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OSCHE Conference By Saundra Daniels

On Thursday and Friday, June 19th and 20th, Lorain County Community College Executive Staff Council hosted the OSCHE (Ohio Staff Council for Higher Education) Summer Conference. This Conference included LCCC and eight other institutions: Sinclair Community College, Bowling Green State University, The Ohio State University, Wright State University, Ohio University, University of Akron, Wright State University, and Columbus State Community College. Members from LCCC that attended included Ken Collins, Andrea Lyndes, Miriam Silva, Gina Maxwell, Tracey Maxwell, Miguel Rivera, Saundra Daniels, Cheryl Miltner, Sun Jamerson, Celeste Baker, Clayton Nelson, Elizabeth Garcia, Connie Hitchens, and Tamara Wright.

The purpose of the OSCHE Summer Conference was to collaborate with the other OSCHE institutions and to have the opportunity to work on teambuilding leadership abilities and reporting out on new exciting happenings at their institutions throughout the 2007-2008 academic year. As the quarterly OSCHE Conference throughout the year is more about setting goals and conducting business in an effort to collaborate on ways to enforce policies that are beneficial for staff at each institution, the Summer Conference is the time to celebrate the accomplishments of all the work that went into the planning process for the year.

The OSCHE group started their first day of the conference out with leadership training with Diane Camera, Laura Ramella, and Michelle Cox, as they presented their "Forming Best Impressions."

Our very own Annette McIver and



OSCHE Summer Conference Attendees

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Candy Townsend from SkillsMAX took off with their Palette Color Team Temperament Leadership Training just before lunch, which had attendees in competitive leadership roles. Our Red Leaders represented the adventurous leaders—those who tend to be more concerned about what’s happening now than in the future. The Yellow Leaders represented the responsible leaders—those that are considered to be loyal, dependable, punctual, trustworthy. Blue leaders represented individuals that look for harmony—they see the possibilities in others and themselves. They are also said to be highly creative and constantly growing. Green Leaders were said to represent leaders of curiosity—those that want to know all there is to know about everything. From surveys collected, many attendees really enjoyed this training.

Following lunch, Tim Howard, President of OSCE and Ken Collins, President of LCCC Executive Staff Council introduced one of our key speakers for the summer conference, Mr. Bob Kreinkamp, OSCE’s founder. Bob brought laughter and memories to many of those that remember him during his years with OSCE, then called SECO. Bob fascinated the new and old members with how SECO began, why it is now named OSCE, and how OSCE currently aligns with the organization’s original vision. OSCE members later presented Bob with a plaque for his part in stepping out and becoming the first president of the group, while also paving the way for OSCE to become what it is today.

Another individual that played an important part in OSCE was our own Ms. Elsa Walker. Representatives of OSCE invited Elsa to the summer conference where she discussed her part in OSCE along with many memories of her own. While introducing her, Tim Howard made a confession that it was Elsa who introduced him to OSCE and that he was very thankful for it. Elsa was also presented with an “appreciation of thanks” plaque from OSCE.



Elsa Walker and Tim Howard Daniels

The second day of the conference was just as fun and interesting as the first. Rodger Campbell returned to the LCCC campus where he energized the group with his

“Can a Bruised Apple Be Saved” leadership training. As OSCE members were familiar with Rodger, most expected to be up on their feet and interacting with other attendees—even if it was 9:00 in the morning! For those that were not truly awake, they were by then. Once again the crowd really enjoyed seeing and hearing Rodger deliver his leadership training.

All LCCC Staff was invited to attend the final hours of the conference to hear the “Report Out” Sessions. This involves each institution reporting out on the happenings at their home campus. As always, this was the most vital part of the conference, as each institution has the opportunity to learn of processes that are working or not working at other institutions. It also gives an institution the opportunity to possibly take other institution’s practices back to their own organization while finding ways to implement the process to the best fit of their college.

OSCE members from other institutions all expressed how well they appreciated the excitement and hospitality of Lorain County Community College and looked forward to returning soon in the future. They enjoyed the campus and loved our FAB Lab and Bookstore. Staff Council, along with LCCC OSCE representatives, thank everyone that participated in the summer conference for making it a successful event.

OSCE CONFERENCE 2008

by Barb Armstrong

This year’s Ohio Staff Council of Higher Education (OSCHE) Summer Conference was held at Lorain County Community College from June 18 through June 19. Approximately 40 people from Ohio colleges attended the conference to learn what is being accomplished at different institutions. The “break out” sessions occurred on Friday. This is when a representative from each college or university reports on what is happening at their school. The following are some highlights from those break out sessions.

Wright State University

Their health care increased by 20%. Faculty received a 3% raise and staff received a 1.5% raise. They are currently looking at the feasibility of flex time.

Ohio University

Staff is now serving on search committees. Everyone received a 3% raise. They now have professional development days for staff twice a year and an employee of the month award.

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Columbus State Community College

They have formed a committee to solve problems for staff; health care increased by 6%. Their raises are 3.75% this year (2% last year). There is talk about a four-day work week. They also have health savings accounts in which the school contributes money as well as the employee.

Sinclair Community College

Students do not need to apply for graduation anymore; it's automatic now and more have graduated and there is no extra graduation fee. Staff raises are between 2%-7% with the average being 3.5%. They have an incentive bonus in August of around 4.4% based on the midpoint of their salary. Support staff was decreased between 2001-2008 by 26, whereas professional administrative staff was increased by 62 in the same time period. They are currently looking at a four-day work week.

Bowling Green State University

They are currently looking at different plans of health care. Staff received a 1.5% salary increase. They are a green campus and are currently looking at changing their shuttles to hydrogen. In 2010 they will celebrate their 100th anniversary.

The Ohio State

Their President meets once a month with staff to discuss problems and concerns. Dependents only receive 50% off tuition. When staff is hired, their vacation is immediate now. Health care increased less than 5% last year. They are currently using a four-day work week and/or flex time, depending on the situation. Also *some* staff can work from home, but they are monitored and reviewed continuously. Raises are based on merit and are not across the board; the average was 4%.

The University of Akron

They currently are building a new student union and have purchased the Quaker Square Inn to use as a combination hotel and dormitory. They also have a new stadium. Their raises are based on merit with an average of 3.5%. Employees are charged for parking and it is extremely difficult to park between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. Their health care increased 8% - 20%. Staff was just added to different committees such as the health, operations, and finance committees. They managed to achieve a higher staff participation in elections. There is a need to implement staff perks such as vacation and sick leave.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope everyone is having a great summer between the rain and humidity. It has been a very busy summer for the Executive Staff council. In June we said goodbye to Mike Harmych (Group 12), Nate Neeland (Group 7), and Connie Hitchens (At-Large) as their terms had ended in June. We also welcomed three new members who will be filling their open positions Celeste Baker (Group 12), Clayton Nelson (Group 7), and Liz Garcia (At-large). Also, Tracey Maxwell (Part-Time Representative) and I (Group 2) were re-elected for our positions. The Executive Staff council also hosted individuals from eight Ohio colleges for the 2008 Ohio Staff Councils of Higher Education (O.S.C.H.E.) summer conference. This was a great success and I would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this a successful event. As we start to prepare for the new academic the Executive Staff council has plenty on our agenda including the development of a job enrichment plan, redesigning the Bell Tower Bulletin editor position, updating the Staff Council website, and an update of the Staff Council matrix. As always we appreciate feedback from everyone who we represent, so if you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact me or one of the Executive Council members. Have a great day.

Thank you,

Ken Collins

Executive Staff Council President

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Quick Movie Review

by Barb Armstrong

WALL-E: Pixar does it again! This is a wonderful movie for the whole family. Earth is totally "trashed" and the residents are living in a space ship (aka cruise ship) in the sky. Zooming around in lounge chairs, the remaining earth people are waited on by robots. As a result, all the earthlings are very overweight. WALL-E is a little trash-collecting robot left on earth to compact the junk left behind and form it into large building-shaped piles. When EVE, a robot probe, lands on earth to try to find life, WALL-E falls in love with her. She finds a tiny plant, starts to analyze it and is picked up by a space ship. WALL-E follows her and they both run into an evil auto-pilot, who does not want the earthlings to return to earth.

Note: This is a "must see" this summer before the kids go back to school.

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Question of the Month

By Diane Nott

With the price of gas going **up, up, and UP**, I know many of you are probably taking shorter vacation trips. Channel 8 does many “One Tank Trips”. What is your favorite One Tank Trip?

My favorite one tank trip includes Marblehead, Port Clinton, Catawba, Put-in Bay or Kelly’s Island. A picnic lunch, a good book, a winery and maybe a ferry ride and it’s like a one day vacation.

-Celeste Baker, Controller’s Office

About 35 miles west of the College exists a place called the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky that my family and I love to visit. Once you enter the African themed complex, you are instantaneously whisked away to a place of family fun and excitement. My family has made two trips there and is currently planning another for next month. The Kalahari boasts of having the largest indoor water park in Ohio with such amenities as a spa, restaurants, numerous gift shops, and valet parking. With 173,000 square feet of water entertainment, the Kalahari Resort is a wonderful place to take a “One Tank Trip.”

-Keith Brown, Director, Campus Security

My Mom and I always enjoy Grand Pacific Junction in Olmsted Falls. It’s a quaint district with all kinds of shops within walking distance. That railroad theme is a neat touch too.

-Christina Neidert, Campus Security



One of my favorite one tank trips is going to Geneva-on-the-Lake at least once a year. It is a wonderful little resort town. You can park and walk around to the various shops, arcades, mini putt courses, live music and lots of Lake Erie scenery. My first stop is always Eddie’s Grill. He is famous for

his foot long hotdogs. You have to try one. The best homemade donuts are Madson’s Donuts. They have been in business since 1933. They make their donuts fresh daily. They are to die for! They have a mini putt course that is stated to be the oldest longest running putt-putt in the nation. It is a simple putt-putt course but lots of fun. If you like the older arcade games, they have them! They

also have a big water slide for the kids. A little something for everyone.

-Diane Nott, IS&S

My wife and I know of the perfect getaway! Every year at the end of September, we go to a bed and breakfast with about 10 other couples (friends and family). The name of the place is Idlewyld Bed & Breakfast and it’s located in Lakeside, Ohio. It only takes about 45 minutes or so to get there, and it’s definitely worth the trip. It’s close to Kelly’s Island; however, we always stay right there in Lakeside - it’s a gated community and extremely peaceful (they have little stores and souvenir shops, an old-fashioned movie theater, places to eat, hotels, and it’s within walking distance to the lake). We go at the end of September because it’s the “off season,” so there isn’t a ton of people there. Here’s the link if you want to check it out: <http://www.idlewyldb.com/>.

-Jason Gibson, Women’s Link

One of the great “one tank trips” my family and I take is to Amish Country, Holmes County, Ohio. There are so many great places to visit. Cheese factories, Wineries, furniture shops, Amish home tours, just to name a few. We usually stay at The Carlisle Inn in Sugar Creek or Walnut Creek. Walnut Creek Cheese Market is also a great place to shop. Great prices for fresh meats, cheeses, bulk foods and homemade bakery. Just go south on Route 83 through Wooster to Millersburg, Ohio. The main route is Route 39 east toward Berlin, Ohio. There are also some great restaurants such as Der Dutchman and Dutch Valley.

Berlin is also a really nice little town to park your car and walk around to the various shops. Heini’s Cheese House is just north of Berlin on route 62. Heini’s has just opened a new Gourmet Market in Sugar Creek east of Berlin on route 39, which caters to a more sophisticated taste. They not only have samples of cheese and meats, but also a very nice selection of locally produced wines. The entire area is a great one day get away, that’s only about 1 1/2 hours drive.

-Ruth Saur, Social Science, Children’s Learning Center

We do this every summer. . . .we take a day trip to Toledo. We start at the Toledo Zoo, have lunch at Tony Packo’s <http://www.tonypackos.com/index.php> and end the day with a Toledo Mud Hens ball game, which almost always has fireworks after the game. It is fun for the entire family.

-Patty Donaghue, Business Division

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“Two Bike Tire” Trips

By Richard Pasky

Ohio is the perfect-sized state for “one tank” trips, since you can reach any part of the state within 4 hours or less. There are so many places to go in this marvelous state with two centuries of history that a series of books by Neil Zurcher promoting the practice became very popular. I have plenty of places I have returned to while going for a ride in the county. Here are 10 personal favorites, some of which you can actually bicycle to!



Bur Oak Metro Park - Off Ford Road in Elyria, this excellent pathway along the Black River is a three-mile blacktop path filled with walkers, joggers, dog walkers, roller bladders, and bikers. On any given walk, you may see deer or other small critters in the woods. The path ends at Day Dam in south Lorain.

Elyria's town square – the beautifully maintained square is a marvelous oasis in the best fashion when downtowns were special. There are periodic concerts and other special events that draw residents to it.

Jamie's Flea Market – on State route 113, just east of South Amherst, this conglomeration of genuine junque' booths and farm produce draws crowds year-round on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8-4pm. Right across the street is the venerable Lorain County Speedway, home of the fastest hotrods in the county, every Saturday night in summer.

Lofton Henderson and Charles Berry bridges - Over the Black River in Lorain and named for local heroes in WW II, these bridges give dramatic views of the steel mill from the former, and of the drawbridge opening and closing for ore carriers and sailboats from the latter. Black River Landing, inland of the Charles Berry bridge, holds many events during warm weather months, including farmers' market, and the International Festival.

The Riverwalk at the West Falls – This overlook of the dramatic waterfalls in downtown Elyria has great views throughout the year, and it is right downtown. Sit on the grass and picnic, or pretend you are at Niagara Falls as you climb into the overlook perches.

Downtown Oberlin – Home of world-renowned Oberlin College, the town is a gem with people-friendly places everywhere. One can bike to Oberlin from Elyria on the blacktop pathway originating off Turner Blvd. There is a monument to John Brown and a brick Underground railway home, just south of the public library. The private home has a carved 10' high stump of an eagle atop a lion in its front yard. The town has several quaint cafés and coffeehouses, including college hangout *Feve*, where you still can drink cans of Carling Black Label. Also here is a Frank Lloyd Wright home on Morgan Street open for tours periodically.

Mill Hollow Metro Park – Upstream from downtown Vermilion, itself a New England look-alike with craft shops and many good restaurants, is the place where my relatives had many family picnics in my childhood. The river is shallow and good for wading, and there are free Sunday evening concerts in summer months. There is playground equipment for kids to explore, and several pavilions to hold back any rain.

The Lakeshore Railway Association - Wellington has a tourist train on state rte 18 east of town, which provides rides approximately 6 miles north to Pittsfield and back. Call 440-647-6660 for times and dates. A Halloween ride is a special event in autumn. There are plans to extend the rail line to Lake Erie someday. There are 10 such railroads in Ohio. See also <http://www.touristrailways.com/namerica/OHIO/>

The Palace Theater – This classically restored building in downtown Lorain shows family-oriented movies year-round under the 1500 lb crystal chandelier and ornate décor, circa 1928. Prices are from \$3-\$5 for all seats for the movies. The theater has one of the largest pipe organs in Ohio, and also hosts occasional concerts and plays.



Schoepfle Gardens – Set in downtown Birmingham, across the border into Erie County is the most elegant display of flowers and plants in the area. At the donated home and grounds of a former editor of the Chronicle-Telegram, this Lorain-Erie County Metro Park has plantings from all over the world, blooming at various times over the months.

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Dear Reader: On the Web By Peggy Nesbit

Beyond the information one can garner from sites like Amazon.com and barnesandnobles.com about individual books, there are many different kinds of websites and blogs that can give readers news and insights into their favorite writers or lead them to new or similar writers.

One of the things I like about Amazon (and that sometimes is tricky) is the reader reviews. This is particularly true when judging a nonfiction title. Once you've read over the editorial review and you're still not sure, you can go to the reader reviews but you've got to watch because often the authors will have their friends write glowing reviews. I like to look for the so-so reviews or the bashing ones and find out why they didn't like the book.

Publisher sites can give you information on new books coming out, author tours, as well as interviews on all types of media, reader's guides, book art, sometimes even whole book texts. Some are better than others and try different marketing tricks. What you'll discover is that there are about three or four major publishers that own all sorts of little publishers called imprints. So Penguin (a British Company) publishes Berkley, Jove, Signet, Daw, Dorling, Riverhead, and half a dozen others. Random House, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, and two or three others rule the general publishing world and publish the bulk of the best sellers.

Some author websites are direct offshoots of the publisher websites, but not all of them and I would definitely take the time to look up your favorite author, both their official site and fan sites. Their official site will often have a blog, which may or may not be updated regularly, but may also have unpublished chapters or excerpts or maps, etc. Fan sites can be authorized or not but can have interesting or surprising information as well.

Authors are remarkably generous people when it comes to helping their fellow writers and you can often find other writers' websites and blogs listed on their sites. This is probably more likely on what would be called mid-list writers (those who have not hit Stephen King or Nora Roberts status but who have published successfully for a number of years.) They can often lead you to the next hot thriller writer or paranormal romance writer.

Industry magazines like Publishers Weekly have websites that are accessible to the public as are some of the

specialty magazines like Romantic Times. And there are specific sites that just do book reviews. There are also promotional sites sponsored by writers themselves. One I subscribe to is writerspace.com which I found looking for the latest Jayne Castle novel two novels back. There are others as well.

And, if all else fails and you still are wondering if your favorite author is still writing or has a book coming out soon, you can always email me. I don't need an excuse to look for a book!

Quick Movie Review

by Barb Armstrong

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Number four was just as thrilling as the first three Indiana Jones' movies. Full of action that doesn't stop and a plot that takes the audience into the middle of the Peruvian jungle, Indiana (Harrison Ford) finally meets up with his one true love, Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen). Indiana discovers that he has a son (Shia LaBeouf) and the three of them set out to find a legendary crystal skull which supposedly bestows the owner with mystical powers. All ends well in this hopefully last episode.

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian: Once again the four siblings are called back after 1300 years (only one year for them) to Narnia to help ward off an evil king and restore the rightful heir to the throne. In danger for his life, Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes) flees into old Narnia, where he forms an army of animals from the ancient times that have been in hiding. With the help of Lucy, Edmund, Susan, and Peter they fight the evil King Miraz (Sergio Castellitto). Aslan saves the day at the end as he calls on the ancient tree spirits to help win the battle.

Note: This was an excellent second movie in the series.

Journey to the Center of the Earth: This remake is more entertaining than the original. Of course, the 3D helps! A little more pricey than the average movie, seeing it in 3D is worth the extra cost. Everyone knows the story. Based on the Jules Verne novel of the same name, three people travel down to the center of the earth via a lava tube, and find a whole new world down there with giant mushrooms, oceans, and dinosaurs. The rest of the movie is the three of them trying to find the giant geyser that will propel them up to the top of the earth again. Brendan Fraser (Trevor Anderson), Josh Hutcherson (Sean Anderson), and Anita Briem (Hannah Ásgeirsson) play the three adventurers.

Note: Definitely go see this in 3D.

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Business Volunteers Unlimited by Rosemary Schestag

After many years of schooling, (who wants to count!) I earned my Master's Degree in Business. I had a lot of encouragement and support along the way and I began to think that I had arrived at a place where I could start giving back.

While reading one of our weekly *FYIs*, I saw an announcement inviting people to participate in an LCCC and Business Volunteers Unlimited (BVU) partnership. The announcement highlighted volunteerism, leadership training, and community service. I was intrigued but hesitant because I did not know how much of a time commitment would be involved and if I could manage work, family/elderly parents, and a new, formal responsibility in community service.

After some deliberation, I contacted LCCC Marketing and Media, completed an application, and was invited to attend a BVU presentation in downtown Cleveland on civic responsibility. There were 50 or so others, like me, interested and eager, but thinking, "Can I really do this?"

Well, I decided to go forward and within a few weeks was interviewed by BVU staff. The process is relatively easy and very organized. The people at BVU are very professional and kind. The process went something like this:

- I was given a list of service categories such as education, arts, beautification, young children, teenagers, drug prevention, homelessness, parks/recreation, health and welfare, seniors, women's issues, etc.
- I was asked to identify my top three interests.
- BVU staff began to match my interests with non-profit agencies in Lorain County asking for board members and/or volunteers.
- A week or two later I was given a packet of information and materials from three non-profit organizations. The packet included mission statements, programs and services, Annual Reports, etc.
- I was given time to read the materials, review the non-profit agencies' requests, and choose an agency for whom I would like to volunteer.
- Once identified, I was interviewed by the non-profit agency, and invited to serve on its board.

I really learned a lot and was given a book on responsibilities of board members. Although there is a lot of responsibility to serve on a board, it is very interesting

and rewarding. In fact, there are a lot of fun times, opportunities to learn and grow, and great satisfaction in helping others.

The non-profit agency that I chose was the Neighborhood House Association of Lorain County. I was especially interested in this agency because of its deep and broad impact in the community. They have several programs and services that include early childcare centers, a senior center, senior nutrition programs (Meals on Wheels), and a homeless shelter (Haven Center in Lorain).

I got involved mostly with the Haven Center, Lorain County's only 24/7/365 homeless shelter. The Haven Center not only provides temporary shelter, it also helps residents to get back on track and find the resources they need to be self-sustaining. Every resource you can imagine is needed. Although the Haven Center receives governmental funding, it falls far short of its operating costs. Therefore, public donations are always needed and fund raising is constant.

For the past two years I have served as co-chair for the Walk for the Homeless event held here at LCCC. I am so proud and pleased that our campus hosts the event, and the high level of involvement of fellow coworkers. (Special recognition must be given to the Divisional Administrative Associates.)

Leading up to the Homeless Walk, LCCC had a Homeless Awareness Day on campus. Women's Link and Student Senate led the event which included an information table and replication of a "home" on the streets, and a homeless awareness luncheon. Attendees were asked to provide toiletries and/or a donation for the luncheon. Everyone learned about homelessness both nationally and locally. They were also encouraged to participate in the Walk.

The May 2007 Walk for the Homeless event raised \$34,000. The May 2008 Walk for the Homeless, which was a true community event, raised over \$44,000. The Lorain County Commissions and the City of Elyria gave a PROCLAMATION, naming May 18, 2008 as *Walk for the Homeless Day at Lorain County Community College*. There were over 300 walkers and 100 volunteers and lots of food and fun, all for an excellent and much needed cause.

The events were time-consuming and included much planning and preparation. I was out of my comfort zone on some occasions by being interviewed on local radio stations and being filmed for a spot on "Eye on the Campus," yet I gained a deeper appreciation of how

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people working together can make a real difference. When you give people opportunity to help, they respond - and what a wonderful campus community and county we share!

Community service may seem like a daunting responsibility, but in reality it is a good experience in which you learn about yourself and others and can make a difference. If you are hesitant, as I was, I encourage you to go for it. I assure you that you will not have any regrets but rather you will be richly rewarded by your service to others.

Computer Tips by Diane Nott

Outlook 2007 - Composing Emails

With Outlook 2007, you can get real fancy with the emails. You can put backgrounds and special fonts and colors. If you are using Outlook or another Email service that can read these html emails, then it is great, especially since just about everyone on campus is using Outlook. What about those outside of our network? Many free email providers like Gmail and Yahoo have difficulty reading "fancy" emails. Most of the time it translates to junk. The best way to send an email is to be just as simple as possible - just use plain text. It is not pretty but it is a format that every provider can read.

You can change the default settings before you compose an email. This is how you do it:

Open up Outlook and open up your email.

Click on Tools and then Options.

Click on the Mail Format Tab.

In message format, there is a drop down box for HTML, Rich Text, and Plain Text. Choose what you want. This is where you can choose your theme and colors if you want to use HTML format. When you are all done, click on apply. That's it!

Quick Movie Review by Barb Armstrong

Get Smart: KAOS and CONTROL are once again pitted against each other in this very entertaining movie based on the old television series. There were a lot of comical scenes with Maxwell Smart (Steve Carell) throwing himself and the competent Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway) right into the middle of trouble. Max is given very little training and a lot of techie gadgets to help him find the bad guys once again. Oh, and the phone booth is in the movie too.

Why Stand in Line When You Can Buy Online!

Submitted by Carla Richmond

While the summer sun has been high in the sky, the Bookstore staff has been hard at work getting everything ready for the fall semester. The biggest change for fall is the Bookstore's new home on the web, <http://bookstore.lorainccc.edu>.

For the first time, students can purchase all related course materials online, as well as clothing, electronics, and general reading books. Anything purchased online can be either picked up in the store or shipped to the student's home for a flat fee of \$7.50 per shipment. With the increases in gas prices this summer, this is a great alternative to driving to campus. This will also be an easier way for students to receive their books and materials when the Bookstore moves to its temporary home during the renovation of the College Center.

Plans for the future include: a loyalty program, a cyber book club, staff blogs, book recommendations by LCCC staff members, and special events co-hosted with other campus offices and groups. The loyalty program will allow students and faculty to earn points on purchases either online or in the store. These points can then be redeemed for merchandise.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at crichmon@lorainccc.edu.

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This is a light easy dessert to make for summer dinners.

No-Bake Cheese Cake

submitted by Barb Armstrong

2 eight-ounce packages cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup milk

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 container (4 1/2 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

1 9-inch graham cracker crust

In a mixing bowl, beat cheese until smooth and fluffy. Add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Blend in milk, lemon juice, vanilla, and salt. Gradually fold in whipped topping. Spoon into prepared crust. Chill until set, at least 4 hours or overnight. Serve, if desired, with a tray of assorted fresh fruits. Makes 8 servings.