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Student clubs create change

The power of the student.

Student clubs and organizations routinely discredit apathy on campus and consistently work together to create change that will last on campus long after the students themselves are gone.

Campus Greens, one such club, have recently formed an agreement with Dining Services to bring fair trade coffee to College of DuPage. It is a significant and major accomplishment for a group of students who do this on their own time and by their own will.

Fair trade coffee, which represents an agreement for small farmers to receive more money for their labor, will be piloted at the MAC Café with an estimated arrival of mid-March. Fair trade coffee is a

socially conscious product that will increase the number of coffee options on campus and give consumers the option to support the efforts of coffee farmers across the globe.

Bringing fair trade coffee on campus involves more than a trip to the supermarket. Campus Greens have undertaken a huge project in which they have been working hand-in-hand with director of dining services Kim Nickelberry.

There are purchasing considerations. Logistical issues. Educational needs. Advertising. Far more is involved in bringing fair trade coffee to campus than

the group considered.

They realize, though, that anything worthwhile is worth the time and effort put into it. If fair trade coffee is a success at the MAC Café, it could be expanded to the main cafeteria come fall. That is impressive.

What Campus Greens has set out to accomplish is commendable, and they are not the only club that goes above and beyond what is required.

Each spring, The Sci-Fi club puts on CODCON, a sci-fi and gaming convention that is bewildering in its size and scope.

The Pageturners hold book discussions throughout the year, giving the college community an outlet to discuss literature.

On a regular basis, the Students for a Democratic Foreign Policy table and hand out information. The Pride Alliance participates in many events to raise awareness.

Clubs everywhere on campus dedicate their free time to create a strong, intelligent, and ambitious campus.

There is room for more. The college needs more student clubs, more student activities, and more student interest. Do not be a transient and treat this as a rest stop the road to education. Get involved and make a difference. Making a difference is one of the greatest accomplishments any person can achieve in life, and the College of DuPage offers endless possibilities for students to do so.

Staff Editorial



Rich

Dawn

Amer

Jennifer

Dave

"A recent Time Magazine article called this election the most wide open election since 1928, featuring a mormon, latino, african american and woman candidate. Which do you think we would most likely see first?"

Dave Jackson, 24 *computer information technology, Chicago*
"I'd say African-American. America has changed but if you look at the rest of the world women aren't as respected as much as they are here. I don't think the world would be ready for a women president."

Amer Hussanaini, 20 *political science, Naperville*
"I think people should be more concerned about what a candidate has to offer, but I think we're going to see a women president. I think Hilary will win because of her popularity."

Jennifer Barnes, 19 *photography, Woodridge*
"Honestly I don't think this countries ready for any. If I had to choose I'd say a women president."

Dawn Guy, 40 *criminal justice, Woodridge*
"I think we'll see a mormon before we see a minority or women president; regardless of the candidates experience or views."

Rich Bush, 59 *air conditioning, Brookfield*
"We will probably see a women president because there are a lot of women democratic voters."

In Your Words

Which is the better way to build leadership?

PointCounterPoint

As a self-proclaimed pessimist it should come as no surprise that I am not a big fan of motivational, team building, leadership training.

On Tuesday Jan. 16, the student activities program board (SAPB) organized one of these events for the different student organizations on campus and surprisingly I enjoyed it. It was a nice break from the ordinary day and a relaxing way to ease back into school.

The activities at the event were meant to provide some insight into leadership, teamwork, etc.

Although I enjoyed the activities for their social and fun aspect I didn't feel as if the true goal of the exercises got through to me.

I believe most of the people there got something out of it, but I don't believe that team building exercises are meant for everyone.

If the goal is to make someone a better worker/student by improving their leadership or team skills then why take them out of their normal environment? Instead of trying to apply what I learned from an exercise to my job I'd rather take a look at my job and learn something from that.

It would make more sense to look at what I do as an employee and recognize my strengths, weaknesses and what I could improve. Real world situations are what people deal with every day and I think looking at those would be much more beneficial in trying to improve someone's leadership skills.

Many businesses give employees self-evaluations. It gives people a chance to reflect on how they see themselves and where they stand in their development of leadership and team skills.

Picture whatever your average party looks like. Remove the alcohol, TV, video games, and music. Then invite 20 people who only vaguely know each other, and watch the awkwardness ensue.

We've all been in situations like this before, and such events would be even more difficult if the purpose of the party was to encourage bonding among attendees while teaching leadership skills. Of course, at that point it ceases to become a party and is instead labeled a "retreat."

The key to making a retreat matter is leadership, and an important part of leadership is direction. For those leading events such as Student Activities, "Winter Chill Retreat," it is imperative that direction is provided. While it is important that it be run in the way that students receive maximum benefit, it is even

more important to take a first step and improve, even if that first step wasn't in the best direction.

Though students may not receive maximum benefit, even the simple activities of holding hands and maneuvering a hoola-hoop between attendees will bring the involvement to the entire group. At most of these type of retreats the group is given opportunities to discuss each event, and how it taught them a leadership skill. These skills are how to work together and communicate.

Though many people may feel that these activities and discussions are not worthwhile in teaching leadership, at least they will provide an opportunity for attendees to get to know each other better, instead of the few people that know each other well clinging to each other, while the less known and socially inclined are left out.

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OPINION

MyCOD a great tool

I was skeptical about MyCOD at first ("What, another email address?!"), but now that I'm on it I can see it has great potential for enhancing the value of a COD education.

Thanks to the registration requirement, the students are getting on board, but my experience is that some instructors have not embraced it yet.

I would like to encourage the faculty at COD to, if

they've not already done so, to at least post the course syllabus on their classes' MyCOD page, and encourage some message board discussion among students.

Denise S.

Check out student club

The College Republicans is now recognized as an official student club at the College of DuPage.

dent club at the College of DuPage.

I personally invite all students who identify themselves as a Republican or that lean Libertarian or Conservative to take part in our club on campus this semester.

We will organize events on campus along other Chicagoland College Republicans chapters.

Students will have the chance to meet prominent members of the Republican Party and have the opportunity to gain experience working on campaigns at the grassroots level.

This is a great way to meet fellow students and have your voice heard on issues you care about! Plus it looks real good on your transfer application.

Please contact me at kotECKi.brett.9805@dupage.edu if you have any questions or would like more information.

We are looking forward to a fun Spring 2007 semester and would love for you to be involved!

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Board resignation a bad decision

Although I am a new student at the College of DuPage, I was disappointed to read the various accounts of the resignation of Trustee Jane Herron. She ran and was elected to be the trustee of the public interest in the well being of the College of DuPage.

Her concern about the lack of warm interpersonal relationships among the board members seems very superficial.

She states, "Gilbane has shown in several different ways that it contracts with us with something and then they end up overcharging." Serious stuff.

If she truly believes there was blatant contract abuse [fraud?] she had a duty as the elected trustee for the public interest to get to the facts - not to resign.

Board collegiality is not the first priority of a board of trustees, as she seem to suggest in her Courier interview. I'm too new to know anything about the 'Board Shrine' that seems to concern her so, but I intend to go by the board room and have a look. From my view point, COD and the public would have been better served if she had not chosen to resign. Resignation is the ultimate manifestation of being "silent about things that matter".

Sincerely,
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Fall tuition hike approved

■ 16 percent tuition increase for fall 2005. In-district students will pay \$87 per credit hour

By Kristina Zaremba
News Editor

A 16 percent tuition increase was recently passed by the college's Board of Trustees bringing next fall's tuition up to \$87 a credit hour.

"The tuition increase has killed hope and opportunities for a better life for many poor and working class students," said Student Body President Melissa Foerstel.

Currently, a full-time, in-district student pays \$50 per credit for 36 credits a year, excluding summer quarter. This course load costs \$1,800 a year.

Under the semester system, a full-time student will only take 24 see "Tuition" page 3

Capturing the youth vote

■ Record-breaking voter turnout made the recent student election a success

By Kristina Zaremba
News Editor

March garnered the college's highest voter turnout for a student election at 721 votes.

The students elected were David Ellis for Student Trustee, Samantha Yozze for Student Body

The youth vote may be suffering across the nation, but here at the college it's doing better than ever. The student election held in see "Election" page 4

Outstanding faculty member honored

By Kristina Zaremba
News Editor

Sirvatka is a professor of Earth Science and has taught at the college since 1969. He holds degrees from the University of Illinois and Florida State University.

"I never wanted to be a teacher," said Paul Sirvatka, recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Member Award. "But I got the opportunity in grad school to lead a course. I loved it. [It] grew to see it as what I wanted most in my professional career."

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Photopoll

Do you prefer the quarter or semester system? Why?

Caroline Paro, 18
Roselle
Business

"Considering this is a community college, when we're transferring to semesters it kind of screws things up during the conversion."

Sandra Anderson, 40ish
Des Plaines
Spanish Professor

"I don't know because I have never been on semesters, so this will be new for me."

Marcus Gates, 22
Wheaton
Physical Education

"Having done both systems already, quarters are faster, semesters give you more time to think and catch up."

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