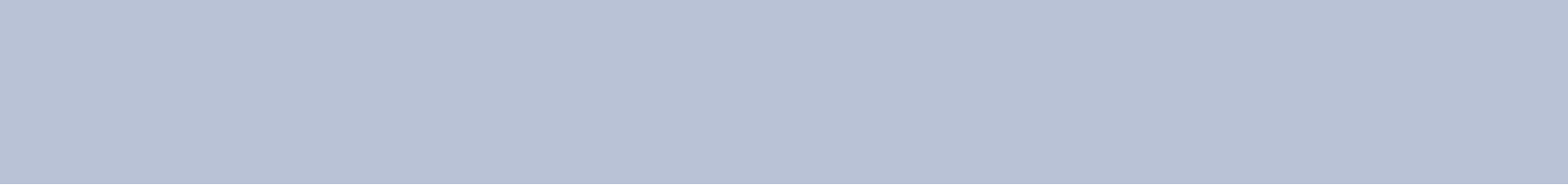


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For the Lummis family,

Generosity knows no bounds



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CHEYENNE — Learning from a book or a lecture is a tried-and-true method, but hands-on experience is even more effective. And when that hands-on experience involves helping people who need a hand, students can add satisfaction to the list of benefits they receive.

That's what the Service Learning program at Laramie County Community College is all about. During the 2008-2009 school year, 658 students, 29 faculty members, 9 administrators and 11 community partner staff members participated in completing 13,136 hours of direct community service. The college partnered with 51 non-profit agencies and local schools, affecting an estimated 10,600 individuals from the community. Among the many benefits provided by the service learning projects were bike helmets for kids, brochures for the American Red Cross, and even a car for a family in need.

"This has been a year of expansion in courses offering service learning," said Jeri Griego, the LCCC Service Learning coordinator. "It is fascinating to see how different faculty members use their creativity to integrate service learning with the objectives of their courses."

Among the service learning projects during

courses as they finished the repairs. The car was donated to a local non-profit agency, Transportation for Humanity. The agency will identify a family in need of transportation and give the car to that family. The value of the repairs was \$4,000.

The students in the livestock judging course taught 4-H children the criteria for evaluating livestock and then held a livestock sale where the children and their parents came to bid on animals that will be used for their 4-H projects during the coming year.

The American Red Cross benefited from the creativity of students in the desktop publishing course. The students were given information about the non-profit and a selection of graphics. Each student designed a new brochure for the agency. Members of the agency then selected the brochure they thought best captured their agency and their message. Those brochures were printed and will be distributed to agencies

throughout the region. The American Red Cross is a national organization that provides relief to victims of natural and man-made disasters. It is a member of the United Nations system and is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the world.

Laramie County Community College has been a flurry of activity since school started in August – enrollment is at an all-time high; our athletic programs are well underway; and LCCC students and employees have provided the Cheyenne and Laramie areas with more than 10,000 hours of community service through our service learning program.

The LCCC Foundation has been very busy too. The 2009 fall cultural series was a huge success, beginning with the Ned and Barbara Murray Art Series featuring guest artist Trine Bumiller. Bumiller's presentation and gallery show opening was attended by students, faculty and community members interested in learning more about her ability to merge nature and art. Shortly thereafter, we reintroduced the Literary Connection back to our cultural series calendar and the LCCC campus. This year's event brought nearly 175 writers and readers together for the two-day event, which featured guest authors Pam Houston, Laura Pritchett and Bill Roorbach. Wrapping up our fall events was *moosebutter* presented by The Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, performing their musical-comedy act to a sold-out crowd at the Atlas Theater. For more information on cultural series events or to be added to our mailing list, contact Lisa Trimble at lisatrimble@lcccfoundation.edu or 307.432.1603.

The 2009 Scholarship Luncheon, A Special Note of Thanks, was held in late October, bringing together

scholarship recipients with those who created their scholarship and giving them each a chance to hear the other's story. More than 225 students and guests braved the snowy weather to hear scholarship donors and guest speakers Billie Addleman and Brandi Monger speak to why they created the Herman "Bud" Lingle Memorial Scholarship. Brandi said, "Billie and I both believe in the value of education, and we also think that a quality education should be available to anyone who is willing to work for it. I know first-hand what a difference the

generosity of strangers can mean to a student trying to pay for college."

Student scholarship recipient, Erin Lamb also spoke at the luncheon and urged students and guests "to look around you: these are the men and women who are investing and supporting your hopes and dreams by providing you with scholarships toward your education."

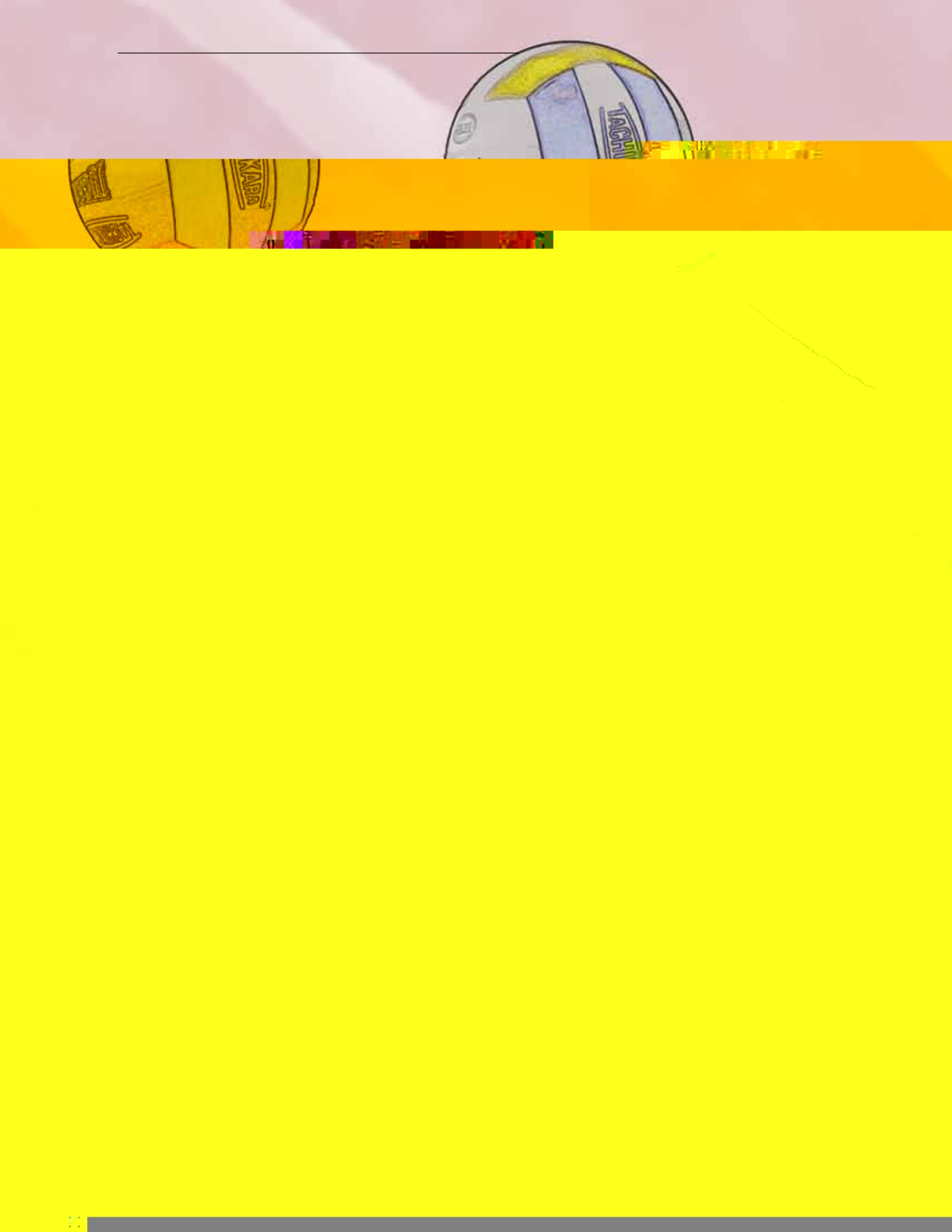
As LCCC celebrates all of the exciting things that are going on with the Foundation and at the College, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support. Whether it was by attending a cultural series program, purchasing a commemorative brick, providing scholarship funding, or just stopping by to say "hi," we appreciate YOU! ❖

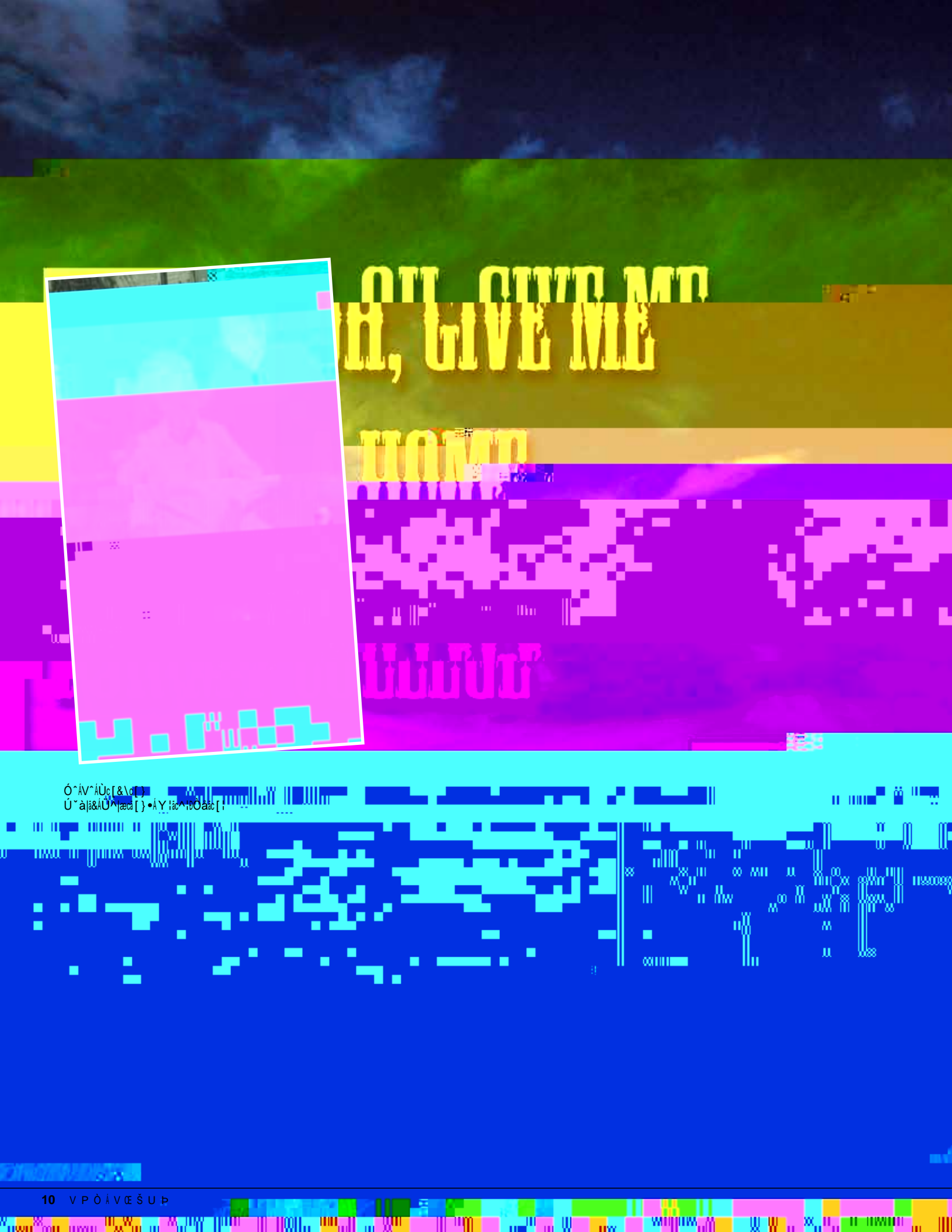
The Golden Eagles women's soccer team had another successful season and held steady in the NJCAA polls throughout the season and finished the regular season at sixth in the nation. The team's final regular season record was an impressive 12-2-2, which included wins against several ranked opponents. The team finished 3-0-1 in Region IX play and defeated Western Nebraska Community College to win the Region IX tournament. The season came to a close after losing in the district semi-finals.

The Golden Eagles men's soccer team had a strong showing this season, playing much of it on the road and against tough opponents. The team finished the regular season with an overall record of 9-7. The Golden Eagles were undefeated, 4-0, in Region IX games. The guys went on to win the Region IX tournament for the fifth straight season. The team lost in the district semi-finals, and with the loss, their season ended. The team allowed only 20 goals all season and had 10 shutouts. Both stats are now LCCC records.

The Golden Eagles men's basketball season is just getting started. Visit www.lccc.wy.edu for schedule information.

The Golden Eagles men's and women's rodeo teams have made it to their mid-season break. After five rodeos in the fall semester, including the Shawn Dubie Memorial Rodeo at home in Cheyenne, the men's team sits eighth in the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the National





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Forty-one years ago, the Wyoming state legislature approved a new community college in Cheyenne. There was one major problem, though; there wasn't enough money to buy land and construct the needed buildings.

The idea was to use the early funds to get the site and hold classes in any available meeting space around town – churches, public schools, just about any room big enough to hold an instructor and a dozen or so students. But one man with a generous heart gave Laramie County Community College a giant gift. He gave the school a home.

Doran Lummis was a county commissioner at the time, and he had been following the development of the college. He knew it would be a great asset to Cheyenne and Laramie County, and he was excited to see it get off the ground. So excited, in fact, that he couldn't help getting involved. He approached two of his uncles, an aunt and his mother, who were co-owners of Lummis Livestock at the time, and asked them if it would be OK to donate 100 acres as a site for the new college.

"It was our old bull pasture," Doran says. "I got (the original college board) out there and told them there were about 240 acres. I told them to take the best 100 acres on the high ground. But they came back and asked if they could take 150."

Doran didn't hesitate to ask his family for even more land for the donation. He knew a new road would soon split the ranch, and the ground inside what was being called the "Outer Belt" wouldn't be of much use for a working ranch. The Outer Belt today is called College Drive.

"You know, I never thought they'd take (the land), because there was so much animosity in Cheyenne," Doran says. "There was a lot of pressure to put the college downtown, up north, on the Air Force base, on the (Veterans Administration) grounds, and so forth. I said to J.O. (Reed, the original chairman of the LCCC Board of Trustees), 'There are no strings attached.' I was making the donation so they could use that land as a lever against any other land they wanted to buy."

But even though Doran had no intention of the college being built on that site, some community members were still angered by his donation.

"We lost some friends, too," Doran says. "But we had faith in the future of the college."

"Faith that definitely proved out," says Enid Lummis, Doran's wife.

The Lummisses believe most of the resentment was based on money.

"Quite a few business people saw how many downtown stores were vacant, and they promoted using those stores as the place to go," Doran says. "They wanted to make some money getting stores rented. The almighty dollar entered the picture."

There were other concerns, too. For instance, there were no roads in the area. To help with that, Doran offered another 67 acres for road right-of-way – the road that is now Avenue C and its offshoots. By the time all the paperwork was filed on the transfer of ownership, the Lummis family's donation had grown to 217 acres.

Roads and land weren't the only issues, though. Luckily, the Lummisses weren't the only generous individuals on the south side of Cheyenne.

"One objection was that there was no water on that land," Doran says. "But the next day (after a letter to the editor appeared in the newspaper), a well was drilled and donated.

It was drilled by M&B Drilling Co., which was owned by Bob Mordahl."

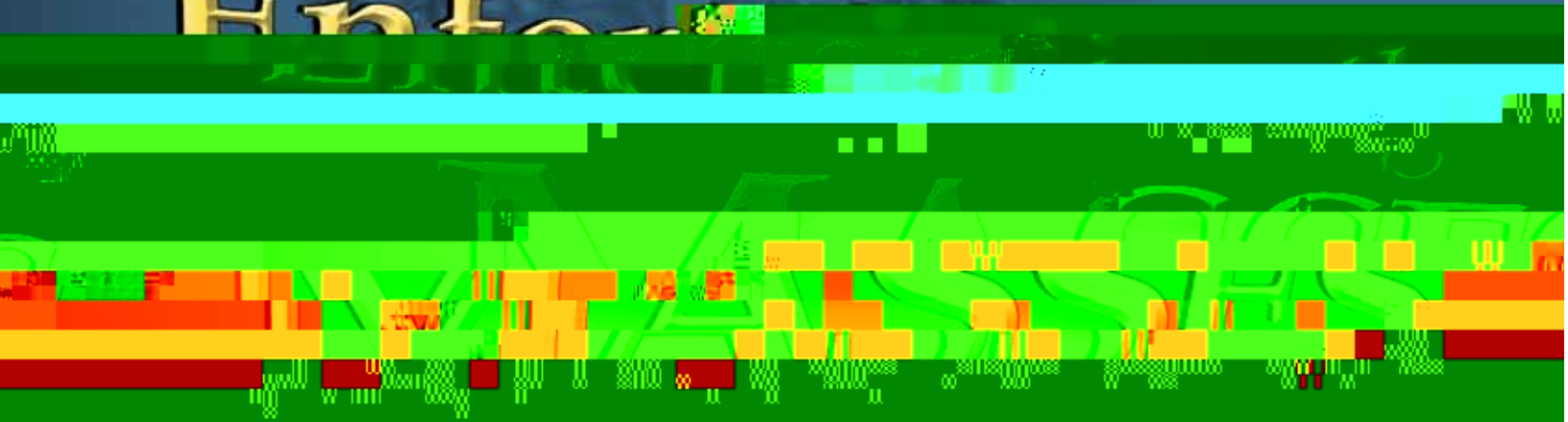
With the water secured, opponents found other things to complain about.

"The next objection was there were no trees out there," Doran says. "The next day, there were pine trees planted. The big ones out there today on the south side of campus – right by the well – are some of those original trees."

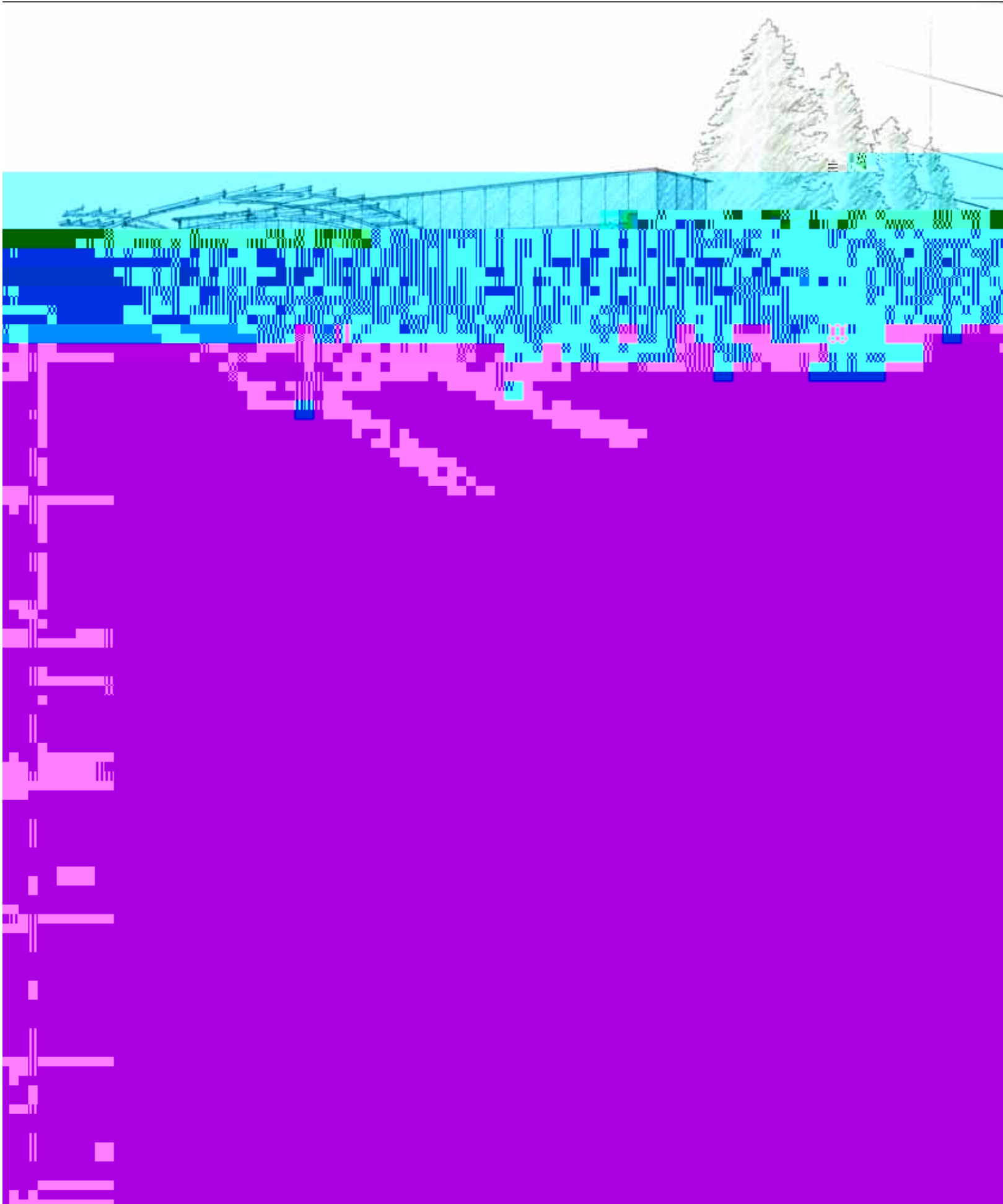
Lummis is proud of the college he helped start, but he's reluctant to take any credit. "We didn't want any publicity about the donation," he says. "It was a repayment of a debt to Laramie County in a way. Laramie County was good to us."

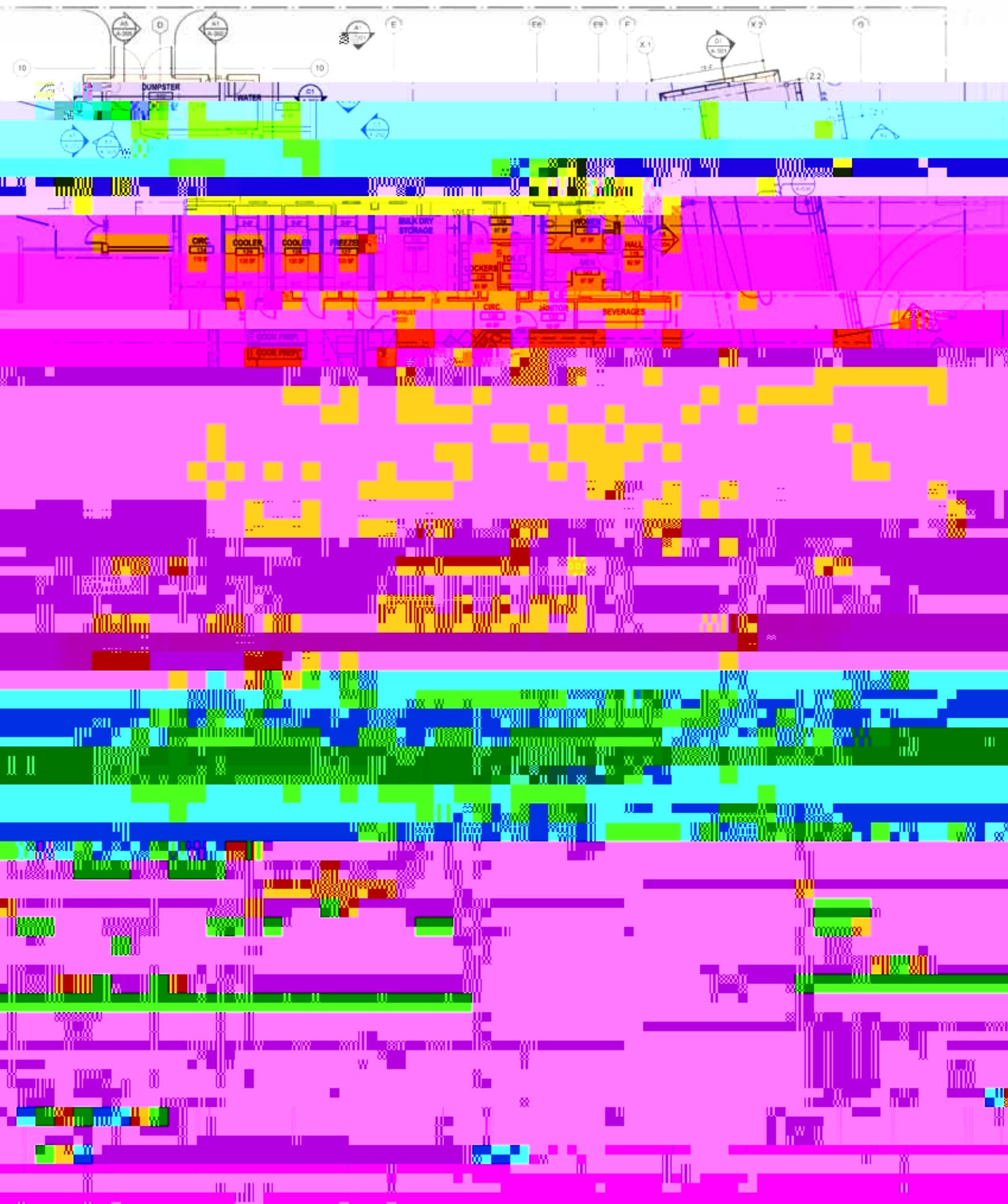
Doran and his family didn't forget about what they'd help start. He took a lapidary (rock polishing) class and aviation ground school courses at LCCC, and Enid also took lapidary and other art classes. Their four children took advantage of the college, too. Daughter Claudia graduated with an equine sciences associate degree in 1985, and she's currently enrolled in a puppy class. Her brother Del got a "Claudia" class. F. G. M. H. 3

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