

COCC defunds student newspaper

BEND (AP) — A community college in Oregon is cutting funding to its student newspaper because of lack of interest from both readers and potential student staff members.

Most young people don't read newspapers and the idea of writing for the student newspaper is no longer popular, Ron Paradis, a spokesman for Central Oregon Community College told *The Bulletin* for an article published Wednesday, July 25.

A survey conducted in 2014 found that more than half of the school's students didn't know the newspaper existed and only 7 percent read it consistently.

The paper's staff shrunk to 10 students from 20 writers. It was founded in 1953.

The school paid a part-time adviser \$50,000 annually with benefits, and \$35,000 per year from student fees went toward operations, Paradis said.

A task force recommended to the administration that *The Broadside* adviser's salary should go toward an adjunct faculty member who would teach journalism classes at COCC.

Anyone writing for the paper would need to enroll in a one-credit journalism lab, and any editor would have to be enrolled in or have completed a three-credit journalism class.

The administration rejected the recommendation last week, and the timing irritated task force member and former *Broadside* adviser Michael Van Meter.

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Van Meter said, however, that the newspaper seemed reluctant to cover hard news and refused to report on the sentencing of Edwin Lara, a former COCC security officer who pleaded guilty to murdering 23-year-old Kaylee Sawyer in 2016.

Katya Agatucci, *The Broadside's* final editor-in-chief, said that during the spring 2017 term, she was the only active reporter for the entire paper.

The Broadside began aggressively recruiting new writers through social media, she said, which temporarily increased staff numbers until many quit because they felt overloaded with classes and

didn't have time to write. She feels the school could have done a better job communicating about the decision, she said.

"With something really important, like seeing whether *The Broadside* is going to be around during the next term, it's important to us, and we didn't get a whole lot of answers, or communication," she said.

Some former writers at *The Broadside* found their passion for journalism working there.

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Scott Greenstone, who covers homelessness at *The Seattle Times*, said he likely would not have pursued a career in journalism were it not for his time at *The Broadside*.

"This is an awful time to be doing this," Greenstone said, who was also *The Broadside's* editor-in-chief.

Defunding the newspaper "is absolutely wrong no matter where you stand."

The community college offers two-year associate degrees and enrolls about 16,500 students on its Bend campus.

Sisters Outlaws sports registration gets underway

Summer is in high season, but it's already time to start gearing up for Outlaws fall sports.

The Sisters High School athletic office will be open August 6-10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for registration and payment of fees.

High school sports registration will also be open 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, followed by a mandatory player/parent meeting at 7 p.m. at SHS. The meeting is required for all players and families who are participating in fall sports at Sisters High School. Participants will learn about programs, philosophy and meet the coaching staff.

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THURS...AUG. 2

Fir Street Park Live Music with Lost Bayou Ramblers 6:30 p.m. Free! Presented by Sisters Folk Festival. Bring seating or a blanket. For info go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Thor Hanson 6:30 p.m. Hanson will present "Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees." For info go to paulinasprings.com.

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. for Vital "Fundraising" Winery. Call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Sisters Saloon Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to midnight. Every Thursday, no cover! Call 541-549-7427 or go online to sistersaloon.net.

FRI...AUG. 3

Village Green Park and Sisters Art Works Sisters Rhythm & Brews Festival 5 p.m. to midnight. Los Lobos, Curtis Salgado & more! Tickets at bendticket.com; info at sistersrhythmdbrews.com.

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with NTT with Chris Brown 5 to 7 p.m. No cover! For more information call 541-549-2471.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Karaoke Night 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! For more information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market 2 to 5:30 p.m. For information go to sistersfarmersmarket.com.

SAT...AUG. 4

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Eric Leadbetter Band 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

Village Green Park Sisters Rhythm & Brews Festival Noon to midnight AND **Sisters Art Works** 5 p.m. to midnight for Los Lobos, Hillstomp & more! Tickets at bendticket.com; info at sistersrhythmdbrews.com.

Sisters Fire Hall Artist's Reception for Len Babb 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Meet the artist, enjoy music & refreshments! lenbabbwesternart.com.

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Live Music on the Lawn with Albatross 7 to 9 p.m. Free, all ages welcome! For info go to thesuttlelodge.com.

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SUN...AUG. 5

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MON...AUG. 6

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TUES...AUG. 7

Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For info go to sistersaloon.net.

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FRI...AUG. 10

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with Toothpick Shaker Band 5 to 7 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2471.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Art Show & Artists' Reception 5 to 8 p.m. Many pieces are for sale! For information call 541-549-7087.

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SAT...AUG. 11

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Petty Fever 8 p.m. for the Tom Petty tribute! \$10 in advance at Hardtails or bendticket.com or \$15 day of show at the door. For more info go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Country Fair & Art Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music, food, games, book sale, country store, art sale and more! For info: 541-549-7087.

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Greg Nokes 6:30 p.m. Nokes will present "The Troubled Life of Peter Burnett: Oregon Pioneer and First Governor of California." paulinasprings.com.

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Bobby Lindstrom Band 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

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