

# EDITORIAL

## CourierPolicy

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## New officers must continue good year

Although Student Leadership Council has created new outlets for student involvement and increased visibility to the college community, the Courier has some advice for next year's officers.

### Keep students updated

SLC should investigate a video or podcasting display for its weekly meetings to reach more of the 30,000-plus students. The Board of Trustees has developed an electronic solution that would serve as a model.

Offering a newsletter or e-mail would allow interested students to keep up with the progress of SLC even if they cannot attend every meeting. This would not only increase student involvement, but would allow more ideas to be generated if students could e-mail back to SLC officers with ideas on their own time.

One page meeting summaries would inform those students who want to be involved but cannot be at the meetings.

### Bring back Collegiate Council

Collegiate Council was started this fall by SLC president Sandy Kim as a way for all interested clubs and organizations to meet and discuss events, concerns or accomplishments.

Now that a new College Center will be built, the council has reason to be very ac-

tive during the planning and construction phases.

Without sufficient leadership, the council fizzled after the first two meetings. Incoming officers must make sure that this valuable council is brought back.

### Continue to increase visibility on campus

It will always be a struggle for SLC to stay visible on a campus of 30,000 diverse students. SLC should host multiple day, night and weekend events each year to encourage students to participate. SLC also needs to poll students on issues important to the college as officers represent the student body rather than allow a small group to make decisions without feedback.

Student Leadership Council has accomplished a lot this year. A textbook exchange allows students to buy, sell or trade textbooks right here on campus. Kim is a member of several important committees on campus, some of which will decide our futures.

The college has entered into a time of great change. While the primary focus at an educational institution is the student, student opinions are easily overlooked in the planning of our new buildings and facilities. SLC must make sure that all students have a voice in their futures.

## Staff Editorial



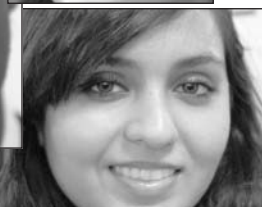
Chris



Howard



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Derek

## "What is your favorite Summer Olympic sport to watch?"

**Derek Kral, 18** *undecided, Itasca*

"The floor routine, because of the girls that are flipping around. It's crazy how they bounce around. Oh, and basketball."

**Howard Grant, 22** *history, Wheaton*

"I will be watching track and field. I am a runner and I love the sport and I love to see the human body at its ultimate ability and performance as well as the skill."

**Risha Faiz, 20** *biology, Carol Stream*

"Badminton, because I played it in high school. It's my favorite sport. I played it for four years."

**Dani Size, 19** *nursing, Elmhurst*

"Soccer, I played it for 15 years. It is great competition. It is great to see the different styles that different countries have. Oh, did I mention I just like soccer?"

**Chris Latvys, 19** *undecided, Itasca*

"Pole vault, it is incredible and dangerous. I use to be in track and field and it was my favorite sport."

## In Your Words

## Would you consider not driving if gas got too expensive?

### PointCounterPoint

**I**t feels that Mother Nature might be giving us a nice slap on the wrist. Gas is expensive but we have options to help keep money in our pockets and the air we breathe clean.

Many Americans drive to work alone when they have the ability to car pool with others. Speeding also eats gas fast and at times leads to a ticket.

Public Transportation increases social skills while giving people a chance to focus on something other than driving while reaching their destination.

If more people used public transportation prices would drop and few people would have to throw down big bucks for parking.

Not to mention the anxiety of being stuck in traffic would no longer exist.

Just imagine that for a few seconds. Compared to gas prices around the world only 12 other countries paid less

than United States. An estimated 28 other countries pay more for a gallon of gas.

Turkey pays \$10.13 for one gallon. Instead of dropping dollars we could be dropping pounds.

With a growing epidemic of obesity it's time we start using our feet to travel more.

"If you live in a more sprawling place . . . where the automobile is the only way to

**Yes** get around, that seems to have this negative effect on people's health," Reid Ewing of Nation Center of Smart Growth at the University of Maryland said.

Obesity is such a big problem laws are being made to prevent it. At least 17 states have increased taxes to soda and junk food. Energy is being taking up by electrical devices not our own, an energy that cost money and is destroying the earth.

The world has a growing addiction to oil and we are feeding its fix.

**G**as would have to get about twice as expensive as it is now for me to consider not driving. After doing some research on the Web, I've discovered that the time spent during my daily commute to the college would go from one hour to four, and I'd experience only a twenty-dollar difference between what I spend on gas in a month and what I'd spend on bus fare. Public transportation may be available, but it's not practical.

I live in Woodridge and the closest bus stop to my house is twenty-five minutes away. With a changeover at Yorktown Mall, the total time it would take me to get to school would be two hours instead of twenty minutes.

Luckily, my job is at the college and being able to work and take classes at the same location saves me time. My situation is rare, however, and asking students to blow hours

of their day waiting for and on busses is too much.

The cost difference is minimal, with gas costing me \$20 a week now, and bus fares at a discounted price of 75 cents for students still adding up quickly to \$15 a week.

Appeals to my sense of the general good just fall flat in the face of this level of inconvenience and more needs to be done than just relying on individuals to change their lifestyle.

Answers that require technological innovation are crucial, and advancements that now seem out of reach deserve sustained attention and funding.

Re-working the American landscape from twisting ribbons of highway that hug big cities into a system of smaller communities linked by public transportation will take time, but may provide the framework for a lasting solution to reducing carbon emissions.

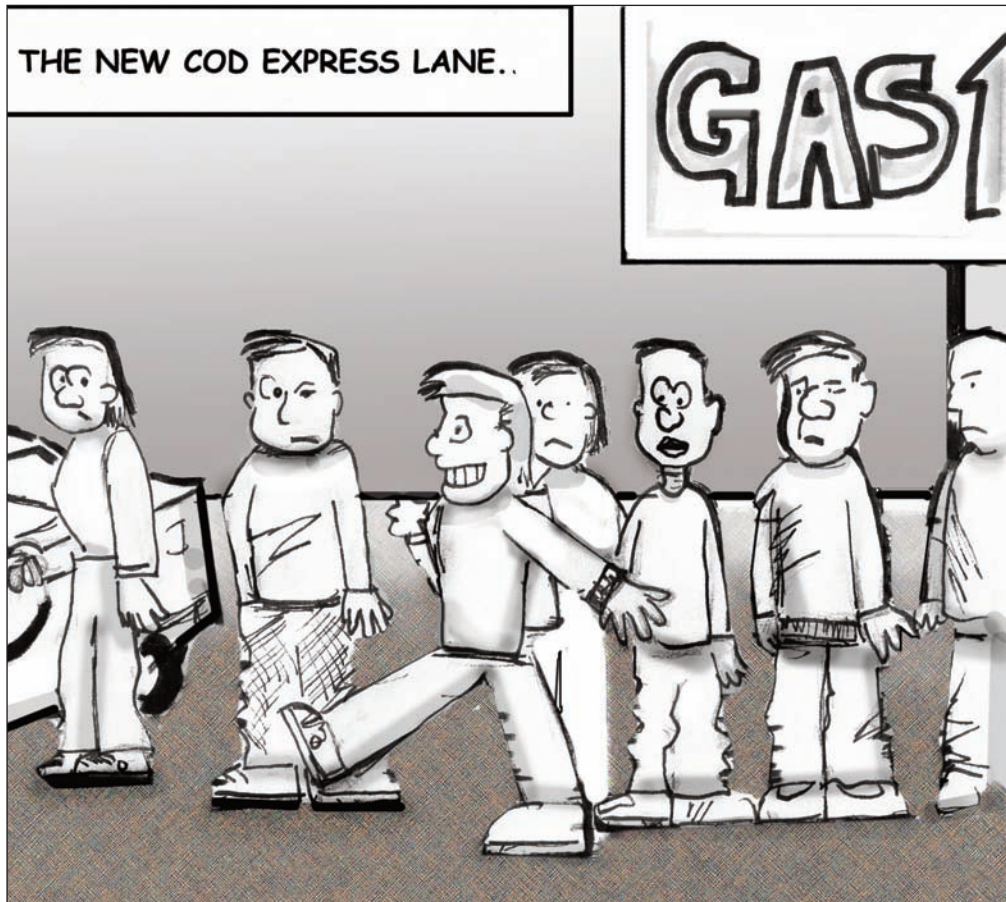
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by Jason Retuta



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## Letters to the Editor

Once again Kirk Muspratt and the New Philharmonic have treated the residents of DuPage to an extraordinary concert.

This time it was the wonderful performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto and seventh symphony in A.

Not only was the orchestra beyond the pale in the superb performance of the seventh symphony, but also the work of the soloist Ms. Pine was very good.

Ms. Pine's performance was very well received, but it was her own cadenzas in the violin concerto that certainly became the high point in the performance.

These cadenzas should be played by the orchestras and soloists thought the world.

The Beethoven seventh was well played with precision and verve by conductor Muspratt and was the best performance of the seventh symphony I have heard.

Earlier in the year we in DuPage County were treated to a very fine performance of Verdi's "Othello," Puccini's "La Boheme" and a first rate playing of Mozart's "Requiem" with Lee Kesselman's chorus.

Each year Lee Kesselman improves upon his very fine performances of the year before.

I felt that his "Mendelssohn's Song of Praise" symphony for orchestra and chorus could not be matched only to have him pinnacle with Kirk Muspratt in the Mozart "Requiem."

I was told my the MAC Box Office that both performances of the all Beethoven concerts were sold out and it is no wonder that the box office had to turn away 200 people.

This was another season well done by the New Philharmonic.

Stewart E Brekke  
Student

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## Picture Imperfect



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The PROBLEM: The public bulletin board near the Student Leadership Council office is over filled with flyers, causing more of an eye sore than assistance to students. The SOLUTION: The board should be cleaned off at least once a month, instead of a few times a year.

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