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## Bridge construction causes hassle for students



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The westbound section of the Blanchette Bridge of I-70 is under renovation until fall 2013. On Sunday, Nov. 25, a section of the bridge was blasted. West bound traffic has been diverted to the eastbound side.

**By Enjoli Burback**  
Contributing Writer

Commuter students may be facing a higher amount of traffic and frustration due to the \$63 million rehabilitation and shutdown of the westbound Blanchette Bridge (I-70 Missouri River bridge). The bridge will remain closed until next fall.

During construction, the eastward bridge has three lanes running in each direction. Morning eastward rush hour traffic backs up to High-

way 94 (First Capitol Drive), and even further back, and the evening/afternoon traffic is also affected.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) officials say motorists should take alternate routes to avoid the bridge, such as Highway 370 that connects to I-270 and the Highway 364 Page Extension to travel between St. Louis and St. Charles Counties.

"Repairs without closure could be made, but that doesn't solve the main issue,"

MoDot officials said.

Students such as sophomore Killian Walsh are finding themselves driving through alternate routes home to visit family and friends off-campus. Walsh said, "Taking Route 370 is a serious pain because I have to go through stop signs and stop lights and it takes forever just to get back home to Illinois."

Senior Michael Sprague, who commutes from the Central West End, said, "Normally I leave a half

hour before class. That hasn't changed too much. I used to take Highway 40 to 270 to I-70 right to campus in the morning, but now I take 40 to 270 to the Page Extension (Highway 364), then take 94. The bridge still moves pretty well at 40 mph when it is not rush hour, but I still try to avoid it if possible."

Sprague also noticed "six police cars between 94 and 270 on the Page Extension."

The I-70 traffic was temporarily stopped on Sunday morning as crews blasted

a section of the east bridge into the river below. MoDot officials said the eastbound bridge will handle the westbound bridge traffic as construction continues.

Senior Justin Broome said, "I was watching a football game with some friends when we heard a blast. It sounded like a loud boom that carried pretty far, almost like a far distant gun shot."

In addition to reconstructing the blown-out portion, crews plan to replace existing truss spans the driving sur-

face, edge barrier walls and all expansion joints. Crews will repair or replace some parts including the structural steel in the first nine spans of the bridge on the St. Charles County side, and concrete on the bridges, and paint the steel portions of the bridge.

For more information, contact I-70 Tom Evers, the Blanchette Bridge Project manager, or Community Relations Coordinator Linda Wilson Horn at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636).

## Muslim students seek private prayer room

**By Emily Adair**  
Staff Reporter

Lindenwood has a diverse student body with 1,004 international students from 90 different countries, according to the Office of International Students and Scholars. Faculty members Darrin Mamone and Dr. Michael Mason are in the early stages of developing a prayer space in order to make Lindenwood's global community more inclusive to its Muslim population.

Mehman Sadigov and Brianna Althage, Muslim students that work with Mamone in the Spellmann computer lab, currently use the office as a private space for prayers. Sadigov was recently approached by several Saudi students who were inquiring about a prayer room on campus.

"Lindenwood has 40-50 Saudi Arabian students who need somewhere to pray," Sadigov said. "We go to a mosque on Fridays. . .but we pray every day, five times a day. We need

somewhere on campus that Muslims can go to."

"And there are a lot of other Muslim students on campus, not just Saudis," Althage added.

Mamone noticed that many students rush home between classes or skip meals to get to a prayer service. After discussing the issue with Sadigov and Althage, and hearing other students talking about the same concerns, Mamone decided to find a way to make some accommodations for Muslims attending Lindenwood.

"As a faculty member, I am here for the students," said Mamone. "When I see something that stinks, I have to do something about it."

He suggested that the issue be discussed with Dr. Michael Mason, the chair of the Department of Religion, to see what accommodations could be made for Muslim students. Dr. Mason agreed to do what he could for the students.

Mason said the Sibley Chapel is one possible location for the prayer space. The chapel is currently used for Catholic mass

on Sunday evenings and could potentially be opened up for Muslim students as a private prayer room.

Another concern is whether or not accommodations will be made in regards to students' prayer rugs. Mason explained that the prayer room could have a storage unit for keeping the individual rugs, or there may be one large carpet that can be rolled out when needed.

Because this effort is relatively new, there is not yet a set location or official plan for accommodation. Dr. Mason commented last Friday morning that it is necessary to determine how many students would actually be interested in utilizing the prayer space before any further action is taken.

Last Friday afternoon, a list was compiled with 17 student names who were in favor of a prayer room on campus. The names were submitted to the Lindenwood Student Government Association [LSGA] for assistance. The earliest that an official proposal could be submitted by the LSGA for review is mid-spring semester.

## Exercise and a healthy diet reduce the extra stress finals bring

**By Maya Reddy-Thom**  
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With finals week right around the corner, students are starting to feel the extra stress weighing on them.

Eric Eckstein, a Lindenwood Honors College student, goes to the gym whenever he faces difficult deadlines. "It helps take your mind off the stress for a little while. I do better on exams when I feel fully prepared, and that involves my health as well,"

According to fitness.com, the body sees an increase in blood flow and thereby oxygen after workouts. This helps knock out that anxiety and tension.

The Evans Commons building and gym is open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Students can hop on a cardio machine, lift weights or bring a textbook and sit on an exercise bike while reading.

According to Eating Well Magazine, nutrition and diet is equally important to consider during finals week. Eating the right foods can help maintain focus and keep the brain working at its maximum potential.

Eatingwell.com lists Omega-3 rich foods as brain development and concentration essentials. Foods containing Omega-3 fatty acids can be found in the Evans Commons and Spellmann Dining rooms, such as tuna and

beans. Other Omega-3 sources such as nuts and flaxseed oil can be found at local grocery stores.

Eatingwell.com shows research arguing that being even mildly iron-deficient affects learning, memory and attention. Some good sources of iron are beans, dark greens, red meat and fish.

Rachel Moeller Gorman said in the EatWell July/August 2011 issue, "staying hydrated keeps your memory sharp, your mood stable and your motivation intact." Cucumbers, strawberries and salads provide water-rich food options for those who don't enjoy drinking water.

# The Legacy announces spring editorial staff

According to The Legacy's Editor-in-Chief Deborah Starr, staff editors will change and expand for the spring semester due to December graduations and new work assignments.

Current Entertainment Editor Madeleine Heppermann will become manag-

ing editor, replacing Brandon Swyers who has taken an off-campus media job in anticipation for May graduation. He will become The Legacy's editor-at-large.

Fashion Editor Melissa Spears and Music Editor Annette Schaefer, will become entertainment co-ed-

itors, while reporters Michael Sprague and Chase Stewart will become sports co-editors, with Ryan Oldham as their lead Sports writer.

Opinions Editor Rajeh Mahmoud will be joined by page designer Killian Walsh, who will act as co-

opinions editors.

Reporters Emily Adair and Lindsey Vaughn will become chief copy editors, and will also supervise news stories and feature photo assignments.

Andrew Ebers will continue as The Legacy's cartoonist, illustrator and pho-

to editor, with Circulation Manager Jonathan Garrison joining him as photo editor.

Laura Heying and Eric Peters will continue as ad managers, while circulation will be handled by John Tessmer, Rebecca Berin, Nicole Sanders and

Erica Sturdefant.

For more information on The Legacy, questions or to submit a letter to the editor, email to [lujournalism@luc.edu](mailto:lujournalism@luc.edu) and be sure to give your name and contact information. No anonymous contributions will be accepted.

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# Spellmann center hosts Rachel's Challenge

By **Dennise Ramirez**  
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On Monday, Nov. 11, Rachel's Challenge invited people to attend a presentation in Spellmann Center emphasizing the importance and impact of bullying, self-respect and kindness to others.

Rachel's Challenge originated from Rachel Joy Scott, a 17-year-old high school senior killed in the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colo.

She was the first to be shot outside of the school while she was eating lunch with friends. Darell Scott, Rachel's father, started Rachel's Challenge to honor his daughter's example and the two-page "Code of Ethics" she wrote just a month before she died.

The organization's mission statement is to



Rachel's Challenge, an organization committed to bringing change to young people, came to Spellmann on Nov. 11.

"motivate, educate and bring positive change to many young people."

Worldwide school and college presentations are given by a 30 speaker team to address the growing

problems of bullying, school violence and teen suicide using footage of the Columbine High School massacre along with some of Rachel's writings and

drawings. Robin Pirik, president of Linden Scrolls said, "Rachel's Challenge was a great way for students to understand the importance

of their actions and how they may affect others. It is truly a very inspirational story. It's no wonder why they have gotten to so many people."

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# Graduate students showcase fashion pieces in Scheidegger

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Self Reflections fashion design exhibit comes to the Schiedegger Center from Dec.11-Jan.18.

**By Ashley Heuer**  
Contributing Writer

Lindenwood students Adima Cope, Altjin Batkhuu, Amra Alihodzic, Ameli Skoglund and Elizabeth Turner will show off their fashion styles with "Self Reflections," a panel held in the Boyle Family Gallery located at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

"Visitors will get to take part in a little journey through each grad student's past work and current designs," Turner said. These students will have their moments to shine in the public gallery exhibit, which run throughout the upcoming J-term. The exhibit will showcase how fashion students use other artistic expression such as paintings to inspire

complete ensembles, and use classic trades such as knitting to make stylish chunky sweaters. An opening reception will be held on Dec. 11 from 4-7 p.m. with refreshments and a chance to speak with the designers about their work. For more information, contact the Scheidegger Center box office at (636) 949-4433.

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**By Deidre Merli**  
Contributing Writer

Early on Sunday Nov. 4th, a Pfremer Hall resident hung his hockey jersey to dry on the fire sprinkler. Not thinking anything of it, he tugged his jersey to take it down and triggered the fire alarm, pouring water out of the sprinkler. Tyler Ladesma, another Pfremer resident, said, "When one sprinkler went off, it set off the others on that floor." The water seeped through the ceilings and flooded underneath the

third floor. "After the sprinklers turned off, some of the rooms had an inch of standing water," Ladesma said. The laundry room and the lounge were damaged on the first floor and most of the rooms on the left side of the dorm had water damage. Brendan Kleekamp escaped most of the heavy water flow. "My room barely had any water damage. The main problem was some water spots on the ceiling." He said he was just happy that none of his personal things were ruined.

Ladesma lives on the other side of the dorm and said he was 'lucky enough not to have any damage in his room.' A few weeks after the fire sprinkler flood, Ladesma said he could still smell mold and dirty water throughout the entire dorm. Housing officials were unsure how much damage had actually occurred, but the university will pay for damages. After the accident, the university sent fliers to all the dorms informing students to never, under any circumstances, hang anything on the fire sprinklers.

# Candy Finnigan speaks about battling addiction

**By Ashley Heuer**  
Contributing Writer

"Intervention" star and national addiction specialist Candy Finnigan visited Lindenwood on Tuesday, Nov. 13 in the Bezemes Family Theater.

briety through the Alcoholics Anonymous 12-Step Program. She said that never hearing the term "alcoholic" during adolescence made it difficult for Finnigan to identify with the mental illness she was suffering. One major drug abuse issue affecting college campuses Finnigan discussed

especially for students was prescription drug use. She said, "Young people are especially vulnerable to this epidemic. Fourteen to 19 percent [of college students] use prescription drugs every day for non-medical use. Leading the way is Adderall. The strong narcotic is hidden in a seemingly harmless capsule form and abundantly abused by college students." Lindenwood students have access to counseling services and resources in the University Cultural Center located at 400 North Kingshighway, Suite 301. To schedule an appointment, call: (636) 949-4528.

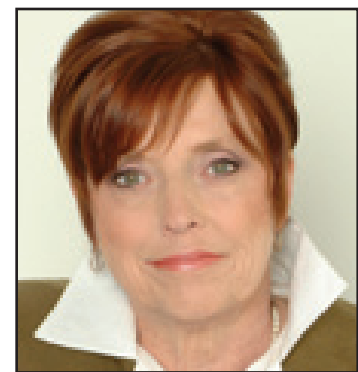


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Finnigan dedicates herself to getting people the resources to seek counseling and therapy for core addiction issues. Finnigan says "Intervention" has helped with a rise to a 78 percent success rate in maintaining recovery. Finnigan spoke openly to the Lindenwood audience about her own struggle with alcoholism and her 27 years of so-

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## Studying early for finals reduces late cramming

With winter break so tantalizingly close and within reach, I am finding it increasingly hard each day to focus on finishing my school work. The hardest part of being sidetracked this time of year is the fact that this is when you have the most homework, which means you need to be more productive than ever before. I am positive that I am not the only one in this boat.

So how does someone overcome the inevitable mental checkout process and produce their best work of the semester when it counts the most? I am so glad you asked. Here are a couple of tips that might help you to keep your eyes on the prize and finish out this semester like a champ:

The first step to success is to find out your final exam schedule. This can be done by going to Lindenwood's home page and clicking on Academics, then Course Catalogs and Schedules, and finally, Final Exams Fall 2012.

Figuring out your final exam schedule will give you some direction and brings us to our second step: to print out your final exam study guide for each class. Your professors should have them posted by now and if they don't, ask them nicely if they would be



Russ Hendricks

kind enough to put one up. I guarantee they will be blown away by your studious efforts.

Once you have your study guides in hand, the third step is to begin filling them out now in order of when your exams are scheduled during finals week.

Devoting an hour or two of studying a day for the next week will make your finals week a piece of cake. While all your

friends waited until the weekend before finals week to start cramming, you will be sipping hot chocolate and watching your favorite television show, knowing that you have managed your time well and feeling confident about your exams.

The last tip is to find fun things to do to get your mind off studying and give yourself a break. Yes, studying is great and you should do a lot of it, but in order to be successful in crazy times like finals week, it is healthy to take breaks, blow off some steam and go do something fun that is not related to school. Taking a break will rest your brain, keep you more focused and put you in a better mood.

Hopefully, these tips will give you a sense of direction on how to stay focused and approach finals week, all with the end goal of ending this semester on a good note. Happy studying and good luck on your exams!

## Black Friday deals may not always be great buys

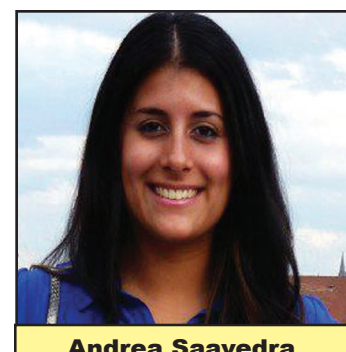
Exactly two days before Thanksgiving, a Black Friday poster started to go around popular social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. It caught my attention because it truthfully talked about how Americans trample others for sales exactly one day after being thankful for what they already have. During my Black Friday shopping journey, which included riding all the way to West County Mall, Mid Rivers Mall and St. Louis Outlet Mall, thousands of people seemed to be anxious, almost in a hurry, to get the best deals and sale items. But are we actually getting good deals or are we fooling ourselves?

I say we are being fooled because I noticed certain stores like Express overprice certain items that are not regularly so expensive on other days in order to fool their customers with misleading deals like "Black Friday Big Deal Everything in the store is 50 percent off." I personally noticed

before Black Friday a particular coat that was around \$40, the same exact coat that wound up costing \$80 on Black Friday. I also noticed that they even had placed a price tag sticker on top of the regular price.

Now, not all the stores were fooling their customers. Macy's and Best Buy had really good deals in all of their departments. If you entered their website a day before the shopping madness, you could actually look over their best deals, giving you the option to pick on what you were planning to buy without being fooled at the time you were actually going to go and buy the item.

But overall, basically, there were no real Black Friday deals because in the end, customers ended up paying the same price for these items, if not more. That makes me wonder, "is it really worth it to go through all those extremely long lines to check out and wake up so early in the morning, if you end up paying even more anyways?"



Andrea Saavedra



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## Love at first sight is nice for princess movies, not people

Is there a thing such as "love at first sight"? I, like many others, have been through this particular moment where, after meeting someone new, "sparks" seem to instantly fly around them, wrapping the two into a bliss-filled world.

Then, there are other people who believe the exact opposite. But who is right?

Personally, I would have to agree with the ones who do not believe that this phenomenon is true. Of course, there is a rare occasion where two "lovebirds" meet for the first time,

and just know that there is something cosmic between them – but in the real world, fairy tales are slim to none.

The romantics in this world make the realists like me have frequent emotional breakdowns due to the fact I have not found my soulmate. Being raised on "Snow White," "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty," Disney Princess movies have left me being bored half to



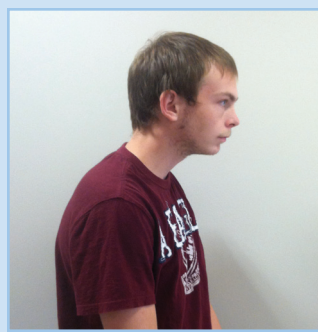
Seannell Chambers

death while watching and gagging at its falsities because even at the age of seven, I knew "love at first sight" was nothing but a hoax.

Other Disney movies like "Mulan" and "Princess and the Frog" portrayed a more realistic position on love. In both movies, the main character was an average female who went through trials and

tribulations before even realizing that the man in front of her eyes was meant for her. Even if their love interest had flaws, they put that aside and focused only for what truly mattered – their love for one another.

Moreover, love is blind. No one knows when they are going to encounter their next tall, dark and handsome love. All that someone should really know is that love is powerful, but needs a sturdy foundation before anything can be built upon it. Take your time for all of you love seekers out there. Your time will surely come.



By Branden Swyers  
Managing Editor

Every year after Thanksgiving, there is a mass pandemonium surrounding the best Black Friday store deals. This pandemonium has expanded in recent years with shopping beginning on Thanksgiving night and extending throughout the weekend. The debate on whether stores should stay closed on Thanksgiving in order for employees to spend time with their family has skyrocketed to the top of the headlines in recent weeks.

The stores maintain that they open on Thanksgiving night in order to keep some of the Black Friday craziness to a minimum. The truth is, these stores just want to make as much money as they can since shopping is the main thing on people's minds after Thanksgiving. If they can open Thanksgiving night and draw customers in with big sales, then that's what they are going to do.

Do stores think about the fact that their employees are the ones keeping their business going? No. All they care about is the almighty dollar. They think that if they are able to have another day of shopping

craziness, it is worth losing the respect of their employees.

Stores have the rest of the year to open and without employees that take pride in their job, they will not make as much as they would have otherwise. An employee who takes pride in his or her job is more likely to help the customers better, thus resulting in more year-round sales.

Companies see that Black Friday shopping is a big moneymaker. They are not wrong in seeing that extending Black Friday sales has worked and will continue to work in the future. The problem is with opening on Thanksgiving that takes away from the true Black Friday experience.

I can remember as a kid when my family and I would go out on Black Friday morning as somewhat of a tradition. Now that stores open on Thanksgiving, it takes all of that away. The employees are not happy to be working and in return, they provide bad service, making the shoppers even angrier than they already are from waiting in the long lines. Shopping and getting good deals is fun for both the customer and employee only when they are both being treated with respect.

## HE SAID / SHE SAID

### Black Friday Shopping: Rad or Bad?



By Killion Walsh  
Staff Reporter

Black Friday is one of the best days of the year. Every year it gets crazier, with stores opening earlier and putting more deals in their ads, and I get more excited. I hardly ever go shopping for a giant electronic, but I will say I have never missed a Black Friday shopping trip.

Honestly, it is not even about buying the big TV for a really cheap price. First of all, there are the ads. The ads themselves could entertain me for days. I practically memorize the sale ads before and during Thanksgiving. My whole family sits around the table and passes them around, seeing what deals we have to get. However, where you get tricked is that not all the sales are in the ads, mainly because there is not enough space. You have to venture out on Black Friday to see what other deals you could get.

In recent years, stores have been opening up on Thanksgiving. This is good for me because that way, I can get my shopping done on Thursday night

and sleep in on Friday morning. Last year, I was one of the first people at Target at midnight and this year, I was one of the first people over there when they opened at 9:00 p.m. It was literally a madhouse in there, people running around and grabbing whatever they could get their hands on. I loved it.

Chaos is so much fun to watch. If you have never gone Black Friday shopping, you need to go, if not for the deals, but to watch the crazy people. I saw two ladies get into a fistfight over a Blu-ray player and I was cracking up the whole time. Entertainment.

The women definitely outnumber the men and there is good reason for that. The women get crazy when they are looking for a deal. Most of the men are just there because their wives dragged them over to the store to help carry things.

There are so many deals and awesome experiences to be had on Black Friday. It is a fun tradition that I will always want to be a part of, even if I'm not jumping in line for a discounted iPad.

# Obama's victory gives hope to students

President Barack Obama's recent re-election comes as a relief for United States international students.

Although these students do not vote on American government, nor on U.S. policy, the prospect of another four year term for Obama gives hope to those who intend to stay here in the country after their studies.

It may be quite difficult to understand why a person would leave their home and move to a different country at such a young age. Stu-

dents do not easily decide to leave their families behind permanently.

Junior Marc Van Wyk says, "I think students come here to study and get an international degree, but plan to go home and use it there. But many students start an entirely new life here, and make friends that they don't want to leave behind, so they stay."

The reason why foreign students who intend to stay in the U.S. are resting easy after Obama's re-election has

to do with the Obama Administration's promise of immigration reform.

Under this prospective reform, the government would make it easier for entrepreneurs and students who graduate with an American tertiary education to stay in the country. These reforms would still protect American citizens from losing their jobs.

Obama's Administration notes that skilled and unskilled immigrants actually complement the American economy, contrary to

what many Americans believe.

A number of firms in Silicon Valley such as Apple, Microsoft and many others, support a proposition that would allow post graduate-educated computer programmers and engineers to stay in the country.

Students from countries other than the United States can look forward to greater possibilities in the U.S., which was, after all, founded by immigrants.



Gustav Gropp

# Energy drinks may not be the best option when studying

As finals soon approach, students are preparing to live on as little sleep as possible in order to fit in as much study time as they can. One thing students do is drink energy drinks like 5 Hour Energy, Monster and Red Bull to stay up longer and maximize their workload.

There are a lot of dangers that come along with mass energy drink consumption. That much caffeine in a short amount of time is bad for the body. Caffeine is not necessarily bad, but when used incorrectly, it can be horrible and cause health issues. There have been dozens of studies that say energy drinks can cause heart problems when taken in large quantities, and combined with such little sleep.

If energy drinks are taken in such large quantities, it is inevitable that you are going to crash later in the day. Even with 5 Hour Energy, I have seen

students crash after a study session. This can mess up your study schedule even further after you have stayed up so long to get things done.

Although energy drinks do help students stay awake longer, they must be watched carefully. Drinking in moderation is always the best plan. There are also several substitutes for energy drinks if students are that desperate to stay awake. Coffee, although not as tasty, works just as well if not better, and doesn't have all the other ingredients that energy drinks have and comes available

in the mornings in the campus coffee shops for free.

As finals approach, students will continue to drink energy drinks but what is important is that we all drink in moderation and remain cautious of their negative effects.



Chris Smith

# Judicial system gone awry

"[A] limited Constitution ... can be preserved in practice no other way than through the medium of courts of justice, whose duty it must be to declare all acts contrary to the manifest tenor of the Constitution void." This quote spoken by Alexander Hamilton represents the importance our founders placed on our judicial system to uphold the Constitution of this land. However, in our day and age, the judicial system designed to safeguard our freedoms has gone distressingly awry. News headlines are filled with stories of activist judges striking down laws based not on constitutional logic, but instead on their own political biases, a prime example shown with California's Proposition 8.

In November 2008, Prop-

osition 8 was approved by over 52 percent of the California electorate. Under the statute, marriage was limited to a man and a woman union under the California



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state constitution. Needless to say, this angered gay rights activists all over California and lawsuits ensued. On Aug. 4, 2010, U.S. Chief District Judge Vaughn R. Walker struck down this amendment, citing a violation of the "Due Process" clause of the 14th

Amendment.

The Left and Gay Rights organizations hailed this ruling as a massive victory. However, something was lost in all the fist-pumping and hand-slapping. A law approved by the majority of voters in the state had been thwarted by a minority.

It really is not important what you think either way about the issue of Gay Rights. The fact of the matter is that judges legislating from the bench and injecting their own biases (and laws) into our political system is inherently unconstitutional and frightening. Our founders meant for the judicial system to uphold the constitution, not write their own laws based on their own personal feelings on a legal issue.

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Legacy photos by Christie Blecher. Students perform the annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." (From left to right) Left: Cole Figus, Tanya Sapp, Keyley Schaub, Steven Finkle. Top Center: Shane Bosillo, Steven Finkle. Bottom Center: Tanya Sapp, Keyley Schaub, Cole Figus, Hayley Schaub, Ryley Schaub, Kimberly Byrnes, Sean Murry. Above: Cole Figus, Steven Finkle.

# Lindenwood continues Christmas tradition

By Lindsey Vaughn  
Staff Reporter

Charles Dickens tale. This year proved no different. The stage set-up was exquisite. It matched the time period perfectly and gave the actors many entry and exit points instead of simply stage-left or stage-right. The windows on the buildings illuminated to bring a life-like appearance to the stage and two of the windows were functioning, so Scrooge's movements

weren't limited to the stage itself. At the end of the performance, a light snow drifted onto the stage from overhead. The production also utilized special effects, with fog blowing on the stage whenever a ghost would appear. When a ghost would cause the scene to change, the lights would flicker to notify the audience of the scene change. The Undertaker, also known as the 'Ghost

of Christmas Yet to Come' played by Trevor Boley, was not an ordinary character but a cloaked giant triple the size of the other actors. The detailed costumes for the production closely resembled the time period. Craig Jones, the costume designer, achieved an excellent design style. The townspeople greeted audience members as they entered the theatre before the performance

even began while staying in character. Two amazing standout actors were Steven Finkle, who portrayed Ebenezer Scrooge and Toby Gastler, the Ghost of Christmas Present. Though only a college student, Finkle was a convincing older man. He spoke clearly and conveyed emotion that made the audience forget they were watching a play. Gastler was humorous, speaking loud and clear,

waking the audience back up after the intermission. This year's "Christmas Carol" rendition was told in large part by the townspeople. Normally, if there is narration, there is only one narrator, but this performance had 13. Overall, the performance was a success. The theatre was nearly sold out and the play was certainly a performance to get viewers into the holiday spirit.

# No Fear FASHION!

By Bailey Compton  
Fashion Writer

Texture and shine are all you need to think about when dressing for the winter holidays. There are many facets to these elements but you do not need to buy expensive new garments to be ready for the season. Let No Fear Fashion be your guide to festive garb!

**TEXTURE:** includes fur, knits, embroidery, lace, tulle, and various types of fabric. Here are some texture tips:  
-DO combine textures. The holidays are a time for festive fun, so don't be afraid to pair a faux fur scarf with a chunky sweater and a skirt with a tulle overlay.  
-DON'T overdo color. Many textural elements come in neutral colors, so as long as you don't always choose bright colors, putting them all together won't seem too overwhelming. Plus, they keep you warm.

-DO however, add pops of color if it suits your style. Try colored tights and/or a brightly jeweled statement necklace. A cute pompom hat or knit scarf in your favorite color can also do the trick.

**SHINE:** includes sequins, metallics, and shimmering fabrics. Shine can be considered a texture on its own, as with the case of sequins. Here are some ways to glow:

-DON'T overdo shiny. It's best to stick with one shiny garment, such as a skirt, combined with soft textural elements. However, smaller shine items (like shoes, necklaces, or headbands) can usually be combined.  
-DO look for items that combine shine and texture. It could be a sweater with some metallic-colored threads or a skirt with sequins and a tulle overlay (seen at Target). These items enable you to wear more shiny accessories without looking like you overdid it.  
Do not feel like you need to wear a dress or skirt to every holiday gathering. Some cool slim trousers (in soft plaid or even tweed) work great with the above elements. You can also try baggy-cuffed wool shorts with dark sweater tights, a knit top, and shiny accessories.

The main source of inspiration for this article is the store Anthropologie. Although it is admittedly pricey, their catalogs and website (anthropologie.com) are abundant with texture and shine ideas. Use outfits and accessories you like as points of reference when you visit your favorite stores.

All of the past No Fear Fashion articles offer great tips that can be used during the entire holiday season (think: fur, hats, scarves, tights, and vintage). As always, have fun. I'll see you next year.

# Dressing for the Holidays



Legacy photos by Jennifer Bruhn. Featured are wardrobe ideas for how to rock every holiday event. Above: A complete ensemble fit for a holiday party. Below Left: Wardrobe staples demonstrating texture and shine. Below Center: A decorative collar works as a substitute for a necklace. Below Right: Holiday appropriate earrings.





# St. Charles Main Street comes to life



**By Melissa Spears**  
Fashion Editor

As the holiday season continues to roll on, Main Street St. Charles participates in another season of "Christmas Traditions."

Occurring from Nov. 23 to Dec. 24, Main Street is filled with festive lights and decorations, as well as characters dressed in old-fashioned clothing that represents their heritage. Over 30 characters make up the Christmas festivities, some of these including the famous Nutcracker Prince, Town Crier and Ebenezer Scrooge.

During the month, various festivities take place every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with holiday hours lasting till 9 p.m. However, some days are subject to different hours, so make sure to check out the calendar before to plan your night in the old time village.

Those attending, with or without children, are able to collect trading cards from their favorite characters. As this celebration isn't the first or last for the place where "Christmas Past Comes to Life," they continue each year to incorporate new characters for everyone to collect.

Main Street's shops and dining are also open late with holiday hours, allowing everyone to grab a bite for dinner and finish up the evening with Christmas shopping.

The Gingerbread Village is the newest addition this season in which attendees are able to view gingerbread houses from the decorating contest at the Main Street Church. The church display is set up to make the people feel as if they are walking through a candy-filled world.

For more information on specific events and times that take place, visit [www.stcharleschristmas.com](http://www.stcharleschristmas.com).



*Legacy photos by Christie Bletcher.*  
Characters and free horse-drawn carriage rides fill Main Street in St. Charles during this holiday season for the annual "Christmas Traditions."

## LU holds annual Christmas Walk



*Legacy photos by Christie Bletcher.*  
(Left) Mr. and Mrs. Evans welcome guests in Roemer Hall beginning the annual Christmas Walk. (Right) Candlelit lanterns light the sidewalks of old campus.

## BSU honors MLK Jr

**By Seannell Chambers**  
Staff Reporter

On Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, the Black Student Union (BSU) will be hosting a Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) tribute at 3 p.m. in the Jelkyl Theatre.

The tribute will consist of a program with musical performances by Joaquin Musick and a few words by this year's keynote speaker, Laticia Buckner.

BSU's Vice President Am-bur Pankins said, "As part of this commitment, each year the Black Student Union hosts a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Tribute on campus...Last year's event turned out really well and the students seemed to have enjoyed it."

Prior to Dr. King's Tribute, at 2:45 p.m. BSU is conducting a Civil Rights March, of which students, staff and people from

the community can participate, as well. This march begins from the top of Spellmann and ends at the Jelkyl Theater, which is located inside Roemer Hall.

"For this year's event we hope to attract a bigger crowd than last year," said Pankins. "We are doing the program slightly different with the Civil Rights March."

"As head of the MLK Day committee, I am excited. We have been very hard on planning and preparing for this event and hope that everyone will enjoy the program and leave with something memorable of Dr. King's legacy."

For more information on the march, reach Pankins at [avi451@lionmail.lindenwood.edu](mailto:avi451@lionmail.lindenwood.edu).

# It is finally winter, so 'Let it Snow'

By Daniela Tablante  
Contributing Writer

"With the heart of the holidays now drawing near, the joy of music will soon fill each ear. With a wave of the hand, the drums start to play. In great anticipation, we're now on our way."

**-Let it Snow**

Lindenwood's Department of Music is updating the classic song to present "Let it Snow," a family-friendly Christmas concert that will offer a variety of Christmas music.

The performance will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Bezemes Family Theater located in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

The show is one of Lindenwood's biggest musical productions of the semester.

"This year, the Music Department has prepared an evening of holiday music for the university and the public. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to spend an evening enjoying seasonal music," said

Pam Grooms, the headmistress of the Lindenwood music department.

The concert is one of six Christmas themed shows that was scheduled for Scheidegger this month.

High expectations for "Let it Snow" had students and people in the St. Charles community running out to grab their own tickets. All tickets for the show are currently sold out.

Some of the high expectations are due to the department-wide performance.

The audience will hear performances from the Lindenwood choirs, orchestra, jazz band, and many other groups.

Several smaller musical ensembles will also perform for the night, showing off all the hard work that the Lindenwood Department of Music has practiced this semester.

"If we had known how popular this concert is within the St. Charles community, we would have offered two performances. We will increase the opportunities in future years!" said Grooms.

Find out more about this and other Christmas performances at the following link: [www.lindenwood.edu/center](http://www.lindenwood.edu/center), or call the box office at: (636) 949-4433.



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Poster for the upcoming music department show "Let it Snow" on Dec. 5

## New Christmas music for 2012



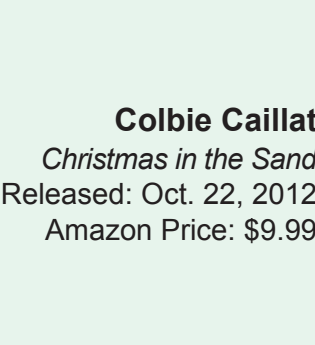
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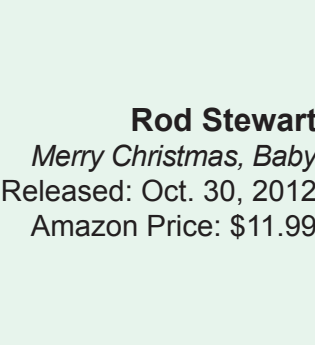
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# LU students plan their upcoming spring semester, around the world

By Jennifer Bruhn  
Contributing Writer

Students get the chance to combine exploring the world and studying towards their degree by applying to a "Semester at Sea."

The "Floating University" provides a ship that travels to different continents while students take classes on board around the world. Every semester, about 700 students decide to take part in the journey.

The destinations depend on whether the student chooses to apply for spring, summer, or fall. However, the facilities on the ship remain the same.

Jonas Kehrbaum, a junior and a program participant coming up in spring 2013, said, "They provide an outside and inside cafeteria, a library, classrooms and laundry facilities."

Among other things, the ship also comes with a workout center and pool area. Some students spend \$20,000 on tuition and \$3,000-\$15,000 on room and board. According to Kehrbaum, "They give away \$4 million in financial aid every year."

Brynn Sebring, a senior who was on the ship last spring, said, "A lot of people have the chance to get a scholarship. Some get full tuition."

"They look at letters of recommendations, essays, leadership positions and academic achievements," said Kehrbaum.

Kehrbaum applied for the two highest scholarships but decided to combine two



Legacy photos by Jennifer Bruhn.  
LU students, Jonas Kehrbaum (left) and Benjamin Bathke (right), achieved scholarships for spring semester and will be attending "Semester at Sea."

smaller ones when he got the information that his application was good, but only made it to the semi-finals. "It wasn't even an option for me not to go," said Kehrbaum.

Graduate student Benjamin Bathke applied for spring semester 2013 after the deadline and got the scholarship of \$15,000 the same day.

"A deadline is not always a deadline. There are always ways, I had to try it," said Bathke.

"Getting accepted is not hard at all, but the scholarship applications are a lot of work. I had to get five visas for this trip," said Bathke. The late application made the process more stressful because the

journey will start on Jan. 9 and his flight back home was booked earlier on. "I needed to cancel my flight back to Europe and visa applications are so much work."

Once on the ship, many students take 12 to 15 credit hours with professors from all over the United States and have courses which, according to Kehrbaum, "mostly have somehow a global perspective."

"We had classes every day while on the ship. When reaching a destination, you are free to do whatever you want. I took an overnight 20 hour train from Hong Kong to Shanghai by myself," said Sebring.

"Semester at Sea" not

only provides the opportunity of being independent. "It fulfills hopes and dreams to travel the world. I have been to all five continents after that," said Bathke.

Magdalena Viktora, a sophomore and international student from Germany, said, "I am interested in the program because it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see other parts of the world. "Semester at Sea" would give me the chance of traveling while studying so I would not lose time."

Besides exploring the world, meeting new people is another aspect students will face during the trip.

"I really want to be open every day, and if I see someone I don't know, I want to talk to them. I can't wait to hear stories and to grow personally and intellectually," said Bathke.

"It's like a big family. It is just a different kind of friendship. It is deeper because of some situations that bring people so much closer together," said Sebring.

Other students feel much more comfortable studying close to home. Students can decide on their own if they want to study in a familiar environment, or if they prefer exploring new lands.

"My advice is study abroad. If it is just a financial issue, you will find a way to make it. It will work," said Sebring.



The two good friends show their excitement about their upcoming semester of studying around the world, while on ship, that will begin on Jan. 9.



# Eventful football season ends in bowl loss



Courtesy photos by Mike Morgan

Above: Senior running back Denodus O' Bryant eludes a tackler during the Lions 41-21 loss to the Winona State Warriors in the Mineral Water Bowl. The game took place on Dec. 1 in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Right: Freshman linebacker Connor Harris wraps up a Winona State running back during the Mineral Water Bowl.

**Issa David**  
Sports Editor

Coming into this year, the Lions looked poised to have one of the best offenses in program history. But then fans learned John Uribe - last year's quarterback - would not be back. After a summer of competition, junior Ben Gomez became the new quarterback and led the team to a 5-1 start. Then Gomez was injured and senior Taylor Jasin took over. In his first collegiate start, he threw four interceptions against Emporia State on Oct. 13. Then it was freshman Dillon Miller who became the starter. He played the second half of the season, going 3-2 and leading the Lions to a historic win against the Pittsburg State Gorillas, the defending Div. II champions.

There were three quarterbacks who were listed as a

starter for the Lions in 2012. That's usually a sign that a program is unstable. But the team went 8-3 and received bowl invite. The record is the same as last year's, but they faced much tougher opponents this year.

The Lions played the Winona State Warriors at the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo. on Dec. 1. They lost 41-21, but it was a closer game than the score indicated, because the Lions led twice and were only down 24-14 at halftime.

Gomez played his first game since his knee injury that occurred on Oct. 6 against Fort Hays State. He completed 13-of-19 pass attempts, had one touchdown and two interceptions. Miller started the game and he went 17-for-27 for two touchdowns and an interception.

The game started out well

for LU. It took them three plays on the opening drive to score when Miller threw a pass to senior Andrew Helmick for 87 yards. Winona State answered with a quick drive of their own and tied the game 7-7. The Lions' second drive resulted in zero points, but the Warriors' second possession ended with a field goal. It was 10-7 when the first quarter came to an end.

After drives for both teams stalled, the Lions scored their second touchdown. This time it was Gomez who completed a pass to Helmick for 58 yards. It was a 14-10 LU lead, but from there was it all Winona State. They took a 17-14 lead, then extended it to 24-14, then 31-14, and 34-14. That was when the Lions scored their last touchdown of 2012: a Miller pass to freshman wide receiver Jaron Alexander. The Warriors scored again to make

it 41-21. That was the final score.

The Winona State Warriors finished their season 10-2. The team is from Winona, Minn. and they play in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Even though it wasn't the ending the Lions wanted, the team finished 8-4. The three regular season losses were by a total of 23 points. In two of those losses the team had a chance to win it. In the Central Missouri game, Gomez threw an interception when the Lions were down just 35-28 with less than a minute remaining. At homecoming, against Washburn, Miller was intercepted with a minute left. The Lions lost 19-16. Jasin started the Emporia State game, he threw four interceptions and the Lions lost 13-0.

"I think our kids did an outstanding job this football season," head coach Patrick Ross said. "They showed a lot of resiliency with all the ob-

stacles we had throughout the season."

Not only was there the quarterback issue that the Lions had to deal with, but two players suffered severe injuries. Junior cornerback Tevin McCaskill injured his neck in the first game of the season against Lincoln. He wore a neck brace for most of the year. And everybody knows about Sterling Thomas, the freshman cornerback from Tulsa, Okla. and his traumatic injury to his neck.

"I think our players really learned to cherish every second they get out here as a football team," Ross said. "Thank goodness for our leadership, they really carried us through the tough times."

One of those players who showed strong leadership was senior defensive tackle Malach Radigan. "It's not about the 11 that are starting, it's about us as a team," Radigan said.

Radigan became a starter in 2012, recording 63 tackles with 11 for a loss.

The team is losing 22 players including Denodus O'Bryant and Andrew Helmick. These two players rewrote the LU record books and both will go down as two of LU's greatest athletes. I don't have the room to list all the records and awards they broke, but replacing them will not be easy.

In 2013, the Lions will be full members of the NCAA and MIAA. They will be eligible for the postseason. Miller and Gomez will battle to be the starter, a new running back needs to be found and the offensive line will see changes. Even with Helmick and Matt Angell gone, most of the wide receiver corps will come back. Junior cornerback Pierre Desir will return, but senior Justin Broome will be gone. Freshman linebacker Connor Harris will return as the team's leading tackler.

The 2013 spring practices will be some of the most important in recent memory.

# LU Grad Earl Austin Jr. is a writer above all else

**By Chris Nickler**  
Contributing Writer

Writer, broadcaster, and perhaps most important, fan. Earl Austin Jr. can be described as any three of these words in any combination.

Austin is St. Louis through and through, having graduated from both McCluer North High School ('78) and Lindenwood University ('82).

Austin played basketball at both schools, and now broadcasts for the Saint Louis University Billikens basketball program. Bob Ramsey, Austin's partner for the Billiken broadcasts, is also a former LU basketball player and

graduate ('78).

Despite his St. Louis background, the reason for the traditional local question, "Where did you go to high school?" eludes him.

"Yeah, I don't know where that comes from," Austin said with a smile. "I've been asked that, too, and now, I find myself asking that to people."

Broadcasting allows Austin to watch special basketball games. The NCAA Men's basketball tournament, better known as "March Madness," is one of Austin's favorite times of the year.

"March Madness is fun because it's the best part of the

season," Austin said. "That one month, there's nothing like it in college sports. You have Selection Sunday, sitting, watching, wondering where you're going or if you're in."

What makes the tournament exciting for Austin is watching out for the little schools that get to participate. "You have that first weekend with David versus the Goliath," Austin said. "Sometimes David gets up there and bites Goliath."

Austin also likes when the dark horse schools make their presence felt in the tournament.

"To have a team in it is great," Austin said. "It's one thing if you're Kentucky or Kansas, you're used to going. But if you're a Saint Louis U, a program that hasn't gone in 12 years, it's another level of excitement and an amazing feeling."

In addition to broadcasting for SLU, Austin covers local prep sports from across Missouri. According to Austin, it's equally exciting on a different level to watch high school basketball games. "I've had my brother and sister both win state championships, which is crazy."

The Columbia, Mo. state

basketball championships, remind Austin much about the early March Madness stage.

"You go to Columbia and every school, every town is there representing," Austin said. "I've been covering those games for 25 years and it's March Madness at the high school level."

Although Austin might be more recognized for his broadcasting of games, he remains a writer at heart.

"When I was younger, I had notebooks in school, whether it was social studies or math class," Austin said. "But I always kept a separate notebook and was always writing down

the lineups and little things about my favorite teams. I still do that to this day."

With all of his different skills in media, Austin always comes back to writing. It is something he enjoys and helps him stay organized through all the games he sees. Austin believes it is vital, not just for him, but for young people also to always write.

"Whatever you're going into, know how to write," said Austin. "If you know how to write, then you are ahead of the game."

These are not just words, they're Austin's philosophy that has helped him become well rounded when it comes to covering St. Louis sports.

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# Experienced Lions basketball off to fast start



Above: Senior guard Alex Bazzell tries to dribble around a William Woods University defender on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Right: Senior forward Richie Thompson slams home the back end of an alley-oop en route to a 93-58 victory

Legacy photos by Romain Polge

**Chase Stewart**  
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Lions men's basketball team is off to a strong start in its first year competing as a NCAA Division II.

The Lions are currently 4-1 and have defeated their opponents by a 27 point average so far this season. Lions coach Brad Soderberg is pleased with the way his team has started the season, but believes the team still has much to still develop on, "4-1 is a good end result and there are things that we have done really well," Soderberg said. "There are other things that we need to improve on moving forward in order for us to accomplish our goals this season."

Soderberg added that he

would like to see his offense pick it up a notch, especially now that the conference games are about to begin.

"Defensively we're playing very well, but I would like to see us improve on our defense in transition," Soderberg said. "Offensively, I'm a little bit concerned about how we are going to fare against these better defensive teams in our conference, but I believe in our guys and their ability to improve."

While Soderberg is looking for his team to improve in certain areas, he noted that he has been impressed with the way some of his guys have played, particularly senior forward Richie Thompson.

"Richie Thompson has been absolutely dominant on

the glass for us and has been a difference maker," Soderberg said. "I would not want to play against him, I'll put it that way."

Senior guard Alex Bazzell also believes the team is off to a good start. "It's going really well. We're getting into the rhythm of the season now and looking forward to starting conference play soon," Bazzell said.

The Lions' first five games were all non-conference opponents, but that will change on Dec. 5 when the Lions travel to Northwest Missouri State to compete in their inaugural game as members of the MIAA conference.

Soderberg believes his team has the ability to come into the MIAA this season and con-

fer for a title immediately. "I really expect us to play well because we have a veteran ball club. We know we can't control how other teams play, but we can control how we play and we know we can do that at a high level with this group," Soderberg said.

Bazzell believes com-

ing together and playing as a team may ultimately get them where they want to go. He had no problem revealing his expectations for the season.

"We want to win the conference," Bazzell said. "We've set our individual goals aside and we're really set our sights on winning the

conference right out of the gate. We have the team to do it."

The Lions will take their first steps towards accomplishing that goal in their first MIAA games against the Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State on Dec. 5 and the Gorillas of Pittsburg State on Dec. 8.

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## Swimming and Diving coaches preparing for NSIC championships

By Spencer Thomas  
Staff Reporter

The Lions Swimming and Diving team is in the final weeks of its season with only three meets remaining.

Recently, the men's team finished fourth out of four teams at the Drury University Invitational, while the women's team finished third in front of the University of Arkansas Little Rock.

The Drury Invite was November 16-17. Incarnate Word, Missouri S&T and Drury University all competed.

Although LU was one of the smallest schools at the meet, the team had several notable performances.

On the men's swimming side, junior Ramunas Pakyns placed second in both the 100yd and 200yd backstroke, with times of 50.72 and 1:51.25. For the women, freshman Aly Coleman finished fourth in the 200 breaststroke with 2:31.50.

David Cochran finished

fourth in both the one meter and three meter events for the diving team. Cochran's scores at the end of his dives were 403.65 and 413.50.

LU's next major competition will be the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, a four-day meet in Rochester, Minn. beginning February 2. This will be Lindenwood's first time competing at the Northern Sun Conference tournament.

They will face a variety of NCAA Div. II level teams who are much faster than the NAIA conference teams LU has swam against in the past.

Swimming head coach Ja-

son Owen and assistant coach Jon Lau are happy with their athletes' success so far this season, and look forward to seeing how fast they will swim at the conference meet.

"In the last month and a half the team has really evolved in a positive way as far as coming together as a unit in training and at competitions," Lau said. "We have a very young team that is gaining more experience every time they hit the water."

Lau is a former Lindenwood swimmer and graduate assistant. This is his second year as the Lions' assistant coach.

Owen and Lau are in the

process of recruiting new swimmers.

Several swimmers from areas such as Arkansas, Texas, California and even Poland have shown interest in the Lindenwood swimming program.

In addition, diving head coach Kyle Friesenhahn is also pleased with the results of his team thus far.

"The divers have done very well this year. They have worked hard to achieve their season's goals and have competed well at our meets,"

Friesenhahn said. "If they continue training as well as they have for the first half of the season, I believe we will be a strong contender to win diving events at our conference meet."

Senior diver Michelle Bell said the team chemistry is a huge factor in their success.

"We all seem to feed off each other to strive and get better. I'm looking forward to conference to see how much I have improved this past year," Bell said.

**"The divers have done very well this year. They have worked hard to achieve their season's goals and have competed well at our meets."**

**-Kyle Friesenhahn**  
Diving Head Coach

## Men's Wrestling team has an NCWA Championship in mind

By John Tessmer  
Staff Reporter

Even before the start of this year's wrestling season, the Lions coaching staff expected big things.

Coach Chad Smith doesn't think a National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship is out of the question.

"Our goal from the beginning has been to go out to the NCWA Championships and win that tournament as we prepare ourselves for the first year of Div. II next year," Smith said.

The team is a member of the MIAA for the first time this season.

"The MIAA is one of the

strongest wrestling conferences in the country," Smith said. "We have Nebraska Kearney who won the National Championships last year and Central Oklahoma has always been a Div. II powerhouse."

"We'll have our hands full, and we're ready for the challenge and we'll duel both of those teams second semester."

With the team just four tournaments into the young season, they have fared well so far.

"We had a good start in the first tournament, its been kind of an up and down month," Smith said. "We've been battling a lot of injuries and illnesses, and we are

starting to get back on track and I am excited to see where the season takes us."

At the Loras College Open tournament, six Lion wrestlers placed in the Silver Division, and three placed in the Gold Division.

At the University of Central Missouri Open, Matt Greene (174 lbs.) led LU by placing 6th in the tournament.

In the most recent tournament, The 2nd Annual Joe Parisi Open held here at LU, many Lions did well, including junior Jacob Janes and sophomore Jake Landas. Janes took fifth place in the 141 lbs. division and Landas took fourth place at 184 lbs.

With a young squad, that

only has one senior, the coaching staff is really excited to see the growth of the team.

"I think all of our freshmen have an opportunity to be really good, we had a strong freshman class come in," Smith said. "A few of them are in the lineup now and a few of them were red-shirted as they prepare for next year."

With many freshmen on the squad, some were chosen to redshirt because of a loaded roster, not lack of ability. Freshman Cody Pych is one of them.

"I'm a red shirt this year, so I'm preparing for future years," Pych said. "I just want to improve right now,

## Roller Hockey eyes national championship

By Ryan Oldham  
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Lions men's roller hockey program is no stranger to success, winning six national championships in their last eight attempts. Last season's semi-final defeat in overtime to the University of Nevada - Las Vegas has got them riled up and ready for this year.

Senior forward Elliot Linton said that the whole team "expects nothing less than a national championship and will accept nothing else," Linton also said that for the majority of the team, "it is their last chance to win their first championship ring."

Linton was part of last year's team, and remembers the feeling when the season came to an end.

"Losing a game is always an awful feeling especially when everyone expects you to make it to the championship game," Linton said. "I think this year everyone has a chip on their shoulder and we know we are not invincible."

Head coach Ron Beilsten said things have changed this year in terms of the way the team will play. He plans to bring in a brand new structure based on tactics and understanding as a unit, to help them win back the trophy.

"We will be going out to win it, and the new freshmen players have adjusted

well to playing at a collegiate level," Beilsten said.

Although the team has been successful in their recent years, Beilsten said "there is still work to do."

The Lions don't have a lot of time to accomplish that goal, as Beilsten said he sees another final four appearance as a possibility.

"The largest high school league is here in Missouri, with 70 percent of the players on the roster coming from this area," Beilsten said.

This fact helps Beilsten with his scouting capabilities as he said he is "able to travel locally and watch guys of interest."

It is a milestone year for Beilsten, who is in his tenth season as head coach of the team.

"We are not only an ambassador to the school, but an ambassador to the sport," Beilsten said. "The team is known around the country as one of the best."

Beilsten said he has seen a change in the sport in his time at LU including the marketability of the university. Beilsten also said they have no problem recruiting, as players want to play here.

The Lions are currently 8-0-1 on the season. LU next take on St. Charles Community College in Wright City, Mo. on Feb. 9, 2013.

that's the only thing to do."

Like every young team, someone needs to step up and take the leadership role. Luckily for the coaching staff there have been many members of the program that have stepped up and taken charge.

"Obviously our one senior, Craig Chiles, has been

a good leader for us," said Smith. "Corey Duncan, Blayne Shockely, and Luke Roth have also stepped up."

The Lions next hit the mats on Dec. 8 in Newberry, SC. in the Newberry Open. They next return home Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. when they host the University of Central Missouri Mules at Hardin Middle School.

## Fox 2's Drummond speaks with LU journalists



Legacy photo by Laura Heying

Fox 2's Maurice Drummond sits in LUTV studios with Jessica Hartman on a visit to Lindenwood. Drummond spoke at two separate events to journalism students. Drummond has spent the last decade working in the St. Louis area.

By Chris Nickler  
Contributing Writer

He goes by many names: "The Mayor," Mo, and to paraphrase The Steve Miller Band, some people call him Maurice.

KTVI's Maurice Drummond may be known by multiple names, but one thing

remains consistent, his professionalism.

Drummond spoke and gave insight into the business to aspiring LU student journalists on Monday, Nov. 26.

A Baltimore native, Drummond is a local sports anchor for KTVI Fox 2 in St. Louis. He has put in more than 20

years in the sports journalism business and did not get to where he is by accident. Drummond set a goal from a young age.

"I grew up loving sports," Drummond said. "When I was a kid, I used to hold a pencil up to my mouth like it was a microphone and I was

covering sports."

Drummond has reached his goal, getting to interview some of the best of the sports world has to offer. His list of interview subjects includes Gretzky, Ali, Jordan, and Hank Aaron.

To get to that level in the business, Drummond worked his way up. He began his career behind the scenes making sure his talent was as sharp as it could be.

"My job behind the scenes, I almost looked at it like being a secret service agent," said Drummond. "When you're behind the scenes as a producer your job is to take care of the person in front of the camera."

As is the case with most jobs, especially in the communications field, preparation is the key to success. Drummond has mastered this key to perform to his fullest potential.

"When you want to prepare for a story, you want to make sure you, or the person you are working for, looks in the best light possible," said Drummond. "So you have the best, tightest, and most complete comprehensive in-

formation."

That experience and success working behind the scenes for networks such as ESPN, BET, and the Golf Channel allowed him to gain a sense of what it took to be in front of the camera. About a decade or so ago, Drummond got his break, going from behind the scenes to a recognizable on-camera talent.

Among the duties that go with Drummond's job is covering the local area schools for a show called "Sports Final."

"I do a lot of preparation for my high school stuff, and try to study during the week, because I know I don't have a lot of time to do that when the show hits," he said.

The job of covering high schools along with other events around town presents challenges. Drummond handles them in a professional way.

"A typical night is to get to as many places in as short a period of time as possible," Drummond said. "I have to then take tape we have and edit it to highlights, and then I have to write it and get in

front of a camera to present."

Some people might see covering prep sports as a step down from the professional sports world. Drummond doesn't buy into it. One of his recent stories involved covering the first state championship for the Kirkwood football team.

"I swear on ten stacks of Bibles it's a thrill for me to interview a Kirkwood (player) because for these folks, it might be it for some of these people," Drummond said. "To me there's nothing like having that thrill to see kids come to together and winning a championship."

Storytelling and conveying a subject's emotion to an audience are what drive Drummond. The goal and vision are always the same.

"Whether its preps or pros or college, I love great stories," Drummond said. "It's about people and stories, and that's what I try to bring through when I'm doing my sportscast."

No matter the subject, no matter the level, Drummond is going to produce an emotional, and above all, a professional finished product.

# Young Lady Lions start season off slowly

**Michael Sprague**  
Staff Reporter

A 1-4 record is not the start Lady Lion basketball coach Tony Francis envisioned.

"I scheduled our tough non-conference schedule for a reason," Francis said. "Now we've got to be careful that we don't get down on ourselves and we don't lose our confidence."

The Lady Lions opened the season with a 92-57 win against Fontbonne University.

Since the victory, the ladies have dropped four straight, all to NCAA division II programs.

"Outside of our family there are probably a lot of high expectations," Francis said. "In our first two years of building an NCAA level program we won almost 40 games and now we're into the NCAA and things are different."

The toughest loss was a 76-43 loss to the University of Tampa (Fla.) Trojans.

A Dec. 1 home loss against UMSL was tied with under two minutes to play. The Lady Tritons were able to pull out a 67-62 win over LU because of a physical play

late in the game.

A lot of the Lady Lions' troubles stem from an inexperienced roster. Only two seniors are on this year's team.

Four freshmen and two sophomores are averaging double-digit minutes for the Lady Lions this year.

"When you're trying to blend those talents in who have never played at this level, it can be tough," Francis said.

Freshman forward Tori Kuhn not only plays a lot of minutes, but she leads the team in scoring through five games.

Kuhn, who was playing high school basketball this time last year, says the transition to the college level was tough.

"It's been a lot of hard work, definitely not easy, but I'm working hard to get there," Kuhn said.

Kuhn believes the team chemistry is coming together. "You can tell since our first game that we are

coming together as a team and forming one unit," she said.

A big part of that leadership on and off the court comes from senior forward Sarah Schnieders.

"Sarah does a great job at providing energy during practice, in games, on the bench and wherever she's at," Francis said.

Schnieders was held out

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**-Tori Kuhn**  
Freshman forward

of two games early this year due to the injury. Francis said that while it was tough to play without Schnieders, it might have been beneficial.

"That was definitely a void, but that void gave us the opportunity to try and develop some other people that could step into that role," Francis said.

Kuhn also felt like the loss of Schnieders created opportunity.



Courtesy photo by Don Adams Jr. Sophomore Megan Hittle performs a move against UMSL guard Alexis Lawrence on Dec. 1. LU lost 67-62.

"We've just had to have some of the other upperclassmen step up and fill those shoes," Kuhn said. "(Schnieders) is a great player and she brings a lot of leadership to the court every game so not having her here there was a big loss."

Kuhn said no matter who takes the court, the Lady Lions will continue to learn and improve.

"We're going to continue to work hard and just get bet-

ter from the experiences we've had already," she said. Those experiences include exhibition visits to Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. and UMSL.

"I thought it would be good for the young ladies to get into big arenas and experience that environment, Francis said. "I also wanted to try and play as much physicality and speed as we could to prepare for the regular season."

Francis says adapting to the new style of play is crucial. "It's a whole different pace

of play," Francis said. "It's a whole different physicality, there's a lot more bumping that maybe last year was called and its not called now."

"I don't know if we've learned yet, but I think we're learning."

The Lions will get their first taste of MIAA conference play on Wednesday, Dec. 5 when they travel to Maryville, Mo. to take on Northwest Missouri State University.

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