Nick of Time Players improv team keeps LU laughing with their Halloween and Thanksgiving shows. Check out News for more on the team.

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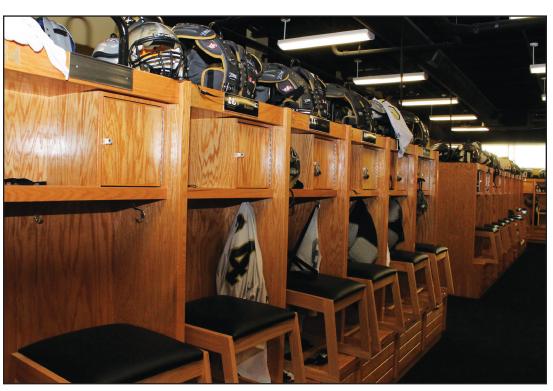
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Ribbon cutting ceremony opens Athletic Center











President Evans and other key members of the Linendwood community spoke on Tuesday, Nov. 13 last week at brand was unofficially opened earlier in the fall semester for parital use NCAA Lindenwood sports teams have locker rooms in the new facility, the teams include football, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer and women's

the grand opening ceremony of the new \$9 million Athletic Center.

Sterling Thomas transferred for rehabilitation

By Michael Sprague

Staff Reporter

According to a Lindenwood University press release, football player Sterling Thomas was transferred on Nov. 12 to a rehabilitation hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Thomas has been treated at a St. Louis area hospital following the Oct. 27 injury until his recent move.

The Shepherd Center is a non-for-profit hospital in Atlanta, Ga. which treats and rehabilitates patients specifically with brain or spinal cord injuries. It ranks among the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report.

Over 100 beds and 1,400 employees guarantees each patient a team of professionals who can tailor treatment plans specifically to their needs.

Each patient is matched with at least one of the following: MD, case manager, physical therapist, occupational therapist, respiratory therapist, speech and language pathologist, RN and a psychological counselor. Other therapists are assigned if futher treatment is required.

A three-page fact sheet about the hospital specifics and its programs can be found on the Shepherd Center website.

herd Center each year for all types of treatment. According to the website, programs like extensive family housing training, assistive technology, backto-school programs and peer support are designed to help patients adapt to their new life.

The peer support program matches former and current Shepherd Center patient volunteers with new Shepherd Center patients. Peers are matched together as close as possible by age and type of in-

Shepherd Center lists many of its available activities on its website. Eleven competitive sports teams provide motivation for patients for the future. Paralympic athletes even use the Shepherd Center as part of their training facility.

Many programs and activities link each patient with their own supportive community during their time at Shepherd and beyond.

There has not been any word on Thomas' specific accommodations at Shepherd. The university press release said that while the Thomas family appreciates the support, they ask for privacy as Sterling moves forward with his rehabilitation.

As for Thomas' LU family, support efforts have not stopped. Campus fundraising efforts continue

Patients from around the country travel to Shep- to raise money to help the Thomas family handle medical expenses. Black wristbands with white letters reading, "S.T. #27 - LU SOLDIER" continue to be sold online and through the football team for a minimum of \$1.

In addition, paper jerseys with the number 27 can be purchased and personalized by students also for a minimum of \$1. Jerseys are available outside the Spellmann and Evans Commons Dining Halls during weekdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They will be sent to Thomas and his family.

The St. Charles community is also continuing its support. The 27 for 27 event has drawn interest from local restaurants looking to help. On Nov. 27, 27 local restaurants will donate at least 10% of receipt totals from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. to the Sterling Thomas Contribution Account.

Sponsoring restaurants include McAlister's deli, Shamrock's, Helen Fitzgerald's, Grappa Grill and Padavan's NY. Some restaurants have already pledged as much as 50 percent of sales during the event.

Flyers with all restaurants, locations and donation amounts can be found throughout campus and must be presented to each individual restaurant for the donation to be made.

Nick of Time improv team brings laughs to LU

By Cole Figus Staff Reporter

Fresh from their Halloween night show on and their Nov. 11 Thanksgiving show, the improvisational troupe Nick of Time Players are getting ready for their next performance on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Roemer's Jekyll Theatre. As always, the show is free.

The Halloween show entertained a packed audience, and the auditorium got so full that some guests could view the show only in the standing room. The show featured a Halloween costume contest at intermission, and many in the audience dressed up for the event.

"The audience that night was really awesome," said Nick of Time Player Marissa Bioni. "The Halloween show has been my favorite improv show thus far."

The Thanksgiving show Morgan, a fan of the troupe.

saw the troupe divided into Thanksgiving-themed teams: Pilgrims vs. Native Americans, and they battled to see which team was more humorous. The Native American team won, but the Pilgrim team still kept the audience laughing all throughout the night.

The troupe called out for audience suggestions during both shows to make sure all the scenes are done in true improv spirit: with no preparation for their scenes. Once the suggestions were taken, the scenes began and nobody knew where the improv players will take the scene, the performers making it up as they go, using only their imaginations and wits.

"I always enjoy watching how the team incorporates the words audience members throw out at them into the games," said junior Heidi

Because of the nature of improv, it can be a difficult task to entertain an audience, and there is always a lot of pressure to be funny.

"The most challenging thing about being on the improv troupe is second-guessing your humor," said Nick of Time Player Jeffrey Brewer. "It is easy to be hard on yourself, but you should always just go for it without overthinking."

Second-guesses aside, the improv shows are consistently popular with students, and even patrons outside of Lindenwood.

"The Nick of Time Players always put on a great show," said LU junior Glendon Grapperhaus. "They are hilarious to watch and always guarantee

Brewer gave one more societal reason to come see an improv show.

"People should come to the



Members of the Nick of Time improv team are dressed for the Halloween show the team performed on Oct. 31.

next improv show because it is the Nick of Time Players' perimportant for our generation to witness live interactions between individuals without the assistance of social networking and prior scripting," Brewer said.

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through this event."

-Ava Schaeffer

ISF Leader

formance of the semester, and it will give students a needed break from studying during hold auditions at the beginfinals week.

"Laughter is the best way to get over the stress of fast-The Dec. 11 show will be approaching finals," said Nick of Time Player Katy Aull.

Following Christmas break, the Nick of Time Players will ning of next semester. Information on the audition will be available at the start of the spring semester.

ISF hosts Thanksgiving dinner for LU students

By Annette Schaeffer

Music Editor

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, the International Student Fellowship, along with Zion Harvester Lutheran Church and Grace Community Chapel, hosted the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Lindenwood international students. Around 150 people, including 94 Lindenwood international students, arrived at Zion Lutheran Church to eat a home cooked Thanksgiving meal.

"ISI (Inernational Students Incorperated) in St. Louis has been providing monthly dinners to international students and scholars in the St. Louis area for about 25 years," said ISF leader Ava Schaeffer. "The Thanksgiving dinner is one of our most highly attended events."

Several other Lindenwood organizations also played a hand in the evening, helping with serving meals and clean-up.

Crusade for Christ) and the Lindenwood Swing Dance

Club to network with us and I'm so glad that they did," Schaeffer said.

According to Zion's Director of Christian Education Aaron Hansen, the dinner featured 13 20-pound turkeys, nearly 50 pounds of potatoes and well over 40 pies. The food was provided and cooked by several families from both Zion Lutheran and Grace Community Chapel.

"This is a terrific opportunity for students to get off campus and meet local American families, who each host a table," Schaeffer said. "Many students make last-

"This year, we invited InterVarsity, CRU (Campus ing friendships within the local community through this

These tables were asked to answer questions to get people to share about their different cultures, such as: 'What is your favorite part about your culture?' After answering the questions, a representative from each table would get up and share their responses.

Dr. Sue Hasselbring was the featured speaker for the evening discussing cross cultural communication with the audience.

"Sue's area of expertise is helping multiple language groups solve communication issues," Schaeffer said. The night wrapped up with a dance session. The Swing Dance Club taught students a few moves and then let them dance to swing music for the rest of the evening.

"I was delighted with the turnout for the event this year," Schaeffer said. "We're working on progressive dinners in spring semester."

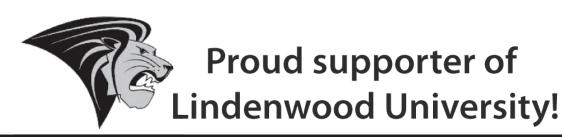
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Miss Missouri USA crowned

By Morgan Woolard Contributing Writer

On Nov. 4, Ellie Holtman and Brenda Smith-Lezama were crowned Miss Missouri USA and Miss Missouri Teen USA 2013 at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

Lindenwood broadcast the pageant with LU Operations Director Ed Voss in charge of televising the shows, while his students helped film.

"It was great to have the opportunity to film the pageant," said Susie Evans, a Lindenwood sophomore. "I really wanted to see the show, but being a part of the film crew allowed me to do so much more and even go backstage."

The preliminary and final night was televised live throughout Missouri and was rebroadcast on Nov. 10 and 11 for those who missed the show.

"It was exciting to hear the pageant was live," said Danielle Goldsmith, Lindenwood graduate, who also participated in the Miss Missouri pageant. "I couldn't forget that as I was walking on stage, (that) I was performing not only for the audience, but the live viewers as well."

Jaclyn Debrucque, a former Miss Colorado competitor, who recently moved to Missouri, made it as a Miss Missouri semifinalist and plans to use her scholarship to attend Lindenwood next spring or

"I felt more of an adrenaline rush and excitement than when I was competing in Colorado because it was on TV," Debrucque said.

Debrucque said she was impressed by the entire crew and the professionalism of the students and staff.

streamed live www.lindenwood. edu/lutv, allowing family members from all over the country and

fans across the world the ability to tune Lindenwood students, is at-

in and watch. "I loved that it was online because my sister, who lives in Oklahoma, was able to watch me compete even though she couldn't make it out to Missouri," Debrucque said.

The contestants were not the only people left impressed by the pageant. The Miss Missouri USA directors were as well.

"The pageant hasn't been televised in years," said Jennifer Vannatta-Fisher, co-owner of the Miss Missouri USA pageant. "We are so honored to partner with Lindenwood and we hope to continue it for many years to come."

Vannatta-Fisher mentioned how she loved seeing the in Miss Missouri USA.

young women with former teen titles come back to compete in the Miss division.

Paige Hill, graduating from Lindenwood in May. was Miss Oklahoma Teen USA 2007. She competed in the Miss Missouri division for the first time and was placed as the first runner-up The pageant was broadcast to the winner, Holtman, Hill, locally and ______ like many

> "Being a business student at Lindenwood helped me in my preparation for Miss Missouri USA."

> > -Victoria Wiggins Student

> > > tending the university on the scholarship she won as a teen titleholder.

> > > Hill also won the Best in Interview award. Lauren Petersen, aLindenwood senior, won Miss Missouri Teen USA 2007. Another former on the stage was Breanna Huellinghorst-Miss Missouri Teen USA 2006. She placed second runner-up this year and last year.

> > > Victoria Wiggins, another Miss Missouri competitor, is attending Lindenwood from a scholarship she received in the 2008 Miss Oklahoma Teen USA pageant. Wiggins said her courses at Lindenwood gave her the confidence and knowledge to seek the employment position

"Being a business student at Lindenwood helped me in my preparation for Miss Missouri USA," Wiggins said. "In many of my core classes I am taught how to prepare and apply for jobs and in entering the pageant, that's what I was doing-applying for a job."

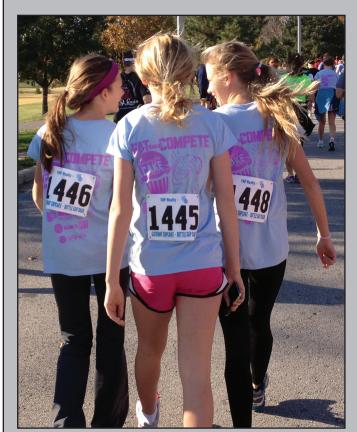
While only two women went home with a crown and sash, no one in the contest left empty-handed. Since Lindenwood is partnered with Vanbros & Associates, the directors of the Miss Missouri USA and Miss Missouri Teen USA pageants, any delegate who participates in the pageant has the opportunity to pursue and obtain a college education.

Holtman and Smith-Lezama won a \$57,000 Lindenwood grant. The four runners-up in each category won \$48,000, the semifinalists won \$37,600 and every contestant in the pageant won \$33,600. Each participant was also given \$2,400 for work-study.

Joe Parisi, the Lindenwood dean of admissions, was one of the five judges in the Miss division this year, and made the Lindenwood scholarships official for each competitor.

The Miss Missouri USA and Miss Missouri Teen USA pageants are planned to be hosted at Lindenwood again next year. Tune in next to NBC in May to rewatch Miss Missouri USA 2013.

Cupcake Run makes running a new favorite



Legacy photo by Killian Walsh Three girls walk in the first annual Gateway Cupcake Run on Nov. 10.

By Killian Walsh Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Nov. 10, young and old gathered in Forest Park for the first annual Gateway Cupcake Run. All proceeds were donated to the Lift For Life Academy.

The run was set up as a five kilometer race throughout Forest Park. At each kilometer, a cupcake corral was set up for runners to eat. If runners ate a big cupcake, they were given a five minute deduction while a small cupcake was only worth a two minute deduction. At the end of the race, all deductions were taken from the finishing time.

Becca Moss, who is on her school's cross country team, said, "It's going to be fun just being with everyone and seeing them eat all the cupcakes and puking."

There were a total of 898 runners. Of the 898, 722 of them were "eaters," stopping at the corrals throughout the race and attempting to eat the cupcakes. The other 176 people were "competitors," running the race straight through.

Maria Thurston, another runner, said, "It was so much fun because it was such a unique race. You burned off what you were eating."

At the conclusion of the race, runners were offered complimentary water and food trucks were set up for purchase. Each runner also received a T-shirt and race bib. For more information or for race results, visit bigshark. com and search Cupcake Run.

offers course abroad in C

By Amanda Inocencio

Contributing Writer

Lindenwood is offering a course abroad to China for undergraduate and graduate students. The Chinese-based course will count as an International Study class for MBA students and as Global Business and Society class for the undergraduate students.

Students will arrive on Dec. 27 at Beijing for a 12 day stay and take a guided tour around the city, visiting locations such as the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, and experience riding a dragon boat, a seasonal Beijing attraction.

Students will go to Badaling next in north Beijing and have the chance to know more about the Great Wall of China. They will be treated to other cultural opportunities, including participating in a tea ceremony and riding the most popular mode of transportation in China: the hutongs rickshaw, which provides a unique view of Beijing, but is more expensive than the typical taxi.

Another optional popular attraction students will be able to witness is the Legend of Kung Fu Show. The performance celebrates the philosophy and skill of martial arts through storytelling, acrobatics, modern dance and music.

The Beijing attraction students will visit is the Temple of Heaven Park. Here, students will be served a Peking duck dinner, a famous dish.

After Beijing, the students will fly to Xi'an, one of the oldest cities in China and visit the provincial Shaanxi Historical Museum, featuring the Terracotta warriors, a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of the first Emperor of China consisting for funerary art.

Students will take another guided tour in Xi'an, visiting the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, an ancient building that is considered sacred to Buddhists. Students will have the opportunity to ride bikes around the ancient City Wall and eat dinner at the Tang Dynasty, a world-class theater and restaurant.

Once their stay in Xi'an is over, the students will go to Guilin and travel to Yangshuo, where they will spend time in West Street, one of the oldest streets in Yangshuo, and the "foreign language center" in China. Students will

also take a Li River bamboo raft excursion, climb Moon Hill and experience more art with an optional theater show, the "Liu Sanjie" performance.

On the last days of the trip, the students will visit the Shanghai World Financial Center, a skyscraper consisting of offices, hotels, conference rooms, opservation decks and a shopping mall. It is the second-highest hotel in the world.

On the last day, the students will take a tour to Shanghai, visiting the Jade Buddha Temple, the Yu Yuan Garden, and will watch a Chinese acrobatics show.

Daniel Rodgers, a Lindenwood graduate student going on the 12 day trip, said that Shanghai is one of the places that he is most excited for. "I like to travel and learn about different cultures," he said. "This will be my first international travel."

Aside from China, more places are available for J-term travel such as Spain, Costa Rica and France.

For more information about the China trip, other J-Term travel opportunities and Study Abroad programs, visit www.lindenwood.edu/ academics/studyabroad.html.

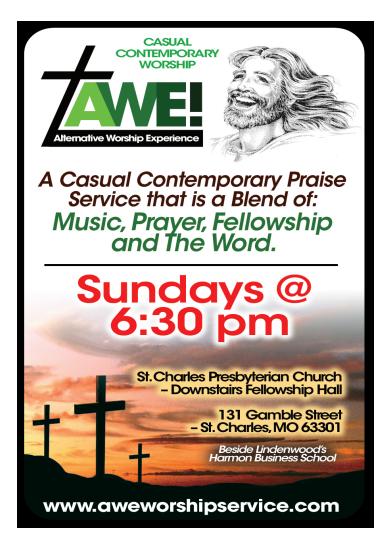
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Work and Learn concerns

Is Lindenwood Work in their faces that they are dent goes through when and Learn truly fair? When looking around the campus, there are numerous jobs that a student can do in order to gain money for his or her room and board. The only problem that lies with the program is if the job requirements for each position are equal to one another.

Personally, I feel that worker, the requirements are not equal to each other. When ing I watch students over at the Spellmann/Evans cafeteria "slave" behind the hot grease pits, stoves, and heat lamps to serve others their food, I can tell

suffering.

job. But, when comparing Work and Learn in the caf-

a job as a resident advisor, or a security office workcafthe eterias is hands

eterias to



down drastically harder. My concern lies with

the stress factor each stu-

they have to gain their 150 I know that a job is a hours for each semester. I feel that it is unfair how one student has to work

> every hour on the hour, while others can perform 15 minute tasks that are equivalent to two hours.

There should be slight revisions made so that every student

ceives an equal, fair duty required for the same amount of money.

Blown calls, cause a tie

I was hoping that once onds ticked off the clock 2008. the NFL got the real referees back in action, the bad calls would stop. But right into the Nov. 11 St. not seem like a big deal,

Louis Rams vs. San Francisco 49ers game, I was proven wrong. Not only were there blown calls, but the clock was terribly mismanaged by the referees, and I felt the game outcome

was affected by it. In the second quarter NFL since Cincinnati and sible job so this doesn't

for no reason, and the referees didn't catch it.



of the game, over 70 sec- Philadelphia tied 13-13 in happen again.

I feel that the referees didn't do a good job dur-Normally, this might ing overtime getting the ball placed between plays and wasted a lot of time. Don't get me wrong, I'm game not blaming the referees for the tie. The Rams made a lot of mistakes, including a boneheaded penalty on a potential game-winning 80-yard This pass in overtime. I think the NFL needs to take a t h e look at who controls the first clock for the games and make sure the referees are doing the best pos-

Republicans shot themselves in the foot

Democratic-controlled Senate that has not passed a budget in over three years. 7.9 percent unemployment, \$16 trillion in government debt. One might think that these completely abysmal numbers put up by our current President and the Senate leadership would have swept their opposition into power. It only seems logical that such pathetic leadership would require a change in government.

Wrong. It's not that these numbers aren't bad, because they are. It's not that our President isn't grossly incompetent, because he is. No, the blame for this embarrassing election debacle lies with one entity and one entity alone: the Republican Party.

Throughout this entire election cycle, Republicans have done nothing but eat their own and hurt their own case with the American people. Everything from the dirty Republican Senate primary, to the disgusting display of pettiness at the St. Charles Republican caucuses where the process was shut down in just seven minutes due to the infighting between members of the same party, has shown the American people that the Republican Party is simply too fractured to be an effective governing body. No matter what you think of the Democratic Party and their politics, you have to give them one thing: they have unity.

Back when Joe Biden made his "Put ya'll nearly every Republican in the nation, back in chains" gaffe on the campaign trail starting with Mitt Romney, jumped on in Virginia to a majority black audience,

you didn't see any Democrats rushing to throw him under the bus. Don't you think that if a Republican had made a similar remark to the same audience that every GOP officeholder in the nation would have rushed to repudiate him? They most certainly would have.

We witnessed it right here in Missouri when



Jeremy Broadbooks

Todd Akin for his remarks

on rape. Abraham Lincoln, one of the founders of the Republican Party, is famously quoted as saying "a house divided against itself cannot stand" and unless the Republican Party gets its act together and learns something from Honest Abe, they can look for a lot more Democratic victories in years to come.

A long road ahead for the president and the Democrats

The United States election cycle is finally over for another two years. After \$2 billion in ads from political campaigns, and countless bickering between Democrats and Republicans, the country has come out with the same federal government setup as it did before going into the election.

President Obama won his re-election bid out to try and smear the Republiwith a 332-206 electoral vote win and a 51percent-48 percent popular vote victory over Republican challenger Governor Mitt Romney.

After countless months of campaigning in the nine swing states, President Obama was able to hold on to eight of them. North Carolina was the only state from the prevican column.

Lindenwood student and Sophomore Ryan Blackwell said, "President Obama ran one of the most negative and hateful campaigns I've ever seen. He went all can ticket just to win re-election." Both sides were negative as citizens witnessed on the campaign trail and in the debates.

The president was scrutinized for a number of events that happened during the election cycle.

ous election that returned into the Republi- There was the "Fast and Furious" scandal where two American border guards



with hundreds of Mexicans along the Mexico/U.S. border. the Benghazi (Libya) terrorist attack which led to the death of the first U.S. ambassador since 1979 and three other U.S. citizens.

killed

along

In the end, voters cast their ballot for another four years of a Democrat-controlled Senate and White House. The Republicans kept control of the House and face a daunting task ahead.

The U.S. is facing many problems at the The president also rebeginning of the 2013 fiscal year with masceived a lot of scruti- sive tax hikes and large spending cuts could ny for his handling of lead to another recession. "It's time for the president to lead," said House Speaker John Boehner (R - Ohio). Voters are anxious to see what this administration does about the still struggling economy.

> The clock keeps ticking as Americans wait for an answer.

HE SAID / SHE SAID

Deer Hunting:

Justified or Unethical?

By Branden Swyers Managing Editor

Although many people may think that deer hunting and killing animals for sport is a distasteful way of gaining pleasure, I would have to disagree. As far back as historians look, people have killed animals in order to survive, even if it may not have always been for sport.

I would say to the people who think killing deer for sport is cruel that they need to look at the facts before they label hunters as the bad guys. The fact is, deer hunting is simply a method of controlling the deer population. People do not realize the real harm of having a deer overpopulation.

What do you non-hunters eat? Chances are even if you are a vegetarian, you would be affected if the deer population went up. What is it that you think deer eat?

Deer cause harm to farmers. They eat the crops that could end up in non-

hunters' stomachs. If deer were left to overpopulate, a shortage of crops would more than likely ensue. This means that prices of common things like corn would go up.

It is a simple supply and demand equation. If there is a shortage of gas, the prices goes up. If farmers do not yield as many crops because deer are eating them, prices go up.

So not only would not hunting deer have an effect on the way nature works but it would also hurt the economy. The taxidermy businesses would take a huge hit, deer hunting supplies companies would go out of business and rural communities who see a jump in their local economy during deer season would be hurt.

The conservation department exists for a reason. Hence their name "conservation." They work to ensure that every aspect of nature stays in a fluid existence. If deer hunting was wrong, don't you think a government agency would do something about it?

By Killian Walsh Staff Reporter

Hunting is a big waste of time and money. You spend a ton of money on the right kinds of guns, get your hunting license and clothes to blend in with the environment and spend countless hours waiting in the cold on the off chance that a deer will run past you. Sorry, but that doesn't sound appealing to me.

I would much rather spend my time sleeping or spend my money on clothes that I would want to wear in public than go hunting.

There are a few other issues I have with hunting, other than the aesthetics. One: you're killing an animal in the flesh. The deer probably did nothing to you, yet you



surprise it on its morning trot with a bullet to the chest. Correct me if I'm wrong but that sounds a little harsh.

I'm not a vegetarian or anything. However, I wasn't present in the killing of my chicken strips. I didn't hide in a tree and shoot the cow that made my burger.

Although animals are slaughtered so that I can eat meat, that's the way of life. If humans don't eat meat, they will have trouble replacing that protein in their diet. However, I don't find leisure in killing animals. I find leisure else-

where. No matter how you phrase it, hunting isn't like fishing. You can't just throw the deer back into the forest after you shoot it. Why? Because it's most likely dead.





Legacy photos by Jenny Bruhn.

Various types and styles of hats are shown to provide accent ideas to your wardrobe as the cold months arise.

By Bailey Compton Fashion Writer

In the brisk fall and winter months, hats can be both functional and decorative. Here is a quick reference guide to wearing different types:

-Wide-brimmed wool/felt hats look great with medium to long wavy hair. Try to keep them neutral or in deep jewel tones. Mirror the softness of this hat's shape by wearing it with a cozy sweater or a long, loose dress or skirt.

-Felt cloche hats are adorable with short hair or hair that is pulled into a low bun or ponytail. "Cloche" is French for "bell", which describes this hat's small round shape. They often have bows, flowers, or other details and look great with just about anything. You can also try rolling part, or all, of the brim up for different looks.

-Fedoras still remain as a big trend for all seasons. They work with a multitude of hairstyles. As with other hats, confidence is key. With confidence, you can wear a fedora with a simple t-shirt and jeans, or a dress and boots. For fall and winter, try looking for wool or felt fedoras in deep colors/ neutrals. Many have accents such as ribbons and feathers that add texture.

-Vintage hats come in all shapes, styles and colors. Fascinators and pillbox hats look charming with party or cocktail dresses. Try working a vintage hat into your wardrobe by wearing it with a simple outfit: perhaps a fitted black tee and slim jeans. Don't feel like you need to wear a costume to go with your vintage hat. They can also be fun at holiday parties.

When wearing hats, it's important to be confident and don't overdo it with other accessories. Many hats are quirky and look great on their own. As hats become trendier, stores like Target carry many chic options, at prices less than \$25. Explore the different types before you say "hats just don't look good on me" and have fun!

'Dos!' impresses despite chaos

By Annette Schaefer Music Editor

After recent outbursts at the iHeartRadio Festival, singer Billie Joe Armstrong's rehab stay, the cancellation of tour dates and the release of Uno!, Dos!, Green Day's second installment of their current album trilogy, may have gotten lost in the commotion. everything, Despite Dos! was still released on Nov. 13 and seems to have come out strong.

Dos! is a 13-track album journey of high energy and even a few mellow moments. While Uno! is reminiscent of the classic Green Day sound, Dos! seems to be taking cues from the band's side project, The Foxboro Hot Tubs, which harbors a "60s garagerock" sound. Songs such as "Lady Cobra" and the single "Stray Heart" play with retro themes, giving the album a rawer feel than its predecessor. Dos! shows some experimentation with the hip-hop based "Nightlife" featuring Lady Cobra, althoug not a hightlihgt of the album, it demonstrates

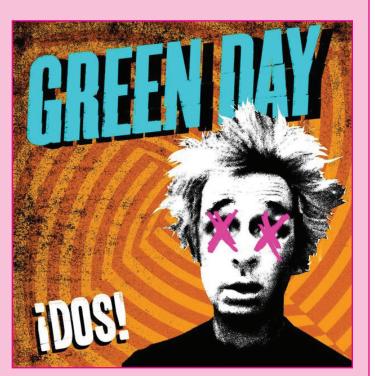


Photo Courtesy of digitalspy.com Green Day's latest album cover for Dos!, the newest relase of their trilogy. The final album, Tre!, will be out in Dec. 11.

Green Day's ability to appreciate the past and still

move forward. appears to have an overall party vibe, there are a a few notches. In "Lazy Bones," Armstrong pleads for "some piece of mind" singing out his frustration in laid-back fashion. In "Amy," the album closes on a somber note in homage to the late singer Amy Winehouse craft.

singing, "Amy don't you go, I want you around..."

Overall, the album is Even though the album a great compilation of songs. There are few moments, much like in *Uno!*, couple of tracks that bring where the band seems to the festive mood down rely too much on their old musical sound, even bordering on sounding exactly the same, but those are easily overlooked. Dos! is a great mix of sounds, traditional and new, and proves that Green Day is still the masters of their

Final films for fall series

By Madeleine Heppermann Entertainment Editor

Looking for something fun to do but short on cash? Need a way to relax amidst studying for finals? Worry not, the Lindenwood Film Series has the answer. Young Auditorium is wrapping up its fall semester film series in the next few weeks by showing award-winning dramas "Melancholia"

on Nov. 30, "Tree of Life" on Dec. 1 and "Alien" on Dec. 7, as well as the newly released sci-fi film "Prometheus" on Dec. 8.

All screenings take place in the Young Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free to any Lindenwood student with his or her ID. Concessions are available outside the theater for \$1 apiece. For more information, visit www.lindenwood.edu/film/.

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Student production continues Christmas tradition



Photo Courtesy of www.lindenwood.edu/center A student plays Scrooge in a past production of "A Christmas Carol."

By Lindsay Vaughn Staff Reporter

In celebration of the Christmas season, Lindenwood is setting up for their annual performance of "A Christmas Carol."

"A Christmas Carol" is based on the popular novel written by Charles Dickens in 1843. There have been many interpretations of the famous book but for the past three decades, Lindenwood has taken on the challenge of making Dickens' characters come to life on stage.

The story is centered on a miserable man named Ebenezer Scrooge who owns a counting house and is strict with his mon-

ey. He will not even pay for coals to heat his business and leaves his clerk, Bob Cratchit, to work in the cold.

During the story, Scrooge is visited by his deceased business partner, Jacob Marley. Marley is burdened with chains and tells Scrooge if he doesn't change his ways, he will be bound by the same chains and doomed to wander the Earth just like him. He then tells him that three ghosts will visit him that night.

The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Yet to Come each visit Scrooge

of his past and present such as his ex-fiancé, Belle, his nephew, Fred, and his clerk, Bob Cratchit, in the hopes Scrooge will regret his selfish ways and start living a more charitable life.

All of the actors featured in the production mance will be held at the are Lindenwood students. Students from each grade the Arts in the Bezemes level play roles both big and small in the university's largest productions. 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. Scrooge is played by Steven Finkle, Bob Cratchit students can pick up two by Cole Figus, Jacob Marley by Shane Bosillo, the Ghost of Christmas Past by Erin Mcraven, the Ghost of Christmas Present by Toby Gastler, and it: www.lindenwood.edu/ and take him to visit people Mrs. Cratchit is played by center/.

Tanya Sapp. The production is directed by Nick Kelly, who has directed Lindenwood plays in the past and participated in the Nick of Time improv group.

The student perfor-J. Scheidegger Center of Family Theater on Nov. 29-30 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Lindenwood complimentary tickets for the performance at the box office with proof of ID. For more information about "A Christmas Carol," vis-

Black Friday gears up to meet everyone's wants

Bv Melissa Spears Fashion Editor

As Thanksgiving Day arrives, extreme shoppers gear up for another year of the Black Friday deal phenom-

This is the second year that various stores across the country will open their doors early on Thanksgiving evening and remain open until the early morning or late afternoon on Friday.

Every year, big department stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Macy's and even Kohl's compete with various items and low priced deals that will attract the every need of their shop-

As parents prepare for a long night of shopping for their children, college students stand in line to provide gifts for their family and to expand their home away from home with electronics at prices they can't find throughout the school year.

This event that comes once every year is something everyone can't miss out on. We've talked to various students on what their go-for items are this holiday.



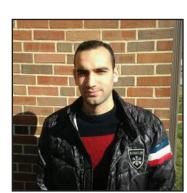
"I'd like to get a Michael Kors purse."

-Constanza Flores Junior



"I'm going to go to Wal-Mart to buy a battery operator for a BMW for my niece."

-Charles Harrmann Freshman



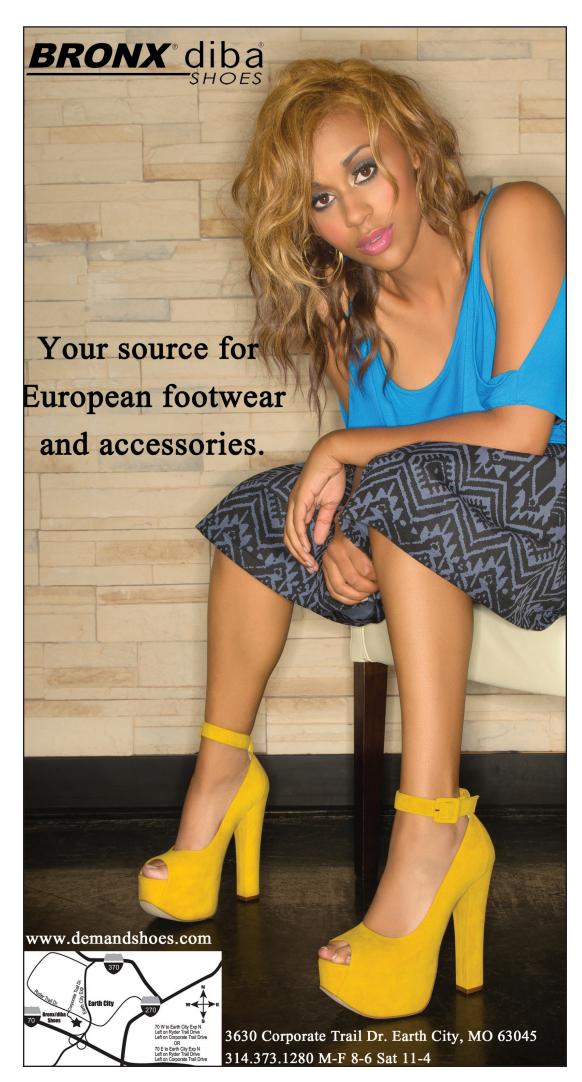
"Best Buy...anything I can get."

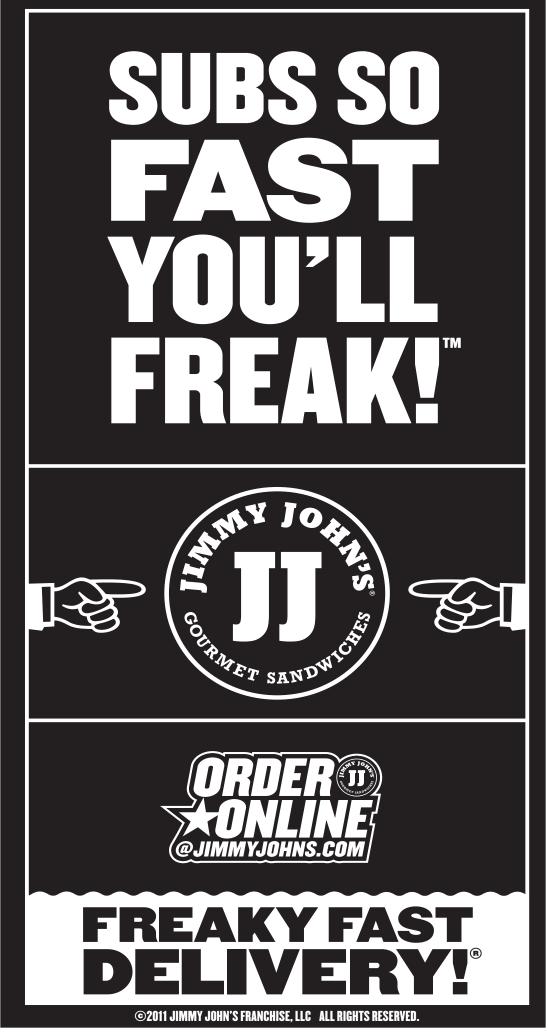
-Amer Mand Graduate



"I'm going to Victoria Secret because everything is going to be 50 percent off."

-Mary Boudreau Freshman





Women's hockey enters NCAA Division I

By John Tessmer Staff Reporter

In its first season as a member of NCAA Division I, the women's hockey coaching staff expects the "entire program, players and coaches, to grow a lot this year, to up our competitive level, and to compete with each

and every team that we play all season long."

As a part of NCAA Division I, the team will be facing off against some of the best wom.

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high as far as women's hockey is concerned. It's all the best in the world from the U.S. and Europe, so you are competing with all of the Olympians, all the world-class student athletes, and some of the most prominent Universities in the Country," Head Coach Vince O'Mara pointed out.

In a schedule stacked full of games against all of the strongest programs in the country, the team will face-off against NCAA Division I powerhouses such as Wisconsin and Mercyhurst.

"We purposely had a very strong schedule because we

feel as a coaching staff that it will help improve and help us accomplish our goals quicker then playing a weaker schedule," O'Mara said. While the team is not doing the best in terms of wins

and losses, the coaching staff has seen many improvements along the course of the season.

the girls that were freshmen last year. They learned a ers up front for us. On defense we've got Chelsea Wit-



Courtesy photo by Don Adams Jr.

The Lindenwood Lions women's hockey team fell to Mercyhurst with a final score 6-0 on Saturday, Nov. 3 during a home game.

great deal last year as far as commitment level, training level that is needed to compete at this level. They learned, unfortunately, how to lose last year and how to rebound from it. Even the incoming freshmen from this year have grown and matured a lot already this year," O'Mara said.

The team is fairly young, with only ten players older than a junior. Many players, from freshman to seniors step up to and make their presence known. Including team captain, Brett Lobreau, six more players have stepped up and helped lead the Lady Lions.

"Allysa West is having a great season for us up front. "I've seen great improvements, especially from all of Allysson Arcibol and Alison Wickenheiser are two lead-

wicke, a transfer from Niagara University, who has really come in and been a main stay on the point for us. We've got a great group of goal tenders, Taylor Fairchild from last year who we used all of last year and incoming freshman Nicole Hensley has just come in and accepted the challenge and has battling for the number one spot since the first day in camp," O'Mara explained.

After facing off against St. Cloud State in Minnesota this past week, the Women will face off against College Hockey America rival, Penn State University on Nov. 16 and 17 at the Lindenwood University Ice Arena in Wentzville. The team is looking to pack the house and compete very well against the Nittany Lions, so don't

Guns 'N' Hoses duke it out on Thanksgiving eve

By Michael Sprague Staff Reporter

One night a year, Missouri and Illinois police officers and firefighters take a break from fighting crime and fires, and start fighting each other.

Guns N' Hoses is a charity boxing event held annually the night before Thanksgiving and features a police officer versus a firefighter in each bout.

Approximately 40 fighters take to the ring each year for three one-minute rounds to raise money for BackStoppers Inc.

This year's competition, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Scottrade Center, features 21 bouts, 18 between men

and three between women.

As expected, safety measures are put in place to protect competitors from serious injury. Retired Lt. John Burke of the St. Louis Police Department says that most boxers are in they fight.

"Typically they train 11 weeks," Burke said. "When they sign up we register them through the state boxing commission and they take a physical."

The most severe injuries to occur have been a few broken noses, something Burke says is "nothin' to worry about."

"We were doing everything wrong," Burke said

had 750 people there and annual donations to the half of the tickets we gave away. The next year we decided we were going to get some guys who know what they are doing."

Now in its 24th year of operation, the Guns N' peak condition by the time Hoses production team has found the formula for success. In the first 25 years, \$3.2 million dollars has been raised.

> BackStoppers Inc. has been the lone beneficiary since the start of the event. This organization supports the families of police officers, firefighters and paramedics lost in the line of duty.

Local sponsors like Boeing, Budweiser and of the first show. "We Dave Sinclair Ford make

event. Burke also says that Scottrade Center helps aids the event generously.

"They only take a couple bucks from each ticket," Burke said. "It's only to pay the limited people they have working, and the rest are volunteers."

The event usually hits at least 13,000 attendees, but can sometimes get up to as many as 17,000.

Burke says it is a mustsee event for anyone who likes to be entertained or likes helping out a great cause.

Tickets for the event range from \$10-30 and can be purchased online at Scottradecenter.com or Ticketmaster.com.

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LU welcomes billiards team for innaugural season

By Chase Stewart Staff Reporter

Last February, Lindenwood Athletics Department contacted longtime professional billiards player and instructor Mark Wilson about the opportunity of a lifetime.

Wilson was asked to become the head coach of LU's brand new billiards program. Wilson says it was an offer too good to refuse. "The fact that they wanted it to be a first-rate program was compelling for me. They wanted to scholarship athletes for billiards and give me a lot of freedom with the program, so that was very compelling," said Wilson.

Wilson has been a professional billiards player for 35 years, spending much of the time ranked among the sport's top 25 players in the world. He also spent time as a coach, instructor and professional billiard commentator for ESPN and FOX Sports.

Wilson noted his love for billiards, along with the opportunity to teach the game to a younger player demographic, as the driving motives behind his decision to come aboard as LU's inaugural billiards coach. "I do this to honor all the people that taught me the game growing up, and to give back to the sport itself. The sport itself is in a bit of a decline, and if I can, I want to be a part of seeing it resurface and rise to new heights," said Wilson.

In their first season of competition, the billiards team is beginning to pick up steam as the season progresses. After starting the season with four consecutive losses to club teams, the team is experiencing some success against college opponents. At a tournament hosted by Purdue University on Oct. 20, the Lions won the 15-ball competition and finished fifth in both the eightball and nine-ball events.

The Lions followed up the strong Purdue showing with another successful tournament appearance at the University of Michigan from Nov. 2-4. The Lions placed eighth in the 16 team field, and managed to score a victory against Virginia Tech, the nation's top team, in the this opportunity, I knew process.





Legacy photos by Christie Blecher The Lindenwood Lions billiards team opens with its innaugural season this fall. Mark Wilson leads LU's innaugural billiards team.

Freshmen Sean Sommers and Dan Otto put together strong performances at the Michigan tournament. Sommers' performance earned him a nomination for the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award, the winner of which will be announced at a later date, and Otto's effort earned him the honor of the tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

Otto appreciated the recognition for the award and stated that he is excited to be a member of this groundbreaking program. "We've got a top notch program in the making here, and I'm very excited to be a part of it. I came back to school last year and when I heard about I had to see what it was all about and get involved. I'm thankful for the great experience it has been thus far," said Otto.

Otto also noted how excited he is to improve individually as the season advances and to see how the team improves collectively. "We're already making leaps and bounds, and Mark is the main factor behind that, but I know we have a lot more improving ahead of us. I really want to pick my game up as we move along and see us win some more tournaments along the way. We're developing friendships as a team as we go along and that's only going to contribute to our success on the table," said Otto.

Aside from developing a successful program in regards to competition, Wilson believes there are other important virtues that he wants his program to embody. "I set an expectation in which all members of our team must maintain a 3.0 GPA. I want them to give back to the school with their efforts academically to show our gratitude for all that the school has done for us. We're also going to do some benevolent exhibitions and trick shows for those who have served our country in veterans' hospitals as well as underprivileged kids. In this program, you're going to learn about pool and academics, but you're absolutely going to learn how to give back in the name of the sport," said Wilson.

he is expecting big things

from the program in the future. "We've got something really historic brewing here. The eyes of the entire billiards world are focused on us and want to see how we improve and hopefully, bring some interest back to the sport of billiards. We're already competitive in our very first year and I want us to be the best program out there, and with the current team, along with the new recruits I have coming in, I believe we will be," said Wilson.

The Lions traveled to the University of Illinois for their next tournament on Nov. 17. Following that, the Lions will compete against Southern Illinois University and Quincy University on Dec. 1 and Jan. 26 respec-Coach Wilson added that tively to conclude their inaugural season.

