

# Campus Scene

## London calling to study

By Amber Sellnow  
Staff Writer

It's not too late to join the trip of a lifetime. Studying in London is only a hop, skip and less than seven months away. Students have until May 5 to turn in applications.

Los Rios Community College District and various others have teamed up to give any student a chance to study abroad, in London, for fall semester, Sept. 10 through Dec. 12.

Patrice Gibson, Anthropology professor and co-director of the ACE program and faculty member of American River College was selected to accompany students to London along with four other professors from various community colleges.

Gibson says the only requirements to qualify for the program are the applicants must be college students, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and have completed 12 units by summer 2008. Students, also are required to take 12 transferable units while in London.

Students will only attend school four days a week for 12 weeks as opposed to the 16 weeks in the Los Rios district. They also will be given the option of living in an off-campus apartment, or with a British family.

"I think we are all going to get so much out of this [program]. It's important to learn different culture and to experience [different culture]," said Gibson.

The cost of this three and a half month experience

is around \$9,000, but this includes airfare, tuition, the program, and a refundable deposit. Students also have the opportunity to apply for financial aid. Gibson says it is worth it.

"Even though it seems like a lot of money, it's a truly priceless experience," said Gibson. "This is the time . . . when taking a semester will be easier now than later when [students] have careers and kids."

There will be an initial deposit of \$400 and a \$50 application fee. If students turn in their applications by March 28, they will have priority to pick out their classes. They also will be entered to win a Eurostar ticket which will take them from London to Paris.

An informational meeting is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. in Howard Hall conference room and another at 5 p.m. in Raef Hall room 162, and again on March 26 at 12 p.m. in Howard Hall conference room. An additional meeting will be March 12 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room M201 at Cosumnes River College.

For further information, students can visit the Cosumnes River College Website ([www.crc.losrios.edu](http://www.crc.losrios.edu)), then click on academic programs, study abroad, and fall 2008. They can also contact Gibson directly via e-mail ([gibsonp@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:gibsonp@arc.losrios.edu)), telephone (916-484-8266) or visit her in Davies Hall room 308.

## LETTER: SA, vote

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President.

According to Statute III Act X Section 2 of the ARC SA By-laws if there are eight or more vacant positions available on the council (which there currently are, after our resignations):

"[T]he vote to override the special election by student council shall be considered void, and a special election will be conducted."

My resignation therefore is to uphold the right of the student's to vote for their own representatives by ensuring a special election pursuant to the above Statute. Respectfully,

—Sergey Linnik  
ARC Student

## FAFSA: Applied?

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money you will need in order to pay for college out of your own pocket.

The flaw with this calculation is that it assumes your family can, and will, contribute to your education. The FAFSA does not take into consideration the fact that many students do not rely on their parents for educational funding. Coming from a family of self-employed artists, I'm not expecting to

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## Sharing in Andy's memory

By Josh Clemens  
Photo Editor

Sights and sounds of swash-buckling pirates could be heard in the American River Theatre as friends and family celebrated the life of a man who impacted the lives of many people at American River College.

Fellow actors and pirates of Andy Hoover, 24, gathered in the campus theater Feb. 27 to celebrate his life the way they felt he wanted.

Hoover started acting when he was 12. His first production was at the ARC theatre, where he landed a role in the production "Peter Pan" as a lost boy says former stage manager Mary Goodall.

Friends were asked to get on stage and share memories

## Rush hour collision



Above, Metro Fire Personnel assess the wrecked vehicle found at the Myrtle Ave / Lot A trench.

Left, towers attempt to hoist the over-

## ARC seeks safe travel

By Eric Webb  
Staff Writer

A great opportunity for students to travel off campus to activities related to their courses shouldn't include risking your life and safety.

Depending on the department involved or the outside activity, students may be asked or allowed to take their own vehicles, professionally driven bus or, on very rare occasions, a commercial airline. Unfortunately, students have no say in which kind of transportation to use.

District transportation policy varies by each individual department, according to Susie Williams, associate vice chancellor of communications and research for Los Rios Community College District.

"It is up to the area or division faculty and deans participating in a given event to decide what type of transportation to use," said

ing so early in the morning? Assuming the students signed a liability form, we still fail to see how the district still doesn't have some blood on its hands.

What criteria do students have to abide? How is it decided which students can drive themselves and which ones can't? And who considers the vehicles that are driven? The district offers vans for faculty to drive students to and from events. It appears the athletic department has priority, but if so many student groups have student drivers, perhaps this priority system needs to be revised.

Also, the vehicles offered by the district have regular prevention and maintenance checks, so why not offer the same courtesy to students driving themselves on a *school* event.

Maybe the district has indemnified itself from liability, but does the policy in its efforts to be flexible really serve the students well-being?

#### Clarification

Due to a copyediting error, the article "SA members resign en masse" in Edition 10 should have stated, "At the beginning of the meeting, Garcia voluntarily took chair . . ." *The Current* regrets any confusion this may have caused.

forms and my parents' tax forms. Confident that I could fill out this year's application lickety-split, I set aside a half hour to complete it.



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finances? Soon my father, my mother, and I were all crowded around the computer trying to answer the questions. After another half hour of pouring over various

This need is determined by a simple mathematical calculation. A federal processor analyzes your family's ability to contribute to your education and subtracts this amount from the costs of a college education. The remaining amount is how much

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#### Letter to the editor

As a Student Representative, I'd like to explain to my constituents what is going on inside the Student Council. On February 12, I, and 4 other council members, resigned. The following is my letter of resignation (with minor additions for clarity):

I am officially resigning from my position as Student Representative on the American River College Student Association, effective immediately.

I am resigning in protest of SA President Lou Martinson's un-ethical, and possibly illegal, abuse of power and usurpation of the student's right to elect their own representatives. On February 5, the Student Council voted on whether to fill three open council positions by appointment process or by upholding the student's right to elect their own representatives through a special election. According to the By-laws,

the student's right to vote through a special election is by default, but may be over-riden by a 2/3 vote of the Council. There would have been no 2/3 majority had President Lou Martinson not deceitfully denied the right of one of the Student Representative's to vote on over-riding the special election. By denying this Representative's pivotal vote, Martinson was able to over-ride the special election, thereby denying the students' fundamental right to elect their own representatives. This deceitful, un-ethical activity must never be tolerated in a democratic society. Having moved here from Russia where we had no freedom to participate in government, I strongly support the right of the people to vote and am deeply concerned to see such a disregard of this fundamental right by the SA President.

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