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LU football players can no longer use the social media site Twitter. Check out Page 11 for all the details.

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## Facebook fuming not a hot idea

Student comments about LU on social media sites may lead to negative consequences.

By **Kenny Gerling**  
Senior Writer

Social networking profiles, though they have a multitude of privacy options, still ultimately function on a person-to-person basis. Information posted on profiles can be seen by hundreds of people and may just land students in hot water with the University.

**“LU does possess resources to determine whether items posted defame the University.”**  
-Student Handbook

As stated in the Student Handbook, Lindenwood “does possess resources to determine whether items posted [on the internet] defame the University, its students, faculty and staff.” Punishments for such a violation can even include expulsion.

Student Drew Reggiero discovered firsthand the seriousness with which the University handles such matters. Last fall, Reggiero, disgruntled by an ongoing issue he felt was being unaddressed, posted an “insulting but non-threatening” statement about a faculty member on his Facebook page. He

said the comment was posted at around 3 p.m., and he was in Dean of Students Terry Russell’s office within a few hours, where he was expelled for a year and told to have his belongings gone by the next morning.

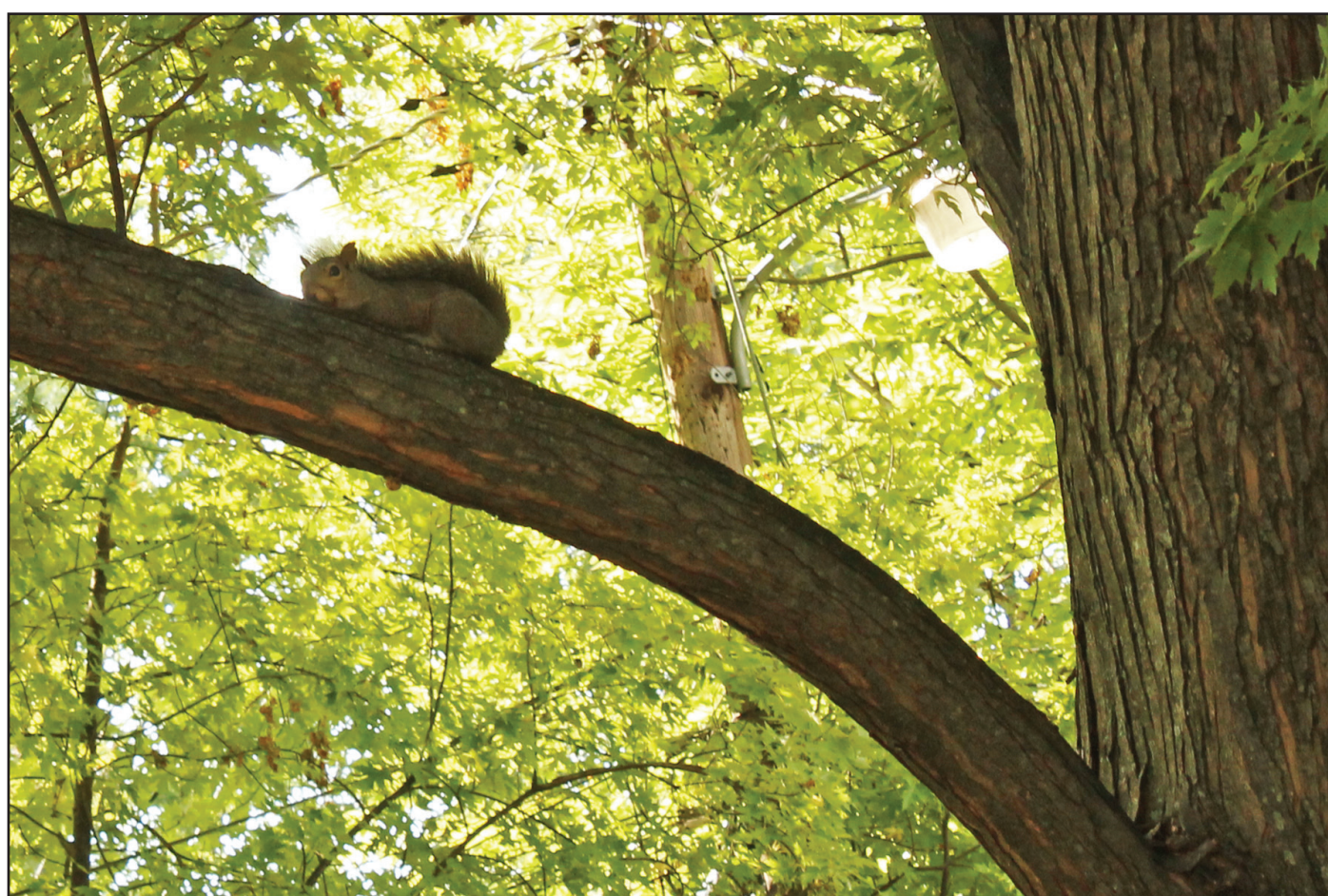
According to Reggiero, it was explained to him that the University uses a program that searches for posts containing the names of faculty members.

His post was flagged by this program and promptly found to be defamatory. When asked about this program, Russell declined to comment, saying any such system would be under the direction of Public Relations Director Scott Queen.

Queen also declined to comment on the matter, saying it was confidential.

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Please see Page 5 for an editorial regarding this social media site policy.



A squirrel perches in a tree near Young Hall and the Memorial Arts Building. Squirrels, beavers, bats and raccoons can be spotted around LU.

## Animal encounters abound

By **Christine Hoffmann**  
News Editor

Beavers, bats, raccoons and woodchucks—Lindenwood students don’t have to go far to find nature in their own backyard.

The campus is populated by more than just college students. This is evident in the sounds of the quad: chirps of songbirds and the crunching of squirrels eating walnuts in the trees. Larger animals such as gophers, hawks, raccoons and even beavers reside in the more wooded areas of LU.

Stray cats roam the neighborhoods of student housing. Senior Crystal Brooks said one repeatedly visits



A gopher crawls across the track located behind the Performance Arena.

her porch. “We named it Carlos because it would come back every week, but if you try to pet it, it would run away,” Brooks said.

Lisa Young, head of access services at Butler Library, has dealt with a different kind of mammal. “We’ve gotten bats in the library, live and expired

ones,” Young said.

Library staff and maintenance workers have had the duty of catching and releasing the live bats that occasionally make their way into the building.

When humans and animals live in close proximity, conflicts may arise. Some interactions are mild.

“When I was a freshman, squirrels used to hit me with nuts as I walked to class,” said senior Gabby Blockton.

Other encounters have left students fearful for their safety.

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Check out Page 4 for an editorial cartoon related to this story.

## Campus provides Newman Center for CSU



Legacy photo by Christie Blecher

The Newman Center, located in the Spirit Shoppe building next to Campus Security, is the new room dedicated for Catholic Student Union use.

By **Mikayla Francese**  
Co-Entertainment Editor

For community, learning and prayer, the Newman Student Union is now open to students every afternoon and evening. Located in room F at the Spirit Shoppe building next to Blanton Hall and AutoZone, the NSU will also hold special services for Bible study and Catholic Student Union meetings.

Based on surveys taken by the Department of Christian Ministry Studies, 45 percent of daytime students at Lindenwood are of the Catholic religion. “We want to provide spiritual guid-

ance,” President Evans said.

“This follows our common goal of developing good character along with helping other people.”

With this in mind, Lindenwood decided to add yet another addition to the consistent growth of the school. The new union is primarily for Catholic students to have a place to come together and share their beliefs.

**“This follows our common goal of developing good character.”**

-President Evans

“It just so happened that a board member made a large donation to a Catholic center,” said philosophy Professor David Brown.

“The Catholic religion just happened to be the first religion to get this.”

The center provides Catholic students with a Tuesday night Bible study for fellowship.

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See Page 7 for a related story on the Catholic Student Union.

## Plans amass for Greek expansion

By **Holly Hoehstenbach**  
Editorial Editor

With an increase of student interest in Lindenwood’s sororities and fraternities, plans for expanding Greek life on campus is on the horizon.

As of now, the organizations have no set office but can work in the Common’s student organization suite. The Greek Council’s perma-

nent location for their office has not been determined yet.

Small, cubicle spaces are provided in the student organization suite for group members to use.

“The fraternities and sororities that applied for a single unit computer cubicle have one,” said sophomore Delta Zeta member Sam McCord. She says even though members enjoy having their own space, the Greek groups

are looking forward to having one large workplace.

According to Greek Life Coordinator and LU Alum Giang Tran, the innovative office will be active by next fall and will consist of offices for the chairman of LU’s Greek and executive council. “Sorority and fraternity brochures will be available for interested students,” Tran said.

Please see *Greek*, Page 12

## NCAA gets new home

By **Alex Jahncke**  
Managing Editor

On the backside of the north endzone of Harlen C. Hunter Stadium, Lindenwood is building the new 43,450 sq. ft. Student-Athlete Center. The building will be comprised of new locker rooms for the newly added NCAA sports, offices for the coaches, a brand new Hall of Fame and a student-athlete success center. All of this will be built with the intentions of keeping up with the growth of the school and to help with NCAA recruiting.

Currently, teams that use Hunter stadium use the Field House for all of their athletic needs. The Field House is a former stable for horses and is not living up to code for the athletes.

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Professor Rachel Douchant speaks to freshmen in her LUL 101 class on Sept. 8. The course is designed to help freshmen with the college transition.



Legacy photos by Jonathan Garrison

(Top) Freshmen look over a packet in their LUL 101 class. (Bottom) Professor Rachel Douchant explains a concept to the class.



# LUL 101 course aims to help freshmen, build skills

By Andrew Ebers  
Staff Reporter

As freshmen, Lindenwood students are required to take the college preparation course LUL 101. The course covers all the skills needed to succeed at Lindenwood University, and many students see the class as valuable.

“I think it’s helpful,” said freshman Michelle Erbs. “We’re actually going to put

this stuff to use.”

The subjects covered in the course encompass a variety of skills that first year students often struggle with.

“Our research has shown that first year students are intelligent and smart, but there are cognitive factors that get in their way like time management and relationships, which are not taken into consideration,” said Shane Williamson, dean of

**“I think it’s helpful. We’re actually going to put this stuff to use.”**

—Michelle Erbs  
freshman

first year programs.

LUL 101 also teaches these skills in a way that aims to appeal towards first year students.

“It’s not all book work and

lectures,” said freshman Taylor Boruers. “It’s fun because there are seminars and guest speakers we get to listen to.”

The course even extends

to lessons on how to survive the working world after college.

“Students have to write a career research paper and put together a resume,” Williamson said.

“Even if they come to college undecided, it will still help them when they decide on a career.”

Overall, the course offers students information they can use in and out of col-

lege, but they also use the class to jumpstart their success at LU.

“I’m getting to know the school,” said freshman Jordan Gater. “I’m learning how to be a college student.”

*For a freshman perspective editorial on the LUL 101 course, please see Page 5.*

# First in family to attend college are not alone

By Natasha Sakovich  
Editor-in-Chief

Lindenwood graduate student Steven Franklin completed his undergraduate program in three years, which he accomplished without a family background of college attendance.

Franklin believes that being the first one in a family to attend college has challenges all on its own, such as knowledge about the process of higher education, choosing a major, academic advising, dealing with social class differences and family expectations.

Students who are the first in their family to attend college, like Franklin, are known as “first generation collegians,” and as of Sept. 1, they now have a place on campus to meet with and gain insight from those coming from the same background.

The First Generation Collegians (FGC) club is designed



Courtesy graphic by Dustin York

to be just that: a place where first generation college students can come together with students who share their similar stories, trials

**“We want to help with difficulties of being a first generation student, help with mentoring students and help them deal with relevant issues.”**

—Steven Franklin

or triumphs. Meetings for the group occur on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Arts Building (MAB) Room 113.

The group serves several purposes, with its main function being to provide a support network for first generation college students in need of guidance.

Perhaps just the knowledge that they are not alone in their struggles of taking on college without any family help in knowing what to do is enough.

“The goals of the group are to support one another, help with networking and

eventually to be a group that is involved with the whole Lindenwood community including faculty, staff and event alums,” said Christie Rodgers, dean of student and academic support services.

Franklin and Rodgers came up with the idea for the FGC club last year.

“Statistically, data shows that first generation students aren’t as successful as other students, but what I’d like to say to that is ‘look at us,’” Rodgers said.

Both Rodgers and Franklin are first generation collegians, and that was their major motivation behind creating this group for fellow first generation students.

Please see FGC, Page 12

# German festival celebration: A News Analysis

By Holly Hoechstebach  
Editorial Editor

From Sept. 23-25, the young and old come to enjoy the sights and smells that can be found once a year at beautiful Frontier Park in St. Charles.

Whether it’s relaxing by the riverfront, filling your stomach with home-style ethnic food, dancing the polka to live German bands or browsing through various vendors and stores throughout Main Street, the excitement is endless.

Oktoberfest also offers numerous activities for kids

all weekend in the Pumpkin Happening, located in the children’s area.

Events include face and pumpkin painting, balloon creations, magic shows and dancing.

New festivities for 2011 are: The “Wiener Takes All” dog derby race and fashion show, a drinking/eating/stein holding competition and a 5K “Run For the River” along Riverside Drive.

Friday, Sept. 23 kicks off with traditional German bands like Obenheimer Express and Die Spitzbaum, followed by the Cuckoo Clock Dancers.

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## Correction to J-Term article in Sept. 7 Legacy issue

By Anna Schiele  
Staff Reporter

Venez is not the destination of the coming French J-Term trip in January 2012. The destination is in fact Aix-en Provence, France.

Students will enjoy two weeks in the South of France spending time in small group language instruction and afternoon exploration. Daily visits to surrounding cities will lead students to explore open-air markets, museums, Roman ruins, thermal hot springs and beaches along the French Riviera.

Concentration will be highly focused on the art history of Pablo Picasso, Paul Cézanne, Vincent van Gogh and many others.

Along with art, the focus will also be centered on the bakeries, cuisine, bistros and cafes. Professor Heather Brown-Hudson, sponsor of the J-Term trip to France, said, “There is as much varied art in the region as there is cuisine.”

The trip, which is set for Jan. 4-18, will cost students \$2,800 - \$3,000, which includes airfare, the two week home stay with a French family and two meals a day. Students are encouraged to bring extra money for spending and food.

Applications are due to Professor Brown-Hudson by Oct. 3, along with the first payment of \$900 for the trip.

There are no prerequisites for this trip, and students do not need to have any level of French language experience to go.

For any questions regarding the trip, contact Brown-Hudson at Hbrown-hudson@lindenwood.edu.

# Writing Proficiency Assessment: when, where and how to sign up

By Jessica Brasher  
Staff Reporter

Plan on graduating in December? Students want to make sure they do this first—take the Writing Proficiency Assessment (WPA).

The assessment's purpose is to evaluate each student's writing and make sure it is at a proficient level.

The WPA is different than the writing placement test that incoming freshmen have to take.

Occasionally, students think that they have already taken the WPA, when they have only taken the placement test.

"The writing proficiency assessment should not be a major stressor, but it can be if you put it off," said Professor Susan Edele, who is in charge of the WPA.

Students can take the proficiency assessment after completing English Composition I and II.

The assessment is offered 22 times this fall semester, including some Saturday and Sunday sessions.

The full schedule is posted on PC Common each semester, and registration for the proficiency assessment is on-

<b>Writing to graduate</b>	
<i>WPA dates</i>	
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 5</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 11</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 12</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 18</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 19</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 25</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 26</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 1</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>

<b>Dates continued</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 2</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 3</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. or NOON</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 6</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 9</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. or NOON</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 13</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 15</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 16</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. or NOON</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 20</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.</b>

Legacy graphic by Branden Swyers

line.

You can reserve a spot by going to Lindenwood's homepage and clicking the Academics tab, then Tutor and Writing Center.

Keep in mind that registration must be completed 24 hours prior to the test date.

It is important for students

to cancel if they can't attend, so the seat is available to another student.

The WPA is given at the back of the Spellmann computer lab.

Students need to arrive 15 minutes prior to test time to check IDs.

The assessment takes ap-

proximately two hours to complete. If a student does not pass, he or she is required to take the English 210 Writing Proficiency Lab, a personalized refresher course.

They must take ENG 210 prior to graduation.

Some students simply forget to take the assessment. "I

think more students would remember to take it if it was part of a class," said sophomore Abby Wilhelm.

Wilhelm has not yet taken the assessment.

The university is trying to help students remember to take the WPA by putting up posters, having advisors

talk about it with students and eventually making it a prerequisite to all English classes after ENG 170.

**Check out Page 5 for an editorial on the Writing Proficiency Assessment.**

# Mercy Ministries seeks participants for run

By Anna Schiele  
Staff Reporter

Mercy Ministries, a local organization seeking to help women who have suffered abuse, will host their annual Run for Mercy 5K and Family Walk in Queeny Park on Oct. 1.

Started in 1983, Mercy has freed more than 3,000 girls between the ages of 13 and 28 from physical and sexual abuse. The in-home program is Christian-based and located stateside in Monroe, LA, Nashville, TN, St. Louis, MO and Lincoln, CA, along with international homes in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Peru.

In St. Louis alone, Mercy Ministries houses up to 30 girls at a time. In order to feed, shelter and restore the girls spiritually, mentally and emotionally for their six-month stay in the program, the ministry spends approximately \$32,375 per girl.

Nancy Alcorn founded the ministry based on three principles: to never take federal or state funding in order to always have the freedom to teach Christian prin-

ciples and avoid regulations, to accept girls free of charge and to always give at least 10 percent of all Mercy donations to other organizations and ministries. In order to keep the doors at Mercy open, fundraising events, like the Run for Mercy, are held in each city that houses a Mercy Ministry home.

**"The 5K is the biggest fundraising event of the year for Mercy, and we are trying to get the word out."**

-Ashley Fischer

much as possible so more people can learn about the amazing things they are doing," said Ashley Fischer, Mercy volunteer and Lindenwood LCIE student.

The cost of the race is \$20 per person. Anyone who is interested in signing up can visit [www.runformercy.org/stlouis2011](http://www.runformercy.org/stlouis2011) or sign up the day of the race as an individual or as a team.

The race is open to men and women of any age. Strollers and dogs are also permitted. Pre-registering guarantees participants a t-shirt for the race. Those

who choose to register at the race will get t-shirts on a first come, first serve basis. To help race day run smoothly, participants who pre-register in Missouri can pick up their race packet on Sept. 30 at Fleet Feet in Chesterfield from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. More information is still pending for the location of the Illinois pick-up on that day.

While Run for Mercy is sponsored largely by businesses and organizations in the area, teams and individuals are encouraged to create a fundraising page on the site where they are then able to link it to social media pages and attach into emails. Volunteers are also needed starting at 8 a.m. on the day of the race to help set-up, serve food and beverages and then tear it all down afterward. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Melanie Blair at [mblair@mercyministries.com](mailto:mblair@mercyministries.com).

"Mercy gives hope that lives can be changed and restored," Fischer said. "Just in the short time that I have spent doing some work with Mercy, my life has been changed more than I could have ever imagined. God is definitely at work in this ministry."

For more information about Mercy Ministries, visit [www.mercyministries.org](http://www.mercyministries.org).



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# Student credit: Taking candy from a baby

It's here: The last day of the month to make a payment on my credit cards. It's nice they let me do it over the phone or online, but I prefer in store. If I make a payment in store, I can buy something else and receive double points for making a same day purchase.

Not! This is not the actual cheating feeling I have when I walk into Victoria's Secret or Buckle with my VIP Black Cards and frivolously spend money on a tee

or jacket that tends to either shrink or wear out anyway.

I believe that's how they get you, but that makes for another story.

College students need extra credit; it's just the way it has always been. Books cost near into the thousands along with food and laundry, gas and clothes, plus extra expenses.

What happens when you're out of credit and the only payments that can be made are minimums which tend to just be finance charges?

It's hard to leave the nest and fly solo, but are credit cards the best way to make a purchase without the help of parents or other significant contributors? Does independence come at a steeper price than what we're led to believe?

A recent study done by Sally Mae shows the number of students who graduate with more than \$7,000 in credit debt has doubled in the last six years.

The rise in tuition and not in financial aid is one cause for students charging things.

In 2009, the cohort default rate, a percentage of schools' borrowers who enter repayment on a Federal Education Loan or Direct Loan during Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, has risen to 8.8 percent. This included 5,906 schools.

Ironically, it doesn't take long for me to walk into a store, and as I am looking through the racks wishing upon star that I could get enough money for this one

piece of materialistic attire, a retail genius comes along and says something like, "we can always approve you for credit, we will pay for it, and you can pay us back...".

It never fails. It's easy to see how students easily fall into this trap because typically they will become approved

because unknowingly, student loans are lines of credit. They already have credit established.

The retail genius explains it's perfect for

students because it's a low line of credit with low interest costs.

The real problem is when the students have made payments on time, and the line of credit is extended. Students and credit junkies rack up more purchases and the interest goes up to near 25 percent.

In general, students should have one credit card. It will benefit them when they get out of school and want to buy a car or want their own place. Precautions early on will help them stay out of debt now and in the future.

First, look at how much income you receive every month.

Second, buy what you want the first time. If you stay cheap you will end up having to buy the item again. Sometimes it's easiest to buy name brand products.

Third, keep a register of all purchases made and of what needs to be made by the end of the month. If you're spending more than you're bringing in WEEKLY, that's a problem.

Finally, talk to a financial consultant at your bank. There are many money saving opportunities for students that build interest just for college.

Learn from mistakes early on. If there are bad credit habits made early on in the most promising years of your life, it's going to get worse later.



Jackie Cook

# Storm procedures remain unfamiliar

Missouri sits right in the middle of tornado alley. On May 22, over a hundred people lost their lives in a tornado that hit Joplin, Missouri. For a region that seems so riddled with tornadoes, I find it odd that I have no idea what to do if a tornado were to stroll right through Lindenwood University.

Unlike many of the students at LU, I don't live on campus. I've never been informed of what to do during any sort of emergency situation. To tell you the truth, until now, I hadn't given much thought to it. I wanted answers.

I was sure that the LU website would provide me with some sort of explanation. However, as I typed in emergency procedures, storm policies and even tornadoes into the search bar, I came up with nothing useful.

Then, I stumbled across the student handbook. Finally, there was something on what to do during a tornado.

The passage was small and located near the end of the



Andrew Ebers

book. If a student wasn't looking for it, he or she probably would have never found it.

It read, "When the city tornado siren sounds with a steady blast, students need to go to the nearest designated campus shelter and remain there until the 'all clear' is given by a University official."

This would make me feel comfortable if I knew where the nearest campus shelter was. In an emergency situation, I would have no idea where the shelter was.

Knowing where the closest shelter is should be common knowledge to students for the sake of their safety. This information should be explained to students on the first day of class or at least be easily accessible on the LU website.

I can't stress how important it is to inform students of emergency policies. This can make the difference between life and death.

Until then, I guess I'll just turtle up in the hallway like I did in elementary school and hope I don't get swept away.

# The woman that has all the answers

Being a freshman here at Lindenwood, I have many questions. There are plenty of things that I don't know yet like college life, the campus, and essentially, about growing up in general.

My main concern is whether or not others have the same questions as I do.

I'm sure every freshman feels that way though. We feel lost in this new world. Many of us are used to small schools and rural communities.

Even if LU is classified as a "smaller" university, it is still a big step forward in our lives. Students are dazed and confused.

We're used to being the top dogs in our society, and suddenly we've been bumped back to the lackey status.

We're afraid of the big kids and getting lost on campus.

However, maybe the freshmen are not the only ones that are still lost. What if upperclassmen have the same



Grace Abaffe

questions we do?

I guarantee there are students who have been here much longer than I have who have the same questions. Questions like, which parking lots are for residents and which ones are for commuters? What are the hours of

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the computer lab?

As a freshman, there are many more questions that come up in my daily routine.

Where should we go to get the answers? We need a place that we know has accurate information. My job in this column is to answer

your questions.

So, shoot me an email at journalismlab@lindenwood.edu addressed to me or post/message me on the Legacy Newspaper Facebook page. Feel free to ask any academic, campus or LU related questions.

# Current Events Ledger

## How often do you use credit cards?

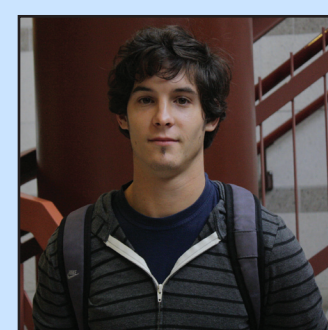
"I use three different cards, and they're all close to the limit."  
 —David Cabrera, senior



"At least three times a week."  
 —Rosario Kennion, grad student



"I use my card every-day."  
 —Gabriel Garcia da Rosa, senior



"This month I started to use cash because I need to watch the money I spend."  
 —Gjorgji Mangrski, MBA student



"Two to three times a month so I establish credit."  
 —Lain Rhoads, sophomore



"I am in a lot of credit card debt so I try to use cash."  
 —Mark Heitz, super senior

# Students feel deprived of freedom of speech

I don't know about you, but I get on Facebook every day, and I don't think twice about posting my opinions on anything.

If I am upset about something, you're going to know about it.

The same goes if I'm excited about something. I'm heavily opinionated, and I'm not afraid to say what I think.

The beauty of living in this great country is that I can express myself openly and honestly without worrying about censorship, or can I?

It was recently brought to my attention that in the student handbook it states that students are not allowed to post anything negative about Lindenwood on their social media sites.

Appalled at this discovery, I went right to the source – the LU Student Handbook.

Lo and behold, I found these exact words: “While Lindenwood has no specific policy negating the use of these [social media] websites

as it recognizes that they can be educational, the University does possess resources to determine whether items posted defame the University, its students, faculty and staff. Students will be held accountable for any such items, which may result in dismissal from the program and/or the University.”

You've got to be kidding me. Legislators bend over backwards so people can have the right to show their displeasure by burning the American flag, yet I can't even talk about how much I dislike aspects of my school or my teachers?

The school can't just kick out everyone that doesn't agree with them; that's not right.

In 1969, the United States Supreme Court ruled that “schools may not be enclaves of totalitarianism. School

officials do not possess absolute authority over their students. Students...are possessed of fundamental rights which the State must respect, just as they themselves must respect their obligations to the State.”

People have the right to see both sides of an argument, for any issue, product or corporation.

By only allowing the good comments, a false perception is created.

Not everyone loves LU. It's a shocker, but it's true. Not everyone hates it either.

I think both sides of the argument and everyone in between should have a right to voice his or her opinion.

If no one in this country ever voiced his or her opinion, we'd still be under British rule.

I encourage you to speak

your mind, just as I am doing here.

Don't be afraid to ask for change, or to question why things are the way they are.

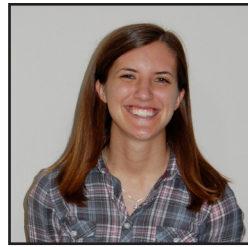
I'm not saying bashing your college on Facebook is going to fix whatever issues you are upset about, but we, the students, must be able to have a forum where we can freely express ourselves.

Not everyone has the great privilege of writing their opinions in the paper like I do.

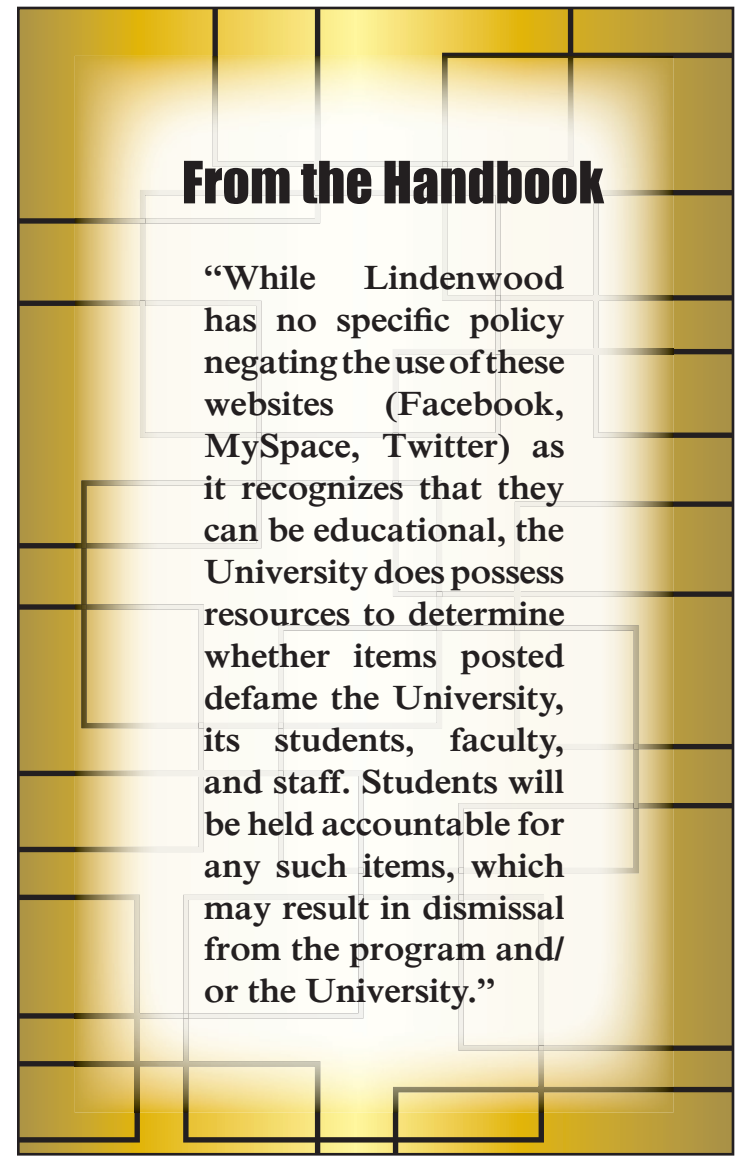
There needs to be a forum where we can voice our opinions and not be afraid of being retaliated against.

My final words of advice to you are this: Do not be afraid to go after something you want. Do not be afraid to seek change and always fight for what's right.

This rule is wrong. However, it, and any other injustice, will never change unless we speak up.



Sarah Ball



## From the Handbook

“While Lindenwood has no specific policy negating the use of these websites (Facebook, MySpace, Twitter) as it recognizes that they can be educational, the University does possess resources to determine whether items posted defame the University, its students, faculty, and staff. Students will be held accountable for any such items, which may result in dismissal from the program and/or the University.”

Legacy graphic by Christine Hoffmann

## LUL 101: Impractical class

Welcome to college! Since you're new here, there are some things you'll need to know. You'll have to sleep less, study more, eat only during meal times, do work-and-learn to get money knocked off tuition and get along with your roommates.

You want to bring a car, huh? Good luck finding a parking spot. Like I said, welcome to college.

While this all may seem overwhelming, you shouldn't worry. There is a class here to help. Most universities have a similar program or “orientation to college” class.

Here at Lindenwood, it's called LUL 101. This course was designed to aid freshman in the transition from high school to college. There were several events prior to the first week of classes which were part of the Freshman Year Experience program.

Though we have these programs, many students wonder if they are actually beneficial. I believe while some of the events of the FYE seemed silly at the time, they were actually quite practical.

It allowed us to become familiar with our surroundings without the pressure of other, more experienced students and gave us a chance for our class to get to know one another as well as the campus.

However, many students feel that LUL 101 shouldn't last an entire semester.

While I find it helpful to know the policies on campus, which we are currently learning from guest speakers such as Mike Tolman and Kurt Smith, I do not think it is neces-

sary to know what color shutters are on the alumni house which we discovered during a scavenger hunt. The shutters are red, in case you were wondering.

While things such as time management skills and proper study habits are parts of the course that can certainly help us, when in my life will I need to sit in a circle and memorize the nicknames of 30 people? Although I do like the name I received (Gorgeous Grace), I don't see how it pertains to my education.

The book for this course doesn't seem practical either. It is thicker than the book for my Introduction to Journalism class, and there's a chapter entitled “Learning about Learning.” Where is the logic in that? Frankly, I think that's pushing it.

I am not saying anything negative about the professors that teach this class. Personally, I love my professor. She's friendly and I enjoy going to class simply because she's good at what she does.

My professor tries her hardest to remember every name and face that sits in her classroom.

When our class met for the first time the week prior to school, she made everyone feel comfortable.

Nevertheless, the class doesn't seem at a sufficient standard. As freshmen we have no idea what to do.

We could use some advice and guidance as we try to maneuver in our first year of college, but is this class the right way to do that?



Grace Abaffe

## Writing Proficiency Test seems a nuisance for LU students

Here at Lindenwood, maintaining a GPA over 3.5 takes a lot of hard work, at least for most students. Even maintaining a GPA above 3.0 takes hard work.

You have to attend classes, pass classes, write papers and can't graduate unless you pass the Writing Proficiency Assessment.

The infamous WPA is the bane of many students' plans for graduation. It seems that most students (such as myself) forget to schedule a time because it doesn't seem to be helpful or worth anything. There is a saying that if it looks like a rabbit, hops like a rabbit, eats like a rabbit and tastes like a rabbit, it's probably a rabbit.

The WPA is like other tests that are (to the student), worthless, a waste of time and an inefficient measurement of a student's true ability.

Of course, perhaps I am ignoring the fact that having an official test that LU can

use to brag about the writing ability of its graduating students always helps.

Consider that if a student can pass with a communication, English or business degree, doesn't that mean he or she can write?

I'll expand the circle here. If a student can pass with any degree that involves basic writing (history, political science, education, Christian ministries, etc.), does that not mean they can write? If not, the problem is not solved by the worthless WPA. It would be an educational/department/teaching issue or the student's fault, which may be the case.

Perhaps I am being too harsh. One option to make things better would be to not require anyone with a GPA over 3.5 to take the WPA.

That would be a start, but even then it is unnecessary. You don't need to have a 3.5, 3.0 or even a 2.5 GPA to pass the WPA. It is one test that you can pass even if you're an inefficient writer. Hasn't

anyone heard of high school English?

Compromise seems to be all the rage with intellectuals these days, so I'll compromise. Why anyone who can pass with at least a B average, in just about any major, needs to take the WPA is beyond me.

How does that sound to you, dear reader? Then again, perhaps there's more money in it when students never “get around to it” and have to take another semester in order to fit it in.

There is something else LU can do to make the assessment more efficient besides scrapping the WPA altogether. They can throw out the archaic process of going to PCCCommon, getting a document and registering through that link and replace it with something that actually makes sense.

All in all, the WPA is not really worth my time in terms of true educational knowledge.

It is definitely worth my time, however, if I want to graduate in the next year or two. It's kind of like how it may be worth it to pay the mafia for “protection.”



Seth York

## Current Events Ledger

### What did you think of the Writing Proficiency Test?

“It's good because it prepares you but bad because we already have to write a lot of papers.”

—Andre R. Hayne, freshman



“I don't understand why we have to take it if we passed all our English classes.”

—Jaymi Moore King, junior



“It shows how well you can write, but we have a ton of writing assignments in our classes.”

—Kalyn Newton, freshman



“The test is stupid because we took standardized tests before we went to college.”

—J.R. Bass, junior



“It's a good review before you get out into the real world.”

—Jordyn Hawkins, freshman

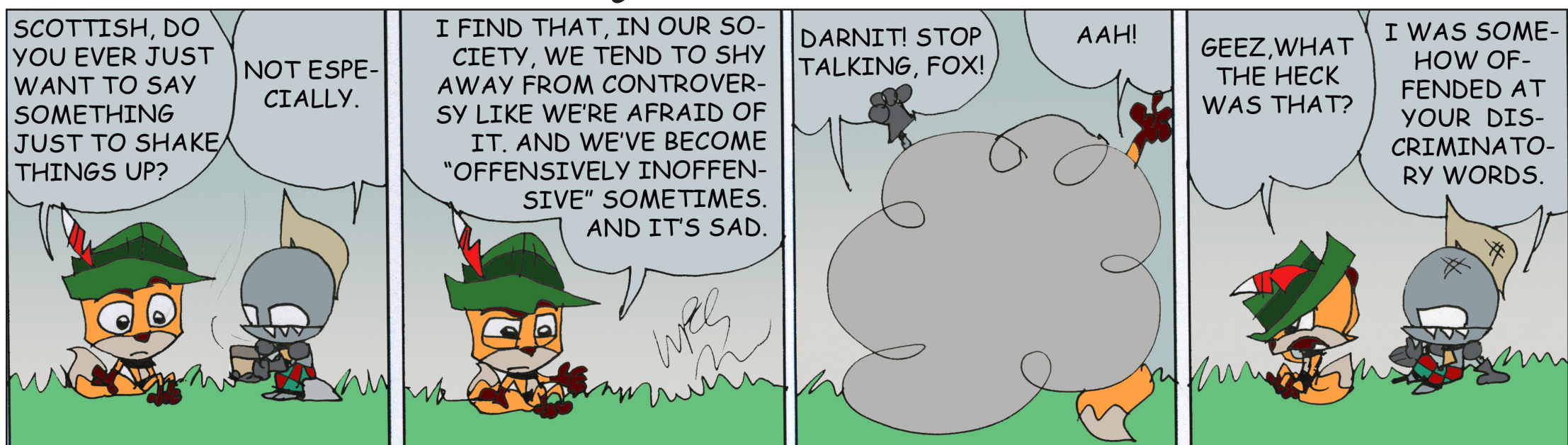


“The test shows students where they are in their writing.”

—Jelisa Gibbs, freshman



# Scottish & Farfray by Wes Murrell



## Fall food and festivals in St. Louis

By Talia Scatliff  
Staff Reporter

The city of St. Louis has many fall activities that could easily create a day or night of fun for Lindenwood students.

"St. Louis gladly accepts any excuse to throw a party," reads Explore St. Louis' website.

This past weekend, people traveled to Forest Park to take part in or watch the "2011 Great Forest Park Balloon Race" and celebrate the 20th birthday of the Energizer Bunny.

Friday night from 7-8:30 p.m. the Balloon Glow took place, offering spectators a breathtaking view of the inflated balloons lit up by their burners. Saturday was the official day of the Balloon Race, and activities ran from



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noon until 6:30 p.m. There were fireworks that night as well which began at 9 p.m. Both events took place on Central Field at Forest Park and were free to attend.

September is also a popular month to go apple picking in St. Louis. Herman's Farm Orchard, located in St. Charles, is open daily 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. for apple pick-

ing. Students can find the orchard's Facebook page to find out more about what activities the orchard offers. During the weekend of Sept. 23-25, the Taste of St.

Louis event will be running. This three-day celebration in the heart of downtown St. Louis includes not only food, but fun, art, music and more. Admission for this event is

free. Menu items ranging from 3 to 7 dollars may be purchased down *Sauce Magazine's* "Restaurant Row," offering the people of St. Louis and any surrounding areas a taste of the many upscale restaurants in town.

The St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival will also be held at Forest Park Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 1. For more information about the games, visit [www.stlouis-scottish-games.com](http://www.stlouis-scottish-games.com).

As always, the St. Louis tradition for frozen custard located on Chippewa Street, Ted Drewes, will stay open throughout the fall from 11 a.m. until close.

For more information about these and many more St. Louis fall activities, visit Explore St. Louis' website at [www.explorestlouis.com](http://www.explorestlouis.com).

## '13 Conversations About One Thing' stirs crowd at the LU film series

By Mikayla Francese  
Co-Entertainment Editor

On Friday, Sept. 10, two thumbs up were awarded to the Lindenwood Film Series that added another classic, "13 Conversations About One Thing." The film was an addition to the list of movies shown in Young Auditorium and open to all who wanted to attend.

The audience was greeted with snacks and drinks for sale along with the option to enter a raffle for a chance to win a \$15 gift certificate to Picasso's Coffee House.

The winner also received a free bag of fresh coffee beans to brew at home. After the introduction, the movie started up.

"Ask yourself if you are happy." This statement echoed in the lives of four characters played by Matthew McConaughey, Alan Arkin, John Turturro and Clea Duvall.

Although each character was a stranger to one another, their lives connected as director Jill Sprecher encourages the audience to ask themselves, "How happy am I?"

The characters within the movie display their problems, or perhaps their blessings, depending on the way in which each person viewed his or her life.

The attorney (McConaughey), a light-hearted man who believed in luck, had everything going for him until his world was shattered when he hit an innocent pedestrian as he was driving drunk.

The cleaning lady (Duvall), an optimistic young woman, portrayed



Tia Texada (left) and Clea Duvall (right) listen to their boss as they clean his house on a typical day.

herself as being lucky, although she felt the weight of life when an almost fatal accident took away this point of view.

The insurance claims manager (Arkin), a highly successful pessimist, worked too hard for too long. As a result, he takes his anger out on those around him who are happy.

The college professor (Turturro), a genius who teaches the laws of physics, experiences the result of cause and effect after he survived a robbery where he was held at gunpoint.

These four characters answer the lingering question of what happiness really is.



Matthew McConaughey and Alan Arkin discuss the difference between a lucky man and a happy man while having a drink at a bar.

"It plays very well with the opposite between fate and randomness," said philosophy professor Michael Carper. "It lets you think about it; it lets you answer the question for yourself."

Make a conclusion for yourself by watching this film. "13 Conversations About One Thing" can be found at any store that sells movies.

For more information about the Lindenwood film series, visit [www.lindenwood.edu/film](http://www.lindenwood.edu/film).

## 'The Help' stays strong in box office

By Jasmine Smith  
Staff Reporter

Taking place in Mississippi, 'The Help' is a film based around a white college graduate named Skeeter Phelan who comes back home looking for a job and realizes that she doesn't quite fit in with everyone else around her.

It tells a story of how African American maids empowered Phelan to write a novel about their lives, struggles and other troubles that they had to face. It shows the cruelty of racism. However, it also shows how not all whites were cruel and ignorant, but there were some who genuinely cared for everyone, even those of a different color.

'The Help' showed its viewers what it was like living in the early 1960s when African American women worked as maids taking care of household duties such as cleaning, cooking, washing clothes and looking after the white children. Even though most days

were a struggle, not all maids hated the women they worked for because many were endowed in their faith. These African American women realized that they were making life changing differences in the children they were practically raising.

Although in this film African American women were treated differently and lived differently from the white characters, it showed how people, no matter of what color and nationality, can learn to let go of the past, all the bitterness and hurt that may be held inside to become a better person. Amongst their differences, both races were still faced with everyday life issues that they had to overcome.

I encourage readers to go out and see 'The Help'. It is still showing in AMC and Wehrenberg theatres. Look for it soon at St. Andrews Cinema (The Dollar Show) and in Redbox.



Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis greet each other.

# Which fitness class is right for you?

**By Erica Sturdefant**  
Contributing Writer

With all the new workout classes Lindenwood is offering at the Evans Commons, it is easy to feel overwhelmed when deciding which class to take and more importantly which instructor you will enjoy the most. All the trainers vary in knowledge, and if you are not looking to sweat, I don't recommend trying any of their classes. They all have their own training techniques to motivate their students, so it is up to you to figure out what type of motivator gets you going.

Julie is your girl if you respond well to vocal encouragement. Her goal is to push students throughout the class.

Her attitude creates a fun atmosphere, and she keeps it light with jokes and positive words. But, it is not unusual to hear her tell the class not to stop and finish it out. The bonus to Julie is that she always has a classic selection of Brittany Spears playing in the background.

Mitch is your man if you are looking for an intense workout with a more serious tone. His attitude creates a quiet atmosphere for you to get your sweat on. To Mitch, motivation comes from within, so he focuses on the class performing the tasks correctly. He is known to crack a smile though, so don't let his muscles intimidate you too much.

Josh is the man for you if you enjoy the instructor working out with you. He works out with his students, showing that if he can do it, so can you. He motivates his students by pushing himself, which makes you work harder. He is a mixture of Julie and Mitch's teaching styles with a little bit of competition.


Overall, all the fitness instructors are great. They love teaching the classes and it really shows. You will be sure to leave with sweat on your back and a smile on your face.




Legacy photos by Gabi Mino  
(Left) The "Core and Strength" class gives students an ab workout. (Top right) Students pump some iron in the new weight room. (Bottom right) Students push through the workout in "Boot Camp."

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## CSU offers faith

**By Jimmy Flint-Smith**  
Staff Reporter

The Catholic Student Union, or CSU, is a group dedicated to spreading faith to students and residents of St. Charles, both on and off campus.

The group meets in Sibley Chapel every Sunday for Mass and Tuesdays at 6

p.m. at the Newman Center. The recently opened Newman Center is located in Room F in the Spirit Shoppe complex. CSU is breaking in the new facility with a library, chapel and student lounge.

These renovations are currently being planned and orchestrated by CSU's members.

Also, St. Louis Auxiliary Bishop Edward M. Rice will be visiting Lindenwood on

CSU expects the Bishop will be very impressed.

CSU plans on hosting several events this year including an upcoming retreat and a bonfire on the Tuesday of homecoming week.

"We are all about sharing our faith on campus and bringing forth the presence of God

**"We are all about sharing our faith on campus."**

**-Brad Baumgarten**  
CSU Treasurer

Nov. 18 to tour the space.

Students will have the opportunity to talk about CSU's many accomplishments.

With nearly 25 active members and over 40 people attending Sunday Mass,

at Lindenwood," said CSU Treasurer Brad Baumgarten.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or are interested in getting involved, you can contact CSU at 219- 629-0982.

## Rich Little makes his way to LU's Scheidegger Center

**By Jonathan Garrison**  
Contributing Writer

"The Man of a Thousand Voices" impressionist Rich Little will be coming to Lindenwood University's Bezemes Family Theater on Sep. 24 at 8 p.m.

Little will star in "Jimmy Stewart: A Humorous Look at his Life," as tribute to his good friend, along with the voices of more than 24 people who were a part of Stewart's life, including Johnny Carson, Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon.

Starting his career in 1963, Little was already performing professionally at the young age of 17.

In the beginning, he would perform in his hometown of Ottawa, Canada, but as his popularity and renown grew over the

years, he began to appear in sitcoms, talk shows, TV shows and on celebrity roasts all over the world.

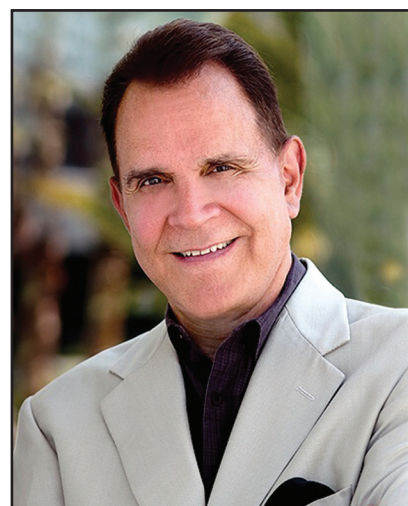
Little was given the title "The Man of a Thousand Voices" because of his mastery of mimicking more than 200 voices.

One of Little's most well-known tours was during 2003 with his show "The Presidents."

He currently lives in Las Vegas where he continues to perform and was sworn in as an American citizen. He also has two daughters and a granddaughter who live in the U.S.

For more information visit [www.lindenwood.edu/center/more\\_RichLittle.asp](http://www.lindenwood.edu/center/more_RichLittle.asp) or call 636-949-4433.

Tickets may be purchased by phone, online or at the Box Office located on the first floor of the J. Scheidegger Center.



# A new season, a brand new country

By Deborah Starr  
Sports Editor

From Durban, Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa, Johan De Vos finds one thing in America that is the same as back home: rugby.

Playing since he was six years old, De Vos was excited to come to a new country to play the game he loves.

Even though he has been playing for so many years, he says that the level at which he is playing here is much more intense.

Throughout his life, De Vos has been through many progressions when it comes to rugby.

Growing up, he played barefoot until he was in eighth grade. Now, here in America, it is his first time to have a complete coaching staff committed to him and his success.

"It's the first time I've been a part of something this big," De Vos said. "I'm used to having one coach and that's it."

De Vos believes that the

team will be strong this game.

season due to one main aspect: the bond of all the players.

With players ranging from Australia to England and New Zealand to South Africa, the team is still bound



Johan De Vos

"Everyone on the team is so close," De Vos said. "It feels like we've known each other for years. All the foreign guys coming together... it's some-

ness."

De Vos plays the eighth man position, which is an individual who is agile, fast and strong enough to back up the line, keeping the ball on his side. While the sport is generally the same, De Vos said the playing style is not at all.

"Very different," De Vos said about playing in America versus playing in South Africa.

"At home we are more aggressive. The refs here always stop. Back home we

would let it fly. Here they emphasize safety much more."

Even though the game may be slightly different here, De Vos likes playing here just as much as playing back home. "You still enjoy it. Rugby is a physical game and that is why I love it. There's nothing in the game lacking. I get everything here."

When asked how he thinks the team will do, he answered, "I think we will have great success this season. We will be one of the more dangerous teams this year."

## My Take

### High anticipation for new building

As I was writing my article this week on the new National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) building, called the Student-Athlete Center, I actually got kind of excited. From what I can gather, this building is going to be pretty cool.

Usually I could care less what new building LU has in mind, but they never fail to deliver. First was the J. Scheidegger Center, and thinking to myself, "really, why all the excitement." Then, I walked into one of the most beautiful buildings I've ever seen.

Then it was Harmon Hall, and that was really annoying my freshman year during the construction. Still, the minute I walked into the finished product I was stunned to see the transformation.

Finally, this year it was the LU Commons, and again I was thinking, "What are they going to do to screw this up?" The fact is they really didn't. I mean just look at it. Yet another beautifully built complex and the concept of it is awesome. The only real complaint I have with it is the fact that the system of getting food sucks, but other than that though it's pretty cool.

Now we are going to get the Student-Athlete Center, which is supposed to be ready to go sometime late next year. So far everything I have heard about it sounds like a good idea. The main thing coming out of this are new locker rooms, and let's face it, we absolutely need them. If you have ever walked into the Field House you know what I am talk-

ing about. That place is a mess, and I recently found out that it used to be a stable for horses. Really? Come on, it sounds like this building is long overdue.

Something else this building will offer is an academic success center. I really have to praise LU for this. This is something that I think will be a huge benefit for the student-athletes. As we all know, the NCAA will hold grades to a much higher standard, so any help that can be offered

is better. I don't at all want to sound negative towards LU athletes because they do work hard. I just personally know that being a student-athlete is a lot to juggle, and grades can slip away from you.

Finally, the design idea sounds like it could really be neat if it all goes according to plan. The building will be three stories high and is going to be connected to the north endzone. On the third level there will be an area to step out and watch the game while still covered by the building. Hunter Stadium as of now is really plain and generic. Don't get me wrong, it's not a bad stadium; I just think this Student-Athlete Center will add so much to it as far as eye appeal.

All in all I'm really excited to see how it turns out. Oh, and for those of you that consider this a press release for Lindenwood, I would really beg to differ. I am not trying to pander to LU in anyway, but it's like I said before, LU does not fail when it comes to designing new buildings for campus. And I really don't expect them to fail here.



Alex Jahnce  
Managing Editor



Runningback Therman McGowan runs 12 yards for the second touchdown of the game on Saturday against Saint Joseph's College. Courtesy photo by Blake Bunton

## Lions advance to 2-0 against NCAA

By Deborah Starr  
Sports Editor

The Lions advance to 3-0 for the season after beating the Saint Joseph's College Pumas 55-14. The second home game of the year, LU dominated the game early on. Taking the lead early, the first touchdown was scored only two and a half minutes into the game.

**"We wanted to prove to everybody that we're competitive. For us, it was a statement game."**  
-Mike Bunton

From then on, the game belonged to the Lions. The Pumas spent the rest of the game trying to catch up but could not quite make it.

St. Joseph's College of Indiana was the first NCAA DII team the Lions played this season. This game was, perhaps, a preview of what to expect with the new switch from NAIA to NCAA. Throughout the game, the Pumas tried to catch up but did not score until three minutes into the third quarter, finally putting them on the board. The score was then 34-7. Coming in 0-2, the Pumas advance to an 0-3 season.

The Lions played a nearly seamless game when it came to offense, while the Pumas struggled, having two fumbles before halftime. The only fumble LU acquired was during the fourth quarter when second-string quarterback David Ortega came in. Be-

sides two fumbles by the Pumas, quarterback Billy VandeMerkt also threw two interceptions, both in the second quarter and both picked up by cornerback Justin Broome.

Last week's opening home game was a great success, beating the Graceland University Yellowjackets 67-10. After beating the University of Northern Colorado Bears, the Lions knew it would be just as important to come in and beat GU.

"That [last] game was over," said Head Coach Patrick Ross. "It wouldn't mean anything if we didn't back it up with this win."

Quarterback John Uribe was right when, after the win against GU, he said, "Once we get the little things fixed, we'll be a tough defense to beat."

During this game, the Lions only gave up 101 yards, the second lowest in school history. Wide receiver Mike Bunton returned a 48 yard punt for a touchdown.

"Every aspect of the game we dominated," Bunton said.

James Neal kicked a personal record long field goal for 44 yards. He said he had always wanted the chance to kick a long field goal, but had never had the chance.

"I told Coach to give me a chance," Neal said. "Hope-



Legacy photos by Maria Souza  
(Top) Lions wide receiver Mike Bunton breaks free from Graceland University defenders. (Bottom) The Lions tackle a Gracland runningback.



fully he'll have more confidence in me to kick those long field goals."

After that game, the Lions came out strong, ready to prove to everyone that no matter the division, they can beat any school. With the goal to go 11-0 for the season, losing a game was just not an option for these Lions.

"It was a really important game for us because it was

our first time playing a DII school," said wide receiver Mike Bunton. "We wanted to prove to everybody that we're competitive. For us, it was a statement game."

Next Saturday the Lions will travel to the University of South Dakota to take on the Coyotes. The next home game will be the Homecoming game on Oct. 15 against Kansas Wesleyan.

## Game of the Week

Tonight the Lady Lions' volleyball team will take on Maryville University at 7 p.m. in the Hyland Performance Arena.





Legacy photo by Maria Souza

Ivan Ignacio Pizarro Romero fights for the ball in Friday's home game against Oakland City University. The Lions fell to the Oaks by a score of 4-2.

## Lions look to improve after rocky start

**By Steve Runge**  
Staff Reporter

After a slow start by the Lions men's soccer team, John Creer, the athletic director, said he has nothing but high hopes for the program and has confidence in the Lions' Head Coach Carl Hutter. "Coach Hutter's primary responsibility is to teach these young men what it means to have great character, to develop them mentally and physically and to focus on strong academic skills," Creer said. "And from what I've seen, he's doing a great job. There's more to soccer than a W in the win column." The talent on the men's soccer team is extensive. Hutter said although the team has struggled in the beginning,

their season has just begun. "Regardless if we are 15-0, or 0-15, we are one team and we will work through our challenges together," Hutter said, emphasizing the importance and value of teamwork. Hutter has spent 19 years as the Lions head coach and 29 years coaching at the college level. His style is front and center when it comes to leading his team. There is no individual effort with Hutter, only team effort. "Together we can accomplish great things," Hutter said. "We still have the majority of the season ahead of us, and with the skill and effort that our team is capable of, we will learn a lot together." Mitchell Hunt, a freshman

defenseman, said he knows the team can play better. Hunt came from the Oakville High soccer program in South St. Louis and is majoring in athletic training. "We've got a good mix of veteran players," Hunt said. "We just need to work out the bugs." He added that the transition against Division II teams has been tough as compared to a more competitive pre-season against non-Division II teams. Creer said he is not bothered by the team's record on the books. "Everyone likes to win," he said. "But, the athletic program at Lindenwood University is also about creating an atmosphere of learning, having fun and developing lifelong relationships."

Creer added that one of his most fond memories is from a student who remarked to him that during their worst season, he had the best time. "Win or lose, those young men go through it all together," Creer said "Those are memories that last a lifetime." The Lions play a total of 18 games this season. They have four more home games on Oct. 1, 5, 11 and 26 at Hunter Stadium. The times vary between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Their final game of the season is against Missouri Baptist University on Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. For more information, check out the soccer link under NCAA bound Men's Sports at [www.lindenwoodlions.com](http://www.lindenwoodlions.com).

## LU to host golf tourney

**By Russ Hendricks**  
Staff Reporter

For most people, baseball is a pastime hobby, or at least something to get excited about. Golf, on the other hand, can be a bit less exciting. However, if the two are joined together, the outcome is something unique. Even better, LU has continued to join these two sports together for the past 19 years making the Lou Brock Golf Classic. This month, Cardinal Hall of Famer Lou Brock will host LU's 19th annual Lou Brock Golf Classic. The tournament will be held at Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles on Monday Sept. 26. It is expected to be a big turnout with multiple big name St. Louis area professional athletes. However, this tournament is a little different than most golf tournaments. Apart from the tournament being a very exclusive event, all of the proceeds from it will be donated to LU's very own athletic department as well as Lou and Jackie Brock's Scholarship Foundation. The Lou Brock Scholarship Foundation helps students wanting to further their education after high

school, but need some financial support to do so. Brock's Foundation provides over \$20,000 a year in financial support to underprivileged students totaling over \$300,000 and helping over 200 students to a quality education since its birth in 1983. As mentioned before, the tournament is one of the most private events of the year in St. Louis, but anyone can be a part of it. The first step in making this event a reality is putting together a four-person team. Then call Sarah Javier at 636-949-4939 to register. On the day of the event, check-in will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch following, and the first players will tee-off at 1 p.m. There will be an award ceremony following the golf tournament at 6:30 p.m. for all who participate. However, players who don't receive an award will receive a souvenir polo and an autographed item from Lou Brock himself. The Lou Brock Golf Classic is a great way to have fun, support LU and help send underprivileged students to school. Don't let an opportunity to show off some golf skills and meet a baseball legend pass by without being a part of it.

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(Top) This graphic shows an artist rendering of what the Student-Athlete Center will look like. (Bottom) Officials hope to have the building finished by the middle of the 2012 football season.



Blanton Construction works on the Student-Athlete Center. The building will be home to the NCAA sports' locker rooms, coach offices and the LU Hall of Fame. There will also be a new academic success center, that will consist of tutors that will help student-athletes focus on their GPA.

## Center

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The offices are small, and there is only air conditioning in select rooms. One of the goals with the Student-Athlete Center is to make it more appealing for new recruits, and the Field House just didn't meet the requirements. After consideration, it was decided that there wasn't much they could do to fix it up.

"The primary reason for building it is that the current facility (Field House) is very old and out dated," said John Creer, athletic director. "It's embarrassing to bring recruits there. We desperately need a nice facility with locker room space."

In the new Student-Athlete Center, each team that uses the stadium will have their own locker room. There is also a larger locker room that divides into two separate rooms for any visiting teams that may need to use them. On top of this, each team will have their own

offices for the coaches to meet with players and manage their everyday duties.

"This was something that was very important for the athletic program, particularly with the move to the NCAA and the MIAA," Creer said. "We wanted to make sure as we move forward and upgrade the level of our program, we also provided our coaches with the support that they needed. They needed this from a recruiting standpoint and a pride stand point."

One thing the new Student-Athlete Center will also offer is an academic success center. The idea is to provide help to the student-athletes with any type of help they need to

advance academically. There will be tutors that will be there to help in any way possible.

LU will reach out to the community in search of retired teachers or volunteers to help out the students with specific subjects in hopes to boost grade point averages.

"Graduation rates are really critical," Creer said. "If you don't reach a certain graduation rate, you lose scholarships, so we want to make sure we are doing everything possible to help our students be successful academically as well as athletically."

On the third floor, before you enter into the coaches' office section, there will be a wall

of honor that will hold the many trophies that are currently held in the Hyland Arena. This will be Lindenwood's own Hall of Fame and will be open to anyone who wants to visit and check out the historical moments in LU sports.

When all is said and done the final cost of the building will be approximately \$8.4 million. This will be backed with fundraising around the community, help from Mabee Foundation and donations from staff such as coaches.

"We have had tremendous support from coaches and the staff of the university," Creer said.

The original intent was for the building to be opened up next football season, but for various reasons the completion date has been pushed back. Officials working on the building are hopeful that the lower level, consisting of the locker rooms and the rest rooms, will at least be done in time for the first game.

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# Ross bans football team from Twitter

By Katie Schuler  
Contributing Writer

The Lindenwood football team won't be making any trips to the "Twitterverse" any time soon. The players were banned by the coaching staff from using the social networking site at the beginning of the season.

For those who don't know, "Twitter" is a social media site designed for users to share and read text based posts of up to 140 characters. Millions of Americans log onto Twitter every day - including several Lindenwood football players.

Not anymore. The players were notified when two-a-days began that they would no longer be allowed to "tweet."

According to Head Coach Patrick Ross, there was a collective sigh in the room, but he thinks his players understand it is an effort to protect them from posting something that could unknowingly get them in trouble.

"Realistically, anything they put on Twitter is really for anybody to read and construe as a quote from them for the newspaper or anything else," Ross said. "I trust that they'd make the right decisions, but I don't know

that they know what the right decisions are. I want to educate them more before we open it back up to them."

Lindenwood University is in the midst of a transition to NCAA Division II status, and the NCAA is cracking down on athletes' use of social media harder than ever before. This is a new consideration the Lions coaching staff has to make: the higher up your football program moves, the more your athletes are going to become public figures.

There is no official school-wide policy in the NCAA. Instead, the NCAA leaves it up to each individual school to create its own policies for social media. This has led to several college athletes causing big problems for their schools after using "bad judgment" on social networking sites for the entire world to see.

"I find the new rule reasonable," said Andrew Helmick, junior wide receiver. "A lot of schools around the country are getting in trouble with kids saying one thing or another about another team or what they've done that night. It's putting the schools in a tough situation, so I think (the ban) is a good thing for Coach Ross to do."

Whether it is a jab at another team or criti-

cism for their own coach, athletes can so easily throw their individual programs into a complete media tailspin with just 140 characters. It's not always done with words, however. Various athletes have been in the news about questionable pictures they have posted on Twitter and Facebook.

"Some people tweet out things that are just inappropriate, and the media uses it to twist their words around and get them in trouble," said Malach Radigan, junior nose guard. "Coach Ross just wants to prevent anything like that from happening to us."

Even with over 100 million members, Twitter is not the most popular social media site. That title belongs to Facebook. Athletes could just as easily post incriminating information on their Facebook accounts. Therefore, some schools have forbidden their athletes from using it as well. However, the Lindenwood football players are still allowed to use Facebook.

"I wanted to start with banning one, and Twitter seemed like the better choice,"



Legacy graphic by Christine Hoffmann

Ross said. "It seemed to me like Facebook is more about keeping in communication with family and friends, whereas Twitter is more just random statements."

As of right now, the ban is experimental and is only in place until the end of football season.

# Cross country team ready to run to the finish

By Clare Behrmann  
Contributing Writer

In their first meet of the year, held at Washington University in St. Louis, the cross country men's team finished eighth out of 19.

Sophomore Ben McGraw was the standout for Lindenwood, finishing 13th out of 192 runners with a time of 19:48.

McGraw beat a two-time All-American from McKendree University. Freshman Jesse Matthews placed 23rd with a time of 20:12.

Head coach Ira Price feels some of the team learned from the first meet. "I think the Wash. U meet was an eye-opener for some of them, and most everyone improved their times from last year."

Price has high expectations for his runners this year, both as a team and as individuals.

"Overall, I think we're ahead of where we were last year," Price said. "Some of the kids came back in a little bit better shape. The goal is for the kids to continue to improve."

Cross country runners can compete against schools

from Division I, II and III, as well as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

"We don't have a conference, and we don't have nationals, so it's good for them to improve on the times they had on the same courses last year," Price said. "If we can do that, that's a successful season."

Even with no post-season

because of the Division II switch, Price said motivation isn't a problem for his runners.

"They like to compete and I don't think a coach can motivate an athlete," Price said. "That has to come from within. They have to motivate themselves. They've got the stopwatch, and they know when they've done well and when they haven't

done well."

The cross country team was supposed to travel to Joplin, Missouri on Saturday, Sept. 17 for the Missouri Southern Stampede, but the meet was canceled. The next meet is scheduled for Oct. 1 at the Greater Louisville Classic in Louisville, KY followed by the Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, AR two weeks later.

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## Greek

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"It will be a place where students can ask questions about Greek Life and come to talk to us."

Greek members are not the only ones in anticipation for the new improvements. President Evans is "interested in the success of the Greek life" and expects even more student involvement.

Like any sorority or fraternity, there are rules that spell out what's expected of the groups and laws by which they have to abide.

Currently in draft form, the Greek rules still have yet to be approved.

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—President Evans

the draft of the rules because it covered the entire basis," Evans said. "They were well developed and comprehensive."

Evans said faculty and administration want to increase Greek organization activity on campus. "We really have to cultivate all organizations," he said. "One way to

do that is to have many different groups."

The amount of structure in fraternities and sororities also plays a key role.

"If our organizations are properly run, they can increase good service on campus," Evans said.

He hopes that the presence of LU's Greek life will be-

come more obvious to everyone on campus and impress St. Charles city.

Developing a Greek row on campus is also in Evans' 10 year plan. Evans said his hope is to have LU fraternities and sororities raise funds to help acquire houses close to campus.

Proposals for LU's Greek society remain in the plan and have yet to be confirmed.

"Our goal is to unify the Greek community and have more events all together," Tran said. "Next fall, we will have a more organized and formal recruitment."

## FGC

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"It can be such a beautiful thing when students come together like this," Franklin said.

"We want to help with difficulties of being a first generation student, help with mentoring students and help them deal with relevant issues."

FGC hopes to one day span out to also become a mentor group for high school

students who would be first generation college students once they attend college.

"What we'd like to do is sponsor a high school with a high rate of first generation candidates and help them realize the possibilities that are out there for them," Rodgers said.

As far as Lindenwood activities are concerned, the group is still in the planning stages of formulating events to be involved with on campus.

"What we are able to do will depend on funding we get through LSGA (Lindenwood

Student Government Association)," Rodgers said.

"We want to get the group connected with the campus YMCA group, recruit more first generation members and participate in other already-established campus functions as a group."

FGC is currently waiting on official approval and funding from LSGA, but they held their first preliminary meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Overall goals for the group were discussed, and officers were elected.

Officers include: President Katie Danuser, Vice President Magdalena Viktora, Secretary and LSGA Representative Valeree Majewski, Treasurer LaRita Edwards, Reporter Kara Goodwin and Marketing Coordinator Jessie Patterson.

The next meeting for FGC will be on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 5 p.m. in MAB Room 113.

For those who want to get involved or for more information, contact Rodgers at [croddgers@lindenwood.edu](mailto:croddgers@lindenwood.edu) or Franklin at [sfranklin@lindenwood.edu](mailto:sfranklin@lindenwood.edu).

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—Christie Rodgers

## Animals



Legacy photo by Christie Blecher

A group of geese swim across the small lake behind Dorm G near the baseball fields and the Lindenwood House on a mild afternoon.

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"The craziest things are the bees, raccoons and squirrels because they go into the trash cans," said Katie Bock, RD of Niccolls Hall.

She said she worries about making her desk sitters take out the trash bags from the outside cans for fear of encountering an animal. "If you even get scratched by a raccoon, you have to go to the doctor for a series of rabies shots," Bock said.

Senior Tracy Woodside said she was afraid to get out of her car when a group of raccoons ran circles around it early one morning.

"Raccoons go toward trash cans," she said. "Maybe if they would empty the trash cans more often there wouldn't be so many of them."

Trash cans fill up quickly on campus, especially around lunch-time. Local animals take advantage of the discarded food. Raccoons have even been spotted carrying Grab-and-go bags from the garbage.

Lindenwood's pond and lake often attract waterfowl. Last semester, a pair of geese created a nest behind the Spellmann Center and aggressively attacked students who got too close to the eggs.

Sophomore Amelia Hodge and her friend had heard about the nest but didn't know where it was. During a morning jog, the two heard the sound of flapping wings behind them and came face to face with an angry goose.

The girls quickly ran to safety.

"I wasn't mad at the goose because he had his reasons, but sometimes I wish I could speak goose so I know where not to walk," Hodge said. "It was a big miscommunication."

Hodge believes the geese should be protected and left alone.

"People destroyed the nest last year, and I think that was very disrespectful," she said.

Before the eggs were smashed, computer lab supervisor Darrin Mamone said he had seen students taunting the geese.

Sophomore Aerial Niccum also witnessed animal mistreatment when another student tried to attack an animal. As a raccoon was crossing the road in front of Niccolls, she saw a large pick-up truck speed up to try to run it over. She said the driver even waited a while for the animal to come out from under a parked car for a second attempt to crush it.

"We live on a wooded campus, and we're going to have wildlife," Niccum said. "If you can't respect that, go somewhere else. All they're doing is living their lives. We should just let them be."

Many students said they aren't bothered by the animals on campus but for some, coexisting with the creatures of Lindenwood's campus is a constant struggle of dominance.

## Newman

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Students are also encouraged to attend the Sunday mass at 8 p.m. in Sibley Chapel.

Along with students of the Catholic religion, the center welcomes those who are not Catholic.

The Union is open to LU students every day from 3-10 p.m. It can be used for studying and Catholic research. There is a library that consists of 100 Catholic books within the center.

Student opinions varied on this new addition. "I don't think it's a bad thing, as long as they're not throwing it in other religions' faces," said freshman Aaron McPherson.

Others had a different idea. "I don't like it," said junior Romina Meuller. "If they do that for one religion, they should do it for others."

President Evans said that would be a possibility.

"It would depend on the amount of demand and the amount of support," Evans said.

The celebratory opening of the Newman Student Center will occur on Nov. 18. For more information on the center, contact Professor David Brown at [Dbrown@lindenwood.edu](mailto:Dbrown@lindenwood.edu).



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A small portion of the Newman Center Union, located in the Spirit Shoppe building, is seen here.

## Policy

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Russell did say that security does not use Facebook to keep tabs on students.

Reggiero said he was unaware that such a policy even existed. "Honestly, what student sits down and reads the entire Handbook?" he said.

Emphasized by Russell was the importance of reading and understanding the

Handbook. He likened it to a professor assigning readings from a textbook. Even if a student chooses not to read the text, they are still accountable come test time.

Russell said, "When problems arise between faculty members and students, I would suggest you talk in person and not lash out on social networks."

Guidelines are listed in the handbook suggesting what students should and should not post. The guidelines are as follows:

**1. Avoid posting personal information like addresses, residence hall locations, cell phone numbers, etc.**

**2. Do not make references to alcohol or drugs in photos or blogs.**

**3. Do not post explicit pictures.**

**4. Do not post negative references to your classmates, instructors, staff, or athletic teams or players from other schools.**

**5. Logos and pictures posted on the University's Web site are copyrighted and cannot be used without University permission.**

Russell speaks with freshmen LUL 101 classes about the importance of exercising caution when using social networks. He cited a past example when a student posted so much information on her Facebook profile that her exact dorm room could be identified.

These policies were enacted to ensure student and

faculty safety, Russell said.

Reggiero, after extensive appeals and apologies, was allowed to return for the spring semester of 2011. He said he harbors no hard feelings toward the university and is thankful to be back.

"The moral of the story is nothing is private on the Internet, so you have to be careful," Reggiero said.

**"Don't forget to register your fashionable pup in the Wiener Dog Race and Fashion Show."**

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Saturday events begin with a "Walk to Cure Diabetes" and end with a parade on Main Street.

After the parade, brave souls can compete in the Beer, Brats and Steins Challenge, or bring lawn chairs and listen to the liveliness of German festive music.

Don't forget to register your fashionable pup in the Wiener Dog Race and Fashion Show.

Oktoberfest comes to a finish by completing the 5K "Run For the River." After the race, find yourself taking a breather at the Suntrup BMW Vintage Car Show.

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Oktoberfest hours are 4-11 p.m. on Friday, 10-11 p.m. on Saturday and 10-5 p.m. on Sunday.

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