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Three strikes and you are out

By Michael Spilliard

During this past summer, the State Board of Community Colleges passed legislation restricting the number of times a student can attempt a class.

Under the new restrictions, students will not be allowed to repeat a course which they have already attempted three times.

The new restriction does not take effect until the fall term of 1997 and will not affect students who are currently enrolled at LSCC.

According to Dr. Bill Kennedy, counselor, any student who is currently enrolled and does not miss any consecutive semesters will not be restricted by the new legislation.

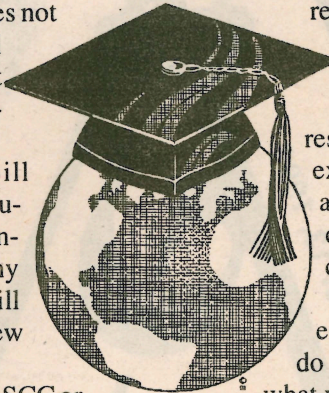
All classes offered by LSCC or

any other state community college will be subject to the new restriction. Only grades of D's and F's can be attempted a second or third time, and a fourth attempt in a class can be awarded only through an appeal.

This new legislation has been instituted to prevent students from constantly repeating a course and using up valuable funds which are provided by taxpayers.

Kennedy hopes the new restrictions will heighten the expectations of LSCC students and raise the standard of academic achievement in the process.

"People will do what is expected of them, and if you do not expect anything, that's what you will get," said Kennedy



Bookstore flaunts fall fashions

By Monica "Moe" Evans

The fall fashions are not the only new things to look for in the LSCC bookstore. The bookstore also has a new computer system to make checking out faster, and more convenient to soothe the already stressed students at registration time.

The biggest addition to the book store is the new manager, Treecie Coulter. Coulter is trying to bring more spirit to the campus with innovative designs on a Champion clothing line.

The designs were created by Coulter, with help from her staff, in an effort to show that LSCC is a college to be proud of. Coulter is planning a design contest in the future in hopes of getting students more involved.

Coulter is trying to make everything as student friendly as possible. "The bookstore is trying to offer everything to the students so they don't have to leave campus, we're trying to give them the atmosphere that they can come in and get everything they want," said Coulter.

The bookstore offers a wide variety of items on the shelf, and in some cases special orders are taken.

Multiple forms of payment are also accepted such as personal checks, Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover. Bank Debit cards using the Honor System are also welcomed.

LSCC financial aid through the financial aid system such as Pell are accepted as well.

Suggestions are taken very seriously by Coulter. "The students are the most important thing to me, student service is very important to me, being a student myself," said Coulter.

Campus

Beat

● The Florida African American Student Association (F.A.A.S.A.) will hold its first meeting Monday, Sept. 16, in SC107 at 2 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. Advisors are Wynona Barrett and Sylvia Ross.

● Notice: There WILL be classes on November 11.

Coffeehouse to showcase talent

By Heather Stonebraker

The Black Box Theater, in FA2, will house a novel experience for faculty and students alike. A coffeehouse called "The Sinkhole," will have performances beginning Sept. 16, and again on Oct. 7, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

There is a \$5 general admission, which includes snacks.

"It's a coffeehouse," said theater instructor Jill Mackavey. According to Mackavey a coffeehouse format is where people sit around, drink coffee, talk, eat cake and watch the performers of the week.

The larger part of the show will consist of student performers. There are nine students enrolled in the class and one accompanist.

Mackavey created this idea for her students because she feels she has a few students who are talented enough to perform professionally and were already working towards something excellent.

"Among these students are some people who I think are exceptionally talented, who could be, I feel, earning money at this point," said Mackavey.

Mackavey wanted to give them a performance venue that allowed them to really show what they could do.

She also wanted them to have a packet of material accumulated by the end of the semester. In case they needed audition material, they would have it and be ready to go.

Mackavey's students are working on a wide variety of things for the performances.

One of her students is working on a movement symphony, one is a singer, and one is creating myths that will be told with the goal of being healing stories particularly for women and children.

Mackavey has another student writing characters based on secret parts of herself. "It will be a really nice atmosphere and we will hopefully see some really great student performers."

At the end of the show there will be a brief, about a half of an hour, open mike

time. One of the students will be nominated to be the "hook person" and if people go on too long, they'll get hooked. Mackavey encourages the audiences to bring their sense of humor and adventure.

Mackavey feels that the greatest aspect of this performance is that the students are really finding their individual places as performers. She said that it's not about copying someone else or trying to fit a particular mold.

"These are going to be things from their souls," she said. "That's real stuff."

The performers are students enrolled in Mackavey's Monday night Theater Practicum Class, where the basic structure of the course is rehearsal and performance in which each student has individually tailored goals.

Mackavey helps students focus on what it is they really want and to keep them focused on that.

"It's a very specific goal focus; we did a lot of exercises to help target those things."

Each of the performers will be working on their own goals and each performance will fit within this goal. However, each show will be different. The performers will be growing or taking a step forward.

This type of performance is different from almost all others students may have seen here at LSCC. The Theater Arts Society occasionally does improvised material or a variety show, but the theater that Mackavey has done here, whether they've been in the form of one acts or full length plays, have been linear plots with written scripts.

One would think having performances in the Black Box theater would limit the audience as opposed to the main stage, but Mackavey explains that the setting should be more intimate. "You can't have a coffeehouse while people are sitting in a big theater, it should be a more informal sort of gathering," said Mackavey.

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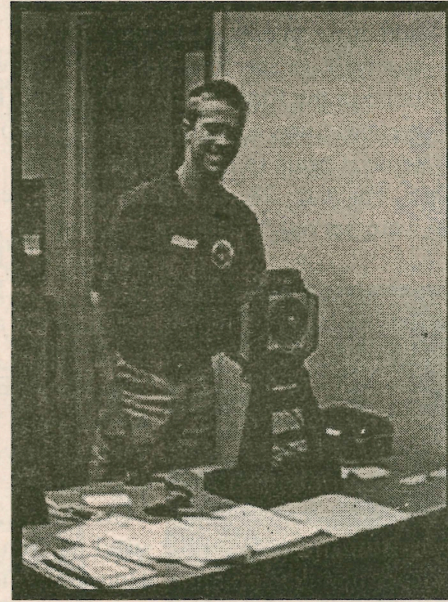
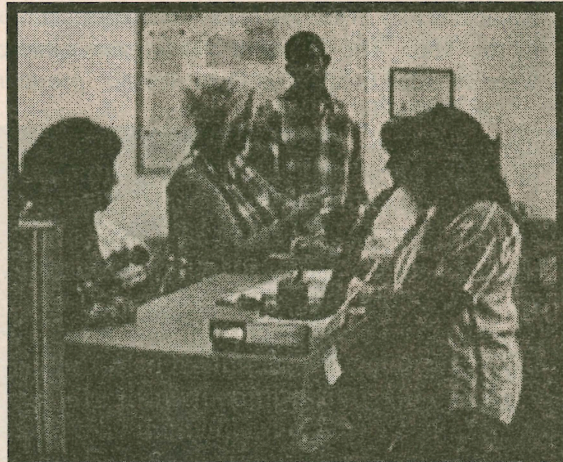
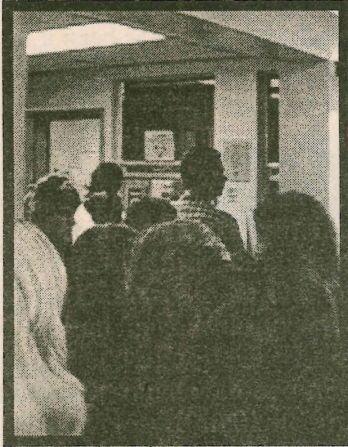
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Students gripe, staff groan over computer glitch during registration



By Shelly King

Fall registration, what's the 411? Registration officially began Aug. 12, and has definitely become a hot topic among students.

Jane Miller, manager of enrollment services and Elaine Carlisle, manager of financial aid, explain what happened during registration.

The majority of problems concerning registration came from the new computer system, IBM Midrange Consortium (IMC).

IMC was scheduled to be tested during summer term B. However complications arose and the IMC was delayed for testing until fall.

Why was the busiest registration time chosen to work out all these bugs?

Miller said that a series of requirements were mandated by the legislature, therefore leaving no options but to proceed with IMC.

The new system will benefit students in a lot of ways. First it will provide a new turn, moving LSCC forward to phone registration in the future.

Second it will have an automated degree audit program. "Hopefully this will happen in the next year and half," said Miller.

Miller said the admissions area worked well and the student response was positive. "The new system, IMC, will put LSCC on the right track to the future," said Miller.

The financial aid office also faced prob-

lems with IMC.

"I feel, once the bugs are worked out it will be very beneficial to students and employees, more so for students," said Carlisle.

Financial aid is very technical, only so much can be done.

"A lot of students do not understand the process and they get frustrated, and with the federal and state programs you have to be very careful so mistakes are not made," said Carlisle.

50 percent or more of LSCC students deal with financial aid, whether it's fed-

registration

Students became overly accustomed to their peers' backsides while paying tuition in business office (far left). Tempers grew shorter as lines grew longer in financial aid as students sought vouchers (middle). The only people smiling during the registration process seemed to be the ones in front of a camera getting their student I.D.'s (far right).

Photo by Brian Rider

eral aid, scholarships, or disability.

Carlisle said that sometimes it gets hectic with only a staff of three. They not only have all the paper work, but the task of answering the phone and helping each individual.

"I have a great staff, they're not clock watchers, they will stay late and even work weekends until the job is finished," said Carlisle.

Carlisle also wanted to say thanks to all the volunteers who answered phones and took messages during registration.

Oasis lures late lunchers with luscious lunches

By Cindy Langdale-Cox

Healthy food, low prices and extended hours can be found this semester at the Oasis, making the on campus cafe convenient for students in more than one way.

For the last four years Linda Nichols has been the manager of the Oasis. Her goal is to offer LSCC students and faculty good food at good prices.

Nichols' job consists of a lot more than many people may realize. For example, her chicken salad is homemade, as are her burritos and many other dishes.

The two most popular items on the menu are the low fat grilled chicken and, of course, the all American hamburger. The Oasis is sure to have something for everyone. For the health conscious, there are fruit cups, granola bars and veggie burgers.

Starting this semester, the Oasis will be extending its hours until 1:30 p.m., a half hour later than prior semesters. This decision was prompted by student requests.

Nichols says that she will go the extra mile to please LSCC students. If there is something that a student would like that is not on the menu, all he or she has to do is ask.

Oasis Menu

MONDAY

Cheeseburger,
Sm. Fries, Sm. Drink \$2.95

TUESDAY

Hot Dog,
Sm. Fries, Sm. Drink \$2.00

WEDNESDAY

Chef's Choice

THURSDAY

Breaded Chicken,
Sm. Fries, Sm. Drink \$3.00

FRIDAY

Croissant w/egg, Meat,
& Cheese, Sm. Juice \$2.45

Hours

Monday -
Friday

8a.m. -

1:30p.m.

Computer lab is more user-friendly

By Susan Burroughs

Word Perfect, Lotus, PageMaker, if these words are Greek to you then the Computer Lab is the place you need to be.

Kathy Suttkus, and her staff of six college students, is there to help you with any questions you may have about any of the latest programs that have hit the computer market.

As you enter the computer lab, located in MP 206, it is requested that you sign a time card.

The Computer Lab is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., and on Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The lab is also open on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

State funding from various sources in Tallahassee helps to keep the lab open, and with the hard work of Suttkus and her dedicated staff the lab will be there whenever needed.

"Be patient with us, let us know that you need help," said Suttkus.

S.A.B. strikes again: School spirit rises like the sun

By Rodney Bickel

I'm the 1996-97 President of the Student Activities Board. It is the philosophy of this year's board to encourage the student population to become involved in campus life as well as getting acquainted with fellow students.

In an effort to establish this philosophy into the student population, the SAB has held several events already this semester. We manned the information table during all scheduled registrations in an effort to introduce ourselves to the students and to make the registration process go a little more smoothly, especially for freshmen.



Photo by Brian Rider

On the first day of school, Aug. 26, we held a Now-and-Later candy give away. This was another way of introducing ourselves to the student population as well as welcoming everyone back to school.

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, we encouraged

the artistic as well as the not-so-artistic to add their talents and comments to the sidewalk in the Sundial area. This was done in the form of sidewalk chalk. The response was so significant that we plan to do it again in the very near future.

On Aug. 28, 36 quarts of ice cream were served by the administration. Dr. Westrick, Dr. Stack, Dr. Thomasson and Dr. Smith in addition to Mr. Earl Evans and Dr. Kennedy were on hand.

On Aug. 29, was Lunch on the House day. Tickets for a free lunch at the Oasis were presented to the first 200 students. Student ID's were used as admission.

The biggest success of the week came on Friday, Aug. 30, with the Balloon Pop. A total of 150 balloons were given to students between classes. Out of the 150, 10 had movie date packs from AMC The-

ater, 10 had gift certificates from the LSCC Bookstore and 75 had gift bags from Regis in the Mall. The 55 other participants were awarded coupons at local stores.

On Wednesday Sept. 11, approximately 120 students were served pizza at the entrance to the LA building. The pizza was purchased from Pizza Hut and was served to the night students.

Thursday, Sept. 12, the pizza event was repeated at the Sumter Center in Sumterville, serving approximately 80 people.

The remainder of the SAB positions were recently filled and as a result, input from all members will be considered when planning future events. At this time we have however, scheduled a Club day combined with chalk art. This event has been designed to allow students the opportunity to make an informed decision about which club they wish to join by speaking to members of the club.

We are planning a haunted house for Halloween. And, there has been a lot of interest generated in reference to holding a formal dance near the Christmas holiday.

One final event is the AIDS Awareness Video. This video, done in conjunction with HRS and Tony Vu will be written, produced, directed and acted entirely by students for students.

Upon completion this video will be made available to any group, on or off campus wishing to show it.

Anyone wishing to become involved in the SAB or wanting additional information is asked to stop by the office located near the pool tables in the Student Center.

Many students participated in the SAB sponsored legal graffiti event, including Dennis Panzic. Panzic began this sun early and worked on it through the day.



Photo by Brian Rider

Jerry Smith vs. Jim Polk: Face off in October 1st election

By Lucas Wiseman



Dr. Jerry Smith

took place. "I took a vacation day...to wave signs," said Smith.

"The election is kind of different for me this time because all the people that supported me in the past...those are not the people that are supporting me now," said Smith.

Monday, Sept. 3 was a big day for Dr. Jerry Smith, vice-president of institutional advancement. This was the day that the primary election for Superintendent of Lake County Schools

took place.

Smith said that he was so late getting into the race that everyone had already committed their vote.

Smith received the most votes in the primary racking up 8,691, Jim Polk finished second with 6,838 votes, and Dennis A. Dennis finished a distant third with 3,789 votes. Polk and Smith will now face each other in a run-off on Oct. 1 because neither candidate received 50% of the vote.

"I had no idea that we could be the number one vote getter," said Smith. "I expected to come in second."

Ironically Smith's opponent Polk graduated with Smith from Lake-Sumter Community College. Now the two will

face off in October for the position of superintendent which pays \$82,271 a year for the four year term.

Smith has asked Dennis for his support in the run-off. "He and I talked during the campaign...he and I had similar views of the way that the administration should be run," said Smith. Although no formal announcement has been made, Smith expects Dennis to support him.

"I'll have to resign my position at the college if elected," said Smith. Smith feels that he would need to focus on the school system and wouldn't be able to handle both positions.

According to Smith there are two main issues in the race for superintendent. The first is increasing academic requirements

for students graduating high school. "We need to start demanding more of our students," said Smith.

The second focus in this race is the effects of disruptive students. "We are only talking about 2-3 percent of our students, we need to remove them so they

can get some help," said Smith.

"There will be major changes in the administration," Smith said. He said he will be fair to

the principals of the schools, but won't hesitate to fire them if they aren't producing. "I'm not going to be a popular superintendent."

Smith plans to take the next month week by week and try not to focus on the November election just yet.

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Dennis A. Dennis (R)	3,789
Jim Polk (R)	6,838
Jerry Smith (R)	8,691

Scholarships for campus leaders

By Angler Staff

Some \$30,000 in scholarships and prizes will be awarded to winners of the 1997 Florida College Student of the Year contest.

Any student of a Florida community college, four-year college or university who has completed at least 12 credit hours of class during 1996 is eligible to enter the contest.

Contestants must also have a minimum 3.2 GPA, be employed, and be involved in college and community ac-

tivities. Entry deadline is Feb. 1, 1997.

More information is available by writing to the 1997 Florida College Student of the Year Award, c/o Florida Leader Magazine. Their address is P.O. Box 14081, Gainesville, FL 32604-2081.

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Brain Bowl plans to ignite fresh gray matter in upcoming year

By Jacob Ogles

A new season of Brain Bowl is starting this semester at LSCC. Under the advisement of Carolyn Meyer and Beth McNulty, the team has hopes for this year's competition and plans on having its most eventful season ever.

Brain Bowl is an academic team which competes regionally. The way competition works is for teams of four members to represent LSCC in a Jeopardy like environment.

A moderator asks questions which the

team buzzes in on to gain or lose points. There are also bonus questions which the team may receive points on working as a team. Questions pertain to: social science, biological science, mathematics, humanities, and literature.

The team will have its first organizational meeting on Sept. 18 from 2-3 p.m. in room LA8. "Anyone interested can attend this meeting," said McNulty.

To participate in Brain Bowl, a student must be currently enrolled in at least six

credit hours at LSCC. There are also many scholarship opportunities. The scholarship funding system has been revamped this year and there will be five or six scholarships which will pay for at least three semesters at LSCC. More information will be available at the first meeting.

Last year, the Brain Bowl team finished third in the regional meet. This season, McNulty said hopes are definitely high. "We must keep high hopes at the beginning of the season." There are two

returning members, Cynthia Leathers and Cole Crawford. Many of the new members were involved in Hi-Q, the high school version of Brain Bowl.

"We never come in last and we always have a good time so the year will not be fruitless regardless," said Crawford.

McNulty emphasizes that "though this is an academic organization, you do not have to have straight A's in all of the subject areas." Speed is important, if you are fast, you can be valuable to the team.

Angler reels in record number

By James Combs

This fall at LSCC, the new "Angler" staff will be one of the largest in its 34 year history.

There are 16 students in English instructor Melinda Simmons' Mass Media class who will be reporting for and writing in the school newspaper.

Also, there are three students who are enrolled in her Newspaper Practicum class, raising the number of reporters for the newspaper to 19.

Simmons said that the large class will benefit the school newspaper for a number of reasons. One of these reasons will be the quantity and quality of the stories that will be printed every issue.

"There will be more news in the paper. Obviously, if you jump from six reporters to 19, you're going to get twice as much news, if not more," said Simmons.

"With this class, I think there will be a lot of competition, healthy competition, to write really good stories. I think that, in turn, will be reflected in a much better and stronger newspaper," she said.

Simmons is excited about the large class because it enhances LSCC's chances at the Florida Community College Press Association.

This is an annual convention that meets once a year, and gives out prizes among community college students who write for their school newspaper.

"I think that the bigger class will greatly improve our opportunity to win more prizes. The more students you have, and the more student competition within your newspaper, the more likely you are to have some really good writing," said Simmons.

Although this class is one of the largest staffs ever to write for *The Angler*, students have different reasons for taking this class. Some students are taking it because they plan on majoring in journalism.

Others are taking it simply because they think it will be fun to write for the school newspaper.

Jacob Ogles, associate editor of *The Angler*, was the editor of his high school newspaper and has also worked in the *Rave* section of *The Orlando Sentinel*. He is looking forward to a possible career in journalism.

"I am taking this class because I'm planning

on majoring, and pursuing a career in journalism. I think this class will really help prepare me for the future," said Ogles.

Lori Carter says she is taking the class because she is leaning towards a career in journalism. She is not certain, however, that journalism is what she wants to major in.

"The reason I took Mass Media is because I think it will give me a better understanding of journalism and help me find out if journalism is the way I want to go in school," said Carter.

Scott Wendland sees this class as a wonderful opportunity to brush up on his computer skills. He also sees this class as an opportunity to write for the school paper, something he has wanted to do for a while.

"I am taking this class because I want to become a more consistent typer and I want to be able to operate the computer a little better. But most of all I think it will be real fun to get to write for the school newspaper, which is something I've always wanted to do, but could never fit my schedule around it," said Wendland.

Although this year Simmons has many students in her class for different reasons, she has not always had this luxury. The Mass Media class usually has anywhere from four to eight students in it.

"In the past, when you have just a few reporters, you pretty much have to take everything you get," said Simmons.

A few years ago, the size of the Mass Media class was very small. There were only two people who Simmons could depend on to show up and write for the paper on a consistent basis.

"It is very difficult to put out an eight page newspaper when you only have two reporters," she said.

That class had to use a lot of filler material just so all eight pages of the paper could be filled up.

"We used crosswords, a lot of stories from our press service that were not related to the college, but were still about college. We also used a lot of political cartoons, and just anything else we could come up with that we thought would be of use to the students," said Simmons.

This year will be different though, as the filler material of a few years ago will be replaced with many good and interesting news stories from the many writers in Mass Media.

College cable ups its station and standards

By Scott Wendland

Changes are in the air, or airwaves, for the LSCC TV station.

Terry Longordo, manager of Television Services and Distance Learning for LSCC TV, says there is more happening in the future for the little network.

Longordo wants to bring the station into swing with the future. "We are looking to upgrade and modernize our equipment, the 10 to 15 year old equipment is on its last leg," said Longordo. Longordo is also looking into cross county televised classes.

The majority of the programming on LSCC TV are the telecourses. The station also hopes the board of directors will approve additional programming in the future.

The other small percentage of air time is for the community; County Commission meetings, The Commissioner's Corner, and Lady Lake commission meetings.

Lake County Cablevision has moved the station from Channel 2 on the cable lineup to Channel 13.

Sumter County can view LSCC TV on Channel 10.

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Rudeness rears its atrocious head during fall registration

• Editorial

Because of a new computer system implemented during registration, the "normally" easy task of registering for classes became a nightmare for many students as well as campus personnel.

Most students reacted to the tedious delays and long lines with rudeness and short-fused tempers. Most of the staff reacted to student rudeness with strained smiles and heartfelt apologies for the delays.

Has LSCC, in the past, spoiled the student body so much that when a glitch rears its ugly head we react as if we were registering for kindergarten instead of college?

Or, have we become so accustomed to immediate electronic results via the "Net," e-mail etc. that we have thrown compassion and understanding out the window with the baby AND the bath-water?

Unfortunately, most of us will receive a serious attitude adjustment when we enter the university level and realize we won't be catered to as we have been here at LSCC.

At the university level we will be a small drop in the bucket wedged in between thousands of other students.

Although the new computer system, once in place, will make future registrations easier, the new software wasn't made available to the college in time to make Fall registration flow as smoothly as it has in the past.

All students were warned in advance to expect delays during registration, yet most students didn't read the handouts or just chose to ignore them.

We must realize that we are in college now, and no one is going to take us by the hand and lead us through life.

We need to stand up and take some responsibility for the path we have chosen, and that includes reading all literature pertaining to any facet of our education as well as following directions.

Something we should already know how to do.

As far as a place for rudeness...let's just say that we can catch a lot more flies with honey than we can with vinegar.

Students air registration woes about computer foul-ups

• Guest Commentary

By Cynthia Sorley

Registration day at any college is similar to waiting for a ride at Disney World. Just think about it! You pay through the nose to get in, you don't get to ride all the rides, and you wait in line forever. All kidding aside though guys, let's just take a few minutes to examine LSCC on its most recent registration day.

When first assigned this story, I thought it would be easy to write a well balanced piece showing the good and the bad in equal portions. Unfortunately, of the dozen or so students that were interviewed, only one had a smooth running registration.

Which part of registration received the most complaints? Financial aid. Students complained about having up to thirty people in line at one time, and guess what folks? Many of them waited in line for up to an hour and a half. Some waited all that time and then were told that they would

need to come back the following day.

How about the business office? According to many students the lines were outrageously long and slow. Complaints of waiting up to one hour in line were not uncommon.

Computer foul-ups in the business office sent some students back to financial aid, making the registration process even longer. In spite of all their troubles, many students offered great advice concerning registration day.

Here's just a few helpful hints:

1. Plan to arrive earlier than the time on your appointment card so that you may be near the front of the line.

2. Make sure you've already seen a guidance counselor before the day you register.

3. Try to get your financial aid taken care of early.

Most college students agree that drug use is the rising high

Recently, it has been all over the news that drug use is up from where it was five years ago. To some this makes perfect sense, but others find the news hard to swallow. Here's what many of them had to say.

Joe Baldyga felt that use was probably on the rise. "I know that recently, heroin use has gone up. I don't think it's lack of education that people do drugs. I feel that peer pressure and boredom are primary reasons," said Baldyga.

Laverne Bradley felt that you couldn't simply classify all drugs in one group and say they are on the rise. "Crack is probably more prevalent than it was five years ago." She also felt that drug use could be up because of an increase in dealers.

Leslie Crawford said, "I think that drug use today is no more prevalent than it always has been. I think the media and law enforcement makes people perceive it as more prevalent...it has been around since the beginning of civilization, but somehow people are just now realizing it!"

On the other hand, John Dobrenick felt drug use was definitely up. "With peer pressure and cultural changes, more kids are using drugs and not realizing the ter-

rible effects of drugs like they used to."

Charles Baetzman felt drug use was on the rise. He said, "Parents have left their children alone to raise themselves and this leaves them time to figure out ways to amuse themselves or dream attention from adults."

Melissa Goodwin thinks that drug use is definitely on the rise "because there's more peer pressure and more varieties of drugs, which make users more curious about different reactions they may have."

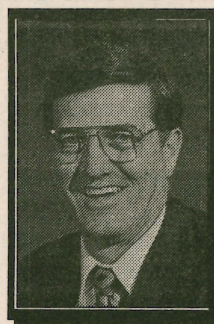
Lori Boliek also felt drug use was more prevalent now and is more accepted among high school and college students. "Drugs are an easy way out. Students use them to escape from reality."

Jovi Rhoads feels that drug use is not as prevalent today because she hasn't been seeing as much of it. She says that lighter drugs like caffeine are more prevalent than heavier drugs like heroin.

Scott Oliver thought drug use was up. "From my experience, the amount of people who have never used drugs has dropped drastically in the last couple of years. My age does affect my opinion in the aspect that most of my friends are fairly close to my age."

Compiled by The Angler staff.

Software package to benefit students in the future



• President's
Perspective

Dr. Robert
Westrick

office will be able to interface its records with the Business Office and eventually with the scholarship information in the Foundation Office.

Obviously, the Business Office will be involved in utilizing the budgeting, accounting and reporting components of the new software.

There is a great deal of information yet to be learned about the new system, so please bear with us as we go through the training cycle. In the end, we will all benefit from the hard work that has been done by everyone involved.

You will note on the front cover of the 1996-97 catalog the statement "Where Students Come First." This statement should be interpreted in more than one way—first, that students are our first priority, and second, that students do in fact choose to take their first step in higher education here at Lake-Sumter Community College.

We are here to help you have a successful educational experience. Take advantage of all that is offered. Best wishes to each of you for a rewarding academic year.

Dr. Robert Westrick is president of LSCC.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome new and returning students to the campus as we begin the 1996-97 academic year.

During the summer months, college employees were busy developing new computer software which will assist us in serving students better through the registration process and student records.

Virtually all facets of the College will be tied to this new software. The academic functions will be utilizing it for the class schedule, the scheduling of rooms, and budget, and the tracing of students as they progress through their degree and certificate programs.

Student Services personnel will be using the records package in order to advise students. The Financial Aid Of-

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Editor besieged by brilliant ideas and lots of Good-n-Plenty



• Pawprints
in the
Litterbox

Jade
Fairall

Welcome back misery mates! If you are a new student, welcome to LSCC! As I take my first turn as editor of the *Angler* this semester I won't make any promises that I don't think I can keep. What I hope to do as editor is move the paper forward in a direction that everyone will be proud of.

As returning students may have already noticed, the paper has undergone some changes, changes I hope you will

enjoy. During this semester I hope that I, and the *Angler* staff, can make you think a little deeper about current issues, get fired up over heated debates, or maybe laugh and smile over something we have printed. If by some chance you don't agree with what we say, please let us know.

Ok...enough of the blah, blah, blah, now on to the good stuff:

IPULLED MY NOSE out of the books for the summer, and had a different summer to say the least!

Let's see...my first brilliant idea was to quit smoking.

My second was to replace the old emphysema sticks with boxes of Good-n-Plenty (which were not as soft as I remember from childhood when I used to fling them around from the balcony of my hometown movie theater...).

Anyway, I broke a tooth off (have to

blame it on the Good-n-Plenty, it couldn't be from the fact that if you mention the word dentist my teeth automatically recede up into my gums...).

My third bright idea was to jump on the bathroom scales to see if I could be the first person I know that LOST weight when they quit smoking...ha ha ha, HA!

Well, I knew I was in trouble when I had to let out a loud grunt every time I bent over to put on my shoes. Needless to say, I threw fresh breath and longevity out the window for my comfortable, annoying smoking habit.

SPEAKING OF SMOKING...has anyone but me noticed that there seem to be a lot more pride and motivation among students this semester? Shall we dare say we could actually get pumped up and excited about something around here other than just Fridays!?

SPEAKING OF MOVING IN THE

RIGHT DIRECTION...Has anyone caught the new billboards touting LSCC? I was rather plucked when I looked up and saw one the other day. I think the billboards are a great idea, but I can live without that yellow color.

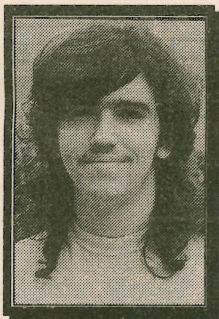
SPEAKING OF GREAT IDEAS...I kinda like the new casual look that faculty and staff are sporting now on Fridays...it reminds me that they are human too...

SPEAKING OF FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE...last semester I ragged on the administration about how we really didn't need an extra parking lot, and how we need other more important things, and blah, blah, blah, etc.

Well guess who has been parking in the new lot as soon as the asphalt was dry...you guessed it, yours truly. So, ok...sometimes we grow old too soon and smart too late...

Jade Fairall is editor of The Angler.

Dole vs. Clinton: No competition in the upcoming election



• Read this
or Die

Jacob
Ogles

In my relatively short life-span, I have seen four dynamic presidential elections. It truly amazes me that the race this year has such a predetermined result. There are no complaints from me, of course, as Clinton, my politician, is the one holding a 21-point lead over supposed opponent Bob Dole.

I would love to say that this is because of the great job Clinton has been doing in his first term, but America is interested in making heroes out of their leaders. This election is about who can keep his foot furthest from his own tonsils. Bob, you're losing bad.

Normally, when the parties hold their National conventions, some incredible boost in support is found for their candidate from the American people. Bob Dole was ecstatic when he pulled his deficit to only eleven percent of the populace. If the final results for an election showed a winner with an eleven percent victory, it would be a landslide.

At this point, Bob Dole can't even sway Florida to vote Republican. Does Clinton have a lead in Florida because of

the overwhelming local support. The name Clinton hasn't been said in Florida without a plethora of profanity in the last four years. Bob Dole is losing a cinch state because of his own remarkable stupidity.

When the White House attacked the tobacco lords, Bob was quick to support his cancer-prone supporters by attacking milk. When issues of age were repeatedly brought up, Bob responded by saying people younger than him had screwed the country up and that we ought to revert to an America he grew up in. Good way to grab some voters.

But Bob keeps in touch with the American people, right? That's how he knew that Mrs. Clinton had a book which she called *It Takes a Village*. Too bad he didn't know that she didn't coin the phrase. It comes from the AME Church, who has been using the African proverb as a mantra for the past fifteen years. At least he insults to all American cultures equally.

Bob Dole is getting desperate, and he no longer thinks about what he says. His views have been acting like a Kansas tornado. He has changed his views on

immigration. He has suddenly become a supply-side economist. He's probably even shifted on his views concerning that whole man on the moon thing. All I know is that we better not be hearing anything about Waffle Houses.

Bob, it's time to quit. You've had quite a career with the senate, but you've already burned that bridge behind you. If you want to save any face, you better start thinking for yourself again and make sure this doesn't turn out to be a unanimous loss. Stop playing the role of Kansas tornado, it won't even help you get home-state support. It's time to just calm down, think before talking, and salvage your dignity as you retire.

And America, for God's sake, stop yelling about Washington's foolishness and look at the good things you got. This is not an election of the worse of two evils. If we knew that, maybe Bob and Bill would stop having this incompetence contest and get some work done and some tangible ideas on the table.

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New programs in Learning Center promote 'hair growth'

By Lori Carter

Attention students! Are you pulling your hair out over your English skills? Or having nightmares about math? Lake Sumter Community College (LSCC) has the answer: The Learning Center (LC).

LC is staffed with qualified tutors to help students in their studies, and is available to students Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

According to Dr. Kenneth Stack, vice-president of administrative services, "The Learning Center is funded seventy five percent by the state and twenty five percent by the students."

The Learning Center offers many services to the students to help improve skills in English, mathematics and reading. This year additional programs have been implemented, such as chemistry, biology and

business math.

Other services available include preparation for the CLAST (College Level Academic Skills Test), computer assisted math lab, research/essay/paper review, academic support workshops in math and English and a tutor for students whose second language is English.

There are also services for the disabled and special needs student.

The services that are provided include, readers, note-takers and interpreters.

Special equipment is also obtainable, such as adaptive equipment and v-tec print enlargers.

"Approximately two years ago the

board of trustees met and decided that student retention was the number one priority," said Beverly Robinson, manager of LC. Robinson also said that the college theme is, students success priority number one.

There is a new incentive program to encourage students to use the facilities. According to Robinson, some of the faculty and staff signed a banner to promote the program and to show their dedication to the student.

In return they received a success kit, which consists of a cup, bookmarker and a disability button.

Robinson said that it's simple to obtain

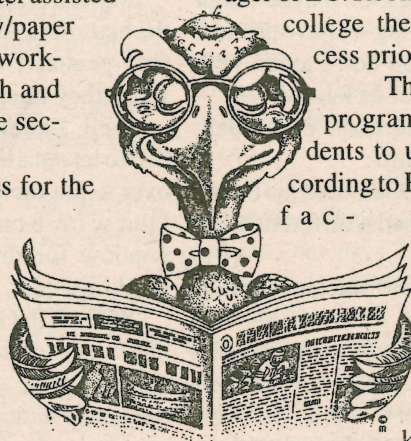
the items.

"All you have to do is spend 20 hours in the Learning Center, but once you're there you are theirs."

After obtaining 20 hours, a wooden nickel will be given to the student, and then cashed in at the Oasis for a fill up of soda in their new cup.

There are six full-time and 12 part-time tutors. Students who tutor must have a B in the courses that pertain to their interest in tutoring. They also must be recommended by two faculty members. All full-time tutors have at least a bachelor's degree and one tutor has a master's.

"The Learning Center is every student's academic support arm. Our purpose is to assure that all students are successful in their studies and they complete their education at LSCC," said Robinson.



Faculty secretary juggles both job and classes

By Brian Rider

With the departure of Holly Gordon, Jackie Moore became the new faculty secretary in early June. Since that time, Moore has come into all the responsibilities that are involved with the job.

Moore's duties require her to type, and correct syllabi, exams, and take phone messages for faculty. Moore also

keeps the faculty supplied with materials both for their office and for the educational setting. "Whatever it takes to keep faculty and staff in sync," Moore said. "I am basically a troubleshooter."

Moore said the best feature about LSCC is that the people are very friendly and accessible, but the worst feature, from an employee view point, is the once a month pay period.

Presently, Moore sees LSCC as both a career opportunity and a stepping stone.

"In the future, I do not know what it will hold."

Moore said she prefers state employment over that of private industry, and academics over any other agency because she believes that academics are intellectually stimulating.

Before working for LSCC, Moore worked

two jobs in the local area. One job was with Florida Hospital Waterman, while the other was at Florida Regional Emergency Medical Services. She views both jobs as stepping stones to employment at LSCC.

Other previous jobs include working 15 years for state institutions in Virginia. One of the jobs was with Virginia Commonwealth University for six years. In this position she was an administrative assistant.

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LSCC's finest: (L to R)
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Outside of work, Moore spends her time reading. Her main topics of interest are non-fiction, geography, and cultural material. She has lived in the area for over two years, and is a cat lover.

The cats that call her house and yard home number eight, however, only two actually belong to Moore. The two cats are Murry and Uluru. Other cats include, Frisky, Wolfy, Bulldog, Casey, Feather, and Dot Dot Goose.

Patrol on hunt for students

By Shaun Hubbard

In the market for a little extra money to offset college expenses? Then talk to Melissa Stephan about joining the student patrol.

Students who are interested can work up to four nights a week and in the process earn a \$500 scholarship.

Stephan said the student patrol is the security officer's second set of eyes, so no special training is needed for the job.

For more information or to apply for the student patrol contact Melissa Stephan in the Multi-Purpose building.

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