

Spellmann stairs stay off limits until summer

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The crumbling stairs of the Spellmann Center, blocked off on Feb. 21, could remain off-limits until the end of summer.

"The money decides," said Greg Scaturro, maintenance for the Spellmann Center.

Before Scaturro closed up the stairs with the fence, he said he glued back some broken bricks and posted caution tape, leaving an open section. Students tore down the caution tape and ran through, stepping on the recently repaired bricks.

After multiple attempts to repair the bricks, Scaturro said he decided to close off the whole staircase with the fence because it was too dangerous for everyone to keep climbing the stairs before they were dry.

Scaturro said the stairs will be repaired by the end of the summer.

"We got three contractors to come out and look at the broken stairs," he said. "The contractors would replace the bricks with a concrete or some other hard surface to keep this from happening again."

In the meantime, students and faculty now pass through the Spellmann Center or walk around

on another sidewalk in order to go to the upper level.

Sophomore Jinsel Kim complained, "It must be inconvenient for those people who are coming from new dorms or Evans Commons when the lower level doors of Spellmann Center are locked." She said she usually goes upstairs by taking the stairs in front of Harlen C. Hunter Stadium or by walking the way that is near to Blanton Hall. She said, "It needs to be fixed as soon as possible because it is very dark to walk alone at night behind the Spellmann Center."

The combination of heavy traffic and unusual weather conditions led to the upturning of bricks.

"This winter has been the hardest on the bricks due to the cold temperature, snow and ice



Legacy Photo by Jennifer Bruhn
The fence was constructed Feb. 21 to prevent injury to students and faculty climbing the Spellmann Center stairs.

that has sat on them, which helped to make the matter worse," said Campus Facilities Director Joyce Norman. "It has not been this cold, 10 below, since this building was built."

"I have lived in the St. Louis area for over 40 years and I have never seen a winter with this combination of extreme cold and a lot of snow," said Vice President for Student Development John

Oldani. "I have seen winters that are cold, I have seen winters with a lot of snow, but the combination is extreme for this area and that has had an affect not only on people but also facilities."

According to Scaturro, fixing the stairs is in the process. For more information, contact Norman at 636 949-4922 or jnorman@lindenwood.edu and ask to speak to Scaturro.

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Lion brings home gold

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LU student Josh Pauls helped win the second consecutive American gold medal in Paralympic sled hockey, a feat never done by any other country.

"At 10 months old they took my legs away from me," Pauls said. "It was the best thing that's happened to me."

Pauls was born without his tibia bones, and both legs needed to be amputated.

He played for the New York Jr. Rangers sled hockey team from 2002 to 2011.

Later in 2011 he began playing
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Undergraduates work toward MBA for free

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LU offers an early-access MBA program option for undergraduate students. The program is open to qualified students in all undergraduate majors.

The program will allow students to complete up to nine credit hours of graduate study toward a master of business administration during their senior year of undergraduate work for free.

The early-access MBA program

will also include a direct-admission option for undergraduate students, allowing them to declare intent to enter the program as first-year students and reserving a spot for them in the graduate program provided they meet the grade point average and graduate admission requirements.

"Students will learn more about business, how to analyze and write it," said Edward Morris, professor of Finance. "The BA program is a

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Gov. Nixon signs bill to make chemo pills more affordable

Romain Polge
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Gov. Jay Nixon visited the Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis to sign bill 668 on March 19. The bill makes chemotherapy pills more affordable for Missourians.

Patients with insurance plans

that cover cancer treatments will not be charged more than \$75 for a 30-day supply.

According to cancer.org, the oral chemotherapy is supposed to be as effective as other chemotherapy treatments, but has fewer side effects.



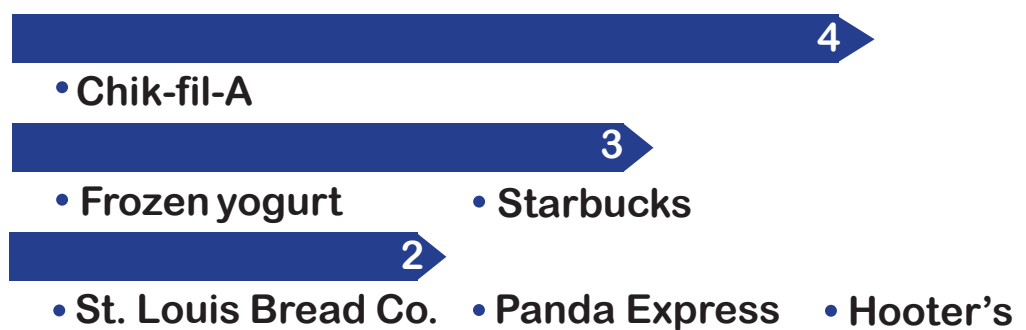
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14 students share what they want in University Commons

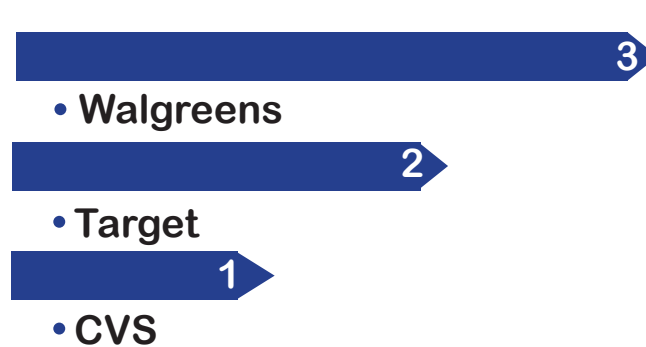
Fourteen students reported what kinds of businesses they want to see featured in the University Commons. Each made multiple suggestions, with 30 food service, six retailing and 10 miscellaneous suggestions. Here are the most commonly desired businesses and shops:

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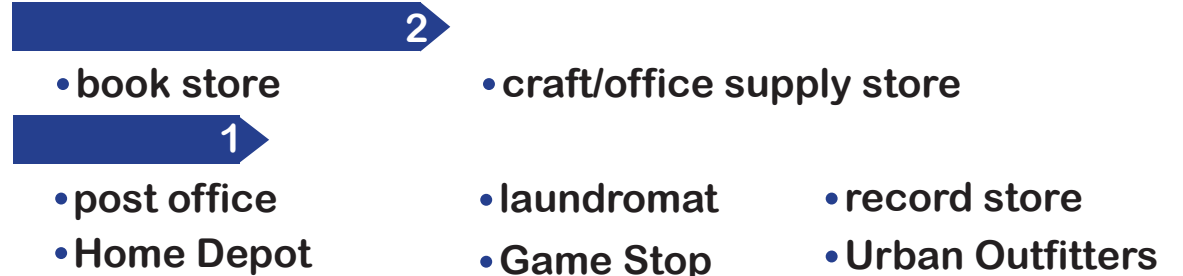
Food services 30



Major retailing 6



Other shops and services 10



See more about the University Commons on Page 2.

To participate in future surveys, follow The Legacy on Facebook and Twitter.



Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High	39	53	59	54	62	69	75
Low	24	39	38	35	38	51	53
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MBA Internationals' spring break options limited

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perfect vehicle for them to learn things in real life after graduation. There is no risk for the students because they are not going to be paying for it.”

Morris said the early-access MBA is a flexible program.

“Even if students took and finished all nine credits, they still don’t have to finish their graduate degree,” he said. “Those credits will be on their transcripts showing how they have a broader knowledge than others.”

To qualify for the early-access program, a student needs to be a senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Prior to enrollment in the program, students should have enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of their undergraduate degree.

“Most of the MBA program students are professionals who have jobs out there in the real world, and that is a network,” said Assistant Professor Shelly Daly. “It’s a great way to network and it’s great to find out if this is the right program for you, financially. Put something on your resume towards a graduate degree, because an education opens doors.”

According to Morris, in the early-access MBA program there are no students enrolled in the departments of Humanities and Arts. He said the program would be more beneficial for students who do not have degrees in business or finance.

“It is a little bit challenging but I have no doubts that our students are up to it because we have wonderful students across the board. They are up to the challenge and they can do it. Students who have taken this early access program have proved it and done really well,” said Daly.

Students can obtain an application to the Early Access to the MBA Program from the School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Students need to submit the form to Maryann Townsend in the SBE.

The academic records of the students will be reviewed and if they meet the requirements, the paper work will be sent to the dean of the SBE and then on to the vice president for academic affairs for approval. The results will be sent to students via email after the process has been completed.

For more information, please contact Townsend at mtownsend@lindenwood.edu, 636-949-4914 or Harmon Hall, Room 103.

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Staff Reporter

International students who cannot or do not return home for spring break must choose to travel or pay to stay on campus.

Vegard Kristofferen, from Norway, has decided to stay at LU during spring break.

He said even with the fee it is cheaper for him to stay at the school than to travel or go back to Norway. Staying at the school, however, is not Kristofferen’s first choice.

“It will be difficult staying at the school, because all of my friends are travelling, and it will also still be difficult to afford the \$239 to stay at the school,” he said.

Students can work 28 hours during spring break to work off the fee.

Eric Mircsov from the Work and Learn Department usually has around 70 students doing work and learn each spring break.

“A lot of the students go out and either stay with friends or they go out to have fun” Mircsov said “It is a way away from the school.”

Usually students work in

areas where the school needs extra assistance, such as the cafeteria.

International student Gabrielle Christensen, from Denmark, is one of the many students who chose to travel rather than working at LU.

“I thought it was pretty expensive to stay at the school, and I did not want to spend my break working every day at the school, so I decided to travel instead,” she said.

Christensen is going to the Bahamas during the break, and she thinks staying at school is a rare choice for most international students.

“I know really few people who choose to stay at the school. All of my friends are either travelling or staying with friends, as it is quite expensive to stay on campus.”

The price for staying at Lindenwood, however, is the necessary price for living on campus and eating at the cafeteria, and therefore is not any added profit to the school in the price, according to Jesus Lopez from the Housing Department.

Construction continues with modified plans

Cayla Brown
Staff Reporter

The 30 acre LU property being developed on First Capitol is planned to include student housing.

President James Evans said through Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan, “[I hope] that housing units will be constructed at the site in the next two to three years, depending on how plans for the units come together. The specific kind of housing—traditional or apartment-style—has not been decided yet.”

The final determination on this matter will be made by LU’s Board of Directors.

In the original plans submitted to the city included one large 5-6 floor building with an internal parking garage, according to Director of Community

Development for the City of St. Charles, Bruce Evans.

According to Julie Mueller, vice president for operations and finance, through Duggan, “it was decided not to pursue that type of facility, there was no longer any need for the parking garage.”

The Schnucks is on track for opening this summer. Along with the Schnucks, a CVS pharmacy has been officially announced, according to Bruce Evans.

Duggan said other possibilities being discussed include a hotel and restaurant. A walking bridge between the development and the campus is also being considered.

“Once again, these businesses would lease the property, the money from which would go into the endowment,” Duggan said.



Legacy Photo by Jennifer Bruhn
The Schnucks grocery market is on track to open this summer.



Names that built LU

Legacy Graphic by Cameron Poindexter

“Names that built LU” profiles 28 campus buildings named after Lindenwood personnel. Each week, we will uncover the stories behind these people, and how they shaped LU.”



Image from Mary Ambler Archives
Sheryl and John Guffey each had significant roles at Lindenwood University.

Guffey family ‘deans’ its way to a dorm dedication

Michael Sprague
Style Editor

During the late ‘90s, a plan was put into place that at the time was the largest construction project in LU’s storied history.

The plan ultimately included two residence halls and what came to be known as the Spellmann Center.

Ben Blanton, LU’s construction partner, was the first chosen to have one of the two dormitories dedicated under his name.

The second went to a family, the Guffeys.

Both John and Sheryl Guffey were long-serving members of LU’s administration.

Sheryl Guffey is the daughter of late-president Dennis Spellmann. The couple also has a son, Ryan Guffey, who is currently the assistant vice president for student development and special projects at LU.

“It was a recognition of the time and dedication spent on the greater good for the community, and to be part of that is what makes it so special,” Ryan Guffey said.

“The university had very humble beginnings and where its come to this point, being even one knot in that long line of people who have made contributions, it makes you feel great,” he continued.”

Both John and Sheryl served multiple roles while



Legacy Photo by Phillip Scherer
Guffey Hall was dedicated to the Guffeys in 2000.

at LU.

The college operated under a different style at that time, using a system of more deans.

“My mom was dean of admissions and dean of campus life but my mom was more the specialist of student development, what we call it now, and my father was more admissions.”

Sheryl also held roles as dean of students, assistant professor for and chair of the non-profit administration

program, director of security for a while and director of facilities.

John Guffey served at different times as the dean of evening admission, and dean of day admission among other things related to the admission process, according to his son. John also served as the dean of financial aid.

Both Guffeys are now retired from LU, but their legacies live on at the university.

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Corrections

Cyclists race on Main

Cyclist John Holden was identified as Matt Brophy.

LU registers to combat blood disease

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Senator resigns

There are eight remaining senators, not seven.

SAAC Talent Show benefits Make a Wish

SAAC stands for Student Athlete Advisory Committee, not Student Athletic Academic Committee.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LU Passion Club

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Contributing Writer

For everyone who has not yet figured out what they like and what they want to achieve in life, LU has a new club that could help them discover their true passion in life.

The LU Passion Club was made official in September of last year, and has already helped a

number of students find their passion.

“The buzz that you have to find what you love is already out there. However, hardly anyone tells you how to find it,” said Jonas Kehrbaum, founder of the LU Passion Club.

Kehrbaum said that everyone who is interested

in learning something about themselves can join the club.

“In today’s competitive, global world, it is not enough to know about something or have a good education on paper. You need to know who you are first, in order to respond to the world most effectively,” he said.

During meetings, students are provided with mental digging tools, discussions, presentations, games and videos to help them find their passions.

The goal is for members to learn how to deal with difficult situations in life, gain self-awareness and confidence and find their

natural interests.

“Our club members have noticed a difference in thinking, which could in turn lead to how they make decisions in life”

Anyone interested can learn more on LU Connect or email Kehrbaum at jk589@lionmail.lindenwood.edu.

Each week this series will showcase one of LU’s many student clubs and organizations. It will not eliminate the potential for an organization to be covered elsewhere in the paper, it merely introduces readers to opportunities for campus involvement.

LU expulsion policy seems to be unfair

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Staff Reporter

As a crime reporter for The Legacy, I've covered the stories of Addison Todd, Lori Knight, Michael Johnson, and now Joanna Newberry.



All, even Newberry whose offense was a misdemeanor, have been expelled from the university.

What's up with this? I understand each of the students' respective offenses were crimes, and I am not against punishing those who commit crime.

However, from my observations Lindenwood seems to be quite obsessed with punishing any student whose crime comes to light to the full extent of the law, expelling them, and making sure everyone knows it—even for minor offenses.

Todd leaked personal information concerning students of the university to a social media forum in a move even he described as immature to get the university's attention.

Knight, a grown woman, called in a false bomb threat in an attempt to have classes cancelled because she didn't have her homework done.

Johnson had sexual relations with people in two different states that we know of without informing them of his HIV positive status.

According to the only information made public, Newberry falsified a report stating that she was the victim of an attempted sexual assault.

Is it not obvious that these people have issues? I think it's pretty clear.

However, the university seems to be more focused on publicly making sure that all students know what happens when you mess up on a criminal level.

But wait... what about the students who are caught violating illegal

drug policies?

Only a handful of them are ever arrested, let alone charged and expelled.

What about underage drinking or violation of the dry campus policy?

No expulsion there, either.

In fact, the vast majority of students caught doing those things, from what I know, are put on social probation, must pass a urinalysis test, and can be required to seek help.

The university recognizes their need for help, but not the mental health needs of students.

It is true that the university has the Counseling Center.

However, how many students are aware of the Counseling Center until there's a suicide or they get an email about grades?

Why isn't the Counseling Center on campus easily acceptable?

Why does the university claim to offer programs "leading to the development of the whole person" and then skip mental health?

Personally, I question whether the university really has a "zero-tolerance" policy or if they're trying to save an already damaged reputation.



The health center needs more doctors, better hours

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Contributing Writer

Yesterday, I woke up around 2:15 p.m. feeling horrible, so I decided to go to the health center.

I got there at 2:30 p.m., and the girl at the front desk asked the doctor if she could squeeze in another student.

As they were talking, a second student came in the door.

The doctor said, "No. Just tell both of them to come back tomorrow."

The other student said he would if he could just find out what medicines to take for the evening to stop his vomiting.

I told them I was beginning to feel light headed and would really like to be seen.

Realizing I wasn't going to back down, they agreed to see me.

When I got to the examination room (about 2:40 p.m.), I asked the nurse when they close.

She proceeded to tell me, "We see the last patient at 3 p.m."

When the doctor arrived, I asked her the same question.

She responded, "We stop seeing patients at 3 p.m." I said, "No, you don't. You just turned away a patient at 2:30 p.m. When do you stop seeing patients?"

She didn't answer my question and, instead, said "Well, you all always procrastinate and wait until the last minute to come in here."

My mother is a physician and owns her own practice back home.

I have worked countless hours over the last 10 years at the front desk.

She closes her office at 6 p.m.

About twice a week, someone will show up at 6 p.m. or a little after.

Being that my mother is a doctor and has the job to treat patients, she sees them anyway.

In fact, I can remember bringing her dinner many times to her office back in high school because patients would continue showing up randomly throughout the afternoon or calling her to say they were sick late in the evening.

I can remember her being at the office as late as 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning on many occasions.

My point is, if a doctor's office says they will see their last patient at 3 p.m., they better see their last patient at 3 p.m.

I can understand them turning someone away at 3:05 p.m. I cannot understand how "We see our last patient at 3 p.m." means, "We are going to send you packing if you come in after 2:20 p.m." 3 p.m. is not when they close.

That is when they see their last patient.

The doctor specifically told me that they usually close up around 4 p.m.

If they don't like seeing patients, there is a restaurant within five miles that will gladly employ them to wait tables, but while they are in a doctor's office, they need to see patients during the hours of operation.

That being said, the school has thousands of students who live here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There are faculty who work here over night including resident directors and security.

Why is the student health center open five days a week and only until 3 p.m.?

For a campus with people on it all the time, I would suggest a minimum of three doctors working eight hour shifts.

It's crazy to have a health center on a campus that is occupied 24/7 only accepting patients until 2 p.m.



Throw-away society

Guilherme Cesa
Contributing Writer

Last month I experienced something that really went against my beliefs and made me deeply sad.



This situation might not sound important or relevant to some people, but for me it really was shocking.

This experience was an eye-opener and I hope by sharing this I will find ways to raise awareness and educate people about the topic.

Food matters are something we tend to reject thinking about; we know it is a very contradictory topic and we still choose wrong ways to deal with them on a daily basis.

Last month the perfect example of how we take simple things such as food for granted occurred at the Evans Commons cafeteria.

Usually when the cafeteria is about to close, workers ask for students' IDs so they can scan them before shutting down the computers.

This day was different. After waiting in line with my delightful meal of a quesadilla and pint of milk it was my turn to scan my ID.

You see, since no one asked for my ID before this and I was allowed into the cafeteria, it was my perception that they would still be taking IDs when checking out.

This is when the person at the counter says my ID would not be accepted.

I would have to either pay or leave my meal there. I could not purchase the food because I only had my ID on me.

To be honest I would not pay considering the fact that the money for that food had been already paid in my tuition (The meal plan is a discussion for next time.)

I understand the cafeteria was closing, but there should be better ways to handle the situation.

I then asked the person working at the counter if I could at least take the food so it would not be trashed and she said she could not allow it.

I thought this was wrong so I asked to discuss it with the manager.

His response was that he was following orders and he could not let me take my food.

Instead it would go to the trash.

I asked him if he truly believed he was doing the right thing and his answer really disappointed me.

He said he knew it was wrong to trash the food, but he still would not let me take it.

There were a few more people in the same situation that night.

As a former worker from that same place I know how much food is thrown away every day without any questioning.

It is inhumane to think about this situation and not relate it to the millions of people around the world that have not enough to eat.

It should not be that difficult to stand up for what is the right thing to do.

It is not acceptable to think that throwing away tons of food nationwide every day is okay. Research shows the alarming data about food waste nowadays in the USA.

According to Feeding America, up to 40 percent of all food ready to be eaten never gets to our plates.

In fact, the amount of food being thrown away every day in the USA is extraordinarily high.

While 50 million people experience hunger we keep wasting food as if it was something abundant.

Statistics about the hunger issue are even more disturbing when seen in a global perspective.

According to the non-profit organization World Food Programme, hunger alone kills more people than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.

The terrifying data does not end there; more than 840 million people in the world have not enough food to eat.

Reducing food waste

could also mean helping the planet as well as other people.

Having better policies regarding waste of food could save the world a lot of money from producing and distributing food.

Also it would conserve resources and energy and prevents pollution created by growing, manufacturing, and selling food.

Research from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) states that the country throws away 165 billion dollars worth of food each year or about 20 pounds of food per person every month.

This huge amount of edible food tends to end up in landfills where it decomposes and produces about a quarter of the amount of methane emissions in the country (Dreibelbis, Carol).

America is not only the country that eats more if compared to other nations but it also wastes more than every other country on the planet Earth.

If we could save only 15 percent of all the food being thrown away every year, it could be enough food to feed 25 million people year around.

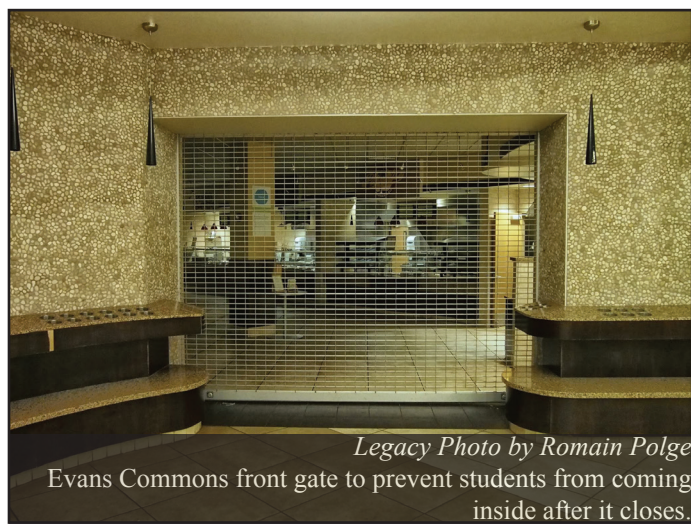
Strategies to change these numbers should be considered and regarded as an obligation to society.

Some people believe we can achieve a great utopia of a world without hunger.

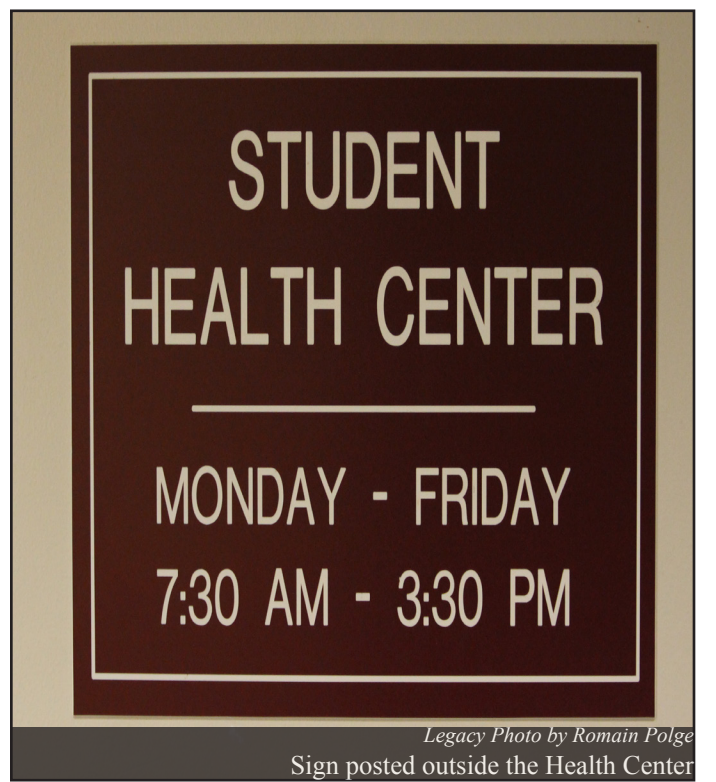
This situation I experienced was not but it helped me to understand this was a serious problem that we do not really think about.

The way we produce, sell, and consume food needs to be seriously thought about.

After my experience in the cafeteria the hunger issues of this world leave me uneasy, and I hope to help in any way I can to make a better future.



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Evans Commons front gate to prevent students from coming inside after it closes.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
Sign posted outside the Health Center



Learning to be content

Deborah Starr
Featured Columnist

Satisfied. Pleased. At ease. Comfortable. All of these are synonyms for content.

The dictionary describes contentedness as being satisfied with what one is or has.

Being content is probably not something that comes easily for many of us. I know for sure it's not one my strengths.

While I think a lot of that can be blamed on our society and the emphasis on materialism, I'm not really focusing on possessions in this column.

Sure, I find myself wanting new shoes or a new car from time to time, not being content with what I already have.

But what about being content with a situation or a specific season in your life?

For me, this is what I struggle with most. It's not often that I want a friend's house or her new dress.

What I do find myself being envious of, however, would be a friend's specific circumstances.

I believe there is a time for everything.

It's not always the right time for something to happen, and I believe that everything happens when it is supposed to.

Knowing that doesn't necessarily make it easy to believe though.

For example, sometimes as a college student I find myself being very discontented with my situation. I don't have a high-paying job, and I'm single.

These are both things I would like to change.

While I don't exactly know what the next chapter of my life is, I am completely ready for it.

So often I am frustrated with my specific



circumstances, therefore not content. The problem with living like this is that I often find myself with a mindset that I am just waiting for something to happen.

I sit here waiting for that great job to come along, or wait for Prince Charming to come and find me.

While these things would be great, they do not, or rather should not, define a person.

While I sit here wallowing, I am wasting precious time that I could be doing something.

Sure, your life circumstances may not be exactly the way you would like them to be, but that doesn't mean you need to sit around and wait for them to change.

When we learn to be content, we are able to see things in a whole new way, which then allows us to live life to the fullest. When we are discontented, we miss out on opportunities.

Next time you start to think about the way you wish things could be, think rather about all the positive opportunities that could come from where you are at this specific moment.

There can always be a positive outcome; you just have to choose it.

That choice becomes a lot easier when we accept and decide to be content with what we are or what we have.

Mother Nature at her finest

Dimon Paige
Contributing Writer

With Spring Break, and the season itself, right around the corner, LU students are anticipating the feeling of light breezes, warm air, cloudless skies and shedding layers upon layers of winter clothes.

However, Mother Nature sometimes has other plans in store for this small campus.

Two weeks ago, there

were only two consecutive days of beautiful weather while the rest were shrouded in cold.

This has caused some students to become a bit restless.

In other words, these predictions are not good enough, students are ready for

Native to Rio Grande City, Texas, Mayda Garcia says that the weather is very confusing here in Missouri. "I don't know how to

feel about the weather...I mean really," said Garcia, "I have lived in one of the hottest states in the US and then I come nearly 1200 miles away from home and the weather is all over the place."

Many Non-Midwestern's are baffled by St. Louis weather.

Yet, somehow Mia Divine, a native to the city of St. Louis, is still able to smile and joke about being exposed to high winds and

bone-chilling temperatures, even in mid March.

"I mean I have lived in St. Louis my whole life and been at Lindenwood for two years, so this is something I'm used to," said Divine, "On my calendar spring doesn't officially start until the 21st, so, until then, I'm not getting my hopes up."

Kristal Jackson says that she's planning to travel to Galveston, Texas for spring break in hopes of finding warmer weather.

But not everyone is so lucky. It's safe to say that if Mother Nature doesn't get her act together she's going to have some angry LU students on her hands.



Stressed out? Tips on how to minimize stress

Seannell Chambers
Staff Reporter

Have you been so stressed that all you can think about is driving yourself off a cliff?

Well hopefully not exactly driving yourself off a cliff, but you know is that you need a stress reliever and fast!

Though spring break is approaching, some of

us might still need daily relaxation in order to function.

Having two jobs and taking 18 credit hours is not the easiest, and I constantly find myself wanting to pull my hair out with all of the stress from work and school. So to help out, here are a few tips on how to become stress free.

Make time for loved ones

Making time for those you care about is a key way to calm down from any stressors. Friends and family that make you laugh

are the ones you want to always keep around.

Workout

I know being swamped with papers and other hassles makes some of us forget to dedicate some time to keeping our bodies fit. Going for a quick jog can be enough to turn that frown upside down.

Don't be around people that make you upset

This may seem like a no brainer, but for some it's a must! Avoid those who anger you because they will only add more stress.

Find time for your

hobby

Whether it's drawing, sewing or watching movies, find some time to wiggle that into your schedule for a few moments of relaxation.

Look at the big picture

Realizing what all your hard work is going to achieve drives you to push through all of the anguish. For me, knowing that graduation is just around the bin, I put my tears aside and focus on the big day. So when your days are long and troublesome, try these 4 easy tips to push you through.

On The Fence

Should marijuana be allowed for recreational use?

YES

Juliana Broadhurst
Contributing Writer

When it comes to the legalization of marijuana it's a gray zone for most of the world.

Many people see this plant as a drug and believe it should be illegal, but others feel it is beneficial to use this drug for personal reasons. Although this plant does help many cancer patients and other severely sick people relieve some of the pain they are experiencing, in many states it is still considered to be a drug. Twenty U.S. states have legalized the use of medical marijuana and almost all of the states require a medical card from your doctor stating that you must be allowed to use the drug. Despite these laws, many states still have high arrests statistics for people being in possession of marijuana.

I am not saying that everyone should be allowed to do whatever they want when they are high because that could become dangerous.

What our



government needs to do is start setting up restrictions for this drug just like we do for alcohol.

If they decide to use this drug for their own personal use that is fine, but if you decide to break the law then you are going to be arrested. Not just for doing illegal things but also for completing these actions while under the influence. If the government decides against an idea like my own then they will continue to have people smoke marijuana just because they were told they could not. As the saying goes, "People always want what they can't have." When it comes to this drug it is always a choice, whether it is legal or not people are still going to smoke.

So why don't we make the decision to act sooner as a nation and realize this drug is not going to go away and instead of denying the facts except them.

This way we set the laws to rule in our favor instead of ruling in favor of the drug dealers.

Killian Walsh
Social Media Co-Editor

Pot. Weed. Dope. M.J. Marijuana. No matter what you call it, it is still the same thing: a drug. Although marijuana is legalized in Colorado and Washington, it shouldn't be. Similarly to other drugs, marijuana puts users into a state of impaired judgment that wouldn't be there if they were sober.

When Colorado and Washington legalized marijuana, people almost made a joke about it. The claims made in support of legalizing marijuana say that it serves a medicinal purpose. However true the healing side effects of marijuana may be, that should be its only use and it should be regulated as the last resort option for treatment.

There are more people using it for recreation than as medicine. When I think of recreation, I think of soccer or basketball. Not doing drugs.

Marijuana's symptoms can include blurred vision, intense relaxation, heightened sensory perception, laughter, altered perception of

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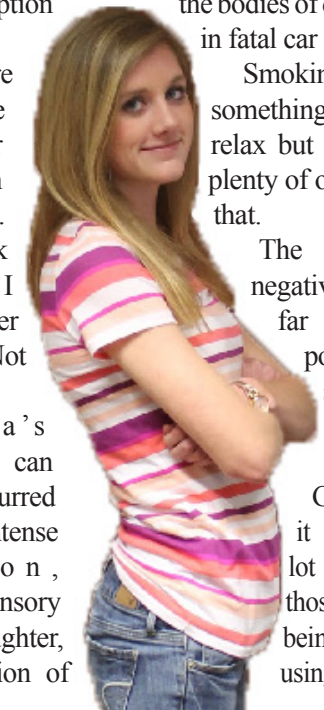
time and increased appetite. Some of these may sound good to you but when they're actually happening, you have little or no control of your actions and your surroundings are foreign to you. It can be extremely dangerous to make decisions because under the influence, your brain won't perform the way it should. It can also become addictive to nine percent of users according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Marijuana shouldn't be legalized in Missouri, nor should it be legal anywhere else.

According to Drug Free World next to alcohol, marijuana is the second most frequently found substance in the bodies of drivers involved in fatal car accidents.

Smoking weed is something people do to relax but really there are plenty of other ways to do that.

The dangers and negatives of marijuana far outweigh the positives. It should be legal anywhere for recreation. Gone unregulated, it could cause a lot of problems for those using it and being around those using it.



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Icarus Account and Equal Squeeze hit all the right notes in Butler Loft

Cayla Brown
Staff Reporter

A relaxing night after the craziness of midterms was found when Equal Squeeze, returning for their second performance at Lindenwood, and a first-time performance from The Icarus Account was held in Butler Loft on Tuesday, March 18.

With refreshments offered, the mellow sounds of songs such as Equal Squeeze's "Get Away" and their cover of Dashboard Confessional's "Hands Down" floated through the rafters. With an obvious excitement, Equal Squeeze lead vocalist Trey Garrison said, "We absolutely love Lindenwood and it was an awesome show."

Equal Squeeze opened for Mayday Parade and The Maine at LU's 2012 Homecoming concert. Garrison stated that last week's acoustic show was more intimate and personal than the homecoming performance, but both were extremely fun and they will absolutely consider coming back for another performance.

"Equal squeeze is a great bunch of guys with great attitudes," said Junior Devin Durbin. "I loved seeing them on campus again."

Equal Squeeze was in the studio this past weekend and will be going back in a few weeks to record more for their upcoming EP. The band is also hoping to be chosen to play at this year's Warped Tour.

Twins Ty and Trey Turner, of The Icarus Account, followed Equal Squeeze using acoustic guitars, shakers, a tambourine and, briefly, a ukulele.

Throughout their set, the brothers told anecdotes, joked with each other and interacted with the audience. The Icarus Account dedicated the song "Favorite Girl" to audience member Nathan Taylor, accidentally calling him Daniel.

"I love Icarus Account even if they cannot get my name right," said Taylor, laughing.

The Icarus Account finds inspiration in everything, especially love, life, music and movies, according to Trey Turner.

"We take that feeling inside, abnormal stirring feeling and try to replicate that into a song," said Turner.

While playing many of their own songs, they also included covers such as "Burn" by Usher and "Iris" by The Goo Goo Dolls. They hope to release their next EP in April or May.

The seemingly carefree and personal emotions listeners may feel when listening to the music was a sound some had never experienced before.

"I really loved the music," said attendee Hannah Padilla. "I have never heard of them before, but I would definitely buy their music."

Both bands were laid back guys who really appreciated the support from Lindenwood.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the amount of people who showed up and it was exciting to see how many people, especially international students, who knew our music," said Ty Turner. This sentiment was echoed by Equal Squeeze members.



Legacy Photos by Cayla Brown
Top: Ty Turner of The Icarus Account shook out the rhythm section with his tambourine, shakers, and snaps. **Bottom:** Equal Squeeze members Matt Grimsley, Trey Garrison, and Nick Hosto closed their acoustic set with "Closing Time" by Semisonic.

Twisted love story takes Jelkyl stage



Legacy Photo by Cayla Brown
Mr. Burger (John Fisher) and the deceased Mrs. Burger (Kimberly Brynes) sat down for dinner with Bartholomew (Brian Minatchy), the butler, serving the couple

Cayla Brown
Staff Reporter

Originally written as strictly a dark comedy, writer and director Milly Naeger based her one act play "Poulet et Necrophilia" on the true story of a California mortician who went on dates with his wife's corpse.

This strange story was performed live at Jelkyl Theater on Thursday night, but will be on video to be seen again. As Naeger's Capstone project, much time and effort was inputted, as well as a learning experience supplied to everyone involved.

"We spend a lot of time and only have this one performance," said Naeger. "You cannot judge the project by the title, but we always hope everyone will come out and enjoy our work."

"It was really well written and I loved having the writer as a director," said John Fisher, who played Jim Burger, the fictionalized mortician who kept his wife's corpse. "This was a new experience for me. We were able to change the script, as needed, with the writer there."

The one act was short, but contained an abundance of emotion. Adam Heinemam said, "This play was the most emotionally moving 10 minutes of my life." This sentiment was shared by both the cast and audience.

This simple and slightly taboo love story evoked laughter and tears with the touching reminiscence of a loving husband who adored his wife. The tale of losing your other half was everything that Naeger wanted in her creation.

"Seeing her being a director and doing what she loves was wonderful," said stage manager Natalie Smith when asked about the director and the play. "There is so much talent in her and she has an entertainment background to support her."

Movie Review:

"Need for Speed"
PG-13



Image from www.metnews.org

Jason Wiese
Culture Co-Editor

The most realistic scene in "Need for Speed," the film adaptation of the popular racing game series from EA, which is now in theaters, is when it is addressed that the film's centerpiece, a super-up Ford Mustang GT, needs gas. As impressed as I am that a film that uses cars as a plot device has finally addressed that issue, the intelligence of this film begins and ends at that moment and the rest is a mindless mess.

Emmy-winner Aaron Paul stars as hero Tobey Marshall, which should make "Breaking Bad" fans excited to see Jesse Pinkman finally in the driver's seat. Marshall enters an illegal street race on a mission to exact vengeance on evil racing rival Dino Brewster (Dominic Cooper). This is the most appealing element of the story other than the stylish vehicles.

Despite the apparent effort to give the film a heartfelt story, it has far too many scenes with cars flipping into oblivion, increasingly stupid jokes and characters that inhibit every annoying cliché in the book.

Director Scott Waugh, of "Act of Valor" fame, fails to design engaging action sequences. I can never tell if he is trying to put the audience in the car with the driver, make them feel as if they are the driver, or just confuse the heck out of them.

I applaud the talents of Aaron Paul, the heartfelt story and the inclusion of refueling the car, but I cannot recommend "Need for Speed" and would suggest staying home to play the original game(s) instead. It will more likely fulfill your need.

Book Review:

"Dangerous"
by Shannon Hale



Image from www.myshelfconfessions.com

Samantha Triplett
Contributing Writer

"Dangerous" by Shannon Hale is the adventure of Maisie Danger Brown as she becomes embroiled in a conspiracy that stretches from the deep reaches of space to the inner workings of human hearts.

Part science fiction, part fantasy and part hero's origin story, "Dangerous" mixes several well-loved elements from these genres into one extensive journey.

The premise of the novel is intriguing, but the nearly two hundred pages of setup bog the story down. Between quick lapses in time, scenes that seem to be stuck in fast forward and awkward character development, it is a bit of a slog to get to the good stuff.

However, after the initial first half of the novel, "Dangerous" does get to what it promises and does it well. Maisie, the remaining members of the cast and the plot finally come together and the novel becomes a page turner. Instead of attempting to juggle dozens of elements and dropping the ball on most of them, "Dangerous" finds its focus and flourishes, reflecting Hale's usual style of writing.

This book is not for everyone. More like an origin story than an epic space adventure, "Dangerous" will likely appeal to fans of superhero or action movies but, for those who do not like an extensive setup, "Dangerous" will be off-putting.

However, if you make your way through to the halfway point, the latter part of the novel more than makes up for the dragging setup and shows just how strong humanity can be.

Music Review:

"Kiss Me Once"
by Kylie Minogue

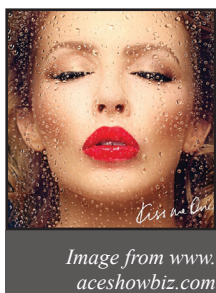


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Emilie Sondergaard
Staff Reporter

Kylie Minogue is an Australian artist who has now been in the music industry for over 26 years.

She has always been able to make songs that instantly become hits staying on the charts for weeks.

Everyone in the music industry is very respectful of her and since her best-known song "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," was named "The most catchy tune of all time" nothing has been able to stop her.

Even now at 45-years-old her newest album "Kiss Me Once" proves that Minogue still has what it takes to make a good album that is a catchy and loaded with relevant pop music.

One could think that after so many years in the business her fire would soon run out but this is not the case.

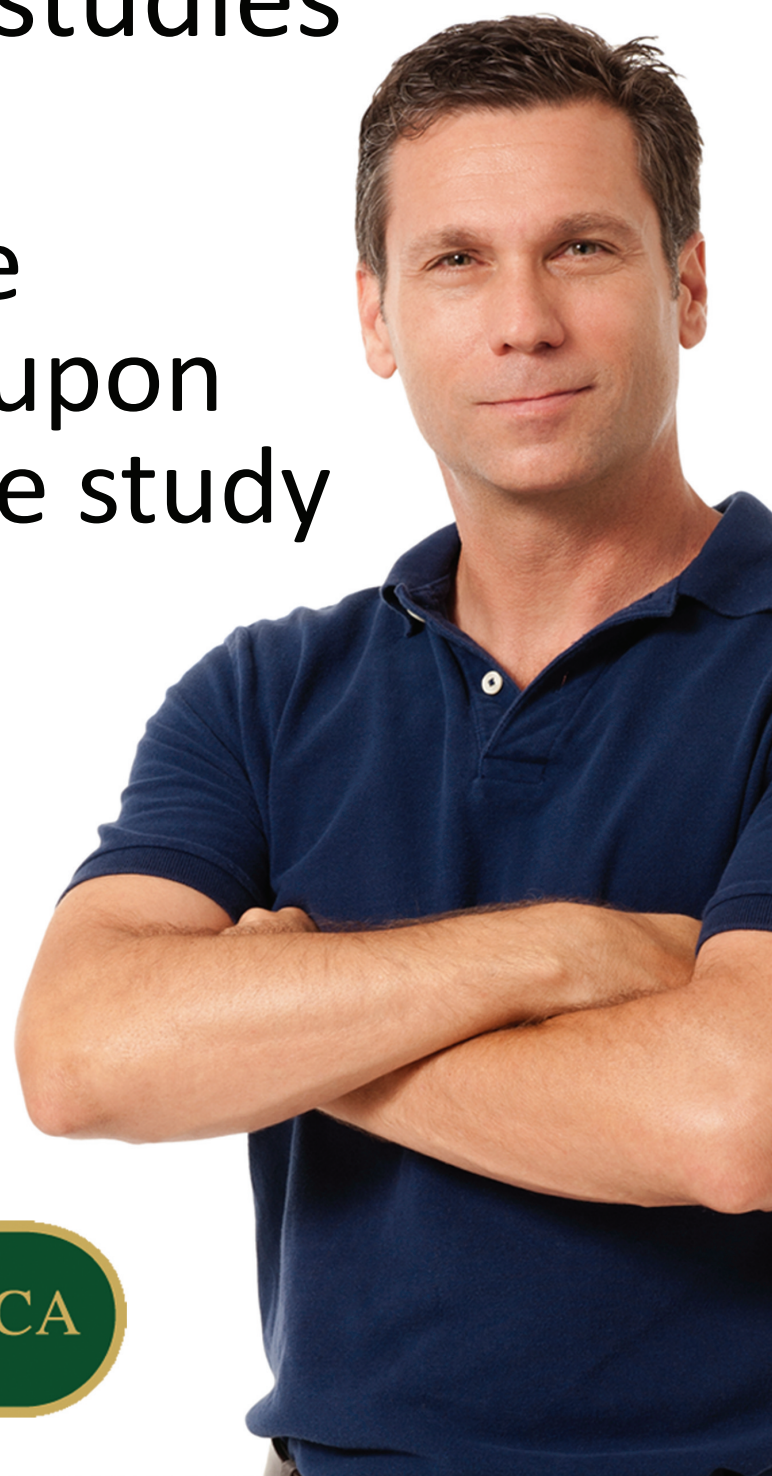
It took Minogue two years to make this album, which is also reflected in the songs as you can hear that she has put a lot of time into making these songs meaningful.

This is a great album worth listening to and hands down once again for Minogue still having what it takes.

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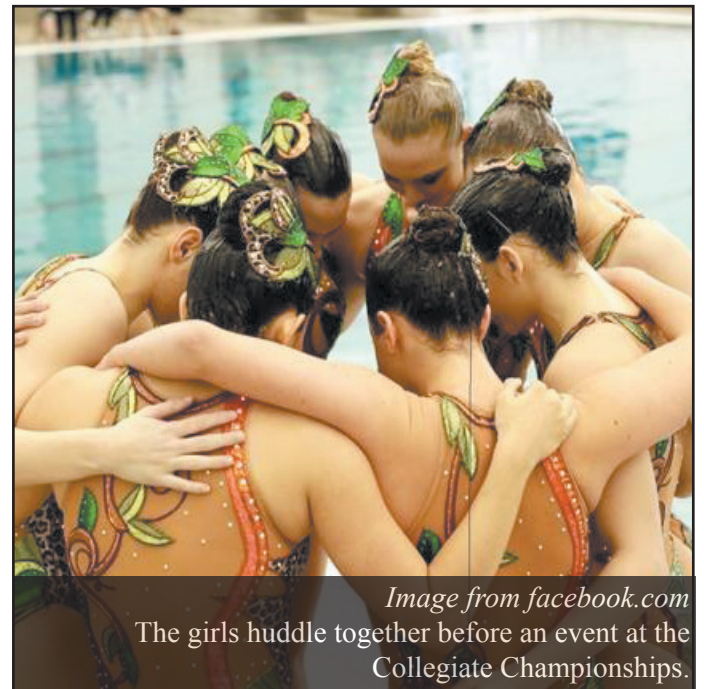


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Synchronized Swimming wins first national championship in program history



The Synchronized Swimming team line up in the pool over the weekend. The Lions went on to win all four events

The girls huddle together before an event at the Collegiate Championships.

Ryan Oldham
Sports Co-Editor

The Lindenwood University Synchronized Swimming team won the first national championship in program history over the weekend, sweeping all four events and beating out NCAA teams like Ohio State and Stanford University.

The Lions ended the tournament with 96 points, five more than second placed Ohio State, and a massive 26 points above Stanford University.

Canisius University, Incarnate Word University, and Wheaton University were the other teams to make up the top six.

“Going in to nationals, we had the goal of winning. We were all determined to make history this year,” sophomore Kelli Gustafsson said.

According to lindenwoodlions.com, the Lions’ “Deadly Sins” trio, made up of Mary Killman, Anouk Eman, and Dennise Ramirez, made first place, narrowly beating out Ohio State with a 88.600 score, with the Buckeyes only managing an 88.050.

Lions captains Killman, and Reem Abdalazem competed in the duet event, scoring almost perfect marks with a 89.350.

Killman returned to the pool for the solo event, and once again led the competition, with the reigning national champion scoring a 90.450, with the Buckeyes taking second again with an 88.050.

With these scores, the team went

to the final events with a two-point lead over the Buckeyes, and needed to carry on as they were doing to solidify a victory.

The “Jungle” team needed a score of 84.850 to keep a winning margin. The Lions scored an 85.200, and the in the final routine, the “Alien” team went on to score an 88.600, firing the Lions in to first place and leaving the team to wait for the final results.

“We had our best swims in finals and it was heart-stopping to wait for our competitors’ scored to pop up on the board,” Killman said.

“When they announced that Lindenwood had won the overall we were all shocked and ecstatic. It was a close call if we were going to get first or second. Not only did our team get the high point, our coach got recognized as the top coach, which she really deserved. It felt really good to beat Ohio State and Stanford,” Gustafsson said.

Lindenwood in the past has been looked at as the underdogs because we are not NCAA. We proved everyone wrong this year and showed that the Lions are no joke and are here to put up at good fight,” she said.

The victory at the Collegiate Championships sees the Lions win in a sport dominated by Ohio State and Stanford for almost 45 years. Nationals has been won by one of those teams since 1980.

“We are going to repeat and win it

again,” Head Coach Lori Eaton said. “We already feel the pressure to do it again next year. This will not be a one-time thing for us. We are at the top of the mountain and we want to stay there for a while,” Eaton continued.

Co-Captain, Reem Abdalazem said that the team has enjoyed a growing reputation in the sport.

“All those schools really look up to us, even though we’re a club team” Abdalazem said, referring to Ohio State and Stanford.

“It’s kind of a reverse for schools like that, who are used to winning. This was a huge accomplishment for us.

“It is extremely exciting for all of us and I’m glad I was part of it,” she said.

Abdalazem has only one more meet in her Lindenwood synchronized swimming career, when she travels to Arizona for the U.S. Nationals.

She will be joined by Killman, who is looking to defend her national championship in the solo event.

Abdalazem and Killman will also be joined by Daniela Garmendia and Anouk Eman, who will look to defend their duet title from last year, with Abdalazem.

Simona Placha, Carmen Salazar, and Amanda Mendez swam for the last time at the Collegiate Championships.

“We as a team, of 23 athletes, have accomplished something huge, and we couldn’t have done it without each other,” Killman said.

Swimming and Diving finds success at DII Nationals

Phillip Scherer
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood swimming and diving program made its way to Geneva, Ohio to take part in the Division II National Championships, where by the end of the week the group had accumulated five All-American honors.

The competition began very well for the Lions, as swimmers from both the men and the women earned All-American honors in the 1000 free event. Freshman Alecia McGillivray finished third overall for the women, while sophomore Sylvester Borowicz-Skoneczny was named the national runner-up in the event for the men.

His finish ended up being the best result for the Lions during the competition. The second place finish matched his result at the NSISC conference competition the previous weekend, in which he earned the second-fastest time in the nation.

With the help of Borowicz-Skoneczny, the men finished day one of the competition in the top ten overall.

The highlight of day two of the competition came when the 400-meter-medley relay team of the Lions finished

in the top ten, while McGillivray and Lena Kirchner competed in their individual events, each finishing in the top-35 overall.

McGillivray continued to shine the following day as she swam a new personal best time in the 500-meter-freestyle event. She swam her way into the A-final during the preliminaries and finished eighth overall in the event.

The top finish for the men on day three came from freshman Gustavo Silva Santa, who finished in the top ten in the 500-meter-freestyle event. He was joined in the event by Borowicz-Skoneczny and freshman Igor Mijatovic.

The arguable highlight of the week came on the championships’ final day, as the women were able to have two top-four finishers in the 1650-meter-freestyle event. Freshman Kyleigh Troxel earned All-American honors with her runner-up finish, and McGillivray earned a fourth place finish for her third- All-American award.

This was the first time the Lions were eligible for the national championships as they recently completed their transition to a Division II school.

Men’s Volleyball records victory on senior night

John Tessmer
Staff Reporter

Saturday’s game was the last home game of the 2014 season for the Lions men’s volleyball team, but also the last home game for the seniors’ careers.

With just six MIVA conference games to go in the season, Lindenwood faced off against Quincy University, a team that came in 0-8 in conference play.

After Quincy tied the first set at 14, Lindenwood went on a five point run, bringing the score to 19-14.

After trading points back and forth, the Lions finished the game with a Scott Siwicki service ace, finishing with a 25-19 first set victory.

The Lions fell behind 3-8 in the second set before turning things around.

Eventually with the game tied at 11, Lindenwood took the lead and never looked back.

With a 21-12 lead, the

Lions gave up four points before finishing out the game with a Tim Huizinga kill. The Lions took the second set 25-16.

The final home set of the season was all Lindenwood. Tied at eight, Lindenwood went on a three point run, never falling behind again. The Lions finished out that set with a 25-17 win.

With the three set sweep over the Hawks of Quincy University, the Lions brought their total record to 19-6 and 4-5 in the MIVA.

Colin Hackworth again led Lindenwood in kills with eight, while Tim Schmidt finished his last home season game of his career with a team high 17 assists and eight digs.

Scott Siwicki led all players with seven service aces on the evening. Lindenwood hit .339 on the evening while holding Quincy to hitting just .066.

Prior to the match, Lindenwood recognized seniors David Poole, Tim Schmidt, Tim Huizinga,

Michael Adams, Scott Siwicki, and Brandon Thompson. Each player was presented with a picture of himself in action on the court.

Sitting in fifth place in the MIVA standings, just behind Lewis University, the Lions look to finish out the season strong and gain some ground in the

standings.

The Lions will finish the season out on the road, facing all four teams currently ahead of them in the conference.

These teams include Ohio State University, Ball State University, IPFW, Lewis University and Loyola University of Chicago.

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Schmidt dominates volleyball

John Tessmer
Staff Reporter

Growing up in River Forest, Ill. just west of Chicago, Lindenwood senior setter, Tim Schmidt first played volleyball on his middle school's team.

"I've been around it my whole life pretty much, my mom was a coach," Schmidt said.

Being around the game, Schmidt understood the game and had the fundamentals at a young age, so he played all positions in middle school.

"I started as a hitter. I'd set for high school and hit for club. It was always an odd switch between seasons. My senior year I just stuck with setting though," Schmidt said.

His senior year, Schmidt sent out a volleyball profile to college volleyball programs and Lindenwood's now women's coaches Ron Young and Cary Cusamano were interested.

They e-mailed Schmidt back and went to a few of his tournaments.

"I came and visited and it was close enough to home but far enough from home for me to get away," Schmidt went on to say.

It's even close enough to home that Schmidt's parents make it out to most games.

When coming to Lindenwood as a freshman, the team was a member of the NAIA, and had nothing to do with the NCAA.

Now, as a senior, Lindenwood is a member of the NCAA and is playing big name teams like Ohio State.

"Going from NAIA to NCAA is a huge switch. We've played three or four games at a pretty high level. Right now we're just finding our chemistry," Schmidt stated.

Because Lindenwood is in its first season as a full member of the NCAA, they can now make it into post season play.

"I really want to win the MIVA, if we win the tournament we get to go to the final four which would be with big time teams like UCLA. Right now, we're sitting in sixth in the MIVA, and if you're in the top four you get the first play-off game at home which would be huge. We're only two games out of fourth," Schmidt said.

Facing and doing well against teams like Lewis and Loyola, who have been top programs for a while, shows how Lindenwood is making the transition into a top program as well as the potential the volleyball program has.

While Schmidt is all about the team, he is up for the Lloyd Ball Award, an award for the best setter in NCAA volleyball for the 2014 season.

"Just being mentioned is pretty sweet...I feel like this was a way to get my name out which was pretty cool," Schmidt said.

Gold medalist

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for the Disabled Athletes Sports Association St. Louis Blues sled hockey team.

"Obstacles will get in the way," he said. "If you like what you do, you will do anything to get it."

The 2014 Paralympic games were held March 7-16, in Sochi, Russia.

Pauls, Canada and Russia were some of his

biggest competitors.

"It was a crowd of about 7,000 people cheering for you the whole time, just for you to mess up," said Pauls.

The final score for the gold medal game was USA 1 and Russia 0.

Sled hockey is a sport that was designed to allow participants who have a physical disability to play the game of ice hockey. Instead of skates the players use a sled that they sit in and two sticks with ice picks at the end to propel players down the ice.

Pauls, now sporting a mullet, explained the new style.

"Growing our hair out was a team decision, except I was the only one to

actually grow it out," he said. "Taylor Lipset, a player from Dallas, said I had to keep it. I planned on cutting it off but I have to visit the White House in a few weeks so I will keep it until then."

Pauls said he already knows what he will ask President Barack Obama when he visits the White House.

"I will ask him if he bet a case of beer on us like he bet on Team USA during the regular Olympics."

Pauls, a decorated athlete, has an official Wikipedia page, verified Twitter and Facebook athlete accounts, as well as his very own LU Meme.

He said when he saw his meme for the first time he thought it was hilarious.

"I guess I am known for my sandwiches and gold medals."



Image from facebook.com
LU student Josh Pauls brings home a gold medal from the Paralympic games. This is Team USA's second consecutive gold win in sled hockey.

Desir, two others compete in LU's first Pro Day

Phillip Scherer
Staff Reporter

Despite cold temperatures and roaring wind, Lindenwood cornerback Pierre Desir completed a series of drills as a part of his Pro Day, in preparation for the National Football League draft on May 8.

Desir had previously competed in front of NFL scouts at two different college football all-star games earlier in the year, as well as the NFL combine in Indianapolis last month. His performance at these events prompted six NFL teams to travel to Lindenwood's campus. The teams in attendance were the Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Detroit Lions, St. Louis Rams and Kansas City Chiefs.

Head football coach Patrick Ross said, "This is a huge step for our university. Pierre earned everything he's getting in his four years of college football and I couldn't be any happier for him."

During his workouts, Desir completed a 38-inch vertical jump and ran his 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds. Though the time was similar to the time he ran at the combine, people in attendance were more impressed with what they saw on Wednesday morning. "I was definitely impressed with what Pierre did with that run today, especially with the conditions out here," St. Louis Rams beat writer Jim Thomas said.

In Indianapolis, Desir ran his 40-yard dash in a climate-controlled dome, while the second run was completed in heavy winds and cold temperatures. Overall, it appears that Desir stabilized, or increased his draft stock, according to Thomas.

Desir said that he was very pleased with how the day went, as well as how the entire draft process has been thus far. "I was definitely more relaxed out there today. The hard part of the process is over now, with the workouts. Now it's just about going through the interviews, and that's much less stressful," Desir said.

This occasion marked the first official Pro Day in Lindenwood football history. Ten years ago, the university had a pro day scheduled for former running back DeDe Dosey, but the event had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. A year ago, former players Denodus O'Bryant and Andrew Helmick competed as part of the University of Missouri Pro Day. Ross hopes that Desir's pro day will be a stepping-stone for the school. "We have to build upon the momentum that Pierre has given us. Hopefully this will become a regular thing."

Two other Lindenwood football players took part in the pro day along with Desir, defensive end Thomas Stubbs and defensive tackle Chris Floyd. Ross said these players did well and that it was great exposure for them as well.

Desir currently projects as a middle-round draft pick, potentially between the third and fifth round. If Desir is drafted, he would become the first LU football player to be drafted into the NFL.



Legacy photo by Phillip Scherer
Pierre Desir running drills during his pro day

Intramurals has vague policy

Ryan Oldham & Lindsey Rae Vaughn
Investigative Reporters

Intramural Policy

With safety being a big concern in day-to-day student life, how should the university determine who should participate in intramurals?

According to lindenwood.edu, those allowed to participate in intramurals are as follows:

- Currently enrolled students
- Spouses/partners of currently enrolled, activity-fee paying students
- Faculty and their spouses/partners.
- University employees and their spouses/partners

It does not mention one party that is allowed to participate in intramurals: alumni.

"Yes, I plan on changing the online policy so that our rules are consistent throughout. This will allow everyone interested in intramurals to be on the same page," said Assistant Director of Recreation and Intramurals Chad Bruner.

Each intramural team is allowed one alumni per team except for the Friendship Cup.

Only during the Friendship Cup can any number of alumni play.

A high demand of former students wanting to participate was the reason for allowing one alumni per team to be a part of intramural sports. "That's one of the biggest reasons why alumni are allowed. A lot of them have graduated and are former players. They still want to be involved," said Graduate Assistant Koty Whitaker.

After filling out paperwork, alumni receive a purple card that allows them to play in intramurals.

These cards give alumni access to not only intramural sports, but also use of gym equipment.

There are also other benefits alumni receive.

According to lindenwood.edu, alumni receive campus, business,

dining, health, wellness and fitness, lodging and travel, recreation and St. Louis MetroEast discounts. All of these benefits are at no cost to the alumni.

For intramurals in Evans Commons, unless the general public is watching upstairs, they can't be on or near the courts. As long as observers have a student I.D. or alumni card, they can spectate from downstairs.

For outside sports, it's different.

"If it's at the football field...it's pretty easy for people to show up because it's not closed off to the public," said Whitaker.

Students being unaware of the policy can cause some tension and miscommunication. One student in particular felt uncomfortable playing intramural volleyball against a former LU employee.

"I was pretty confused as to why a former employee was playing on an intramural team. I asked the Work and Learn students why he was playing but they didn't know who he was, or that he wasn't an employee," student Amanda Young said.

Who Should Play?

One question remains as to whether former students and staff should be allowed to participate in intramural sports.

Freshman and intramural participant Seth Landon said, "I don't really think it causes anything negative. If it came to a point where intramurals were filling up with alumni, and students couldn't play, then it would definitely be a problem."

Student Audrey Schroeder said, "I don't have anything against former employees playing,

but my impression of the intramural leagues is that they are primarily for students. There are leagues outside of Lindenwood for recreational sports that employees can play on if they want. I was under the impression that you had to be a student at the university to play intramural sports."

An online poll received 14 responses from Lindenwood students, with more than 50 percent of people saying that former employees should not be allowed to play intramural sports.

More than 60 percent of the 14 people said that they would not return to Lindenwood University after graduation to play in intramural sports.

Most people who answered the poll said only students should be allowed to participate in the intramural program. Some responses were "current students at LU," "students and grad students," and "students only!"

One answer suggested that intramurals should be split up into sections. "Alumni within three years of graduation [should be allowed to participate] or if further ages want to compete, they should be separated by age brackets."

Changes are expected to be made and will be publicized soon. "I am currently working on reviewing all of our policies, and will be making decisions regarding future participation of alumni in intramural sports. I am also looking at making sure that the rules we use are consistent everywhere they are posted," Bruner said.

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