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Structure provides \$18M remedy



An LBCC artist's rendering shows plans for LAC's new five-level parking structure in Lot J. Officials said the structure will cost about \$18.9 million and will include 900 spots. During construction, scheduled from January 2010 through Fall 2011, parking will be relocated to Vets Stadium and more frequent shuttle service is planned.

Bus rider beaten unconscious

By Rafael Serrato
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LBCC police still are looking for three unknown assailants who attacked and knocked unconscious a male student in PCC's Parking Lot 1.

Reading through a police report, Lt. Julie Prior said officers were dispatched to the scene after a caller reported an assault to the PCC police office. The victim, after leaving the LBCC shuttle, was said to have been struck from behind on both the left and right side of his head, fell to the ground and was then kicked and punched until he lost consciousness.

When security officers found the student, the victim had a red bruise on his face, but refused medical attention.

About the Oct. 21 incident, Prior said the suspects were three males and "if anyone saw anything, we urge you to come forward." Students who may have any information regarding the assault may contact Prior at 938-

4289.

Meanwhile, police have witnessed a 300 percent increase in reports regarding assault and battery charges. As of November, eight crimes regarding battery and assault occurred in 2009 while only two instances of the latter offense took place in 2008.

Along with the rising rate of assault charges, Prior said property crimes and bicycle thefts have recently become prominent at LBCC.

Four bikes were reported stolen in October and three bikes were said to have been stolen in November already. Prior urges students to take better precautions in security.

For September and October, two automobile related offenses were reported at the PCC while 15 crimes pertaining to motor vehicle theft, one charge of commercial-automobile burglary and a single vehicle burglary were committed at the LAC. A majority of the automobile robberies were reported in the LAC's Parking Lot J.

Also, two grand-theft crimes and 14 petty-theft crimes were reported for the LAC and PCC during September and October.

Compared to 2008, an increase in crimes pertaining to stolen items are visible on the police comparative statistics report. Charges of petty-theft increased by 62 percent, grand-theft transgressions jumped 31 percent and motor vehicle theft rose 150 percent.

In regard to the rising theft rate, Prior said the poor "economy causes property crimes to increase. (Students) need to make sure they don't leave their stuff unattended.

It's very important to hold on to your possessions."

One direction LBCC police are taking to prevent crimes is through education. Using various pamphlets, which address topics such as violence, thefts and sexual assaults, and city-wide press-releases, Prior said police must "educate the people."

Student leaders' fate sealed in ASB election

■ Ten candidates compete for seats on Spring 2010 Cabinet.

By Angelica Alvarado
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Polls were open Monday Nov. 16-Wednesday, Nov. 18 to elect the ASB Cabinet for Spring 2010.

To run for Cabinet, the student must have a 2.5 gpa.

James Butra, Isaac Romero and Dione Vincent are running for president.

Butura said, "I saw the need to have both campuses of LBCC united. Students should come first in regards to ASB. I have been in ASB before and have been president of a men's social-service club. I want to let students know that they can let me know the changes that need to be made and to the best of my ability I'll make

it happen."

Romero said, "I believe I'm highly qualified for this position. I have been in ASB before and held presidential positions in the honorary men's club here on campus. I will like to improve student life here on campus. I care about the students here and I want the best for them."

Vincent said, "It's will be my last semester and before I leave, I want to improve college life for the future students. I'm an approachable person with a young spirit. I will like to tell people that they need to get involved and stop complaining in order to make things on campus better. One of my goals is I would like to make both PCC and LAC more united."

The other hopefuls for ASB are secretary nominees Jennifer Rios and Rena Atherton, vice presidential candidates Huy "We" Lee, Joe Smith and Edith Kahrs, and treasurer nominees Debora Mc Namara and Sakhom Mom.

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