

Triple S Tribune

Newsletter for Student Support Services

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Susan Knaup advises a student at the Cherokee Center on Wed., Aug. 18th.

Photos by Juliana Kepner

Back to school

by: Juliana Kepner
SSS Advisor

School is back in session and students have probably noticed some severe changes around campus. Construction in the breezeway has caused some confusion. During the first week of classes, the Student Success Center could only be accessed by following the wheel chair ramps on the north side or the south side of the building. Currently, the north side is completely open to utilize.

The construction is underway to improve the drainage in the breezeway due to the new science lab in A104. Besides the lab, L102 in the Student Success Center expanded to accommodate larger classes, such as psychology. Unfortunately, the classroom expansion lead to eliminating the computer lab area and tutoring tables.

However, more student computers were placed in the student lounge to accommodate the



Elizabeth Brumback, SSS participant, hangs out in the Cherokee Center student lounge before class on Wed., Aug. 18.



Students hang out in the Cherokee Center student lounge between classes on Wed., Aug. 18.

students. SSS also has lap tops and netbooks available for two-week check outs. The student union and LCC library have wifi availability.

Student Recognition

Student of the Month for Sept.

by: Juliana Kepner
Academic Advisor

Student Support Services (SSS), of Labette Community College (LCC), announces the Sept. Student of the Month, Eric Comeaux of Mound Valley. Comeaux is a nontraditional student majoring in biology. He grew up in Tomball, Tx. and came to Labette county a few years ago. Once Comeaux got here he was inspired by LCC’s allied health programs. He originally wanted to enroll and major in radiography.

“I changed my major to biology after a semester of prerequisites for radiography,” Comeaux said. “A few teachers said to me, ‘you need to set your sights higher.’”

Comeaux said he had a passion to learn about genetics and hopes to pursue a career in genetic research and development after graduating from a four-year university. He is still undecided on which university to transfer to, but has taken the college transfer opportunities with SSS to further explore his options.

Among his accomplishments, Comeaux is an executive officer in the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges. His advisor, Juliana Kepner, encouraged him to join after his first successful semester at LCC.

“Because of the regional conferences, the organization helped me meet other students in the region and I was kind of shy before that,” Comeaux



Photo by Juliana Kepner

said. “I’m excited about going to Seattle in the spring for the International Convention.”

Comeaux said his participation in SSS helped him with his success because of the book loan program and the free college transfer trips. His SSS advisor, Juliana Kepner, and a former science professor, Dr. Mary Scott, are significant roles in his success at LCC.

“They have been my back bone while attending Labette,” Comeaux said. “Dr. Scott really helped me with changing my major and career path, and Juliana has helped me with everything else I’ve had to deal with at the college.”

Upcoming Events

September

6th LABOR DAY
College Closed

7th Movie Night

21st Movie Night

October

1st- 15th Midterm
Grade
Checks

15 - 17th MKN
Adult
Leadership
Conference



Melanie Dunnick stands with a group of community college advisors after visiting L.A.

Meagan Wilkins, LCC student, and Melanie Dunnick, SSS participant, pose for a quick picture at registration

Student Blog

by: Melanie Dunnick
SSS Student Participant

I remember towards the end of my spring semester I was approached by Juliana Kepner about an opportunity to attend the Honors Institute in sunny Orange, California for a SSS leadership opportunity. I immediately jumped right on board, altering my work and school schedules and preparing my list of travel items.

This whole entire trip was a brand new experience for me. Before this trip, I had never flown anywhere, and of course I had pre-flight jitters and paranoid thoughts as to what could go wrong. After I grabbed my seat next to Meagan Wilkins, another Phi Theta Kappa member and my dorm roommate, we waited for takeoff and once the plane finally started to leave the runway I was consumed by laughter. I decided I loved to fly at that point. After about four hours of travel, we finally made it to our destination, Chapman University. After getting checked in, Meagan and I went up to our dorm room. It was decent sized. The beds weren't too unbearable, but I missed my own bed.

Our first night, we separated into completely random groups, which meant new people to converse with and get to know. We attended our first speaker presentation, and sent off to discuss with our groups. I enjoyed my group. The people were from all over the US and were nice and very outspoken. However, that very first night, we all experienced something

kind of exciting. I remember it was about 10 p.m. WST. We were all just having a conversation over the speaker and his topic, and suddenly I felt everything shake back and forth slightly. I looked over to my group member on the right. Turns out, I wasn't delirious from being tired, we had just experienced an aftershock from an earthquake that happened in San Diego!

It was only Monday night and I had experienced quite a bit my first day. However, the week just kept getting better and better. Each day we had a speaker and then a discussion. Later, we all ventured over to the cafeteria for lunch. As the week progressed, I found the topics discussed in the evenings to be more and more interesting. Jonah Lehrer, one of my favorite speakers, talked about the stigma with day dreaming. In all reality, it's actually very good for the brain because it stimulates our brain activity. Lehrer discussed the ideas we have when we daydream are the good ones we should hold on to. He said instead of wasting our time on technology time suckers like Facebook or even cell phones, we should just sit back and daydream.

Another topic that really struck me was the discussion the lab companys owning a patent on certain genes. I'm pretty sure I wasn't the only one that got fired up on this discussion. In my opinion, our bodies are our own, and I think it's completely wrong, immoral and pretty strange the government or any company can actually own our genes.

As the weekend neared, Honors Institute provided time to explore the area. Juliana, Tammy, Meagan and I explored what we could of Orange and even Los Angeles. We ventured on down to Fashion Island and later over to Los Angeles for a Hollywood tour.

Riding on the freeway and watching the insane traffic excited me and we even passed Disneyland. When we finally started coming up on the huge city buildings my excitement almsot couldn't be contained. I loved this place and was thankful we were gonna be there the entire day. Our driver was quite a funny character. He took us all over LA, into the city and to this one really neat part with a bunch of different Hispanic kiosks, candy, postcards, pretty little fans and Day of the Dead dolls. My day just kept getting better as we made it to the Walk of Fame in Hollywood. I just couldn't get over how many people were there and how awesome it was

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getting to view so many different stars' names. I even got my picture taken with Superman! Our tour guide took us to Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. Of course, all good things must come to an end as we got another bus back to Orange. That was the best day and I loved every minute of it.

Friday was departure day and I was sad. I didn't want to leave all the palm trees, the city life, the insane traffic, the diversity and of course the weather there was spectacular. All in all I really and truly enjoyed this trip and I would do it again in a heartbeat and I'm very lucky and thankful I got to attend the 2010 Honors Institute. Text goes here..



Bobbi Wolgamont, Angie Davis, Karen Kelley and Lisa Stover pose for a picture at the 2009 Adult Leadership Conference. Courtesy Photo

MKN Adult Leadership Conference

by: Kelly Kirkpatrick
SSS Director

The 8th Annual MO-KAN-NE Adult Student Leadership conference is just around the corner! The conference this year will be October 15th – 17th at the Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. Students from collegiate TRIO programs in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska will gather that weekend to explore the conference's theme, Shaping the Leaders Who Shape the World.

For each of the past five years, SSS participants from LCC have attended the conference, developed their leadership skills, and made lasting connections with other students from throughout the region. SSS participants leave Friday afternoon for Kansas City and return early Sunday afternoon.



Natasha Jones, Karrie Stokes and Bobbi Wolgamont pose for a picture at the 2008 Adult Leadership Conference.

Conference registration fees, hotel rooms, transportation, and all meals are provided for participants who attend the conference.

Students interested in attending or presenting at this year's conference should contact Brent or Kelly at 820-1147 to sign up!

Tutoring labs on campus

Main Campus

Writing Labs:

Mondays and Tuesdays
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in L102

Anatomy and Physiology Labs:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in M103

Fridays

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. in M103

Sociology Study Hall:

Thursdays

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in M303 or by appointment

Math Labs:

Mondays and Wednesdays

TBA (Contact Sam Jack for more information)

Cherokee Center

Writing Labs:

Available by apt. on Wednesdays
Contact Juliana Kepner

Math Labs:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in C106

Wednesdays

8:00 - 9:00 in C108

FREE TUTORING
Peer tutors are available by appointment
Contact Sam Jack or Juliana Kepner
Applications are available in the Student Success Center

SSS Participants

Don't forget your advisement apt.

You are required to meet with their advisors
3 times during the semester

Set up your appointments today!

Cultural Section

International Talk Like a Pirate Day

On Sept. 19th, it will be the 15th annual Talk Like a Pirate Day. We have days set aside for mothers, fathers, admirers and spooks so why not one for pirates? Actually, a couple of guys by the name of John Baur and Mark Summers coined this day on a racquetball court back in June of 1995.

The two men were playing a game of racquetball over decade ago when they decided to yell out sarcastic comments in “pirate slang.” After an hour on the court, Baur and Summer realized how much fun the new lingo was. They determined to mark a day on the calendar and call it “National Talk Like a Pirate Day.”

The two men decided on Sept. 19th as their special pirate day because it was Summer’s ex-wife’s birthday. After seven years, the two men celebrated the day with their friends alone but eventually a nationally syndicated humor columnist by the name of Dave Barry heard what was going on.

Barry used it for some new material and word spread through the web and broadcast outlets. Eventually the day coined by two men in a racquetball court, became an international phenomenon.

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Student Life

Movie Nights

*\$4 admission to the Parsons Theatre
with your student ID*

Sept. 7th and 21st

Student Government

Sept. 1st & 15th

12:00 p.m.

SGA Office located in the Student Union.

Chiefs Game

Oct. 24th

Kansas City VS Jacksonville

*Complete with LCC tailgate
party at Arrowhead Stadium!*

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