



CONTEXT CONUNDRUM

THE ART BELOW ATTRACTED CONTROVERSY AFTER SOME COLLEGE EMPLOYEES PROTESTED ITS INCLUSION IN THE DAVID JOYCE GALLERY IN BUILDING 19

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A painting by local artist Wendy Huhn sparked controversy in the Center for Meeting and Learning's David Joyce art gallery earlier this month when it was removed due to concerns regarding its content.

The work in question, entitled "Eat," depicted an icon hailing from the '50s. The figure is a dark-skinned human in tribal attire, usually seen donning a grass skirt and a large pot.

The person is usually conveyed as a cannibal, boiling European explorers in the pot.

Counselor and Instructor Mark Harris' request for an explanation on the work's context fueled a series of e-mails directed to Huhn, some of which made her feel unsafe. The nature of the electronic correspondence led Huhn and fellow artist Janet Hiller to pull their work from the gallery.

In turn, other artists have pledged to cut ties with the college.

Harris says Huhn should have been ready to respond to criticism from any party copied on the original e-mail.

"I did to her what's been done to me," Harris said. "I'm a public figure and she's a professional artist."

Huhn had her artwork pulled on at least two occasions due to its inclusion of the cannibal. "Eat" was first removed by Culinary Arts Special Projects Coordinator Julie Fether when Harris approached her with concerns that the piece contained objectionable material.

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Mark Harris
LCC counselor and instructor



"Art is supposed to be provocative, but I need context." — Mark Harris, diversity coordinator

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Student govt may collect \$250,000

ALANDO BALLANTYNE | Reporter

The totals are in and ASLCC may collect approximately \$250,000 derived from student fees over the next nine months. Based on enrollment figures as of Oct. 4 — the day after the deadline to drop classes with a full refund — the college expects an average of 11,200 credit students per term.

Student senators met during a special session on Oct. 6 to begin discussing the projected 2010-2011 budget. Student government gets a \$7.44 cut of the \$46.25-per-term student activity fee.

Based on projections, ASLCC's budget for 2010-2011 is \$249,984. A surplus of \$157,531 from the previous year brings student government's total projected budget to \$407,515.

Of course, if enrollment fluctuates, so does the total in ASLCC's expense account.

Most of the conversation between senators will center on less than 30 percent of student government's total budget. A majority of the funds — \$291,967 to be precise — is already allocated into various funds, including \$58,250 for senator stipends, \$30,000 for operational supplies, \$35,000 for ASLCC travel, \$28,000 in reserves and \$36,718 for ASLCC Legal Services to name a few.

Student government stipends range from \$200 per month for senators to \$300 per month for administrative positions such as chief of staff and treasurer. ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan and Vice President Wesley Smith earn \$500 and \$450 per month, respectively.

Student government officials must pledge a minimum of 15 hours per week in the office, although Parker-Milligan and Smith usually commit more.

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ON CAMPUS

False alarm prompts evacuation of building

Public Safety officials are unsure why an alarm sounded Monday morning

BRETT STANLEY | Reporter

A false alarm caused the evacuation of 200-300 students, staff and faculty from Building 19 shortly after 9:30 a.m. Monday, according to sources in Public Safety and Computer and Information Technology.

First responders from Goshen Fire were stationed outside the building shortly after



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Responding to what turned out to be a false alarm, the Goshen Fire Department investigates Building 19 while students wait outside. Around 200-300 students were evacuated Monday, Oct. 13.

the alarm went off.

"A smoke detector in one of the heating ducts went off and caused the alarm," Goshen Fire Chief David Wolting said. "[The alarm] was unfounded. There was no fire."

Wolting didn't know why the alarm went off but said that Goshen Fire will "get someone out here from the fire department to check the alarm."

Public Safety also didn't know why the alarm went off.

"We don't actually know what caused it. Maintenance is going to look into it," Public Safety officer Jacob Ryker said. He declined to comment further.

The false alarm seemed to be a minor inconvenience to the students, staff and faculty in Building 19, according to Helen

Mikkelsen, assistant to the dean of computer information technology.

"Apparently, the people on the side (faculty) were told to go out and come back in, go out and come back in," Mikkelsen said.

The false alarm only affected persons in Building 19 and the subsequent evacuation was not campus-wide.