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Communication on construction a must

WEST CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

OCTOBER 2007 - MAY 2008

PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION WILL BE IMPACTED BY TWO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

1. WEST CAMPUS ELECTRICAL UPGRADES
2. STORM WATER DETENTION POND IMPROVEMENTS

PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND WATCH FOR DETOUR SIGNS

CONTACT MICHAEL APPELBAUM AT 942-2058 REGARDING THESE PROJECTS



Official communications mentioning the inconvenience of construction must also mention what methods officials are using to reduce that inconvenience, remembering that the official communications only reach COD staff.

What happens to the students and community?

Project managers compiling this information must make sure that information is sent campus-wide (including students), is accurate and easy to understand. This construction issue is only one of many that must be communicated more widely.

MyCOD postings, announcements in West Campus classes and an easily navigable link on the homepage would be a good start.

Timelines for the projects were listed from October 2007 to May 2008.

The specificity of the projects decreased when the individual projects were explained.

The first project, the West Campus Storm Water Deten-

tion Pond 6 Improvements, was scheduled to begin this week, although no detail such as beginning, middle or end was provided.

A West Campus Electrical Upgrade was listed at the top of the e-mail, was listed as "tentatively scheduled to begin around Oct. 30." That is three nonspecific words in once sentence.

The map sent out with the e-mail (above) shows pathways for the campus electric, ComEd, new storm and the pond work area, but NO

pathways for pedestrians. Although Project Manager Mike Appelbaum said that the projects will take place in pieces over a period of time, pedestrians must know more than a day in advance if a walk that usually takes them 10 minutes will be increased to 20.

With a student population of over 28,000, the college must do everything in its ability to ensure that student and staff pedestrians are aware of the changes around them.

Staff Editorial

Should there be a coffee shop located in the Library?

PointCounterPoint

Coffee has become a staple in the college lifestyle.

With out that first cup in the morning many students are often cranky and moody. That is why it is important to keep Arbor Vitae in the library.

A coffee shop is not just for the students, but also for the teachers that have to deal with that one individual that is going through caffeine withdrawal.

By keeping the coffee shop open, the quality of life for those who like to drink gourmet coffee will continue to improve.

Although coffee is available at the cafeteria, the quality of the drink has changed since the renovation according to Kim Nickelberry, Director of Dining Services.

At first the cafeteria served Seattle's Best, but now it serves Cafeite, a lesser-known brand. At Arbor Vitae, the

coffee is roasted by its subsidiary Wild Ass Coffee Roasters.

By roasting their own coffee Arbor Vitae has a higher quality control compared to that of the cafeteria.

Another pro in keeping Arbor Vitae is that 80 percent of their coffee comes from Fair Trade companies.

By supporting Fair Trade coffee, the consumer is enabling a better living standard for the

farmers that export one of the United States largest commodities, coffee.

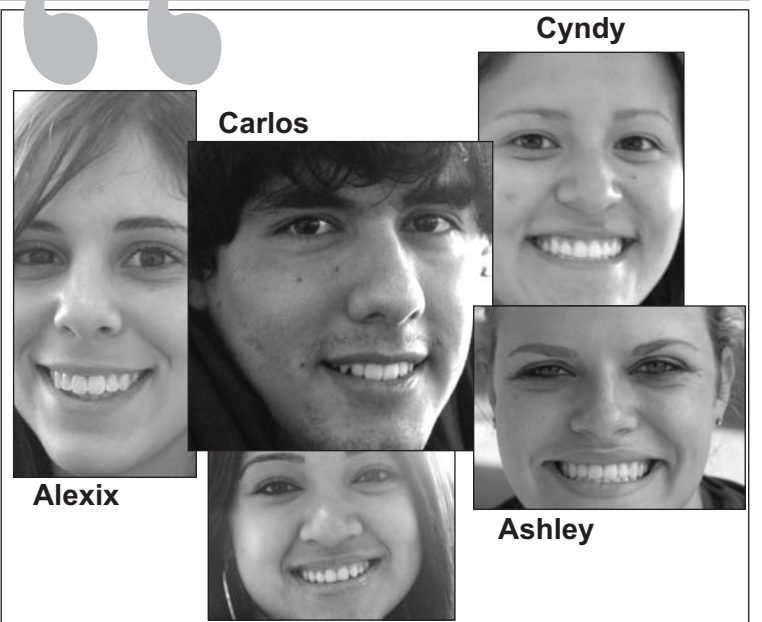
As well as coffee, there are job opportunities at Arbor Vitae.

Although not very lucrative, they offer comprehensible pay as well as raises in a matter of weeks.

Arbor Vitae also allows for very flexible schedules, allowing employees to work around classes thus giving the student the opportunity to mix work with an education.

Researched by Aldo Blanco, Photo Editor

PointCounterPoint topics are selected, researched and written by the staff of the Courier and aim to reflect differing opinions on the same subject. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the author.



"What are you going to be for Halloween?"

Ashley Holsman, 21 nursing, Woodridge

"It depends if I have somewhere to go. If so I will go as Daisy Duke."

Alexis, 18 nursing, McCook

"I don't know but I might just go as a nurse."

Carlos Otalvaro, 19 undecided, Naperville

"Most likely as a naughty pirate to get all the ladies."

Lucero Hernandez, 18 radiology, Wheaton

"A sexy nurse, I like to think I am a nurse and the costume is hot."

Cyndy Manriquez, 19 pharmacology, Warrenville

"I am going to be a cop. It seems exciting!"

In Your Words

If Arbor Vitae is having trouble making their rent, then it's time to question whether having a coffee shop in the library was a good idea in the first place.

Arbor Vitae charges \$1.55 for a 12-ounce cup of coffee. The cafeteria sells brewed coffee in a 16-ounce plastic foam cup for 75 cents.

Even though the higher priced coffee comes with a brown cardboard jacket and the organic and/or Fair Trade qualification, most students will go for whichever coffee is more conveniently located for them to buy.

Next, they will choose based on cost.

In the interest of preventing a pitiable string of coffee shops appearing annually in the library space, I offer the following suggestions:

Don't let the next business be about gourmet anything. The price for a smoothie at

Arbor Vitae can run you up to five bucks, and it's a mystery how much the food costs.

The posted menu's mute response to how much a spinach pie goes for these days is insulting.

Don't let the next business be about beverages.

Students know that the Library allows covered drinks, but in the computer areas everyone is crammed so close

together it's a social faux pas to put down a cup of coffee inches from someone's neighboring keyboard.

Don't let the next business have seating.

What a ridiculous concept, putting five little tables up against the windows that overlook quieter and roomier study area real estate.

Instead, the Library should look into a record store.

With a staff of audiophiles, it could become something the college would be proud to have.

No

OPINION

Editorial Cartoon

by Patrick J. Salem

College of DuPage



"Let me confirm for you here that no public funds were spent on this editorial cartoon."

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LETTER IDEAS:

Way Back When

A look back at COD as covered by the *Courier*

This week in 1967

The *Courier* published its first issue on Oct. 10, aiming to "keep you informed of events and activities at COD and to publish news of interest to the college community.

Other stories included parking problems and a football win.

This week in 1977

In the Oct. 13 issue, all District 502 residents gained the right to use the Library, including those who were not served by their residential libraries.

Other stories included a *Courier* camera that was stolen, an administrator that returned his air fare for a Student Activities sponsored trip to Florida and the Chaps defeating Illinois State in a muddy soccer game.

This week in 1987

A *Courier* editor reviewed "The Princess Bride," a film released the same year, calling it "one of the most enjoyable movies of the year."

The top single hits that week included Whitney Houston, Prince, Billy Idol and Kiss.

Other stories included the College Fair and an editorial on the lack of parking spaces.

This week in 1997

Director of Student Activities Meri Phillips created the Task Force, a group delegated to making recommendations to some of the most powerful groups on campus.

Want ads included a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit and available positions at Burger King.

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