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Honors scholar program tuition waiver ceases per committee's suggestion

By Juan Garza
News Editor

The Honors Scholars Program tuition waiver is on the chopping block as the college continues to instill cost-cutting measures in response to the current global recession.



Robert Breuder
College President

President Robert Breuder appointed a committee to look at the program as it currently operates to make suggestions on how it can run more efficiently. One recommendation has already been approved.

"The Honors Committee recommends that the tuition waiver for Honors Scholars be discontinued at the conclusion of spring term 2010," Breuder said.

The implications are far reaching, affecting all Honors students that rely on the tuition waiver for completing their degrees.

Student Trustee-elect Ashley Wilson is an example of these

students.

"With the recent decision to no longer accept applications for tuition waivers, and the new policy requiring tuition be paid within seven days of registering for classes, I can't even enroll in summer classes," Wilson said.

Under the Honors Committee recommendations approved by Breuder, students who are qualified for the tuition waiver and have less than 18 credits in honors courses will be allowed to complete all Honors Scholar Program requirements during the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters.

The maximum of 15 credit hours in honors courses is the amount that a student could register for and have the tuition waived.

If students complete the Honors Scholar program by spring 2010, they will still receive the Honors Scholar notation on their diploma and transcript.

After spring 2010, honors courses will still be offered but at the regular tuition rate.

The Honors Committee

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Photos by Jason Retuta and Juan Garza

From left: Official election results released Wednesday declare Student body President-elect Elisa Stough, Vice-President-elect Billal Virani and Student Trustee Ashley Wilson as winners.

New student leaders ready to take charge

Elected officers share campaign experiences and their initial plans as student body representatives

By Juan Garza
News Editor

Having endured a rigorous campaign and election process, the winners of the student elections on Tuesday are ready to assume the positions of student body president, vice-president and trustee.

President-elect Elisa Stough and Vice-President-elect Billal Virani will take charge of the student body on May 15. Student Trustee-elect Ashley Wilson represented students at her first board meeting yesterday.

All three student representatives shared the highs and lows of their experiences campaigning, as well as their initial plans once they take

office, with the Courier.

Stough: For me the high would be winning the election, the low would be campaigning. I didn't have any help. No friends helped me put up posters and fliers. I teamed up with Gonzalez-Gimenez and Virani and went to classes to speak to students. It was a learning process.

This is a community college and has lost that sense of community, so I would like to bring that feeling back by bringing in community leaders, like Congressman Peter Roskam.

Another thing I would like to do is increase the direct communication between the college

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Courier scores seven first place awards at conference

By Shannon Torii
Editor-in-Chief

The Courier staff won 11 awards in addition to seven first places at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association Spring Conference last Thursday and Friday held in Springfield, Ill.

The Courier competed with 22 Illinois community colleges that were split into divisions based on how often their newspapers are published.

The Courier's chief competitors in the Division I weeklies/bi-weeklies are The Glacier of Moraine Valley, The CLC Chronicle of College of Lake County and The Chieftain of Black Hawk College.

The Courier staff won the

Mike Foster Award for General Excellence and first place in Layout and Web Site Design.

Former Sports Editor Bob Bajek swept the sports awards winning first place Sports Feature for "No business like 'Sho' business" and third place for "Athletes juggle time with school, work."

Bajek also placed third in Sports News for "Carpenter beats Golden Eagles with arm."

Former Photo Editor Amanda Kral won first place Photo Spread for "Making a silent voice Heard."

Former Photo Editor Aldo Blanco won first place in Single Photo, second place in Sports Photo and third place



Photo by Aldo Blanco

This photo of Natural Areas Manager Brian McQuaid monitoring a control burn won first place in the Division I single photo category for its cropping style and composition. It was originally published in the Features section as a stand-alone in the April 11, 2008 issue of the Courier.

in Photo Spread "A year in photos."

Former Arts and Entertainment Editor Jason

Retuta won four awards: first place for "How Far Will the Green Initiative Go?" and second place for "Lowering

Our Academic Standards" in the category of Freehand

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NewsBriefs Vote recounts and campaign violations mar student elections

IT outage

Due to the completion of an electrical upgrade for the data center air conditioning replacement, the colleges software applications will experience a downtime period of 5 hours today between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Only an abbreviated version of the home page with links to Blackboard and Campus Cruiser will be available, as well as the Art's Center ticketing system.

The following programs will not be available during the 5 hour outage:

Colleague systems
Web or touch tone registration systems
CDAS
SAM
Advantage Financial
Infoview Reports
WiFi
Staff email (on or off campus)
Astra Schedule
Degree Audit
Online Class Schedule
Library Web pages
Employee portal

There will also be no access to the following college servers from both on and off campus:

Library Circulation Checkout
Computer-based testing
Public Safety CADRMS
Weather servers

Programs like AutoCAD that require a license server

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By Juan Garza
News Editor

Despite hindrances in the student election on Tuesday, the student body president, vice-president and board trustee have been selected for the upcoming academic year.

The election process was marred with vote-counting difficulties, campaign violations and a flawed student ID database.

"This is the first year that there were many campaign violations," Student Leadership Council President Allison Schraub said. "There were candidates and their campaign workers

electioneering within 100 feet from polling booths."

Other violations included campaign posters being put up in areas that were not designated, and excessive posters being put up in general.

Despite specific rules and guidelines governing student elections, there are no sanctions or consequences for violations. Also, there was some ambiguity in the rules regarding poster placement and the quantity that can be put up, so the election commission decided there would be no consequences for violations.

The election commission consisted of Commissioner Veronica Shukin and students Riyaz Ali, Britt Voltz and

Matt Schultz.

The commissioner, who was appointed by the SLC officer board, Student Activities Coordinator/Adviser Andie Richmond and Student Activities Director Meri Phillips, selected the other members.

According to Phillips, only 3 violations were actually written up.

"Everyone was very passionate; it's a competition," Phillips said.

"Next week, SLC will be addressing the violation of rules and sanctions," Schraub said.

There were also difficulties with

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making the recommendations to Breuder consists of the Associate Dean for Humanities Dr. Daniel Lloyd who chairs the committee, Assistant Professor of Anthropology Alex Bolyanatz, Student Activities Information Coordinator Shannon Hernandez, Director of Financial Aid Mark Holysz, Associate Dean of Health and Science Jerry Krusinski and Interim Honors Coordinator Chikako Kumamoto.

"The committee is currently in the process of finalizing its list of recommendations which will be presented to Dr. Breuder in the next couple of weeks," Lloyd said.

Those recommendations include the development of two new scholarship awards designed to benefit high

academic achievers from within the college district.

"The committee believes that these new awards will help attract the best and brightest students to College of DuPage and help make COD a 'first choice' college for students throughout the district.

Editor-in-chief for the Prairie Light Review and current Honors Program Scholar Sheila Wellington believes there are more benefits to the program than just the tuition waiver.

"The Honors Program is a community of students and faculty," Wellington said. "Students who take honors courses do so not just for the waiver, but to be able to learn from each other. There is so much discussion that goes on in honors classes."



After Spring 2010, a tuition waiver will no longer be offered.

"Honors students typically see each other in their other classes as well, so the program is a great way for students to meet other students like themselves and get involved in other groups and

organizations on campus," Wellington said.

According to Lloyd, the college has granted around \$366,000 in tuition waivers to Honors Scholars this academic year.



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will also not be accessible during the down period. Pay-for-Print systems will also not be accessible, although the labs will be open. There also will not be access to shared network drives. However, the MyCOD student portal will be accessible directly through the following URL: <http://prod.campuscruiser.com/cod>. Any question should be directed to the Help Desk at 630-942-4357.

New Offices

The Curriculum and Centralized Scheduling offices will be moving employees over to the new office location in K 146 on west campus. Due to this move, there will be a temporary interruption in scheduling services. The office should be fully operational by Monday, April 20, and any scheduling request received after 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday will be completed by then. The employees moving over to K 146 are Betty Willig, Deb Adrian, John Haffey and Pat Donofrio. Those needing setups and confirmations for internal see 'briefs' page 5

Prairie drive closes for 3 weeks

Safety concerns cited as bridge construction nears completion

By Juan Garza
News Editor

Prairie Drive temporarily closed on Monday as the college finalizes construction work on the Student Resource Center, and Health and Science Center bridge.

The closure is scheduled until Friday, May 1. Project Manager Tim Coenen explained the need for the road closure.

"We are finishing the underside of the bridge," Coenen said. "This work includes insulation, plaster and light fixtures."

Since the bridge has to be accessed from Prairie Drive, there were no other options but to close the road to any through traffic until the work is completed.

This is despite no construction work being done during the weekends.

"We don't want to sacrifice campus safety by allowing people to operate in a construction area at any time," Coenen said. "We have recommended that Prairie Drive remain closed during the weekends."

Prairie Drive is a major artery connecting the north and south sides of campus that facilitates finding parking, especially for students attending classes during



Photo by Juan Garza

Facing north on Prairie Drive, one can see the underside of the HSC/SRC bridge is in need of insulation and light fixtures.

peak hours.

During the closure, students will have to drive to Lambert Road and travel south to College Road to access the south parking area. They will have to drive north on Lambert to Tall Grass Road to

access the north parking area.

Coenen said that no more closings to Prairie Drive are expected for the HSC and bridge projects.

Access to the SRC will be maintained as usual.

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Payment is due within seven (7) days of registration, except when registering 14 days before the semester starts. Beginning 14 days before the start of the semester, payment is due by the end of the next business day.

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president and the student body, either through the Student Leadership Council or the Courier.

Virani: I didn't really enjoy the whole campaigning process, but what I did enjoy was getting in touch with students. The competitive rivalry between candidates and their campaign staff was the most unpleasant part.

Two of the things I have been working on all year that I want to continue to focus on are student activities and service projects. Earlier this year, SLC organized a toy drive for Childrens Memorial Hospital. SLC provided the funding in order to purchase the toys, and then they were sold to COD students. The money was recouped in half the expected time.

Another project was called Senior Citi-

zen Sweet Hearts, where students made Valentine's Day cards and handed them out at Sunrise Senior Living, a retirement community in Glen Ellyn.

Wilson: The highs were meeting thousands of students at the college that now I get to represent. I was pleasantly surprised to discover how much students wanted to educate themselves before making their choice for student trustee. The low for me would be spending five hours putting up my posters only to discover the next day that they were taken down due to confusion in the campaign guidelines.

One guideline says that you can have up to 300 posters, and then another guideline that says that you can only put up posters in elections spots, which are indicated with a big red dot. Then the day before the election all candidates for

all positions got an email saying that they could hang their posters back up because the election spots weren't attracting the desired voting response from students.

There are decisions being made that are not in the students' best interests. Examples are the cancellation of the Honors tuition waiver, and the transitioning of many Center for Independent Learning courses to online learning, which could not be in the best interests of prospective students. Not all CIL students are computer savvy enough to take online courses, or they may not be able to afford a computer. Another decision not in students' interests is to implement the seven-day window to pay tuition. Also, I would like to see at least one student on every college committee with a vote that counts.

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events need to submit their requests to John Haffey in the new Curriculum and Centralized Scheduling office with two weeks notice so that processing and mailing of forms to all departments can occur.

The new fax number for Curriculum and Centralized Scheduling will be 630-942-3886 and will be operational on April 20.

CIL/online courses merge

Soon, the Center for Independent Learning will have many of its courses transferred to online classes. This is a part of the continual reorganization taking place in an effort to create a service that offers all forms of learning.

Webinars and podcasts are being explored as other methods of learning delivery systems.

This summer, CIL classes will be the same as usual, except for English Composition courses will be taught by full-time faculty. Those students will meet with their professors in their offices.

Other summer CIL courses are in the process of being staffed and instructors will be notified of their summer assignments while the spring term is still in session. Those instructors will meet with their students in 1P and 1Q, which are located on the first floor of the BIC.

Off-campus CILs will continue to operate as usual, as their summer staffing and reorganization is almost complete.

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Cartoon. He also won second place in Computer Graphics for his presidential timeline.

Retuta also received a third place in Opinion with Former Editor-in-chief Jordan Glover for their point counter point debate on "How should Cole Hall be treated in response to the shootings?"

Editor-in-chief Shannon Torii won second place in Editorial with "Courier put under pressure," an

honorable mention for "Quality of education vs. increased enrollment" and third place in Opinion with Sports Editor Eli Rodriguez for their point counter point debate "Should women change their name in marriage?"

News Editor Juan Garza placed third in the News category for "Students' rights on the line." Former Features Editor Kevin Lage received an honorable mention for his article on the skewed perception of the Police Department.

The conference included a one-night stay in Springfield, Ill, lectures from working journalists, a luncheon and the opportunity to interact with other student journalists. The conference is an eye opener for the Courier to see how other student newspapers run.

Many of the community college student papers have more than seven editors, do not receive a paycheck and have a full-time advisor to help them.

Editors of the Courier are responsible for reporting, writing, editing and the layout of their section, whereas editors of many other community colleges are responsible for one aspect of the process. The Courier also chooses to focus solely on issues that concern the college, instead of focusing on issues that can be found in local daily publications.

Despite differences, all publications were judged on one thing, excellent journalism.

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counting all the votes resulting in a final official count being released Wednesday evening.

"The system was messed up," Schraub said. "There were many students who weren't in the system, so they had to be manually added. Also, not every election

worker asked students to sign on a sheet that was intended to help keep track of vote counts."

"We had an incomplete student list which we speculate was due to the software conversion currently underway at the college," Phillips said. "Next year, there won't be an issue counting ballots because the student body majority has declared that they want an electronic,

online voting system."

There were officially 826 total votes cast.

Other issues addressed on the ballot were if student elections should be handled electronically, and whether the current college mascot should be changed, or have its image redesigned.

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1. Friday, April 3

Shattered Window

1 Complainant was walking in the south hallway, on the first floor of the MAC when he heard a loud cracking sound. As he approached the MAC Café, he noticed a large exterior window had shattered.

Officer observed that the interior pane was completely shattered, but intact. The window did not appear to be broken by any object and appeared to have been damage from natural causes. The area around the window was cordoned off with caution tape.

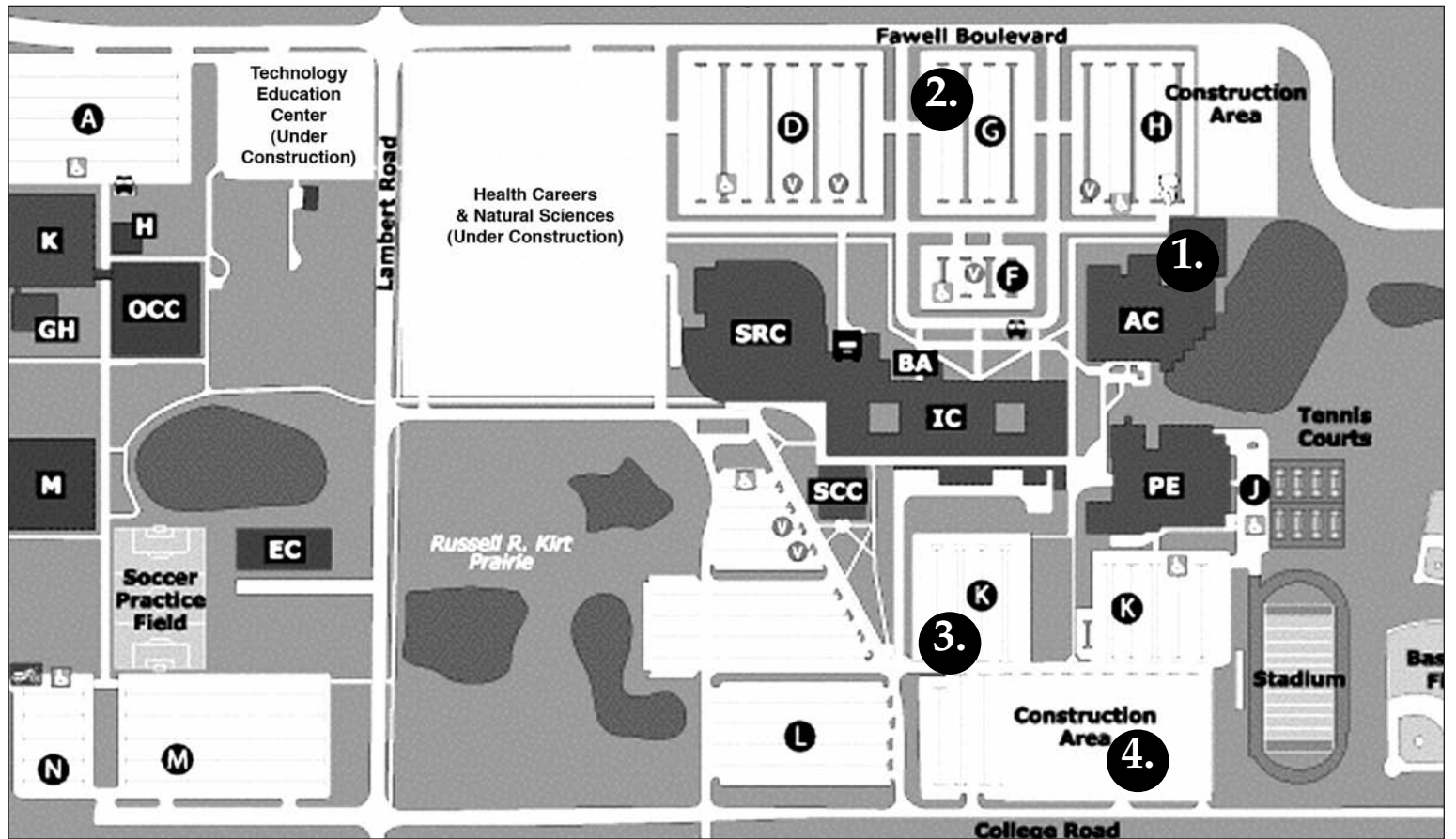
College carpenters were contacted and advised that they would secure the broken window.

2. Monday, April 6

Disorderly Conduct

1 Complainants parked their car in Lot D and then went to the COD Library. When they returned to their vehicle at approximately 10 p.m. there was a Pontiac parked partially behind them.

Complainant asked the driver of the Pontiac to back up so they would leave. The Pontiac backed up but not enough for their vehicle to easily move out of the park-



ing space. Complainant asked the driver of the Pontiac to back up more when the driver became verbally abusive.

Complainant manage to get out of the parking space but then driver continued to verbally abuse Complainants while they were driving.

A computer search of the Secretary of State files on the Dealer registration plates given by the Complainants came back to as a company car.

3. Monday, April 6

Laceration of the Head

Complainant was unloading some boxes of photography equipment from the back of his mini-van in Lot A. He hit his head on the corner of the hatchback.

Complainant sustained a laceration of the top of his head and was bleeding. Health Services and Glen Ellyn paramedics were dispatched to the OCC but he

declined transportation to the hospital.

4. Monday, April 6

Half a Tree Missing

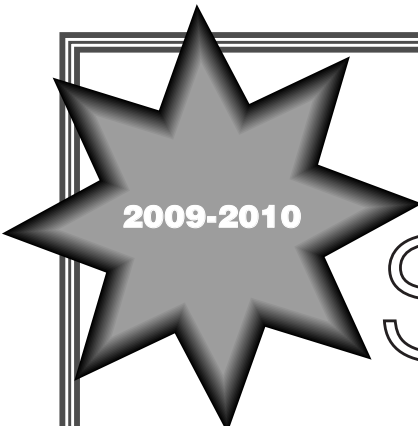
Complainant noticed a tree on the east the parkway was half missing. He found the other half of the tree in the bioswale on the south end of the Lot C. It appeared that someone ran it over.

Officer observed two tire tracks in the grass on the parkway running north and

south paralleling Prairie Driver leading to the tree. The tire tracks were covered in snow.

The tree was broke off leaving a stump approximately two feet high and the stump was leaning toward the south. The cost to replace the tree is \$500.

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