

Police BEAT

Bicyclist with warrant in Long Beach detained

April 27, 5:30 p.m. — A bicyclist was stopped for a violation near Alondra Park on Redondo Beach Boulevard with an arrest warrant of \$5,000 out of Long Beach.

The suspect was issued a notice to appear and released.

Passenger owns up to possession of weed

April 27, 12:30 p.m. — An officer pulled over a vehicle for making an illegal right turn off of Crenshaw Boulevard.

The passenger in the vehicle admitted to being on parole and that he had marijuana on the side door of the car.

The officer radioed for assistance so he could search the car, found the marijuana, issued the subsequent citation for possession and released them.

Local high school freshmen gets warning

April 28, 3:53 p.m. — Officers responded to a call from the baseball coach about kids possibly vandalizing school property.

The police searched the near residential area and found all three quickly.

They were released after being advised and warned not to trespass.

High blood pressure sends one to the hospital

April 30, 12:18 p.m. — A 40-year-old student went to the health center complaining of tension in the back of her neck and was found to have extremely high blood pressure.

Paramedics were summoned, but she took a ride to the hospital from a friend instead.

It was learned afterward that she hadn't taken medication her medication for her high blood pressure.

Issue to appear for petty theft from bookstore

April 30, 3:48 p.m. — A theft was thwarted by a bookstore employee who spotted two males stealing two books and called the police department. Officers approached the suspects who confessed quickly to stealing the books.

They were both issued notices to appear for petty theft.

Student reports stolen goods from library

April 30, 9 p.m. — A student came into the police department to report that \$500 worth of things were taken from her backpack that morning as she slept in the west reading room of the library.

A report was filed and she was advised not to sleep in the library.

—Jonathan Roberts

Do you kiss your mother with that mouth?

Editor's note: this is the first in a series of four stories reporting on sexual harassment on campus.

Melissa Sipin
Assistant Arts Editor

Some students find it amusing and sometimes like the attention. Other students find it offensive. Others find it offensive enough to avoid certain places at all costs.

On certain areas on the campus, such as the baseball field by Parking Lot F, in front of the Physical Education Building, and in front of the Activities Building, students have complained about student conduct.

"When discipline issues come up as a result of so-called 'cat calling,' or calling people something other than their names, students have felt that it was demeaning and it was putting them down," Harold Tyler, director of student development, said.

EC's Board policy 3430 defines sexual harassment as, "Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other conduct of a sexual nature."

"There is a legal definition for sexual harassment, so it's black and white, even though sometimes actions that might be considered sexual harassment can be confusing," Stacey Allen, professor of sociology, said.

The penalty for sexual harassment is in stages. If a complaint is filed or an authority sees a student acting inappropriately, the student will receive a verbal warning.

If the problem continues, then, according to the board policy, "employees/students who violate the policy and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination/expulsion." "Most student don't know, but when you transfer to a university, that school sends a tracer to your previous school and asks whether or not the student had any disciplinary issues," Tyler said.

When students say offensive comments they abuse their freedom of speech, and such abuse can lead to sexual harassment.

"One time, a guy said to me, 'Hey girl, you have ass.' It was offensive, and I shouldn't have to deal with comments like that," Karen Jones, undeclared major, said.

"I feel uncomfortable when I walk past the P.E. building. There needs to be a change for the respect of women," Marian Hilliard, women's studies major, said.

ASO election campaign begins with release of qualified candidates' list

Jesse Galdamez
Staff Writer

ASO released the list of qualified candidates on Tuesday.

"We have a couple more people running for the executive offices. They have a counterpart in the administration and it helps us to make sure that we have representation in the key committees. Curriculum, calendar committee, they sound like they're small, but these are the big ones that make the decisions of classes and when the semester is going to be," Harold Tyler, director of student development, said.

"Student input is needed. If their voices are not heard, sometimes a decision is made that is not so good for students, but is great for us staff," he said.

Each candidate has an agenda that they want to accomplish. "I would like to get some expo-

sure for those clubs and organizations that have not had much of it," Phillip Bryant, international relations major said.

"Senators should familiarize themselves with students. A senator is like a bridge to students. If I get elected the first thing I'll do is to go to the business classes and introduce myself. I haven't seen any current senators do that," Nikki Lim, senator of business candidate, said.

Many of the candidates hope their experience from other organizations will help them in office.

"I just recently got involved in the campus when I joined AGS and the history club. My goal is to lobby in behalf of students." Vincent Armstrong, history major and senator of behavioral and social sciences candidate, said.



Melissa Sipin/Union

Some students avoid the area, and when that happens campus walkways become hostile environments for students.

"I have a friend who purposely avoids this area at all costs, and will walk a longer distance just to not walk through it," Sarah Peters, journalism major, said.

However, many students are not sure what actions constitute harassment. Many students find the comments playful and other students find it offensive.

"I have heard comments which are sometimes bad and sometimes aren't bad, but it depends on how the

individual perceives them," Yaneth Loza, social work major, said.

"Some students are just ignorant of the rules, and shouldn't be penalized for something they didn't know about," Eder Torres, undeclared major, said.

Many authorities do not agree, and find that students are 'responsible for their actions,' Tyler said.

"Students are here for a school education and should respect other people. Have good character, use good judgment and be trustworthy," Tyler said. "Ignorance of the law, rules, or board policies is no excuse."

Arbitration used as final solution

Robert Doss
Sports Editor

Disagreement over salary negotiations between the administration and faculty union have forced both sides to enter the beginning stages of arbitration.

The disagreement between the two parties lies in what constitutes growth or an increase in enrollment.

"Our contract has a salary formula in it which basically stipulates that we will take the cost-of-living allowance and add growth to that and we will subtract health care benefits and what we get is the adjusted cost-of-living allowance," Sean Donnell, chief negotiator for the Federation of Teachers, said.

What is arbitration?

"Arbitration is a procedure that is set up in the contract that the community college district has with its faculty union, which is to resolve disputes or grievances as they are commonly known," Dr. Thomas Fallo, EC president, said.

However, before an arbitration hearing takes place, a number of steps must be taken, including the discussion of the grievance, review of the issues associated with the grievance and mediation where a third party is brought in to try and reach a common ground.

"If that's not successful or if anyone doesn't want to go through with that, then you go to arbitration and we are initiating the first steps of arbitration now," Fallo said.

What is the disagreement?

In the union's interpretation of the contract, a decline in enrollment does not mean that growth is subtracted, but in the administration's estimation, negative growth constitutes no increase in salaries.

"We have been working

with the district on this issue for a year now," Donnell said.

"They have maintained even before they had any substantial evidence from the state that we were going to be declining in enrollment."

When will the arbitration take place?

The decision can take effect June 30, the beginning of the next school year, but the proceedings are scheduled for July.

How does EC compare with neighboring schools?

To further complicate matters, the faculty at Compton received a 5.92 percent COLA and according to statistics composed by Dan Brown, president of the Federation of Teachers, EC ranks 12th out of the 13 districts over a 31-year career in Los Angeles County.

"I don't think that there's any one agency that does those kind of rankings that anyone agrees to," Fallo said. "You have to compare many other factors besides just the salary factor. Some people only rely on a bottom-line number," Fallo said.

What is the faculty requesting?

Donnell believes that the college is not in a financial crisis for EC not to pay the faculty: In fact, the college will start the 2007-08 school year with a large surplus of money.

"It would have been much more prudent for the management to approach us when we had some kind of a fiscal crisis," Donnell said. "Right now, we don't."

What are the potential results of the arbitration?

The arbitration will decide which side has a more valid case and awards them by granting that request. Either side could stand to gain or lose everything.

El Camino College Associated Student's Organization election for 2007-2008 student government candidates

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