

## Evans Okays Bills

By Alegria Mora  
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The Lindenwood Student Government Association (LSGA) had a successful meeting with President James Evans on Tuesday, April 30 in which all of their five previously presented bills got approved and will be put into effect in the fall of 2013.

By the time summer is over, there will be new water stations with better pressure, the old dorms will have new air conditioning units, students will receive centralized emails about events on campus, notifications will be sent before house or dorm maintenance visits, and there will be two new sand volleyball courts built in between Pfremmer Hall and Evans Commons.

Clarissa Johnston, speaker of the senate, said that the LSGA was pleased with the outcome since it encourages them to continue working.

"The fact that those were the things we asked for and the university is willing to give them to us makes us more hopeful to ask for more things," Johnston said.

She added that the new changes are for the benefit of students.

"I think it is really good because those are all things

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## Venezuela election/student protest



Lindenwood students from Venezuela raise awareness under the St. Louis Arch on April 20 over alleged abuses of the electoral process in the recent elections. Photo courtesy of Jesús Cáceres

By Dale Hart  
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Approximately 80 percent of Venezuelans turned out at the polls on April 14 to decide who would replace the recently deceased Hugo Chávez. Close to 50 percent sought complete political change, hoping to put an end to the corruption, violence and bloodshed that has symbolized the Spanish

speaking nation in recent years.

Among those were several Lindenwood students who travelled to ballots set up in Chicago and New Orleans looking to put Henrique Capriles, opposition leader to the puppet and descendent of Hugo Chávez, Nicolás Maduro, in power.

"There were 16 of us that got up at 4 a.m. to travel

to Chicago," said Caracas native and Lindenwood student Amanda Mendez.

"Roughly 1,000 people turned out to the ballot, carrying Capriles banners, flags and caps. Some of the cars were even dressed up," Mendez added.

Some students, such as Interactive Media and Web Design major Elisa Schwarz, took the long trip down to

New Orleans to cast their vote.

"Since they closed the consulate in Miami, thousands of Venezuelans poured into Louisiana to vote for Capriles," said Schwarz.

"There must have been about 5,000 people all lined up, partying and cheering on Bourbon Street, wearing Venezuelan caps," she added.

The final vote count,

which saw Maduro just beat Capriles by 1.6 percent, has been met with cries of foul play and fraud from both within and outside of Venezuela.

Video, photo and written evidence that has recently surfaced allegedly shows more votes than actual voters in some ballots, and even

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## Farewell from a Starr

By Deborah Starr  
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As this school year comes to an end, so does my time as The Legacy's Editor-in-Chief. It has been an enormous joy and honor to serve Lindenwood's community in this way.

As I step down from this position, I look forward to other work that lies ahead of me for this upcoming fall. While I will not be serving in the same capacity, I will still be on staff as The Legacy's first regular columnist.

I look forward to this new task as I will be able to get back to what I love most: writing. This school year has taught me so much



through this position as Editor.

Leading this wonderful staff has been a huge honor and I look forward to the progress The Legacy makes as I pass the baton on to the next one to fill these shoes.

I would like to thank my staff for working incredibly

hard over the last year. Watching all of you has inspired me to work harder. I have no doubts whatsoever for the great things that will come from this production next year.

As I make this transition from editor to columnist, I look forward to taking a step back and watching this incredibly gifted staff take this newspaper to levels that I was never able to.

Thank you to all you faithful readers. It has been a great privilege to lead in producing this newspaper for you. Get excited for the fall. I know that from here, we will only continue to improve.

## LU Confessions trend

By Jonathan Davies  
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Lindenwood's social media has been at the forefront of discussion amongst students in recent weeks due to the opening of the new Facebook page, LU Confessions, founded on March 14. The popular trend took off hitting 40 followers within the first day but quickly rose close to 1,000 likes by the week's end.

The site's purpose, according to its creators is, "Just for fun. It can be anything you want to tell others about this school. It can be things you dislike, overheard walking around or problems you have here. It is completely anonymous."

Admins A and J said, "We never expected such a massive amount of interest; the site has generated so much traffic and were incredibly proud of that... We cannot take full credit for the site. Some of our inspiration came from Overheard Mizzou; a similar site on Twitter."

Now in its third week and closing in on nearly 4,000 anonymous posts with a probable triple the number of comments and likes; the site is still running on full steam.

The admins said, "We believe the site will keep up in popularity because there is always a new freshman class. The best part of any university has to be its students that encompass it. Most posts are extremely funny to read and that's what matters, it is all just for fun."

Opinion is divided among campus residents as some suggest it is bringing many students together; others say it may push us further apart as a community.

Admin's A and J said, "We typically receive 5 to 600 posts per day, which is why we have to limit the time users can take the survey. Confessions written between 11 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. are not posted because we require that time to go through each post,

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The Lady Lions Lacrosse team went 15-2 overall this season, and an undefeated 10-0 conference record. This was the second straight conference title.



Legacy Photo by Jennifer Bruhn  
Lindenwood junior fashion design major Danielle Rolla designed this dress which won three awards on Friday night. The dress is being modeled by Natalie Armistead.

# Culture Shock

By Sanami Iwasaki  
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Culture shock can happen for international students who live on campus. For example, the food, language and lifestyle in the United States are different compared with Asia.

According to LU's official website, 1,066 international students from 96 countries attend LU. For the 40 percent of international students who are freshmen, this is the first time living far away from home. Most are trying to fit into a new social context and struggling to adapt to a new lifestyle.

Marin Terayama, a sophomore from Japan, said, "When I first got here, language was a huge barrier that was making it hard to communicate with people from other countries, which made me feel lonely."

Ruri Akita, a junior from Japan, said she had to adjust to cafeteria food her first semester.

"It was really hard for me to get used to the food in [the] cafeteria. There was no rice or miso soup, which is the most common

soup we drink in every meal. But I could eat pizza, spaghetti or burgers after a year," Akita said.

According to the International Student Handbook, LU provides many activities, events and clubs to teach students American and other cultures. These activities may help with culture shock and improve social lives during students' college years.

Sophomore from Korea, Leeseul Park, attended the weekly meeting provided by ISI. She said it taught her a lot and she met some Americans who became her host family.

"ISI weekly meetings helped me to know how American people celebrate Thanksgiving and Easter," Park said. "I feel happy to get to know many wonderful people and to have a host family. They are concerned about my physical and emotional well-being, which makes me feel safe living in foreign country."

For more information, contact the Cultural Center or the Office of International Students and Scholars Office.

# LU Venezuela students cast their votes



Venezuelan students Amanda Mendez and Munchies Salazar both came to Lindenwood on Synchronized Swimming scholarships.

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votes from the dead.

A peaceful protest was organized by Genezareth Cols and Ángela Martínez, two Venezuelan residents of St. Louis, in Clayton's Memorial Park following the official results. Roughly 60 Lindenwood students were involved, headed by Jesús Cáceres.

"The focus of the demonstration was to support the recount of the votes in a transparent way," said Cáceres. "We want the Venezuelan government and the world to know that the Venezuelans in STL, as well as the ones abroad, are watching, and we will be vigilant when a government is violating our constitutional and human rights."

Following the elections, violence between pro and anti-government supporters spilled out onto the streets of Venezuela, with a reported 9 dead and a further 78 injured.

This kind of violence and corruption is not new to many Venezuelan students studying here at Lindenwood.

Ibrahim Ledezma, an International Business major, describes an incident his mother and sister witnessed whilst shopping at a local mall.

"There was a guy that was clearly stealing stuff from one of the stores, right in front of the police," Ledezma said. "They stood there and did absolutely nothing; they



Interactive Media and Web Design major Elisa Schwarz of Valencia, Venezuela.

didn't even try to arrest him."

An even more disturbing account was experienced by a Venezuelan student studying here at Lindenwood who wishes to remain anonymous.

"One day I was traveling with my team to San Cristóbal when the bus came to a halt. All of a sudden there were a group of armed men that forced their way onto the bus, pointing their guns at us, hitting us, demanding our money," the student said. "One of the guys put a gun to my father's head threatening to kill him; they thought he was a police officer."

These harrowing accounts are exactly why so many Venezuelans, tired of this sadistic, corrupt regime, are desperate for change. The country also faces chronic inflation with numbers estimated to fall at around 30 percent for the year's end. Driven by currency devaluation and an expanding money supply, drastic shortages in basic amenities such as flour, corn and medicine are also expected to remain a constant problem for the Venezuelan population.

"This is one of the main reasons I'm voting for Capriles," said Mendez. "He's a capitalist. I know it will take time but I'm confident he can pull it around; he's not interested in class struggle, he's just interested in the well-being of Venezuela."

For up-to-date news in Venezuela, visit [globovision.com](http://globovision.com).

# Niccolls hot water burns residents

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Due to an archaic plumbing system, girls in Niccolls Hall are berated with scorching water during their daily shower time at the mere flush of a toilet.

It seems that for an instant after the emptying of the toilet bowl that the water becomes unbearably hot and uncomfortable and can result in minor burns if the girls do not quickly

remove themselves from the trajectory path of the water.

Often times, girls' eyes will be blinded by shampoo from their hair and without warning, a stream of boiling hot water will rain down upon them.

The type of quick action needed to evade being burnt sometimes can become dangerous for Niccolls residents.

"I lived in Niccolls for three and a half years," said senior Sabrina



Lindenwood resident suffers burns after taking shower in Niccolls Hall.

Layman. "I was burnt every time I showered and have almost fallen from jumping out of the water."

Another resident of Niccolls, junior Anica Grgurich, also commented on the issue.

"There is no avoiding getting burnt when you shower," Grgurich said. "All the floors have this problem except the second

floor."

This type of unsafe environment that affects the residents of Niccolls puts not only the students, but the university itself at risk. If one of the residents were to slip, fall and be seriously injured trying to evade scalding water, the costs for both sides could be astronomical.

# Bills approved

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that students asked for, so it's all going to be services that students will use," she said.

So far the LSGA has gotten 12 bills approved and on Friday, May 10, they will find out about seven more bills that they recently presented. For Johnston, this semester has proven to be successful for them.

When students see the changes, Johnston hopes they notice LSGA's contributions to improve students' experience.

"I hope they realize that it was LSGA which was able to get these changes and not just think that it was Lindenwood...It would be nice for people to know LSGA cares about students," she said.

The LSGA is open to

new ideas and suggestions for bills that students consider valuable. "We listen to all ideas so if they have a good idea they can come to us and we can help them," she said.

She added that it feels good to be part of this success.

"It is exciting to do things that matter. You hear people complain about nothing to do, and now we can tell them next semester you can play sand volleyball... It is good to contribute back."

For more information or to contact LSGA, you can visit their offices located on the fourth floor of the Evans Commons, contact them through their Facebook page [LindenwoodSGA](http://LindenwoodSGA) or email Johnston at [lsgasenate@lindenwood.edu](mailto:lsgasenate@lindenwood.edu).

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# Fall Legacy staff will produce a weekly student newspaper

New journalism professor will guide news website Lindenlink

The Legacy will be published weekly this fall, with Co-Editors Madeleine Heppermann and Michael Sprague leading a staff of editors, reporters, photographers, designers and ad sales for what has been a biweekly student newspaper the past six years.

Current Editor-in-Chief Deborah Starr will be The Legacy's first featured columnist.

Melissa Spears will be managing editor, Lindsey Vaughn assistant managing editor and Emily Adair news editor. Jennifer Bruhn and Romain Polge will be photo editors, Leigh Borgers and Abigail Fallon opinions editors.

Advertising managers will be Marko Nikolic and Andrea Lopez Torralvo, sports editors Chase Stewart and Ryan Oldham, and entertainment editors Annette Schaefer and Enjoli Burbach. Social media editor will be Mariah Stewart, and Seannell Chambers will be reader liaison handling phone and email.

Alejandro Molino will be graphics designer, and David Schlager and Christie Sieflfleisch page designers.

Featured reporters/writers will be Alegria Mora and Aerial Niccum.

Reporting, photography and ad sales staffs will include Reem Abdalazem, Rebecca Berin, Jeremy Broadbooks, Cole Figus, Constanza Flores, Allison Heuer Connor Johnson, Sanami Iwasaki, Amgalan Jargalsaikhan, Tornike Mermanishvili, Brett Morrison, Jennifer Nickerson, Blair Riley, Alex Rosa, Sabrina Schuppe, Chris Smith, Erica Sturdefant, Alex Tessmer, John Tessmer, Killian Walsh, Lauren Whan and Jason Wiese.

Lindenlink.com, the student news website, will be supervised this fall by Neil Ralston, a new journalism professor coming to Lindenwood from Western Kentucky University.

Lindenlink editors Amanda Young and Grace Pettit will lead a staff that will include Ricky Matsko, Gabriela Pires, Daniela Tablante, Sandro Perrino, Antonio Leone and Nicole Sanders. Fallon, Niccum, Polge and Wiese from Legacy staff also will continue work on the website.

There's one person in my life who I love and admire.

Trista Baker works tirelessly, not only as a student but as a mother and a wife. The only thing that rivals the love she has for her family is her determination for excellence. I don't often get to tell her how proud I am of her and how much I'm looking forward to seeing her graduate. At times you have had to take on the role of both parents because of the selfless love and freedom you've given me to follow my dreams and career. I will always be grateful beyond what words could ever express. Throughout the craziness that our lives are at times, you've still managed to make awesome grades. I'm so proud of you and feel truly blessed to be your husband and friend.

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# Charges filed after threat

## Student reports fake bomb threat apparently to avoid going to class

By Dale Hart  
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A Lindenwood student was accused of calling in a fake bomb threat Wednesday, May 1, apparently to avoid going to class.

Lori L. Knight, 38, of 5584 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, has been charged with committing the class C Felony of making a terrorist threat, punishable with up to seven years imprisonment.

According to police, Knight called Lindenwood University from a blocked line at 10:33 a.m., telling the operator her brother planned on bombing the Lindenwood



Photo Courtesy of vinelink.com  
Lori Knight

campus that night.

Knight did not identify herself or her brother.

LU's telecommunications department contacted

Charter Communications to retrieve the blocked number, which was listed as Knight's in Lindenwood's student records.

Knight then called Lindenwood's Westport Campus two hours later and asked if classes were canceled due to the bomb threats her niece had heard about.

Knight was scheduled for class at 6 p.m. that evening.

The incident was reported to students via Rave alert at 5:33 p.m.

Knight was being held at a St. Charles jail and bail was set at \$25,000 cash only.

# Student charged with stealing

## Incident involves tampering with motor vehicle and the fraudulent use of a credit device

By Aerial Niccum  
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Lindenwood student Timothy McDonough was charged with tampering with a motor vehicle and fraudulent use of a credit device on April 26 after allegedly stealing a 2009 GMC Yukon. The incident occurred on Feb. 20, when McDonough was allegedly walking back to campus after he had been drinking on Main Street.

McDonough told police he was lost and panicked because the night was cold.

McDonough reportedly found a Yukon unlocked,



Photo Courtesy of stcharles.patch.com  
Timothy McDonough

with keys in the ignition and a debit card inside.

According to reports, McDonough then drove to Steak 'n' Shake, bought

\$11.13 worth of food with the stolen debit card and proceeded back to campus where he picked up two friends, drove to the McDonald's on Duchesne and bought more food for \$10.49 using the same card.

The stolen Yukon was recovered on Lindenwood's campus with McDonough's fingerprints on the driver's side door, which led to his arrest by the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department.

McDonough was being held by St. Charles County Corrections where bail was set at \$25,000.

# University responds to growing Facebook page

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review it, consider if it is alright to be posted and not be considered bullying or any other factor.

LU's Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan said, "We do monitor the site but primarily to see if there is anything we need to respond to, and by that we mean anything that is a serious mis-statement of fact. We see the site being used as a way for students to simply communicate with each other. Besides, there's isn't anything we can do about it, any more than we could about anyone else's Facebook page."

Duggan said, "What we do, in terms of social

media, is we keep track of the daily conversation that occurs, primarily on Twitter. We look for posts that link directly to us or mention us as a keyword, try to respond to requests for help or information and just engage the students on a personal level. Lindenwood Confessions isn't looked at in that way because all the posts are anonymous; we have no way of telling who wrote what."

The site had its own T-shirts available for purchase for \$10. The page also has a weekly Top 10 Confessions List of the most liked posts. For more information on the site's complete policy, visit the about section at LU Confessions Page.

# CISPA protects against cyber attacks

## Cyber Intelligence Sharing Protection Act allows for information sharing

By Rebecca Berin  
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Recently, Lindenwood's internet security mishaps caused quite an uproar with the student body. Though the issues on our campus have been fixed, our society faces a new internet security threat: CISPA, The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

This act allows the sharing of information between private companies and the government. It is said they are trying to pass this act in order to be able to react in a quicker way to any cyber-attack threats or actual happenings.

It seems like a legitimate act to pass in order to keep our internet safe, so how does it affect us? It not only would allow the government to see potential threats but it allows them access to private information that anyone has on the internet: e-mails, anything saved on internal hard-drives through private companies (i.e. "iCloud") and any

information shared privately on social media websites.

Junior Brittany Velasco said, "I think they tried to cover up the whole CISPA issue by trying to pass it while the Boston fiasco was going on."

Velasco said that more people need to take interest in this issue, considering how much it affects us. "SOPA seemed like more of a trend with people and since people don't see CISPA as much in the media it's not catching on," she said.

Since CISPA has been taken to legislation, the "hacktivist" group, Anonymous, started blackouts on hundreds of websites in protest of the act being passed. National news has reported more than \$84 million has been lobbied in order to make this bill happen and many groups like Anonymous did not take this news lightly.

CISPA was passed in the House of Representatives by 288 to 127. They are now taking it to the Senate but have yet to be taken as a priority because of the huge issue of gun control still being debated.

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"Alertus" will have alerts pop up on LU's computer screens.

By Paige Hill  
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A new message system has been approved to keep students, staff and faculty informed about emergencies on campus. Called "Alertus," the system will work along with Rave alerts, which go out as text messages and/or emails.

Alertus will be different in that students or staff using Lindenwood's access to the internet during an emergency will see an alert pop up on their computer screen. Included with the alert will be more information about what kind of action is needed.

The new system was announced a few days after the publication of a special edition of The Legacy that focused on campus safety. In that report, school officials said they wanted to make Rave more efficient.

One of the problems of Rave has been that the alerts do not

go to every mobile user at the same time, so in the event of an immediate threat – like a tornado – the warning might not get to students in time.

The new system will help get the word out faster, said Lindenwood University Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan, one of the people who help send Rave alerts during emergencies.

"We are always trying to improve and increase the reach of safety alerts," Duggan said. "Alertus was added to help spread the message."

Since December, 14 Rave alerts have been issued on campus; they included a cancellation of classes due to snow, a bomb threat and a report of a sexual assault.

The new system was a recommendation of the President's Security Task Force. Students and faculty can expect to see the new alert system on their computer screens in the fall.

## LU security office lists new number

The Public Safety and Security Office can now be reached at:  
ext. 4911 from a campus phone  
(636) 949-4911 from a non-campus phone  
The number may be used for emergencies and routine matters at any time.

## Multi-media efforts used to ensure safety

By Jessica Hartman  
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Lindenwood recently launched a new section on the university's website to make safety and security information more readily available to students and staff. At the bottom of lindenwood.edu's home page, users can click on the security tab to find information about crime prevention, services provided by the security department and contact information.

One of the most recent updates on this page is the building emergency exit plans, which were recently reviewed by the Lindenwood Task Force. These plans include designated building emergency coordinators.

The chosen individuals are staff, deans and RDs who have an office or live in one of the 56 campus buildings. The building emergency coordinators will be receiving training on emergency procedures sometime in the near future, according to Director of Public Safety and Security John Bowman.

"We wanted someone in charge of each building in case of an emergency, like a fire," Bowman said.

Along with the website, the university created the Twitter account, @LUPublicSafety, at the beginning of April as another way to keep the Lindenwood community informed about security updates.

Bowman said the account also will be used to notify the campus of parking lot closures or any other pertinent information to the flow of campus activities.

The website and Twitter account are just a few of the changes Lindenwood security has been making this year.

"Since John Bowman was hired in August," Dean of Students Terry Russell said, "he has been working to upgrade our security procedures and increase training for our security staff, which will increase our ability to handle any emergency situation that might arise on campus."

Some of the other newly implemented security tools on campus include communication radios between the security office and each building. Weather radios will also be in some buildings and another emergency messaging system, which will pop up on all campus computers, has been added.

## Students respond to special edition

By Annette Schaefer  
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The Legacy released the Investigative Reporting special edition on safety issues on April 24. The paper highlighted issues ranging from security personnel, local sex offenders and Lindenwood policies. Many students

picked up the paper and a wide range of responses were expressed.

Many students seemed to appreciate the purpose of this paper and seemed glad that something was being said about these issues.

"I thought the safety issue of the Legacy was much needed," Josh Jones, senior, said. "I feel like it opened a lot of people's eyes to things that are important for college students to know, especially the ladies on campus."

Students also expressed their similar desires for the administration to take charge on several of the issues that were

brought up. "I hope [the edition] highlighted to the Administration that there are a lot more improvements they need to make to our campus to help students feel safe," Abby Strumer, sophomore, said. "While most students seemed relieved to hear about how Lindenwood handles campus safety, some were still left a little uneasy."

"I found the Security article very informative," Melissa Cruzen, junior, said. "However, it doesn't make me feel any safer at LU. My father works at [St. Charles Community College] so I already knew

that their security measures were more advanced than ours, but I didn't realize just how much." Overall the goal was to help make students more aware of how the school protects them and how they can protect themselves. Based on the number of papers that were passed around last week and the number of reactions, it seems that this goal was achieved.

"It is really important, that Lindenwood University provides this data to their students. It gives us a feeling of being safe and secure on campus," Maximilian Bihler, sophomore, said.

## Students prep for summer classes

By Seannell Chambers  
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As students prepare for the final weeks of school, there are others who are getting ready for the long haul as they tackle additional courses during the summer session here at Lindenwood.

Students that are interested in taking classes over the summer can do so by enrolling in a summer session in their school portals. Similar to when students select classes for either fall or spring semester, one can enroll in a single class for each of the three sessions Lindenwood offers.

Unlike most colleges, LU actually allows its students to attend summer classes for free, with some restrictions, but only if they allotted themselves 28 hours per week in some form of Work and Learn on campus. There are six weeks to every session.

Prior to the changes to the Summer Application, past students had to work 30 hours per week. To view the changes, one can simply go on their student portal and there is an updated version of the Summer Application online with the changes.

The assistant director of Work and Learn, Eric Mirsovs, said, "28 hours

can be difficult with students that have outside jobs. Most, if not all, of the jobs over the summer are only during the weekdays and during the day. So with taking a 2-3 hour class, along with working five and a half hours a day, with an outside job can be difficult."

Mirsovs said that though it may be challenging, completing the necessary hours can be done.

"However, if the student works at [his or her] other job in the evenings [or on the] weekend, it shouldn't be an issue," Mirsovs said. "It is basically time management on the student's part."

Mirsovs described the process by which a student could apply for Work and Learn during the summer session.

"The student would fill out the Student Information section and then go to the offices on Page 9 for the approvals," he said. "The students would need their Summer Schedule of the classes they are taking and their transcript. The students have to meet the requirements of the Summer Program to participate in Work and Learn; otherwise, they won't be able to participate in Work-and-Learn, but would have to pay for the

summer classes. After each of the offices approves the student, the student is then signed up for the Summer Program."

The concern of where students may reside during the summer sessions is also rising as the days approach.

Director of Student Housing Michelle Giessman said, "We do not have even half of the residents on the summer list to determine who is staying where... Because many students wait until the last minute to turn in the paperwork... it is difficult to know how we are going to place the summer students."

"All houses need to be cleaned and maintenance has to determine what repairs need to be done. Graduate students already in houses, continuing their classes, will probably remain in those houses. We will not allow a student to remain in a house alone. Students will be relocated as the University sees fit."

For more information regarding this topic, contact Eric Mirsovs via email emirsovs@lindenwood.edu or by phone 636-949-4562 or to Michelle Giessman via email mgiessman@lindenwood.edu or phone by 636-949-4848.



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# Tsarnaevs slapped us in the face LU needs a morale boost

By **Jeremy Broadbooks**  
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April 15, 2013 is a day that will forever live in the minds of the American public. On this day three people were senselessly slaughtered and another 170 were injured.

This terrorist attack is the first major assault on United States soil since 9/11. The perpetrators of this heinous crime are the Tsarnaev brothers, and they are now the subject of much national debate and controversy. However, there is one little known fact about the Tsarnaevs that no one in the media seems to be talking about. The issue that has yet to be given an in-depth look is the fact that Tamerlan Tsarnaev, his brother and their parents leech off the Massachusetts welfare system.

According to reports the Tsarnaev family has been collecting welfare

benefits since they sought political asylum here in 2002. It's a dirty secret of our immigration laws that people who come to the United States seeking political asylum qualify for federal welfare benefits. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the mastermind



behind the plot, was living off state welfare benefits until 2012 when he and his wife failed to meet income eligibility for benefits. Furthermore, the younger brother, Dzhokhar, received a \$2,500 scholarship to

attend college from the city of Cambridge, Mass. So now the question becomes, if you hate America so much, why were you willing to take our money?

These despicable individuals came to America, collected free money from the government, attended our public schools and then after all that we gave them they murdered innocent citizens in cold blood. I personally take this as a slap in the face to our great country. How dare you take advantage of all the services we have to offer meant to help the less fortunate, and then turn around and kill an eight year old.

These men were sick, and we can only hope that political correctness and partisanship are cast aside in the trial of the remaining Tsarnaev so that justice is served.

By **Alyssa Neese**  
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Lindenwood University has had an all-time low morale throughout the 2012-2013 school year due to losses, injuries and one man's suicide.

After Sterling Thomas's life-threatening injury on Oct. 27, the morale on campus was high. Students were motivated to help Sterling through his injury by raising money, selling shirts and organizing rallies. Students felt ready to tackle the school year, and the uplifting video of Sterling's recovery to "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz, had students in a hopeful mood.

Then a new page came up on Facebook called "LU Confessions." On this page, students and even professors can rant, complain or confess about things they have seen or done on campus. While this is causing uproar with the administration, as related by Professor Rift Fournier,

this website is something that shouldn't be taken lightly.

Some posts that have occurred recently include: "I'm tired of living," "Sometimes I feel hazed since I am a Catholic and a lot of people at LU tell me I am not a real Christian. We all believe that Christ



died for our sins. Now I stop telling people this since I get insanely judged even though I just try to be a nice person towards people;" "This isn't a typical confession...but I'm depressed. I hate being single and all my friends aren't. I just want one date is all...I'm

worried I'm gonna end up alone. I know that is a silly thought, but it bothers me;" and "Walkin campus smokin a blunt and no one noticed. People are way too into themselves at this campus;"

Chris Fenske, a student at Ranken Technical College, said, "I have friends at Lindenwood, but I hate going there. People aren't nice to you or welcoming. It seems like people just move along with their lives. They look sad."

Although this isn't everyone on campus, there is a great majority of students who feel this way. In even more recent events, a rugby player, Michael Black, took his own life on April 17. Lindenwood has offered not only counseling for this event but also for the end of finals.

Are students responding to counseling? It's obvious the school is grieving, but how can we boost the morale on campus? Or is it simply a lost cause?

## Opinions' Opinions: What was your favorite part of the year?



Deborah Starr

"My favorite part of the school year has been having the privilege to be the Legacy's Editor-in-Chief and step into that role."



Leigh Borgers

"LU confessions was definitely a hilarious and mostly positive addition to student life. It gives students the chance to rant about stuff they don't like and, in a weird way, come together because of it."



Melissa Spears

"My favorite part was participating in a super semester for my major. I learned so much and I got myself kicked around but it was so worth it."



Madeleine Heppermann

"My favorite part about this year has been meeting even more people on campus and really feeling like a part of the LU community."



Cole Figus

"Turning Lindenwood's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* into a professional production at the Grandel Theatre in St. Louis."



Chase Stewart

"There have been some amazing memories made this year, but my favorite has to be when the men's basketball team clinched a last-second 83-82 win against UCM at the 'Sellout for Sterling' game."

## Can we at least agree that poop geysers are bad?

By **Cole Figus**  
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It seems like everywhere I drive I end up behind an old truck emitting some kind of gross fumes out of its exhaust pipe so that I have to take a detour to avoid breathing it into my lungs. As I look at the fumes coming out I am sickened

to think that there are now over a billion cars on roads all across the world spewing poison into the air we all breathe. And cars aren't the only danger to the quality of our atmosphere: we have factories, refineries, mines, mills, pesticides, fertilizers, mountaintop removal campaigns, fracking operations and

even a variety of indoor pollutants including paints, new carpets and cleaning products all over the world. All day, every day, these are spewing pollution into the atmosphere. And some people look at all this and figure that human activity has no impact on the atmosphere. I sometimes don't want to live on this

planet anymore.

Saying that our collective rape of the environment is inconclusively contributing to climate change is like taking a dump on your living room carpet and saying that the subsequent change in smell is inconclusively related to your defecations. Don't laugh, this isn't a metaphor: because of loopholes in our environmental regulations and the tireless work of pig farm lobbyists, there are giant pig farms that produce colossal lagoons of pig defecation that literally geyser poop into the air. And pollution advocates see no correlation with these lagoons and an unhealthy atmosphere.

All the pollution we put into the air traps heat in the atmosphere, which results in increased weather disasters. The last twelve years have all been in the top fourteen hottest years on record, and the scientific data overwhelmingly shows that the Earth is getting hotter at an alarming rate. Tornadoes, thunderstorms, hurricanes, floods, forest fires, droughts and blizzards are all becoming more frequent and more destructive as the Earth

warms. Yes, blizzards are a consequence of a warming Earth, as the increased temperature in the atmosphere means increased atmosphere energy, which results in more destructive blizzards during winter.

The consequences of climate change are great: the acidification, temperature rise and sea level change of oceans; big



losses in the world's supply of freshwater, worldwide oxygen depletion; a decreased food supply because of smaller crop yields; the expansion of warm weather diseases and parasites; and the extinction of fragile environments and species. Furthermore, we're filling up our oceans with trash in massive liquid garbage dumps. There are

multiple ocean trash patches formed by oceanic currents, and the Pacific's dump, the biggest at roughly the size of the continental United States, is scientifically named the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch."

Fixing our pollution problems is a gargantuan task, but the worst part is that we don't even agree that pollution is a problem. Some think that because the Earth's climate has changed over the last million years we are doing no harm, despite the fact that the changes the climate is going through are taking place so quickly and drastically that scientists have trouble believing how quickly they find the oceans' temperatures to be rising, how much ice in Greenland is melting every summer and how much the average temperature each year is rising. These poop lagoons, increasingly destructive storms and ocean dumps are blatantly obvious signs that climate change is not a hoax perpetrated by liberals. They are serious problems we need to solve before we're all living in poop and trash and burning in forest fires.

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## HE SAID / SHE SAID



By Branden Swyers  
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Talking on the phone may be viewed as a past time now that texting has taken over the scene, but not for me. I believe talking on the phone is essential to conveying the true meaning of a message.

There are some things that just cannot be texted. Things that are trying to convey a sensitive message or something serious really should not be texted. Also, messages that are longer than 155 characters should not be texted.

You really think your boss is going to read three pages of a text message. If you are going to text make it short and to the point.

Talking on the phone is more important to me because I can make sure to get the message I want

portrayed. I can also get a feel for how the other person perceives the message when I am on the phone. Sometimes I feel like people use texting because they are afraid of what the respondent has to say.

I also feel like people who use texting all the time are just lazy. Don't get me wrong; there is a time and place for texting.

If you do it all the time you should know that nine times out of 10, the message you want to portray will be perceived wrong.

I am not saying I don't text, but I do not use it unless it is my only option or it is the appropriate form of communication.

Think about what you want your respondent to get out of your message before you go texting it.

A simple phone call can ensure that you are letting the respondent know exactly what you want them to.



By Killian Walsh  
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Communication is one of the biggest things that has changed over the years. People started with letters, newspapers, telephones and then the computer. One of the most prominent advancements in this technology is texting.

Texting is a great resource. It allows people to communicate messages in very short time and without disturbance.

My favorite thing about texting is that it lets me send messages at convenient times. For instance, I can send messages to my mom while she's in a meeting without causing a disruption.

She can't just take a phone call in the middle of a meeting but she can quickly respond to a text.

It's also great because you can send messages to a group of people and they will receive it quickly, as opposed to email or a group phone

call... which is pretty much unheard of.

For my birthday party last year I sent out a group text to everyone I was inviting. No invitations were sent in the mail so there was no hassle of paying for postage, hunting down addresses or worrying about any of the invitations getting lost.

Some people say that texting is impersonal, but honestly, that's just the way society is nowadays. People text each other things instead of calling them. I prefer texting to calling because it is quick and easy.

You don't have to worry about catching someone in a situation where they are available to talk. You can just leave them a text and they'll get back to you within a reasonable time.

Texting is a great resource. Granted, it has had its negative effects on the communication skills of people but, with our society, convenience is the priority and texting offers that.

## LU failed with rape follow-up Closing thoughts and advice from a graduating journalist

By Madison Burke  
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Just four days after a special edition about campus safety was published in The Legacy, a student was sexually assaulted on campus grounds. The details have yet to be released, but we know that a woman reported that she was sexually assaulted shortly before 3 a.m. April 28 in men's housing in the 1000 block of Powell Street.

Lindenwood sent out a Rave alert via email later that morning, and administrators are to be commended for letting students and staff know about the attack.

However, the university failed when it didn't follow up the e-mail with any details. I understand officials wanted to protect the woman's privacy, and they did not want to compromise the police investigation, but issuing an alert without any follow-up information made Lindenwood students more worried, not less, about the

safety of the campus.

Students do not know, for instance, if the woman knew her attacker or if he was a stranger. We also do not know if the woman was badly injured or even sought medical attention. Right now, students are just assuming the worst because no additional



information has been given.

Lindenwood should have learned from the criticism of St. Louis Community College-Meramec for mishandling an assault on its campus April 18. A female student there was brutally attacked in a campus bathroom, and school officials released the attacker

but no information. It was not until the victim went to the media that a statement was made. In the PR fallout that followed, the campus president resigned.

The way an establishment handles violent crime that occurs on its grounds says a lot about the organization. It is always best to be truthful and open with what is going on and what is being done about it. Covering it up, like Meramec did, is inexcusable. It puts students in more danger because they are unaware that the danger even exists.

In the special edition, we suggested that Lindenwood offer self-defense classes on campus. Let's not wait until next year to make that happen. With these two attacks in the area, anxiety levels on campus have risen considerably. A seminar on self-defense -- and an informed student body -- would help everyone be more prepared in the unlikely event of an attack.

By Branden Swyers  
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With this being the last article I will ever write in the Legacy, I had thought long and hard about what to write it on. After a large amount of deliberation in my head I had decided that what better way to go out than to thank everyone who has touched me here at Lindenwood.

First off I would like to say thank you to the whole journalism department and IMWD department. In particular I would like to thank my advisor, Tom Pettit. I certainly would not be where I am today without his guidance.

I would also like to say that the journalism and IMWD department here at Lindenwood are

no joke. These are some real good teachers that care about their students.

Unfortunately one of the teachers that taught me the most while I was



here at Lindenwood is no longer here. He was a great teacher. Although, he was hard, and at times made my life miserable, I am glad I had the privilege of being in his class.

One piece of advice I could offer students who

still have time left here at Lindenwood it is that you should always allow yourself to be pushed. If you do not allow you teachers to push you harder than you ever have before you will never know what type of capabilities you really have. Trust me, when you go out to look for a job you want to know what you are capable of.

The final piece of advice I would like to offer everyone is to never let life get to you. No matter how hard it gets there is always someone who has it harder. One thing that is for sure is that if you work hard you will accomplish great things. Don't ever let anyone say you can't do something. Remember dream big, and follow your heart.

## Both genders on LU Housing streets would make LU safer

By Leigh Borgers  
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Around 2 a.m. on Monday, April 29, my doorbell rings. Thinking it was someone for my roommate who is pulling an all-nighter, I don't get out of bed. As the doorbell rings a second time, followed closely by loud knocks, I start to wonder why she isn't answering the door. When she finally does, we come to find out it isn't any of our friends at all: it's two policemen.

We were informed that other women on our block had called the police due to two unidentified African-American men roaming around women's housing. The policemen then proceeded to do a

thorough check of our backyard, pulling things out of bushes and checking underneath cars.

They spent a large part of the time searching the outside parameter of my house specifically. In total, we saw four policemen and three squad cars. Did this mean that these two men had last been spotted right outside our house? We were terrified.

As gossiping college students, we hear things like this happening, but it's always a friend of a friend, or a rumor you've heard. After having a situation like this personally happen to me, I got to thinking about women's housing, and how it can be unsafe.

I know Lindenwood had the purest of intentions

when they separated the men from the women and didn't allow any visitation to occur whatsoever, but given the events that occurred in my own life,



I have begun to see how stupid it is for safety reasons. Here we are, in a n area full of only women, in houses where the locks can be easily picked, or windows broken.

In my own home, before

I moved in, one of the screens on our window had been completely ripped apart and torn off. I've got a friend whose basement window broke before she moved in and it was never replaced; a piece of plywood was simply cut to cover the hole.

There are multiple emergency telephones in the Scheidegger parking lots, yet not a single one in women's housing. How safe are we really? I feel as though we are sitting ducks for those wishing to do harm.

I believe having male students living on the street would be a solution to this problem. Women would feel safer because, in a tight situation, a man could rush into the house at a moment's notice, or

sit at home with a woman that feels scared.

I know I'd have loved to have one of my guy friends come over and sleep on the couch on Monday night. It would have put me at ease, and I'd have probably slept.

I'm not talking about allowing men and women living under the same roof, I'm simply stating the need for there to be a male presence within the neighborhood. Having a friend next door whom you can trust would make me, and I'm sure many other women students, feel at ease. Security can't be everywhere at once, and police can only arrive so fast.

Jacob Schroeder, sophomore, offered his opinion on the matter. "I can see how people

would be worried that sexual assault would rise if Lindenwood's neighborhoods became for both men and women. However, if I heard or saw anything suspicious, I wouldn't hesitate to go over there and make sure the girl was ok. I feel like most guys would agree with me and do the same thing."

Women's housing, unlike the dorms, is an open street, and people from all over can just walk around the neighborhood if they want.

Lindenwood needs to step away from the mindset of "students only want the visitation rules to be lifted because they want to party," and start approaching it from a safety perspective.

# Scarletta to bring the fun to LU

# Tri Sigma wins LU organization award

By Annette Schaefer  
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On Thursday, May 9 Lindenwood will be playing host to country trio Scarletta. The band will be playing their show in the Evans Commons Gym at 7:30 p.m. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the event is free to all.

Scarletta is a country band based out of Nashville, Tenn., although the three band members originate from different parts of the country including Ohio, Texas, and Colorado. The band brings a number of genres and influences into their overall sound.

“Classic rock is a lot of what we listen to,” explained violinist Nathan Stoops, who is classically trained. The band also takes a lot of cues from modern pop and country music to make up their good-time country sound.

The band has experienced recent success with their hit single “Right Here, Right Now”. They also just recently put out a new video for their latest single “Island Fever”.

Scarletta likes to bring a fun atmosphere to their live shows and hope to bring that experience to students here at LU.

“Our show is very high energy; we just have a lot of fun,” said Stoops, “If we don’t bring fun and a kind of escape for the people we’re playing for then we’re not entertaining



Publicity shot of country trio Scarletta who will be performing at Lindenwood on May 9 in the Evans Gym. Photo Courtesy of countrymusicislove.com

correctly.” Scarletta was brought to LU through the National Association for Campus Activities or NACA and Student Life and Leadership.

This is the band’s first performance in St. Louis and they intend to bring a fun night. Stoops even encouraged students to “Come ready for a good time.”

To find out more information on this event, visit Student Life and Leadership’s Facebook page. For more information on Scarletta, check out their website at scarlettamusic.com, follow them on Facebook (ScarlettaTrio) or Twitter (@Scarletta3).

By Olivia Scalise  
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The Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma) sorority won Organization of the Year at the annual Lindenwood University Honors Convocation on April 21. The honor is awarded to an organization that is most involved and prosperous on campus.

Tri Sigma was installed as a sorority at Lindenwood in February 2012, and has become involved on and off campus. The sorority’s mission is to establish a bond of friendship and strong womanly character.

President Staci Bradford said, “Within our chapter, we build lifelong friendships through sisterhoods, social events, serving the community together and supporting fellow organizations.”

Tri Sigma has been involved on campus by host-

ing events, taking part in Homecoming Week, Spring Fling and Greek Week.

“We believe getting involved as a whole is what makes our sorority known on campus,” Katie Terbrock, vice president, said.

Foundation Chair Joey Jackson said, “A Greek organization winning this award speaks volumes of how Greek Life is growing on campus and how bigger and better things are to come.”

Tri Sigma is proud and positive that they, as a chapter, can continue to maintain their continuous involvement and positive image on campus as a new and growing sorority.

For more information about Tri Sigma or how to get involved visit sigmasigma.org or contact faculty advisor Emilie Johnson at 636-949-4963 or EJohnson@lindenwood.edu.

# ‘John and Jen’ turns on the waterworks in Jelkyl Theater

By Alyssa Neese  
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Lindenwood University’s “John and Jen,” directed by Laura Enstall, showed a constant struggle between mothers and daughters, missing fathers and their sons and a special look at a strong relationship between brother and sister. This play not only sails through different destinations in time ranging from 1952 to 1990, but it also sheds light on many themes that an audience can relate to.

The play starts with John, played by Jake Bucher, and Jen, played by Rebecca Berin, singing to each other about not being there. As the journey progresses, the girl and the boy are brother and sister who realize that the only way they’ll make it through an abusive father and an absent mother is to stay together long enough to get out of there. The acting by these two characters really displayed very strong emotion. The setting and design left a lot up to the audience’s imagination and the characters’ body language made it easy to

distinguish what place and time they were in.

The setting had only colored banners hanging from the ceiling and a metal-framed butterfly hanging over their heads. This butterfly served as a symbol in these young children’s journey to break out of their cocoons and to be free, not only from their home, but eventually of all burdens and regrets placed on their shoulders. Every time something bad would happen, the curtains would change to red to signify death or anger.

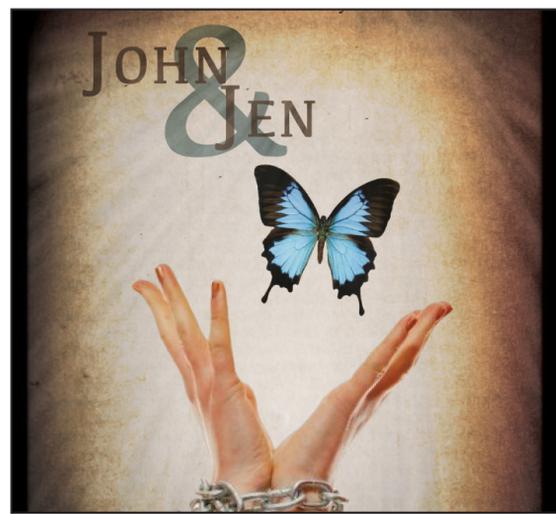
Jake Bucher’s facial expressions and stern behavior had the crowd on the edge of their seats and they were hanging on his every word. Berin’s scene mourning the loss of her brother was so moving, the majority of the audience was in tears.

Costume Designer Sierra Henderson said, “I’ve seen this play about three times, and [Berin] did something in this performance that she has never done before. It was amazing.”

These two actors have quite the ability

to be able to change into a completely different character in a matter of seconds and get the audience to believe it. The thing that helped these transitions was the musical score that could be seen through the curtains. Paul Cereghino played piano, Matt Stephens played percussion and Melissa Mathon played the cello. This small ensemble made a big impact on the play. They played beautifully and allowed the audience to make an easy distinction in the mood and transitions of the play itself.

The theme words that were repeated the most and that had the most impact were, “you’ve got to think big, aim high, why rent when you can buy? You’ve got to think big, stand tall, and anyone can



Poster for Lindenwood performance of ‘John and Jen’. Photo Courtesy of lindenwood.edu/center

do anything at all.” This was a great performance all around from the actors, the music and the designers.

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## Classic bands come to the Lou

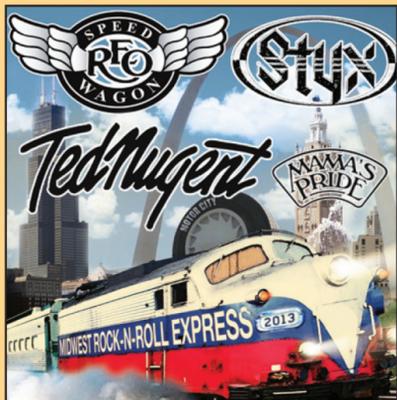
By Annette Schaefer  
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The Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre will be hosting the Midwest Rock-n-Roll Express tour with Reo Speedwagon featuring Styx and Ted Nugent on Saturday, May 18 at 6 p.m. The tickets range from \$24-147.50 including the service charge.

Ted Nugent is most famous for his 1977 song "Cat Scratch Fever," and also known for his hit singles, "Strangle Hold" and "Hey Baby." Though his popularity in the music world has faded since the early '80s, he has remained popular from his hunting show, "Spirit of the Wild," and hosting the reality show "Wanted: Ted or Alive." For more information, visit tednugent.com.

Styx has been on the rock music scene since 1970 after forming in Chicago, Ill. They have released a total of 31 singles, 15 studio albums, 14 compilation albums and six live albums. Most of their famous hits came from the '70s, including "Come Sail Away" and "Renegade." After taking two breaks as a band and losing and gaining new members, they are back on the road playing their classic songs as well as newer ones. Visit their website at styxworld.com.

REO Speedwagon formed in the late '60s in the city of Champaign, Ill., the college town of University of Illinois. Their biggest album, "Hi Infidelity," sold 22 million



Courtesy of prweb.com  
Poster for Midwest Rock 'n' Roll Express.

albums in the U.S. and 40 million around the world. To learn more, visit speedwagon.com.

All three bands are touring for a cause. According to ultimateclassicrock.com, they are donating 75 percent of the proceeds to a local charity in Boston to help the victims in the recent explosions. The remaining 25 percent is going to local charities in tour markets.

To purchase tickets, visit the Box Office in Maryland Heights. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Tickets can also be ordered online at livenation.com.

## Korn reunited and playing in St. Louis



Courtesy of facebook.com  
Recent official press release photo of reunited band Korn who will be playing in St. Louis on May 25

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn  
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Love and Death, Device and Korn will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at the Peabody Opera House on Saturday, May 25.

Love and Death is a new band founded by former and now reuniting member of Korn, Brian "Head" Welch. Love and Death plays heavy rock music. Welch as a frontman adds a Christian tone to the music, and the result is different from Korn. Welch does vocals and guitars, JR Bareis plays lead guitar, Michael Valentine is on bass and Dan Johnson is on drums. The band officially formed in 2011 while Welch was trying to distinguish his brand from his music.

"Many people have confused my speaking dates and our band dates because they were both being booked as Brian 'Head' Welch," said Welch, according to Love and Death's Facebook page. "I have wanted to go to a band name for branding my music for a few years. It has been an ongoing discussion with my management, but we were just starting to tour and I was in the middle of supporting my third book and it seemed like a bad time to switch brands. Now with the new music coming out, it's time to really separate the things I do. I want the music to be about music. I will still be doing public speaking under Brian 'Head' Welch. I am happy that all the confusion will be over."

Device is another new band from a member of the famous hard rock band, Disturbed. David Draiman, lead singer of Disturbed and

Device, created this band who dropped their first self-titled album last April. Device has the hard riffs like Disturbed, but adds a slight industrial sound to the overall record. Draiman also has several other rockers join him on this record like Halestorm's Lzzy Hale and System of a Down's Serj Tankian. Draiman, Geno Leonardo (Filter), Virus and Will Hunt (Evanescence and Dark New Day) make up Device.

Korn has been the leader in hard rock music since the mid '90s. They came out with their 10th album, "The Path of Totality," in October of 2011. In 2005, Welch left the band, became a Christian and formed his own band years later, Love and Death. This will be the first tour with Welch since his leaving the band. Also, the band is in the process of recording a new album with Welch included in the line-up, which makes it ten years since the guys have worked together.

With "The Path of Totality," Korn combined their signature hard rock sound with dubstep. They had several guests on their last album, including Skrillex and Noisia.

"It's future metal," said vocalist Jonathan Davis via The Peabody's website. "We're mixing metal and electro music, and you're not supposed to do that. Since day one, Korn has always been all about going against the grain, experimenting and trying to take music different places."

You can purchase tickets at peabodyoperahouse.com for \$47.50 plus a service fee or ticketmaster.com for \$56.85, fee included.

## 'Free Hugs' take on Lindenwood

By Andrea Spurlock  
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Free Hugs is an event started by Lindenwood Sophomore Breanna Lechten-Mason. After a Facebook event was created a month ago, 50 students have agreed to join the group in wearing "Free Hugs" shirts on Wednesday May 8.

Given that this is a stressful time of year, sometimes some-

thing as simple as a hug can help. Lechten-Mason collected money outside of Spellmann cafeteria on Monday, April 22 in between her classes and collected the \$8 shirt price and got the color and size information for each person interested.

The shirts have a variety of colors. The front of the shirts say "Free Hugs" and the backs say "Love Somebody?"

"For most people this semester has been rough and hugs make people happy," said Lechten-Mason. The shirts will be handed out to the members on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7 at varying times.

The group wants students to take advantage of the free hugs given on Wednesday. "it is all to make people happy," said Lechten-Mason.

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## 'Iron Man 3' hits the box office and comes out strong

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In a year that has multiple anticipated movie releases, Iron Man 3 was the first of many.

After going to see it on opening day, I had several mixed feelings about the movie as a whole.

Robert Downey Jr. did play the role of Tony Stark fantastically once again. The way he plays the character makes the movie more enjoyable.

The movie started off with a little background on some events that happened years in the past.

One thing Iron Man 3 focused on was the dialogue. In this movie as compared to the other two, there is a lot more "witty" comedy. It seemed to focus more on his comebacks to people's comments and the movie had a little more of a comedic aspect than the past two titles.

One thing I did love about this movie is the way the villain is portrayed. They made it a complex adversary for Stark, and gave plenty of twists and turns.

I will say this movie had a lot of action throughout, but it wasn't quite up to the standards that the Iron Man series had given viewers previously.

Downey Jr. took the character of Iron Man to a whole different level in this movie also. You got a look deeper into what went on inside Iron Man's head as he went through



Courtesy of comicbookmovie.com

all these conflicts. Stark's love interest, Pepper, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, also did a fantastic job in Iron Man 3. She played a larger role than in the previous two movies. The evolution of all the characters came full circle in this film. You got to watch them all change over the three Iron Man movies, and it made for a fantastic storyline.

Overall, the movie is definitely worth seeing, especially if you are Marvel fan. Iron Man 3 is a great on-screen experience.

# Women's lacrosse finishes conference play undefeated

By Brett Morrison @LULegacySports

The 2013 season has come to an end for the women's lacrosse team and has been one of the most successful seasons in Lindenwood's athletic history.

The Lady Lions finished the season with an overall record of 15-2 (10-0 in conference), earning them their second straight conference title in the Western Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (WILA).

The ladies had a strong season and, for the first time ever, the team got ranked in the NCAA Division II polls finishing the season at the #15 spot.

Justiene Groothuis, who just completed her fifth season with the team, said, "This team was one of the

most memorable seasons." "We broke onto the national polls, which was a huge accomplishment for our program."

The Lady Lions were led by in the offense zone by junior Shelby Polk, who finished the season off with 58 goals and 12 assists for a team leading 70 points in the 17 game season.

Polk was named Offensive Player of the week, a conference leading five times this season, along with being named LU Student Athlete of the week for the week of April 28.

The greatest accomplishment that Polk has been honored with after this season was being named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association's All-Region Second-Team this week. She



Legacy photo by Jonathan Garrison  
Sophomore defender Jamie Miller brings the ball up the field in a home game against Colorado Mesa University at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium.

is the first Lady Lion to earn NCAA Division II all-region honors.

The team had a total of 309 goals for, while only giving up 123 goals against.

The team was lead by junior goaltender Christine Hehmeyer. She had a total of 99 saves throughout the course of the season.

The team will be graduating

three players this summer. Groothuis who has been part of the team for five seasons along with seniors Megan Chase and Ana Gullet who have been with the team for four years.

These are some key players that the team will be losing but expect to fill their shoes with talent from within the team as well as some key recruits coming in the fall.

Chase said, "This has been the most talented team that I have been a part of in my four years here."

"I wish that we would have been able to compete for nationals this year because we had the talent and the right people. I can't wait to come back and watch this program grow, because I know that our coaches are committed to winning a national championship."

LU was unable to qualify for the national tournament because of Lindenwood's transition into the NCAA Division II. Next year, all teams will be eligible to compete in any national tournament. With two conference titles under the Lady Lions belt in two years, they are a safe bet to be called on the nations rising programs.

The team had some nominations in the Lindenwood Student Athlete awards. Polk was nominated for Female Athlete of the Year and Athletics Person of the Year. Freshman Maddie Ossello was nominated for Female First Year Competitor. Coach Jack Cribbin was nominated for Coach of the Year, and the team was nominated for Team of the Year.

# Helmick making the most of Atlanta mini-camp

By Chase Stewart @LULegacySports

Former Lindenwood football standout at wide receiver, Andrew Helmick had his first taste of the professional level this past weekend in Atlanta, Ga.

The Lions' all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns was invited to the Atlanta Falcons organizations' rookie mini-camp held May 3-5.

The rookie mini-camp serves as the organization's first in-person look of their drafted players. It is also the first time the coaching staff gets to work out and evaluate the players they selected at their team facilities. Attending this year's camp for the Falcons were their eight drafted rookies, 24 undrafted free agents and 17 additional tryout players that the Falcons were evaluating for a chance to earn an invitation to the team's training camp in July.

Helmick was among the 17 players that the Falcons were evaluating this weekend for a possible shot at the training

camp roster.

"It was great being out there and getting to work with the coaches and other rookies. I felt like I got out there and competed and gave my best. This truly is like a dream come true for me. I haven't had that much fun since I was a little kid," Helmick said.

Although there was a plethora of talent on the field over the weekend, Helmick is confident that he caught the coaches' eyes.

"They told me I did what I needed to do out there and that I was even faster than they were expecting me to be, so I'm hoping those thoughts lead to a contract," Helmick said.

The Falcons' organization will take a few days to evaluate the weekend, and then will get in touch with players informing them of whether or not they would like for them to sign a contract to join the team for training camp.

Helmick is hoping for good news when he receives his phone call.

"They will give my agent a call in the next few days and

basically let us know if they are going to sign me for training camp or not. They have a full 90-man roster at the moment, so that basically means they will have to cut someone in order to bring me in for camp. They will have to meet as a staff and decide if that is a good move for them or not," he said.

Whether or not he receives a contract from the Falcons later in the week, Helmick's trek through football's top professional league is just beginning.

"You know it would be great to get the contract and then move forward, but if the Falcons don't sign me, I already have plans with the Cleveland Browns to attend their rookie camp next weekend. They will fly me out and I will do what I did here this weekend with the Falcons for them," Helmick said.

If Helmick is not signed by the Falcons, he and former Lion superstar at running back, Denodus O'Bryant will each be in attendance at NFL rookie mini-camps in the same weekend. While Helmick heads to Cleveland, O'Bryant will be heading to Indianapolis to join the Colts' organization for their first evaluation of him since inking him to an undrafted free-agent contract on April 27.

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# Men's lacrosse team wraps up season with a loss



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The Lions wrapped up the 2012-2013 season with a 12-16 loss against Wheeling Jesuit University.

By John Tessmer  
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In the first ever season of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II Lacrosse League, Lindenwood was one of eight teams.

Members of the ECAC included: Alderson-Broadus College, Lake Erie College, Lindenwood University, Mercyhurst University, Ohio Valley University, Seton Hill University, Walsh University and Wheeling Jesuit University.

After beginning the season with a loss to Florida Southern College 12-14, the Lions went on a hot

streak, winning their next four games against Florida Institute of Technology, Rollins College, Shorter College and Fontbonne University.

However, they began the season 4-1, come time for conference play, things got a bit more difficult. It was nothing the Lions could not handle.

After losing their first game in the ECAC to Mercyhurst, 9-14, the Lions came out the next game looking for their first win as a member of the ECAC. They ended up blowing out Walsh University, 13-3.

The Lions then faced Lake Erie College in a very close game. Despite leading 8-2 to begin the game, they eventually fell 13-14.

The Lions could not get back to form in the following game against No. 7 Seton Hall University.

The men were leading 5-4 at the half, but during the second half, the Griffins defense came to play and held the Lions to one goal.

The Griffins went on to score 10 goals to secure the win, with a 12-6 victory.

The following game, against non-conference opponent Colorado Mesa, the Lions waited until the fourth quarter to really get the goals going. After being down 5-7 after three quarters, the Lions came out and scored five unanswered goals to secure a 10-8 victory.

Lindenwood went on a

scoring frenzy the following two games, scoring over 20 goals in both games and racking up a total of 48 combined goals.

The Lions won their first home game as a member of the ECAC on April 20, 2013 against Ohio Valley University on Senior Day with a score of 25-5. Twenty-five goals is a program single-game record for the Lions.

The Lions would not stop scoring there. They scored 23 goals against conference opponent Alderson-Broadus College, to win 23-3.

The men finished the season with a loss to Wheeling Jesuit University, losing 12-16.

In its first ever season in the ECAC, the Lions went 3-4, to finish just below .500 and in fifth place. In total, the Lions went 8-5.

Twice in the season, the Lions scored over 20 goals and had many players get ECAC weekly honors.

Graeme Hossack was named the Defensive Player of the Week five times, Jon George was the Rookie of the Week two times and Michael Helfent earned Specialist of the Week.

Two Lions made the All-ECAC team with Graeme Hossack being named a first-team longstick midfielder and Mike Meagher being named a second-team selection at defense.

# Baseball ends season with a win

By Cassie Bluemner  
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The baseball team finished its season on April 30 with a 6-5 win over Lindenwood-Belleville. The team finished with a 23-24 overall record and were 21-17 in the conference play conference, earning a rank of number seven out of 15 teams.

The Lions compiled two shut-out wins and a couple big wins over Fort Hays State University and Mount Mercy University. The players earned 20 runs in each of those wins.

The team's biggest accomplishment this season was its doubleheader split with Central Missouri, the fifth-ranked team in the MIAA.

Junior first baseman Mike Failoni said that as a young team in the conference, nobody had the Lions picked to beat the Central Missouri Mules. The Lions lost the first game 10-4 and won the next 11-7.

Failoni led the Lions this season, earning the first ever regional award at Lindenwood for best batting average. He was recognized as the Division II Central Region Hitter of the Week as well as being named MIAA Baseball Hitter of the Week twice.

He broke the MIAA record of a .489 for batting average in their last game against Lindenwood-Belleville. Failoni set the

mark at .500 and at some times throughout the season he has hit even better.

"Hitting .500 was something I dreamed about as a little kid. I never thought it would ever be possible to do in a real season," Failoni said. "It took a lot of extra work to get to this point."

Junior outfielder Kyle Leslie has a lot of respect for teammate Failoni. "He's one of the best hitters I've played with or against," Leslie said. "No matter who we faced, he always found a way to get a hit. To be able to have half of your at-bats end up being hits is something I will never see again."

Leslie was a new addition to Lindenwood this season. He transferred from Jefferson Community College to end his last two years at the collegiate level with the Lions.

Hitting as high as .333 and earning several RBIs, Leslie was also a major component to the Lions' season.

Leslie's expectations are very high for next season. The Lions only lose one senior—outfielder and designated hitter Colton Moore—so the team still has some experience to build on.

He said with more experience they should be a lot better next year. He added that four new pitchers are coming in as well as some position players.

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# 2012-13 LU Sports Awards Winners

Lindenwood's 2012-2013 athletic department saw a number of great individual and team accomplishments throughout the season.

Conference titles were won and both LU and conference team and individual records were broken. Laid out in the ten categories below are the winners of each award

as judged by LU journalism students. A list of all the nominees can be found in the May 1 edition of The Legacy.

To qualify for the voting, students must have contributed a significant amount of coverage to various sports throughout the season.

A total of 12 ballots were

submitted between LUTV (television), KCLC (Radio) and The Legacy (newspaper). All but one category had a decisive winner. The tie occurred when two nominees in one category split the 12 votes evenly. It was decided that since no other nominee received any votes, they would be named co-winners.

## Female athlete of the year



**Rachel Zabawa - Gymnastics**

*"In the first year of the gymnastics program it was a magnificent achievement to have a national champion. Rachel deserves all the credit she has received."*

*-Ryan Oldham  
The Legacy*

## Best female first-year competitor

**Nicole Hensley - W. Ice Hockey**

*"Hensley's play was outstanding all year long, but when the ladies strung a lot of wins together at the end of the year, it all started with Hensley remaining rock-solid."*

*-Michael Sprague  
The Legacy*



## Moment of the year

**Malach Radigan blocks a punt on Senior Day resulting in his first and only touchdown**

*"Malach's blocked punt was a microcosm of his career. He willed himself to succeed, and by doing so he turned a game around and scored his lone career touchdown"*

*-Brett McMillan  
LUTV/KCLC*

## Stat of the year

**Nicole Hensley's 90 saves in one game. This was the most ever in an NCAA Division I game.**

*"It's extremely impressive for a team to put the puck on net 92 times in a game at any level. Even more impressive, Hensley saved 90 of them."*

*-Taylor Land  
The Legacy*

## Athletic person of the year

**Tie - Sterling Thomas and Malach Radigan**

*"When tallying the votes it was almost perfect that Sterling and Malach split all 12 evenly. After Sterling's injury, Malach really took hold of anything and everything related to Sterling's recovery, so in a way, they came together to unite the students of LU."*

*-Michael Sprague  
The Legacy*

## Male athlete of the year

**Denodus O'Bryant - Football**



*"Denodus had the ability to impact the game every time he touched the ball. On a team of exceptionally talented players, he shined bright every week."*

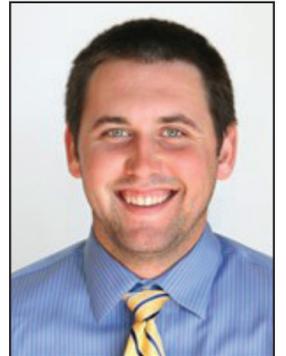
*-Brett McMillan  
LUTV/KCLC*

## Best male first-year competitor

**Michael Failoni - Baseball**

*"Failoni was far and away the best hitter on the team this year. He hit safely in 42-of-46 games and hit exactly .500 from the plate. You don't get more consistent than that."*

*-Michael Sprague  
The Legacy*



## Team of the year

**Men's Soccer**

*"The men's soccer team was the first to win an MIAA title, and they did it in dominating fashion with a 8-0-2 record in MIAA play."*

*-Chase Stewart  
The Legacy*

## Coach of the year

**Brad Soderberg - Men's Basketball**

*"Coach Soderberg led his team well this season. In their first season in the toughest conference in D2 basketball, the Lions went 12-6."*

*-Chase Stewart  
The Legacy*

## Game of the year

**Men's Basketball defeats UCM at home, 83-82**

*"It was a perfect Cinderella story that came down to the final buzzer. It was great to see the student body come together and pull out a big upset."*

*-Alex Ferrario  
LUTV/KCLC*

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# Another successful year for Lion sports

By Ryan Oldham  
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What a year for Lindenwood sports. A conference championship for men's soccer, a national champion in the first year of gymnastics, a men's volleyball win against one of the best teams in the country and most recently two of our fellow Lions were picked up to play in the NFL.

The transition from NAIA to NCAA is finally complete next semester and if this past year is anything to go off of, we are set for another successful year for Lindenwood sports.

Denodus O'Bryant and Andrew Helmick are the two players that are heading

to the next level. O'Bryant is arguably the best football player to wear the Lions' jersey, breaking records for the team all year.

O'Bryant is now the all-time leader in rushing yards and touchdowns scored, with 3,237 rushing yards and 62 touchdowns, and is the second Lion to be signed by the Indianapolis Colts, after DeDe Dorsey who won a Superbowl with the Colts in 2006.

Helmick can also end his college career with the knowledge that he was one of the best to play in Hunter Stadium, with 32 receiving touchdowns and 153 receptions for 2,828 yards to his name.

He will be making his way to Atlanta for the rookie

camp after being picked up by the Falcons.

Football was not only the place where the Lions excelled this season, with men's soccer picking up their first conference championship since 2009 in a 1-0 victory over Northeastern State University.

The programs star performer was freshman Fermin Hughes who won the Freshman of the Year award and was also selected as the first team goalkeeper in the All-Conference team after averaging 0.64 goals conceded.

Forward Andre Hayne and defenders Craig McTeer and Rodney Mays were also selected in the first team with Azeem Razwan and

Axel Duarte selected for the second team.

Arguably one of the best moments of the year in Lindenwood sports was the men's volleyball game against Lewis, beating the number seven team in the country, and not only beating them, but sweeping them in the process.

The game was another record-breaker for one student. Sophomore Colin Hackworth recorded a team-high of 18 kills with only four errors.

Down in the last set by three points, the Lions managed to come back and tie the game up before scoring two more points to win the final set and win the match. The scenes were erratic and everybody

on the court and in the stands knew exactly how big that moment was for Lindenwood volleyball.

Men's sports aren't the only thing that Lindenwood excelled in this year, with the inaugural season for women's gymnastics going brilliantly to say the least, and even producing a national champion among the team.

Freshman Rachel Zabawa scored a 9.875 on the beam which was enough to bring home a medal from the USAG National Championships.

The record breaking year for gymnastics is now over but the team can definitely be encouraged by their start, picking up three wins overall and two

against Centenary, the host school for the National Championships.

Alicia Floyd was also present at nationals, and made her way with Zabawa in to the USAG First Team as All-Americans. Zabawa completed the weekend with a combined score of 9.7875 which left her in fourth place overall.

Another season for Lindenwood sports is over but another is just a stone's throw away, which promises to be as exciting and record breaking as this one.

I would like to thank all of our readers over the past semester on behalf of the whole Legacy Sports Team and I hope that you carry on reading next semester on a weekly basis.

## LU hosts first intramural all-star game

By Sergio Villegas  
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Lindenwood intramurals hosted the first ever Intramural All-Star Game in the Evans Commons on Tuesday, April 30, with tip-off at 9:15 p.m. Events such as slam dunk and 3-point competitions were held during halftime.

The two teams, Black and Gold, were evenly matched and were composed of players from both basketball leagues that intramurals has to offer - recreation and competitive. The All-Stars were voted by their teammates after a couple of weeks of play during the season. A lively game would progress as the unpopular no dunking rule was lifted for the night.

The Black Team held the lead for most of the first half of play. The Gold

Team would get their second lead before halftime with 15 seconds to go before Richie Thompson made a tip-in with less than a second to put the Black Team in the lead by one. The score at half was 48-47.

There were four lead changes in the second half. With the Gold Team trailing by one point and only 5 seconds to go, Zack Weber made his final shot right under the basket to get the W for his team, 90-89. Weber was the leading scorer for the Gold Team with 22 points in the first half and finished the game with 36.

"It's great how close it was," said T.C. Brown, who is head of the Intramural Department.

Freshman Felipe Andrade who competed with the Black Team said,

"The game was a lot of fun and I really liked the support of the crowd." On losing Andrade added, "It happens."

Those who participated in the halftime events were not only players from the All-Star Game but walk-ons as well. Of the five students who participated in the dunk contest, it was Bretlan Bossom and Richie Thompson who were the two finalists. Thompson's last dunk, which included a self-assist off the wall behind the backboard, secured him the title of 2013 Slam Dunk Champion.

Thirteen guys and a single girl competed in the 3-point contest. Alex Schroeder would eventually come out on top as champion scoring thirteen 3-pointers in a minute in the final round.

## Kilometers for Chris

By Michael Sprague  
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Kilometers for Chris raised a total of \$4,500 for Chris Lister's recovery after being struck by a vehicle in January of 2012.

About 240 runners participated, which is 40 more than last year. The winner knew Chris very well. It was Chris' cousin, Jeff Statler.

Statler said, "Chris is my cousin. I was in the race for him so it was pretty cool to be the first one across the line."

For more information on ways to aid Chris' recovery

or stay up-to-date on next year's race, visit the Camp Chris Facebook page.



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Chris Lister was struck by a vehicle in a race he was participating in on Jan. 29, 2012. Lister's prognosis has improved, but is still uncertain.

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