBCC's previous 200-yard freestyle record of 1:42.53 was set by Gary O'Brien in 1989.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday, May 13
Summer priority registration

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now until Monday, May 20
SANKOFA Scholars School Supply Drive on behalf of the “For the Child” organization. Students can participate and receive community service hours with a maximum of five hours for the donations they bring. Individual unpackaged items will not be accepted. Donations can be dropped off at LAC E119.

Thursday, May 2
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Students who participate will receive two VIP tickets to the Laugh Factory, two tickets for the Los Angeles Galaxy and discounted tickets to the “Sesame Street” at the Nokia Theatre at LA Live. Identification is required to donate. LAC Nordic Lounge 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sign up at the Red Cross table in the Nordic Lounge or online at redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is LBCCC.

Friday, May 3
Writer's Reading Series presents “Leading Steampunk,” author James P. Blaylock. He will read from his recent release, “The Aylesford Skull”. Book signing admission is free. Books available for sale 2:30- 4 p.m. in LAC P104. Call (562) 243-7114

Friday, May 3
LBCC 62nd Annual Spring Sing Show
Hall of Champions Large Gym
The show begins at 7 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$7 from the Student Life office or from any of the clubs participating in the show. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Student Life Office
The LAC: (562) 938-4795
The PCC: (562) 938-3995

Friday, May 3
Science night
Opportunity for students to meet teachers. Students will be able to observe bacteria in the microbiology lab, pig heart dissection in the anatomy lab, live astronomy shows in the Planetarium and geology samples. Free food and music. LAC D Building, second and third floor 4- 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Piano quartet returns to the stage to perform the rarely heard “King of the Sun” by 2013 Grammy Award recipient for best contemporary classical composition Stephen Hartke and the monumental piano quartet. Ruth Todd Memorial Concert Hall LAC G122 7:30 p.m. Advanced purchase: \$10 At the door: \$15 Tickets are available at lbcc.ticketleap.com.
Tuesday, May 7
E.O.P.S barbecue fundraiser LAC Quad 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9
Students are invited to attend a free information session regarding a new health care training opportunity starting June 4.

Friday, May 10
Open Mic Night
LAC P104 7-9 p.m. Sign up at 6:45 p.m. All students are invited to the potluck, so they should bring food to share.

Regal Entertainment Group Movie Tickets
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Tuesday, June 4
Healthcare program
4900 E. Conant St. Building 02, Room 02-234
Course registration is open. Students who are interested may learn more and register at adulthoodreg.com/lbcc.

THEATER, DANCE AND FILM

Spring Dance Ensemble in Concert
Thursday, May 9 - Friday, May 10 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m.
LAC Auditorium.
General admission \$16. Students, and employees \$11. Tickets are also at lbcc.tdf.edu/tdf.

FOOD ON THE GO



ELIZA DE LA FLOR/VIKING
Betty Powell, 50, a nursing major, buys her lunch at the Ideal Foods food truck at the PCC. The truck is students' only option for food on campus other than vending machines. “All I eat is the egg salad. It's safe. I wish they had a cafeteria ”.

COLLEGE RADIO

Thursday, May 16
KLBC, KCTY and I.E. News presents “Soundwave 2013” at the LAC G144, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., spotlighting Southern California's artists and bands.

ART GALLERY

Saturday, May 4
Art Gallery presents “Gravity” 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in LAC K100. (562) 938- 4815 or artgallery.lbcc.edu.

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MYSTIC MAY DAY



JACOB ROSBOROUGH/VIKING
Felipa Mora Vera, 23, a music production major, listens as Stephanie Chamorro, an anthropology major, explains the tradition of the May 1 holiday and the purpose of celebrating it during the Pagan club mystic fair in the Quad at the LAC on Wednesday, May 1.

Recall: From page 1

Kellogg said, “Today we were presented with a lawsuit, recall petition and the passing of a vote of no confidence.”

He did not have an issue with Troia making any of the comments made during the meeting, but reiterated the Board voted on the program discontinuance after a lengthy review process and a recommendation from Oakley. “I made the vote and felt very confident. Now we’re moving forward.”



Mark Bowen
Avoids recall effort



Jason Troia
Student trustee

Otto coincidentally has announced his campaign for mayor of Long Beach in the 2014 election.

During the meeting, Eva Bagg, associate dean of institutional effectiveness, introduced information about the Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges report which allows the public to see student success in all 112 colleges in California.

The information is accessible on the right column of the home page at lbcc.edu by clicking on the icon that reads Student Success Card.

The Board will have its next meeting on a special date, Thursday, May 9 at 5 p.m. in T1100.

Vote of no confidence creates controversy

By JESUS HERNANDEZ
Editor-in-Chief

The ASB Cabinet passed a resolution that outlines reasons why they think the Board of Trustees has not “fulfill[ed] its duties to set the interests of students first,” according to the first paragraph of the four-page document.

The vote passed with eight Cabinet members in favor, six opposed, one vote abstaining and a advisory vote from the student trustee in favor on April 22 at the shop exterior extension of the PCC II Building

during an ASB Cabinet meeting.

District 3 Trustee Mark Bowen said he would hope the Cabinet would take into consideration his vote against program discontinuance. However, Bowen was not exempt from the Cabinet’s vote against the Board.

The Cabinet’s support of the vote of no confidence was presented to the Board of Trustees Tuesday, April 23.

Meanwhile, a petition circulated for the past few months includes more than 800 PCC students signatures, yet students from both cam-

pusess still said they have been left in the dark as to what exactly the vote means.

Soktear Phuy, 26, auto-body major, said, “I don’t blame the administration. If the ASB (Cabinet) has a good reason for the vote, then I’m on their side, but I didn’t know anything about this.” “I’m a student here and I haven’t seen anyone from the ASB come and talk to us about this. They could at least tell us what it’s about so we can prepare our questions,” Phuy said.

Phuy said he knows the Board had reasons for making cuts and

expressed his anger that he and his classmates were unfortunate enough to have been part of the discontinued programs.

John Kindred, 57, special education and speech communication major, said, “They’ve been talking about the vote of no confidence enough to where they can make a vote

The Cabinet was divided on the vote because some members said a lack of effort was made to educate and inform students from both campuses.

Wording on the resolution states the Cabinet has no confi-

dence not only in the Board, but also in the administration. It was unclear who drafted the resolution and the division among the Cabinet revolved around the final wording of the resolution.

Controversy about potential conflicts of interests to vote on behalf of a number of Cabinet members were thrown aside after conversations clarified the issues.

The closed ballot vote passed with eight in favor, six votes against, one abstaining vote and an advisory vote by the student trustee in favor of the motion.

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EDITORIAL

Finding balance with life

Knowing the time to step away and contemplate is primary when everything begins to blur our lives.

Also, finding the tipping point where education, family, work and social constraints collide and struggling with the commitments of life can cause some to give up before even beginning to enjoy the rewards of college.

Those of us who have many different loved ones who depend on us for many different things, across many different avenues, understand the value we place on our time.

We forget the same loved ones want us to perform to our own highest expectations, especially when dealing with education.

As students, we tend to unnecessarily stress about expectations, which is not bad, but it is unhealthy.

The juggling act we perform daily becomes our own burden to bear because we choose to better our lives through higher education.

The transition from follower to leader, we are armed with the courage to ask others for help and talk to people we admire about the consequences of our decisions and the possible outcome of our aspirations coming true.

Chasing the clock can cause anyone to strain, especially when the working environment changes quickly.

One's purpose for going to work can change drastically for the worse.

It sometimes stops being a means to further our academic well-being and becomes tormenting, changing us into people others avoid in and out of class and around campus.

At this tipping point, we can avoid losing perspective on the goal to better ourselves by finding a point in the day to take five minutes to remind ourselves this is only temporary.

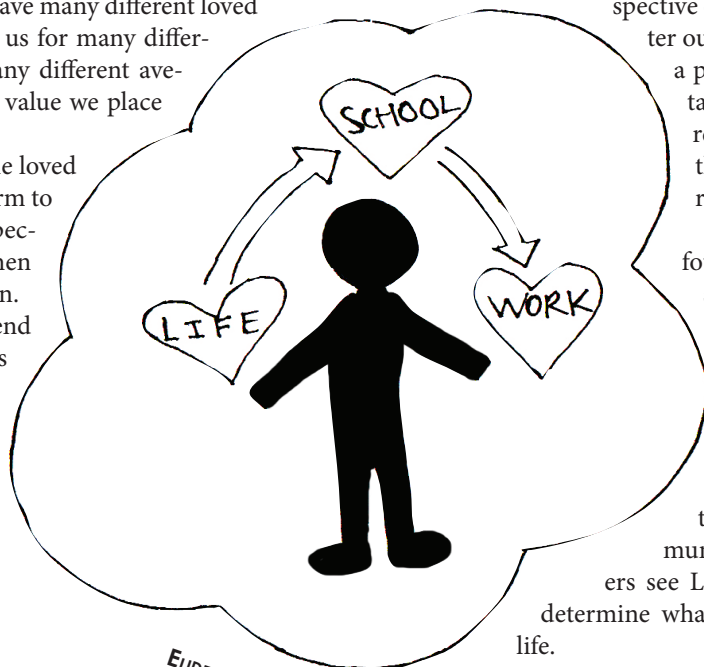
Others have found ways to shield themselves from this with counseling, peer mentoring or classes they enjoy.

Many think this is just Community College. Others see LBCC as a way to determine what is next in their life.

The abilities to make final decisions and take a stand for what you believe in are hopefully acquired at LBCC.

Going to class seems like a burden at times, but we can rest in the knowledge that at the end of the day, it comes down to the individual and what he or she is willing to fight for.

Effort is what really counts in all things, in life and especially at school.



ELIDE GARCIA/VIKING

COMMENTARY

Equality needs to be shared by all criminal jaywalkers

I was very upset and angry when I was given a ticket for "lacking to obey a crossing sign" on the corner of Faculty Avenue and Carson Street on Thursday, March 21, 2013.

I, along with a few other students, was detained and written up for a crossing violation ticket.

Of course we were all upset and some were trying to talk themselves out of ticket.

I was very upset and angry and I just stood there and dealt with it.

I felt the officer was probably trying to meet her quota for the day because after writing us up, other students who jaywalked were not ticketed.

I got my bill for the ticket over that weekend. I am going to need to come up with \$198 by the beginning of June.

Otherwise I will have to go to court and pay a fine of about \$1,000.

I was in a hurry and figured it would be easier to cross on Faculty and Carson as opposed to taking 326 steps over the bridge.

I understand that what we did was wrong, and we should not have done it.

I accept getting the ticket, but I really do not think we deserve it.

I did not think that it was fair that she did not give a ticket to

those who were jaywalking after the incident that had occurred with the other students and me.

We are college students who are trying to get to class on time. The ticket is expensive and a lot of college students do not even have a job or make enough money to pay for a jaywalking ticket. In my defense, the officer should have cut us some slack and let us off with a warning.

But of course, now I take the extra 326 steps over the bridge to get to class and yet I still see other students jaywalk and they do not get a ticket.

In Finland, the pricing for any traffic violation tickets is based off of the income of the person who committed the infraction.

Why aren't we allowed to do the same thing?

It makes better sense to do what Finland does because then those of us who jaywalked would not have to pay \$198.

I am a full-time student and I do not have a job, so for me to come up with \$198 is not easy.

But if we had laws like they do in Finland, they might just have just given be a \$20 fine.

I think that they should be fair and ticket every single person who jaywalks or just simply give everyone a warning and lower the price of the ticket.



MARCY LOPEZ

Campuses can learn lessons from each other

By MANUEL OROZCO
Staff Writer

With the expansion of the PCC, LBCC has the opportunity to bring some of these benefits to both campuses.

It all began at the LAC 85 years ago.

Now we also have the PCC, but the same classes are not offered on both campuses.

It could benefit the school and the students if we could bring some aspects of the PCC over to the LAC as well.

Lorrina Arredondo, a freshmen radiology student, said, "I'm not familiar with both campuses, so there's nothing to bring from the PCC to the LAC that I know of."

However, other students who have attended both campuses agree that there are changes that could be made and have many suggestions.

Mercedes Mendoza, a freshman nursing student, proposed hosting trade programs from the

PCC. "Bring the trade programs to the LAC," she said.

This would give trade students the opportunity to attend either campus if it works with their schedule.

Trade work on the LAC might benefit the programs and students' chances of success.

There is also the horticulture center at the PCC, a beautiful oasis of nature that the LAC does not share in.

Students who only have classes at the LAC likely don't even know it exists.

Genesis Mendoza (unrelated to Mercedes), a sophomore international business student, is a nature lover.

"Bring more nature, so the students can have more beauty to look at," Mendoza said.

Having nature on the LAC could simply include more trees, grass and benches for the students.

More nature could also bring community awareness of the environment.

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COMMENTARY

The power of communication

With the administration and student leaders at an ideological war against one another, a student's voice is crucially needed now more than ever and can help make a difference.

I'm not just talking about the voices of ASB student leaders or my fellow staff members of the Viking newspaper.

I'm talking about the biology major in the D Building who is researching the human genome project. The philosophy student who is thinking critically as she reads Plato. The computer science guy who spends his leisure time cracking HTML codes and even the fashion design major who just showcased her design at a competition. Average students.

These are the voices that need to be heard in light of the political battle that has transpired and taken over LBCC.

I met a student earlier this semester who told me that "being silenced" was his "biggest fear," and it's something he won't allow to happen to him or to other people.

Even though I adamantly and wholeheartedly disagree with some of his beliefs, he taught me an excellent life lesson that I'm positive will continue to resonate

in me even years from now.

We were given a voice and it is our job to make use of the voice we were given regardless of the fear that tells us not to.

It doesn't matter which campus we spend more time on, the PCC or the LAC, or if we're for the administration or for the student leaders fighting against the administration.

We have to use the voice we were given and decide if recalling the Board members is useless and

a disaster waiting to unfold, or an inevitable solution that can help fix a problem and prevent future ones from happening.

Students who are part of the programs that were discontinued and student

leaders are the only students whose voices are loud and clear in a historic time for the school, when all students, regardless of their background or which program they're part of, should also voice their opinion. Or at the very least, form one.

The program discontinuance is disheartening and its aftermath affects all students, whether directly or indirectly.

It is simply preposterous for

students, who believe these events have no impact on them, to continue to remain on the sideline and not utilize their voices.

Personally, I find it not only counterproductive, but also offensive to sit on the bench, ignorantly waiting for the unimaginable to strike both the English and the journalism program at its throats, before I let my voice be heard. If cuts have to be made, they have to be made and at the end of the day respect must be given to people who have to make such a difficult decision.

But if a viable alternative solution could help save programs that give jobs and opportunities in a knowledge-based economy, then it is the school's responsibility and in its best interest to look into that solution and make sure the school remains undivided.

As much as I dislike being involved in school politics or any politics in general, it is my responsibility not only as a writer and a reporter, but also as an active student of this school and as a member of this community to pay attention to what's going around me and let my voice be heard.

I simply encourage other students to do the same before their jaws drop as they realize their efforts are too late.



RAMON LONTOK

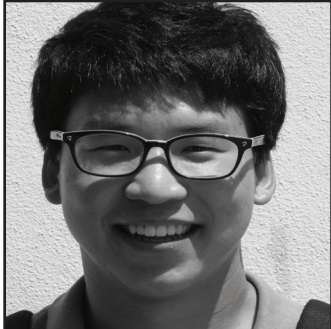
CITY VIEWS

What do you think about the ASB Cabinet's vote of no confidence in the Board of Trustees?

Compiled Monday, April 29, at the LAC by
Arieel Alcaraz and Esther Acosta



Cecili Melendrez, 19
Psychology major
"I think that we should have a say on it."



Chang-Han Lee, 23
International Business major
"Not say anything. Sometimes, you have to be quiet."



Stephanie Greenwald, 23
Art major
"I think anyone has the right to voice their opinion."



Uriel Gomez, 26
Child Development major
"Students should have their voice heard."

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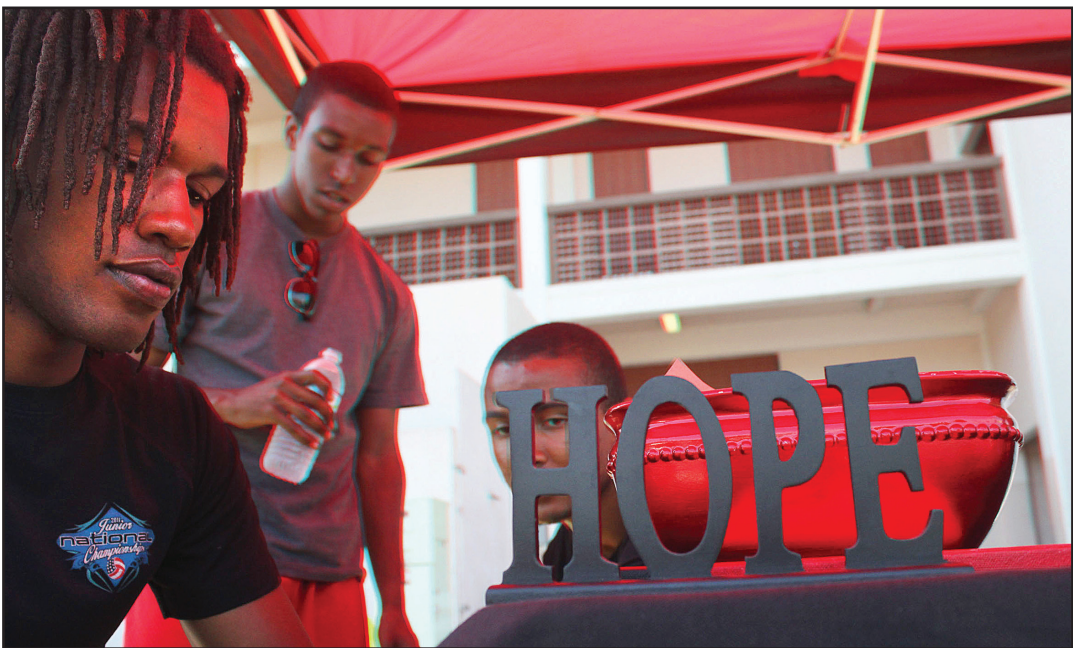
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One of the scholars wrings out a towel before continuing to clean another customer's vehicle.



Member of the SANKOFA Scholars take a hydration break after working in the warm temperatures at the LAC.

Splish, splash for cash



Eron Liddie, 19, a communications major, sprays down a fellow student's car during the organization's second car wash of the semester in parking lot I next to the B Building on Saturday, April 27.

Photos By Jacob Rosborough
Story by Damone Williams

The Black student union Sankofa Scholars sponsored a car wash at the LAC on Saturday, April 27 and they even washed a LBCC police officer's patrol car.

The scholars are a group open to all LBCC students whose goal is to achieve academic success and strive for excellence.

The event in the parking lot at Carson Street and Clark Avenue included volunteers from the club and other students. The event was coordinated by Erainia Freeman, a professor in counseling and human services courses who also serves as the Sankofa adviser.

No time was wasted in support for the club's car wash. As soon as the event started, members greeted customers waiting to get their car washed while also supporting a cause.

One of the first customers was police officer Kevin Stinson who

showed his support by attending, getting his patrol car washed and mingling with the crowd.

The environment was energetic and people were conversing while waiting in line, the volunteers occasionally sprayed each other with water hoses while getting everyone involved including children who helped with the washing.

The goal of the event was to not only raise money for the organization, but to make the group's presence more known and explain the union in more detail. People who stopped to listen were made aware of the many programs and assistance it offers to its members, including peer tutoring, community service hours, college campus tours, leadership workshops and study groups.

Brittany Harris, 19, an African-American studies major, said, "I came out this morning to support my school, but when I realized the organization, what

they are involved with and what they represent, it actually not only made me want to get my car washed, but consider joining and being a part of this group."

The members say they seek to be extraordinary people making positive contributions to society, committed to cultural enrichment, community service and positive adjustments through such activities.

Sankofa plans different events throughout the year emphasizing African poetry, African-American culture and other positive accomplishments in the African-American community.

The next event that they will be sponsoring is Wednesday, May 8 when short plays by the members of the groups will celebrate positive culture achievements and to recognize great black scholars. The event will also feature poetry readings from African poets and originals written by some of the members of the group.



Criminology major Shuntece Lourunt, 20, enjoys a laugh with club members as she cleans a windshield during the fundraiser.