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House candidates debate at college

By Michael Koehler
Features Editor

Imagine the largest College of DuPage lecture format, and double, if not triple that. Imagine the scenes from "A Hard Day's Night" of hordes of people swarming the locations the Beatles attended.

Alright, maybe it wasn't as grandiose as Beatle Mania, yet the College of DuPage probably hasn't seen an event like this since the 2000 Republican Presidential Campaign stopped at COD.

Last Friday, in SRC 2800, the League of Women Voters, along with Model Illinois Government, Student Leadership Council, and Phi Theta Kappa (among many others) sponsored a debate between the Illinois Sixth District U.S. House of Representatives candidates Tammy Duckworth (Democrat), an Iraqi war veteran, and Peter Roskam (Republican), a State Senator.

Doors opened at 7 p.m., yet the lobby of SRC 2800 was already filled to the brim by

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Photo by Aldo Blanco

Tammy Duckworth and Peter Roskam shake hands after a heated debate held by the League of Women Voters on Thursday October 12 in Student Resource Center 2800.

Finance report reveals college short of tuition revenue

By Jordan Glover
News Editor

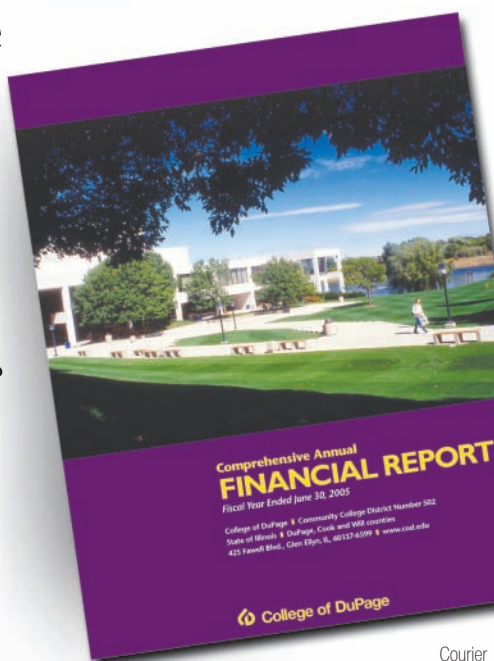
The College Finance Office found a \$300,000 error when they were calculating the annual report for this year.

Although this amount may seem massive, it accounts for one tenth of one percent of the college's \$280 million budget, according to Director

of Financial Affairs Chris Wodka.

The board hires an auditing firm who puts together a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that is required by law and filed

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Illustration

Punctured gas main in lot K causes concern on campus

By Jordan Glover
News Editor

A punctured gas line on east campus caused minor chaos at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

The main line was hit when a construction backhoe was removing a storm sewer. The location of the line was known, but workers thought that it was deeper than it actually was.

Coordinator of Risk Management Phillip Gieschen said, "it is only a small finger sized hole, the only cause for concern would be if you were standing directly above it."

Police cars and fire trucks were present and Public Safety cordoned off a large area that no individuals were allowed to pass.



Photo by Russell Augustine

Nicor Gas workers discuss the situation with public safety and college employees.

Nicor Gas was on the scene to patch the puncture. Gieschen says that they are taking extra measures in this situation, but he does not expect any interruption of service.

At 1:39 p.m. an official com-

munication was sent out explaining the situation and said that gas would be shut off on east campus, resulting in a loss of heating, cooking, and hot water.

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— NewsBriefs —

Mainframe system unavailable

The mainframe system will not be available for use on Saturday, including administrative use and self-service registration, to allow for a system upgrade. The system will be available on Sunday. Call the help desk with any questions 942-4357.

Mobile Driver Services

The Secretary of State is providing Mobile Driver Services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 16. Mobile Driver Services will be able to renew or replace driver's licenses or state ID cards, sell vehicle stickers, and supply information on organ and tissue donation.

Study abroad applications due

All scholarship applications for this spring's study abroad programs are due today. Informational flyers are available in IC 3116, the International Education office, or by calling 942-3078.

Travel and tourism night

A travel and tourism info night will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 in SRC 2052. Attendees will learn about career opportunities in the industry, as well as several tourism groups. Some of these include: American Society of Travel Agents,

Chicago Women in Travel, National Association for Commissioned Travel Agents, among many others. For more information on this event, call Joanne Giampa at (630) 942-2556 or e-mail at giampa@cod.edu

New Thanksgiving schedule

This is a correction to an error published in last Friday's issue. Classes will be cancelled on Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving break, not Oct. 22. The following is a corrected schedule.

Thanksgiving break will take place from Nov. 22 to the 26.

Campus will be open but all classes will be canceled on Wed. Nov. 22. Check with individual departments for their hours on this day.

Assistance area hours

The Writing and Reading Assistance Area (IC3040) is open Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Speech hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Appointments are recommended for reading and writing assistance and can be scheduled by calling 942-3355. Writing assistance is also available evenings and Saturdays at Addison 942-4600, Naperville 942-4700 and Westmont 942-4800 regional centers.

Bring your resumes

■ Over a hundred employers will be accepting applications at the Dupage Job Fair Wednesday

By Jordan Glover
News Editor

Wear your best and bring plenty of resumes on Wednesday. Over a hundred employers will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in SRC 2800 for the annual DuPage Job Fair.

Career Services Manager Nancy Wajler is coordinating the event.

"We actually had to turn away employers this year because we just don't have the room for them."

Parking will be available throughout campus and shuttle buses will be running from west campus and St. James Catholic Church, where more free parking will be available.

This free event, hosted by COD and State Representative Sandy Pihos, is designed to connect job seekers and employers and is open to the public.

All skill levels will be represented and jobs will be available in all areas.

"One of my biggest concerns was making sure we

had something available for everyone," Wajler said.

Resumes will be accepted and applications will be available from all of the employers, ranging from the medical field to the culinary industry.

Two free workshops will also be available at the fair.

"Networking: Your Network is YOUR Network" will be presented at 3:30 p.m. in SRC 1554 and "Dynamic Interviewing Skills for Success" will be presented at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in SRC 2052.

Best Buy will also supply four one hundred dollar gift cards that will be raffled.

It is recommended that job seekers do their homework prior to the fair, making sure that certain protocols are understood.

It is very important to look professional, business wear is recommended. Beware to not overdress, although wearing something that is memorable to a smaller degree can be beneficial. Brooches, pins,

and tie clips are usually acceptable.

Research is necessary prior to attending. "With over a hundred employers it is impossible to visit each one. You need to know ahead of time what you are looking for," Wajler said.

The DuPage Job Fair website (www.dupagejobfair.com) has a listing of all attending employers and direct links to their websites.


Open positions are available on most of these websites and can give jobseekers a starting place to find jobs that interest them.

The fair covers all of DuPage County and Wajler says that she is very excited for this year, "We are in the heart of DuPage County; we represent the philosophy of lifelong career opportunities."

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The communication also explained that although the Fire Department tested the PE building air and found no problem with gas in the building, classes in the PE building, fitness center, and weight training room were cancelled until 5 p.m.

All repairs were to be made by that time.



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6:30 p.m. It is estimated that there had to be one thousand people in attendance.

The forum began around 8 p.m. where both candidates were announced by the President of the League of Women Voters to their corresponding podiums. Both candidates received clamorous applause from the audience. Ironically, State Senator Roskam's main support came from the right side of the room.

Most political debate forums are saturated with supporters of the candidates—a vast majority have already decided who they are voting for prior to the debate even starting. This debate was no exception.

While all people were required to remove paraphernalia symbolizing their support, the support for both candidates was extensive. While the audience was more pro-Duckworth, neither candidate seemed to change the minds of those attending.

The forum consisted of opening statements, a round of questions and answers, and closing statements. Both candidates articulated their beliefs on the most important issues currently facing the United States and its interests abroad:

Duckworth supports a benchmark system (for every Iraqi troop trained, an American soldier goes home), Roskam's view aligns neatly with the President Bush's

"stay the course" policy.

On immigration, Duckworth supports sending 12,000 border guards to the border and no amnesty for illegal immigrants. Her position is akin to the bill passed by the U.S. Senate a few months back. Roskam as well does not believe in amnesty for illegal immigrants but also wants to send National Guard troops to the border.

Duckworth advocates stem cell research as well as federal funding for it. Roskam's stance on stem cell research could be categorized best as "the jury is out." Roskam is skeptical of embryonic stem cell research and favors adult stem cell research.

Concerning the environment, both Duckworth and Roskam agree that the country needs to limit its reliance on foreign oil and pursue alternative energy. Interestingly, when expressing his views on the environment, Roskam drew the ire of the crowd by calling global warming junk science.

Dealing with abortion, Ms. Duckworth believes women should be able to have an abortion under any circumstance, no matter the age of the mother. Mr. Roskam's view on abortion is one completely pro-life; he does not believe in abortion in any case, even in cases of rape or incest.

Both Roskam and Duckworth believe the problem of healthcare is spiraling out of control. Mr. Roskam supports solving the problem



Photo by Aldo Bianco

Tammy Duckworth surrounded by reporters after a debate between herself and Peter Roskam.

by allowing small businesses to come together, thus attaining greater power to bargain and administrative efficiency. Ms. Duckworth supports universal healthcare for children and affordable healthcare with help from the state and federal governments.

While this debate may sound like a typical, bland debate; the forum at times became a circus of negative attacks and name-calling. Because the Women's League of Voters allotted no rebuttal time to the candidates, when Roskam would attack Duckworth on a position, she would spend a portion of her allotted time to rebut his attacks, and vice versa.

Obviously this had a two-fold consequence, the repeat-

ed badinage between the two candidates complicated their statements as well as gave them less time to explain their positions on important issues. Several times, one candidate would make a remark, and the crowd would go into fits.

In fact, there were numerous times when the audience would verbally spar with each other.

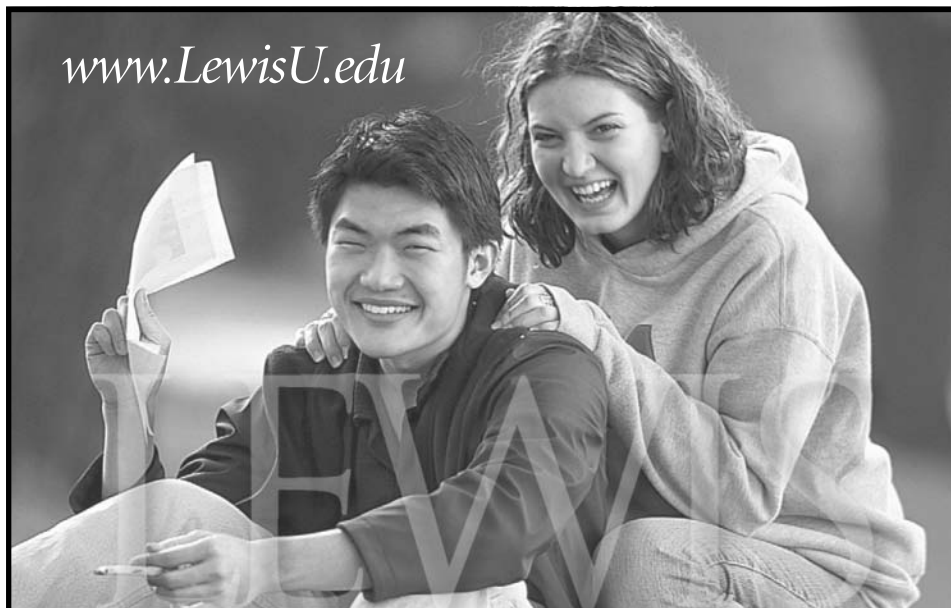
It is true that both Ms. Duckworth and Mr. Roskam had difficulties expressing their beliefs efficiently due to the format of the debate. The most fitting way to explain the candidates and what they hope to bring to Washington D.C. is to quote their closing statements:

Roskam: "What do you do

together. Henry Hyde had the ability to walk across the aisle and get things done."

Duckworth: "My opponent distorted my position on issue after issue, following the orders from his party in Washington. I'm running because we're facing huge challenges and our leaders are not doing their jobs. That's why we don't have a balanced budget. My opponent takes extreme positions on abortion, stem cell research and military assault weapons. If you're happy with the way things are going in Washington, you should vote for Peter Roskam. This election is about having the courage to stand up and do what's right, that's exactly what I'll do in Washington."

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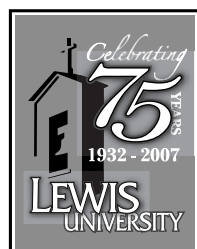
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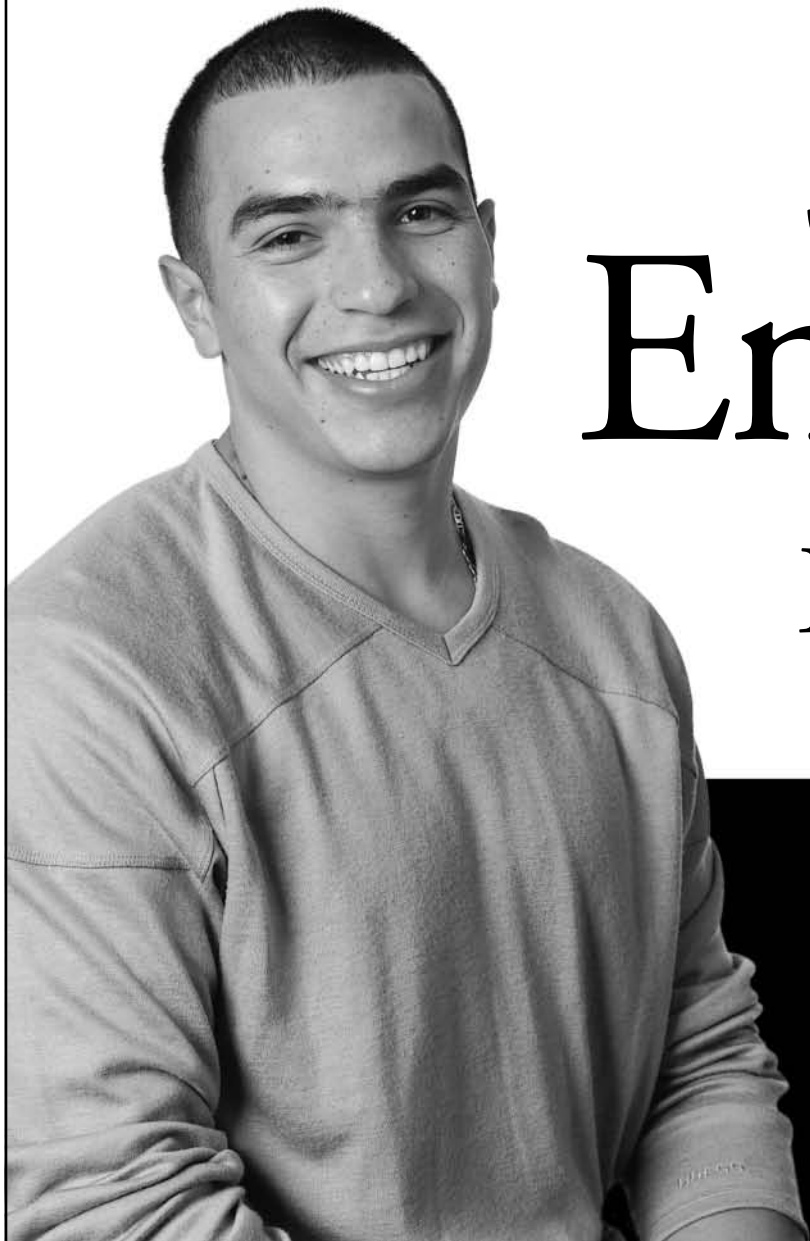
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SLC finds new vice president, seeks outreach coordinator

By Jordan Glover
News Editor

Student Leadership Council elected a new vice president at their Tuesday meeting.

Three candidates were present at the meeting, all bringing to the table the reasons



George Hidalgo

that they should fill the position.

In the end it was George Hidalgo who won the election in the first vote.

Hidalgo is a 24-year-old full time student who previously served in the military for five and a half years, including work as a medic for the Marines.

"I wanted to be a part of a club that makes a difference,"

Hidalgo said during his introduction speech.

Hidalgo said that he brings many valuable experiences with him to the SLC, including his work in the military. Hidalgo is also involved with the Big Brother / Big Sister program.

"One area of my life that I'm always constantly trying to improve is my leadership skills," Hidalgo said. He says that being an active member of SLC has already helped him do this, and becoming vice president would bring out these qualities even more.

Hidalgo says that he believes the best way to lead is by example and by treating everyone equally.

Hidalgo believes that one of SLC's greatest downfalls is outreach, and as vice president he wants to improve student awareness. He says that actions speak louder than



Photo Russell Augustine

SLC members applaud new vice president George Hidalgo who won the election during Tuesday's voting meeting.

words and that he would like to look back on this year as a rewarding experience.

Hidalgo's presidency begins immediately, and he seems prepared for it, "It is a personal honor to be able to serve the student body."

Now that SLC has a vice president, the search is on for a new outreach coordinator.

Election packets can be

picked up in Student Activities and are due for approval by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Interviews for candidates will take place before 5 p.m. on Oct. 30.

The three final candidates will be brought before the SLC voting members during the Oct. 31 meeting where the new outreach coordinator will be voted into office.

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with the Illinois Community College Board.

The error involves part of that report, the Certificate of Chargeback Reimbursement, which affects out-of-district and out-of-state tuition fees.

ICCB supplies a formula that gives the chargeback reimbursement for each semester hour, ultimately finding both out-of-district and out-of-state tuition rates.

For summer and fall terms this year, each out-of-district and out-of-state credit hour cost about \$27 less than it should have.

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tom Ryan said, "The original report showed a per capita cost of \$279.73 and the corrected per capita cost should have been \$306.53 resulting in the difference."

Although the shortage is a small fraction of the overall budget, it does mean that the college will not collect the \$300,000 in tuition money.

An official decision has not been made where the money will be made up, but it will be made up in the current year.

There is currently no concern on any drastic measures such as position cuts or program finance cuts, the lost money will most likely be made up in smaller amounts.

"The college is currently reviewing options to reduce current year expenditures which will not affect students directly," Ryan said.

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PoliceReport

Thursday, Oct. 12

① Student Misconduct

Public Safety was dispatched on a complaint of student misconduct on Thursday, Oct. 12. The complainant, a speech instructor, advised Public Safety that there was a student in her class that she had told the previous week not to return.

The student, a 26 year old male, had missed over seven days of class, was constantly late, and was consistently failing tests and assignments.

On Thursday, while in class, the male grabbed a fellow student’s purse and started taking things out of it.

The owner of the purse stated to Public Safety that the male had been asking for her address and phone number, but she would not give it to him.

The female student stated that the male asked her out and she declined, and that the male had talked about other girls having restraining orders against him.

Upon leaving class, the male started to follow her, so she returned and alerted her instructor.

Public Safety advised the instructor to speak to her dean, and that she should contact Public Safety in the event a student refuses to leave class

Monday, Oct. 16

② Criminal Trespass

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Public Safety observed through the Closed Circuit Television system a 79 year-old male sleeping in the SRC Student Lounge.

Public Safety went to the area to enforce the anti-sleeping policy of that area, and upon arrival found a 49 year-old male sleeping there as well.

Public Safety woke both men up and obtained identification to run through the Law Enforcement Agency Data System.

The 79 year old male came back with an entry of being wanted by the DuPage County Sheriff’s Office for a Failure to Appear of a Firearm Owner Identification Violation and Theft with an Armed and Dangerous Caution Indicator.

The warrant was confirmed as valid and the 79 year-old male was placed in custody and transported to the Public Safety Police Department.

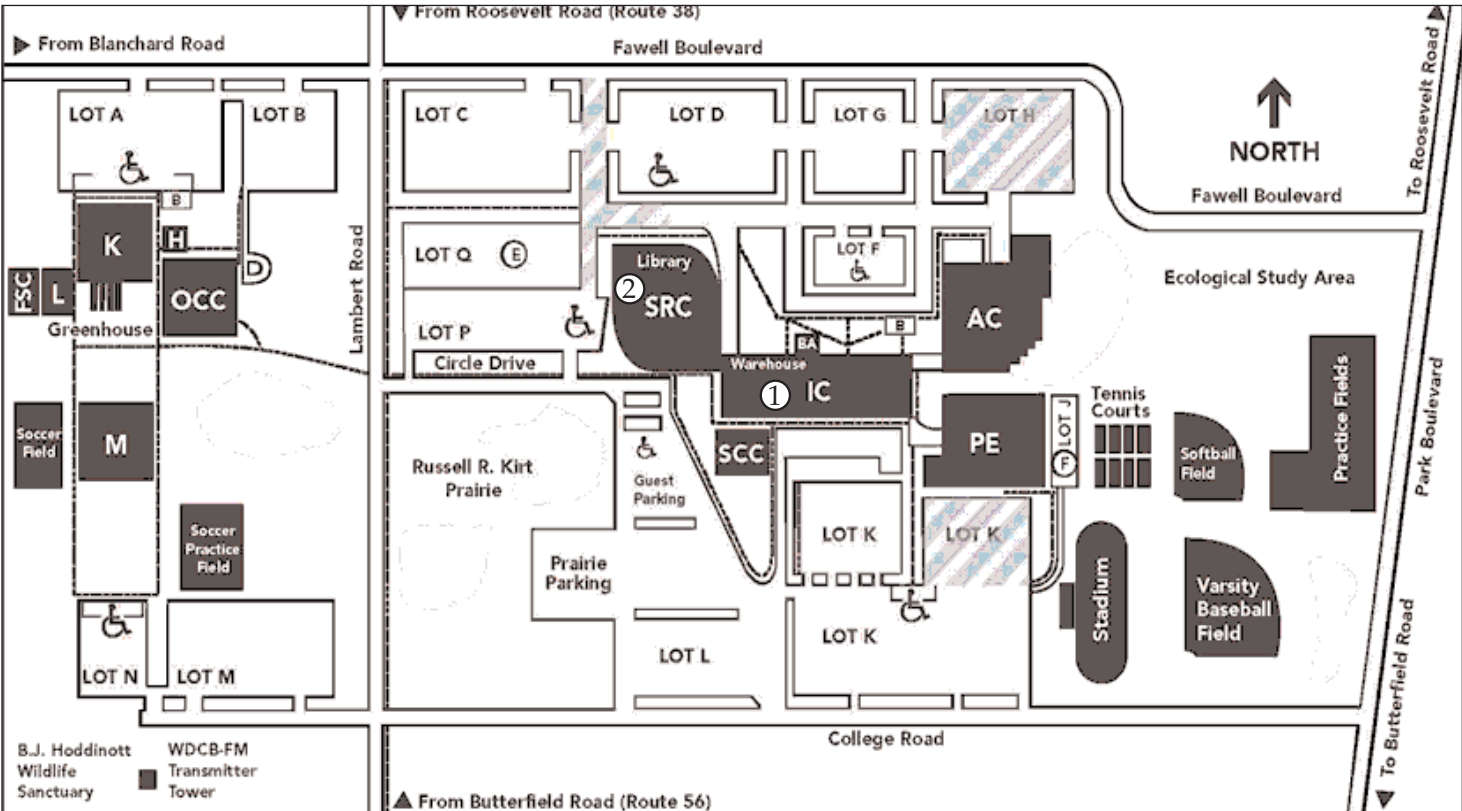
While in custody, the male stated he was a diabetic and last tested his blood sugar the day before.

He did not request an ambulance, but said that he needed something to eat. Public Safety gave him a cheese-burger.

The male in custody could not post the 10 percent of his \$5,000 bond and a DuPage County Officer eventually arrived to the College of Dupage Public Safety Police Department and took him into custody.

The 49 year old male was advised he would be served with a no trespass letter if caught sleeping on campus again.

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