

Muslim students seek awareness of culture

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Investigative Reporter

In spring 2013, Lindenwood University opened a prayer room for the Muslim students. Located in the Spellmann connection center, the room is mainly used every Friday for the weekly prayer, the Jum'ah.

"Providing a designated place for Muslims to pray was a big step but there is undoubtedly much that can still be done," said Matthew J. Aragon Bruce, assistant professor of religion.

Starting in the fall semester, Bruce will teach a brand new religion class, "Islam and the West."

The course will be divided into three parts. In the first third of the semester, Bruce will be teaching about basic beliefs and practices of Islam. The second part will be focused on the evolution of relationships in history between the world of Islam and the "West." In the final third of the course, the students will read short pieces written by modern Muslim writers that address different modern issues.

"My primary aim with the course is to have students engage the thought of contemporary Muslims," said Bruce. "How do Muslims understand their faith?"



Maxime Brissac leads a group of Muslim students in prayer. Lindenwood's prayer rooms were added to the Spellmann Center Connection in the spring of 2013.

What do Muslims think about the relationship between Islam and the West?"

Maxime Brissac, a junior exercise science major from France, conducts the prayer every Friday and he will be taking the

class this fall. "I look forward to see how a class about Islam, taught in a Christian university, will go," said Brissac. "Of course, I have an a priori about the class but I am really curious."

Like Bruce, Usonbek Sali, a finance student from Kyrgyzstan, thinks the university could do more for the Muslim community on campus.

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Potholes prove to be a menace

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Chunks of St. Louis area roads are missing, and paying for repairs may mean cutting other projects.

Mike Foppe is the maintenance superintendent for the Missouri Department of Transportation's St. Louis district. He said there are 25 percent more potholes in his district than last spring.

The extra wear and tear is resulting in increased spending. Foppe said that during the last five years the St. Louis district averaged \$650,000 a year on pothole repairs.

MoDot's fiscal year ends July 1 and as of March 24 it has already spent \$725,000 repairing potholes. Foppe said the cost of repairs could reach \$1 million by July.

"Sometimes we have to juggle things a little bit. We may have some monies here for this project, or this road improvement here, we were hoping to do," Foppe said. "The budgeting comes from a little bit higher than me, but I have heard them say, 'We're not going to do this project, because we had to buy this material for this project.'"

While some scheduled road projects may have to be put off to restructure the budget, Froppe said it is unclear what specific projects may be put on hold.

The National Weather Service said the St. Louis region just finished its coldest winter in 13 years with an average daily temperature of 29.5-degrees. Most area communities accumulated approximately three feet of snow as well.

The large amounts of precipitation this winter made it challenging for crews to get every hole 100 percent dry before patching, Froppe said. Moisture heats in a repaired pothole as the temperature rises and that causes crumbling.

Froppe said some areas may potentially have to be retreated later in the summer.

The large number of potholes means MoDot may not be the only busy group this spring and summer. Street damage is creating extra business for area mechanics as well.

Richard Donnini, lead technician at Christian Brother's Automotive in O'Fallon, Mo., said he has seen more pothole

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Colleges unite for 'green' movement



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Sustainability means to provide a way to address ecological, social, and economic concerns, by creating ways that they can all work in harmony.

A lot of local colleges in the area, including University of Missouri-St. Louis, Saint Louis University, Washington University, St. Charles Community College and Maryville are members of Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. AASHE offers awards to colleges who promote and provide sustainable practices on their campus.

Maryville University has made many changes in the last few years to promote campus sustainability.

The Center for Sustainability was created in June 2011 by President Mark Lombardi.

Peggy Lauer, Director of Sustainability at Maryville, said, "It is President Lombardi's goal to create a Center for Sustainability around each of Maryville's core values."

President James Evans for Lindenwood University said that while there are no immediate plans to create a sustainability center on campus, they are working with the LSGA and LU Sustainability Alliance to reduce the campus' carbon foot print.

"We are working with both the LSGA and the LU Sustainability Alliance to review our present recycling program, with an eye

towards expanding it somewhat," said President Evans.

Recycling is a major concern for the LU Sustainability Alliance; they recently hosted a "Dumpster Dive" event to see just how much of the waste that Lindenwood generates could have been recycled or composted.

They collected data that will be used to apply for grant funding that will hopefully bring a comprehensive recycling program to the university.

Aaron Kothe, president of the LU Sustainability Alliance, said, "This gave us an opportunity to impress upon people just how absurd our waste practices are here at Lindenwood."

Kothe said the dumpster dive project indicated that 78 percent of the waste Lindenwood generates and sends to the landfills could have been recycled or composted.

This finding corresponds very well to the numbers Scott Roberts, CEO of Always Green Recycling, gave last year in an interview where he said he estimated 75 percent of potentially recyclable material generated by Lindenwood is still going to the landfill.

The LU Sustainability Alliance is looking to change these numbers by hopefully started in the near future a dorm recycling program.

"We are excited for the upcoming start of a dorm recycling pilot program in Blanton Hall. This program will hopefully lead to recycling opportunities in dorms campus-wide," Kothe said.

Getting students in the habit of sustainable practice is the problem both the LU Sustainability Alliance and Maryville University run into

when trying to fulfill campus-wide initiatives.

Lauer said, "Our biggest issue to tackle is changing behavior." However, she said it was the students that created the recycling program on Maryville's campus.

While Maryville receives a budget to accomplish some of these sustainable projects they propose on campus, LU does not have a direct budget for sustainability.

Kothe said, "There is currently no direct university funding for the sustainability projects we have proposed, but we hope this will change in the near future."

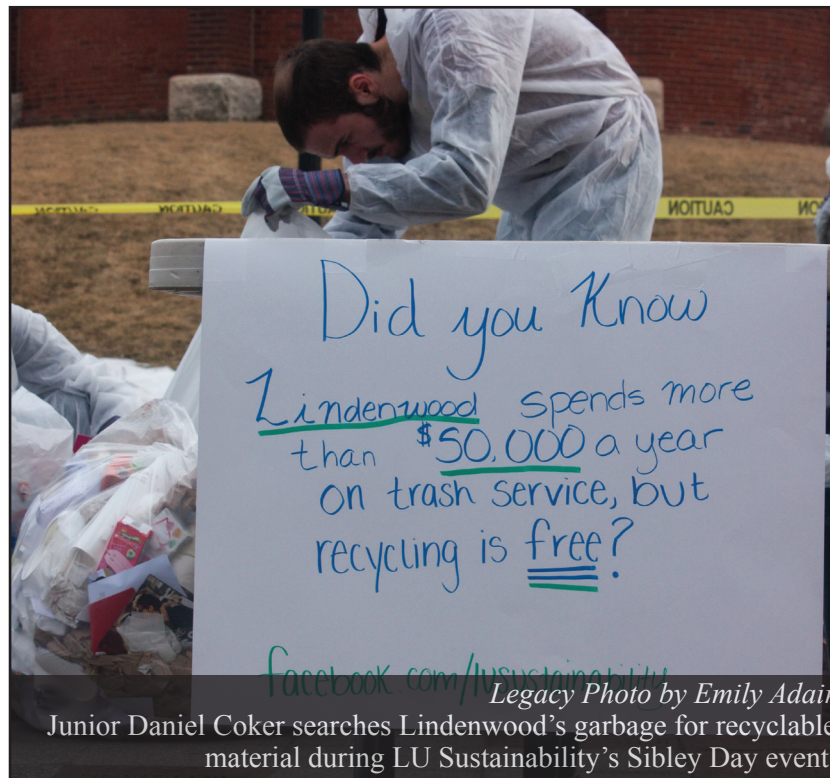
President Evans said, "We are always looking for fiscally responsible ways to reduce energy consumption that makes the most sense in the context of our overall

operations." President Evans said Lindenwood has made many changes to campus life that promotes sustainable practice, including; energy reducing features on the new construction projects and expanding campus technology.

"We have also spent considerable money on the expansion and updating of campus technology to, among other things, encourage paperless communication, and paperless quizzes, tests and class projects," President Evans said.

It is clear Lindenwood will soon start to make strides in sustainability.

Kothe said, "If Lindenwood wishes to continue its historic role as a quality institution, it must embrace ecological as well as financial sustainability."



Junior Daniel Coker searches Lindenwood's garbage for recyclable material during LU Sustainability's Sibley Day event.

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Announcements

LSGA Elections

The student government will hold elections April 14-16 for president, vice president and treasurer and April 23-25 to fill eight senator positions.

Elections will be held via the home page of LU Connect. Here are the candidates for each:

Executive Board

President

Jacob Hedlund
Nikki Napolitano

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Morgan Albertson
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Morgan Albertson
Mary Boudreau
Dylan Callaway
Ashley Franklin
Mitsuru Koyama
Dylan Paul
Elizabeth Petersen
Sam Rudloff

Spring Into Service

The fourth annual Spring Into Service will take place Saturday, April 12. It will begin 8 a.m. in the Spellmann Leadership Room. The service day, sponsored by Campus Y, benefits multiple charities. Register at Lindenwood.edu/springintoservice.

Muslims=

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"Yes, they opened a prayer room, but not many students know where it's located," said Sali. "There is a lack of information about Islam at school. Even smaller things are not delivered to our other non-Muslim friends about the religion."

Hady Rateb, an Egyptian student, uses the prayer room but he doesn't think that the university could do more.

"Judging by the number of Muslims, I don't think they have to do anything special," said Rateb.

For Bruce, the important factor is to give information about Islam because it is a community that is growing more and more.

"In my World Religions survey course, I tell students that Islam is predicted to surpass Judaism as the second largest religion in the USA by 2015," said Bruce.

"Thus, if you are going to be a teacher you simply will have Muslim students in your classroom at some point in your career. If you go into business, you will have Muslim business partners."

Bruce hopes to see Muslim students in his class, and looks forward to have discussions with the non-Muslim ones.

"Learning about Islamic belief and culture is thus essential to maintain the stability of a multi-cultural society like that of the US," said Bruce.

"Much of what we get in the media is deeply distorted and sometimes entirely false. I want to provide a setting in which we can let various Muslim authors speak without the machinery of entertainment media."



Spellmann stairs



Legacy Photos by Jennifer Bruhn

Construction on the Spellmann Center stairs began during Spring Break. The fence which was erected on Feb. 21 remains. Above is a look at the stairs in March, and below is construction progress as of April 7.



Potholes

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related damage this year than in the past.

Hitting a pothole most often results in tire damage, he said, and those repairs can range from \$150 to \$800 depending on the vehicle.

Donnini said there is no way to physically prevent pothole damage to a vehicle.

"The best way that I can tell a customer about how to protect themselves against something like that is to purchase either some type of warranty on their tires when they purchase them, road hazard warranty," Donnini said. "And, or, check into their automotive policy and see if pothole damage is in their policy, and what a deductible would run on something like that."

Lindenwood freshman Rashad Hubbard said he has also seen more potholes this year than in recent years, and is concerned about damaging his car.

He also said he has seen street damage cause traffic issues.

"Backup isn't so bad until it is one of the warmer days and then I-70 is just completely packed," Hubbard said.

In early March, MoDot opened a public MoDot pothole campaign asking drivers to call a toll free number and report problem areas. Foppe said he has had his employees reporting the potholes they see for months.

He said the St. Louis region is seeing damage on the highways, especially where asphalt has been added to the original concrete. Side streets can also have potholes as well though.

"(St. Charles County has) a fair amount of minor roads as well which means low volume routes," Foppe said. "Those tend to really give us trouble too, because you have heavy traffic, trash trucks, dump trucks, farm equipment and stuff. And that takes a toll on a road as well."

The St. Charles City Street Division did not make anyone available for an interview after multiple requests.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge

Potholes, like the ones located between Blanton Hall and the Spirit Shoppe, are heavily affected by moisture.



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

Franc McCluer meets with President Harry Truman during his time as president of Westminster College. McCluer served as the Lindenwood's president for 14 years.

McCluer's presidency recognized nationwide

Michael Sprague

Style Editor

Franc McCluer came to Lindenwood College in October of 1947 in high regards.

He was the twelfth president of the university.

The 14 years prior, McCluer was president of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Born in O'Fallon, Mo., in 1896, McCluer's family moved to Fulton when he was 12.

He graduated from Westminster College with his M.A. in 1920.

From there, McCluer went on to teach sociology and economics at the University of Chicago until 1924 before moving to teach at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College and also the University of Missouri.

Heading back to Lindenwood until 1966,

Westminster in the early 1930s, McCluer was named president at just the age of 36.

He founded the Westminster Institute of Public Affairs.

The year prior to leaving for Lindenwood, McCluer had both Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Harry Truman visit Westminster College.

Churchill's famous "Iron Curtain" or "Fulton" address was given on campus.

Lindenwood's hiring of McCluer was recognized nationally, as many institutions like Duke University and Columbia University of New York sent congratulatory notices to McCluer and his new school.

McCluer held presidency at Lindenwood until 1966,

and later interimed as president in 1973.

In total, five new buildings were erected under McCluer's presidency, and enrollment had increased.

At one point in 1945, McCluer directed a committee that aimed for a new Missouri Constitution.

He was also named the "Man of the Year" by the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church in 1965.

Memorial quotes found in university archives suggest that McCluer was around to serve the students.

He ate meals in dining halls, and knew many of the students by name, according to archives.

McCluer died in March of 1979, but his legacy was the kind that lived on.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT Redefining Beautiful

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For students that are looking for a club that will better their lives and raise their self worth, Redefining Beautiful is trying to do just that.

Sarah Moss and Rachel Henry are the founders and co-chairs of the up and coming club. The purpose

of Redefining Beautiful is to inspire, encourage and support young women and men by allowing them to be proud of their physical appearance and confident in themselves.

The students founded the club to help lift self-esteem, which has become a huge problem

in our youth. An estimated 10,900 suicides occur at colleges every year.

It is important for people to be proud of who they are and where they come from. The founders said Redefining Beauty is a club that will help with just that.

The club has supported

charities including the Cinderella project, which help get prom dresses for those who cannot afford them. The club mainly focuses on campus outreach programs, and is always looking for new events to support.

As for the future, the club is hoping to have

a viewing of a beauty sketches film that they made last year. Henry could not emphasize enough that everyone and anyone can join.

Students can follow them on LU connect to join, learn more about the club or find the next meeting date.

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.



Deborah Starr
Featured Columnist

Seeing light at the end



The only thing on my brain right now is how ridiculously fast time seems to fly by. I honestly cannot believe there are six weeks of the semester left. Six weeks. That's nothing. Six weeks until glorious summer hits us.

Then there are us seniors. This past weekend as I was dreading going back to school after enjoying a week off, it hit me that this could be my last summer as a "kid." I was sitting in a bar with some friends talking about our summer plans. We started planning a road trip to the beach. Then I thought about the European adventure that I have been planning with a friend. Then there's the trip to Canada to visit my sister, a visit to Minnesota to spend a week at the lake, and various camping/float trips. All at once I realized that if I actually get a big kid job, I can't go on all of these trips.

There is this thing called vacation time and apparently you only get so much of it. Maybe it's because I have been pretty spoiled when it comes to working. The reality of working 40 hours a week for the rest of my life hit me like a ton of bricks. And man, did it hurt.

Of course I want to get that amazing job that every college grad dreams about. Of course I want something to be proud of, a reward for my years of hard work. I want something that makes me feel like all of this was worth it. But for the first time, I'm okay with waiting for that job.

Yes, this is basically a rant of my thoughts on college wrapping up for me and for many of you as well. Either you already

have a job lined up, or you have a chance to have one more summer before the rest of your life starts.

For the first time all school year, I don't want school to end. This is it. In six short weeks, there are no more classes, no more textbooks and no more tests. And yes, all of that sounds amazing. But with the awful things ending, the fun stuff comes to an end as well. No more college parties, no more staying up all night with friends, no more taking afternoon naps between classes.

The real world is staring me in the face, and for the first time I don't want it. For the first time in my life, I want to stay in school, if only to keep enjoying the little things that make all the studying worth it. But, change comes and we move on.

As I started this column talking about how time seems to fly, I will wrap it up by telling all of you to enjoy these last several weeks. Live in the moment, always. Do everything you have wanted to do while in college. Make memories that you will never forget, so that when the time does come to leave, you will have those to hold onto, which will make the ending all the more bearable.

Women should perhaps have equal congressional representation, maybe?

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Staff Reporter



Republicans have issues with women voters, and it is one of the many clever ways in which the GOP has convinced people to vote against their own interests.

Along with a myriad of other questionable GOP talking points on the issue, Cari Christman, the director of the Red State Women PAC, recently made the comment that women are too busy for the impractical idea of women receiving equal pay.

Republicans do not believe that their favorite minority- rich, old, white men- should have to lose money so that women can get paid what they deserve to be paid. That is the

reason that equal pay has not been passed into law- the GOP feels that it is anti-business. They have come up with the rationale that women across America do not care that they make one-fifth less than men for the same work... presumably because they are working 20 percent harder to catch up on income.

There is not just an economic gap for women; there is also a healthcare gap. I am not going to detail the list of Republicans who have lost elections for ignorant perceptions of how the female anatomy works and how women should accept rape. But what is a mainstream idea for Republicans is that women should not have easy access to reproductive healthcare.

Why is this an issue? The answer is simple: it is because women are disproportionately represented in government.

As a result men have disproportionately better reproductive healthcare than women.

A substantial amount of reporting has described how Medicare provides Viagra, Cialis and even penis pumps for men at great expense to the all-sacred taxpayer.

It is deemed fundamentally appropriate for healthcare to provide men with the means for sex. But should healthcare cover contraceptives for women so that they do not get pregnant when sex happens? The GOP gives a big, fat, hypocritical "nope" It is the golden sex double standard. Men can have sex, but women cannot. And if women do have sex and have an unplanned pregnancy, they deserve it for being floozies.

The issue clearly cannot be politically framed in such a simple, convenient,

anti-women way. Instead there is an unsympathetic national discussion about rights, but not everyone's rights because many women clearly believe that their rights are taken away with this opposition to contraception. The issue is a lot like the opposition to gay marriage in that people on the anti-side of the issue want the right to deny others' rights.

Not everyone lives with the same values, and if women were proportionately represented in Congress, maybe Congress could accept that women have sex just like men, and that they do not want to have unplanned pregnancies.

The biggest reproductive controversy of all is abortion, and contraception is the logical way to reduce abortion without unrealistically demanding that women never have sex.

At the very least can Congress pass an equal pay bill already? It is 2014.

Think before you name

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In Romeo and Juliet, Juliet asks, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet." In other words, names aren't important. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Your first name is who you are. Your opinions, beliefs and circle of friends may change through time, but for most people your first name is forever. This is a huge responsibility that I believe people don't take seriously.

When you have a baby, you are giving a human being their identity. I've been noticing that people exercise their creativity on their children's names. People are naming their children

after fruit. They say to themselves, "I like the way this name sounds," or, "this name means wandering river, cool." Really?

For those of us who would like to become parents one day, we need to ask ourselves these questions before we name our kids: Will my child get made fun of? Will my child have to repeat himself over and over during introductions? Will my child have to constantly correct people for spelling their names incorrectly?

This third one needs some explaining. People naturally feel that names should be spelled certain ways. It's not their fault, it's just that tons of people spelled it Lee before someone a long time ago decided that should be a girls' name, spelled "Leigh" and it caught on (thanks, mom). This applies to other names as well. Thousands of people are doomed never to find anything with their names pre-printed on a

key chain. This is reality for poor four-year-old Lucie who just wanted a personalized light up pen like her brother James. You're not being creative by adding an unnecessary E.

Before naming your kids, we need to ask ourselves if we're being a tad bit selfish. This name isn't about you, it's about them. Do a survey and ask your friends and co-workers if they like the name you've chosen. If most of them say no, it's probably a stupid name.

On the upside, unique doesn't have to mean stupid. There are plenty of wonderful names that won't have the first grade teacher trying to keep from laughing out loud, or feeling embarrassed because they didn't pronounce it correctly. I'm all about practicing your first amendment rights and all, but telling someone they should go by Apple until they're at least 18 seems a bit cruel.

No glory in death

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How is it that we are too busy living that the only time we make for loved ones is when it's time to walk by their casket?

Although it may seem like life is an eternity, it isn't. It lasts for a while and then it ends. I know it may sound cheesy, but smell the fresh roses while you can. The idea is that you should cherish what you have before you lose it.

When we are young we tend to think about the future, but death is there. Then, when we age, we think about the past, but we find death is near. Somewhere in between we meet people and we lose people. We learn things and we make choices. We live our lives with loved ones by the way side.

I believe everyone wants attention before they get sick suddenly. They want to be visited before they get into an accident. Loved ones want love more than on Christmas and birthdays. They want love always.

"Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them," said George Elliot. If we wait for their death to acknowledge them, then we have forgotten about them already.

When a rose dies it loses its: color, smell, posture and petals. There is no glory in death. There is glory in one's life. Everything done after that is like putting petals on a dead rose. It's honorable but it's too late.

Burst your personal bubble

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When you go to a university where nearly 20 percent of the students on campus are of the international variety, you are bound to run into cultural differences. A major one, in my experience, has to do with platonic intimacy.

If you've ever actually reached out to a foreign friend instead of just dwelling in your own personal bubble, you know that many of them don't seem to have personal bubbles at all. Their hugs last longer, they kiss more

often (and no, kissing does not always happen on the mouth) and they're much more likely to place a hand on your shoulder or knee during conversation. In other parts of the world, this is the norm.

Americans, like their British counterparts, are not so touchy feely. We tend to think that physical contact in everyday encounters is strange, creepy even. In our society where sex is all we see, we don't often know where to draw the line between friends and friends with benefits (draw it in permanent marker).

That doesn't mean that it's okay for random worldly men to say "We all do this in my country" whilst grabbing a handful of your ass, but it does mean that it

could be healthy for us to re-conceptualize intimacy and take a hard look at what it means to us.

I honestly believe that physical isolation is to the great detriment of our maturity and development. We shouldn't be afraid to just reach out and hug one another every once in a while and we would benefit if we stopped assuming that every point of contact with the opposite sex will lead to actual sex. After all, studies have shown that cuddling is good for personal health. To my knowledge, no one has ever contracted a disease from cuddling; I looked it up. There is nothing wrong with sex but it is not always the end game, and the sooner we realize that the simpler life will be.

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Lindy's award communications students Oscars style

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On March 27, the communications department held the 9th Annual Lindy Awards in The Lindenwood Theatre, formerly known as The Bezemes Family Theater, at J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. The communications department holds this award show every year to showcase the accolades of particular students who showed a great amount of talent in their respective fields.

Greg Amsinger, Lindenwood University Alumni from the Class of 2001, works as an American sportscaster and studio host for the Major League Baseball Network and was the guest of honor for the night, being presented with a Lindy Award and giving a very inspiring testimonial to the audience present and those waiting on the university's television network. "You want something, Go get it!" was the message of Mr. Amsinger's story, having inspired those around him in his story of success.

Several awards were given for cinematography, newscasting (including sportscasting), sound, acting, direction, and several other categories. Various awards were given to Audrey Schroder, Milly Naeger, and Britney Vilasco. The Best in Performance reward was given to Brett McMillan for his various accolades in sportscasting.

Several awards were given to theatre students participating in communication programs with notable awards in acting including Joe Bayne, winning best Acting in "The Drinking Age" and John Fisher winning an acting award for his participation in a "Father's Love" by Milly Naeger.

Overall, The Lindy Awards was a wonderful night of celebration, recognizing the achievement of those in the communications department this year. Having past Alumnus, Greg Amsinger, come to share his story with the students proved to many who were watching that the communications department is evolving and Lindenwood will continue to produce great talent in the field. Seniors had their own time in the spotlight, receiving many awards for their work and expressing passion for the career they care most about.



Legacy Photos by Cayla Brown

Top: First hosts Jessica Hartman and Caitlin Baker presented an award to Audrey Schroeder. Bottom Left: Communications professors Jill Falk and Andrew Allen Smith took a selfie to open their segment. Bottom Right: Greg Armsinger, Communications Alumni of the Year, gave advice and testimony during his speech.



Internet providers may threaten online freedom

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The 20th century gave us radio, television, mobile phones and most important the internet, without which people cannot imagine their lives today.

The biggest opportunity the internet gave us has been labeled Net Neutrality.

This is based on the principle that internet users should be able to access any web content and use any applications without restrictions or limitations imposed by internet providers.

"One of the things that we have as a result of this freedom online is democratized culture," Prof. Andrew Allen Smith explained. "Prior to the internet, all of the media that we consumed were doled out to us via gatekeepers."

Three years ago the biggest Internet

providers, such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, decided to eliminate this principle by blocking equal speed access to the internet.

"One of the things that is a fear is that in the not-so-distant future we are going to see internet service providers creating packages, where you don't just gain access to the internet, you gain access to particular websites that you pay for," said Smith.

Comcast, the country's largest cable and broadband provider, and Netflix, the giant television and movie streaming service, announced an agreement Feb. 23, in which Netflix will pay Comcast for faster and more reliable access to Comcast's subscribers. This agreement can injure the Net Neutrality principle in the not so distant future. It can push other companies like Facebook or Google to make the same agreement with internet providers that will destroy the main principle of the Internet.

According to Smith, "If these agreements will exist, some people will not be able to use the Internet because of the prices that each access to different sites will cost. Also, people who have small local businesses will not be able to promote their websites. These people will need to pay, too, if they want their websites to be listed in the packages that internet providers will give to their customers."

The FCC (Federal Communications Commissions) is trying to save the internet from the monopoly similar to those created by telephone and television services. On Jan. 14, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit struck down the FCC's Open Internet Order in the case against Verizon. The FCC wanted to appeal the court decision, believing itself to have the authority to make such decisions about Net Neutrality. No information has been released since January about the appealing.

On pins and needles: be smart about body piercings

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Body piercings have been discovered in cultures from ancient Egypt to the Roman Empire and beyond.

Although their popularity in the United States is waning, Northwestern University found that as of 2006, 15 percent of men and women between the age of 18 and 50 had one or more body piercings (not including the ear lobes.)

The study from Northwestern University found that one in four people surveyed experienced complications, though most were minor infections.

Oral piercings in particular are risky, and one in four resulted in broken or chipped teeth.

While it is not uncommon for girls in particular to get belly button, nose, or tongue piercings (or all of the above) on a whim, body modifications of all kinds require prior consideration and proper aftercare.

If you have or are considering getting a body piercing, follow your piercer's instructions carefully and seek medical attention if any irritations become serious.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, consumers can reduce these risks by looking out for five key sanitation signifiers:

- 1. An autoclave**
This is a heated machine that sterilizes reusable tools.
- 2. Fresh equipment**
You should see

unused, sterilized needles and trays.

- 3. Gloves**
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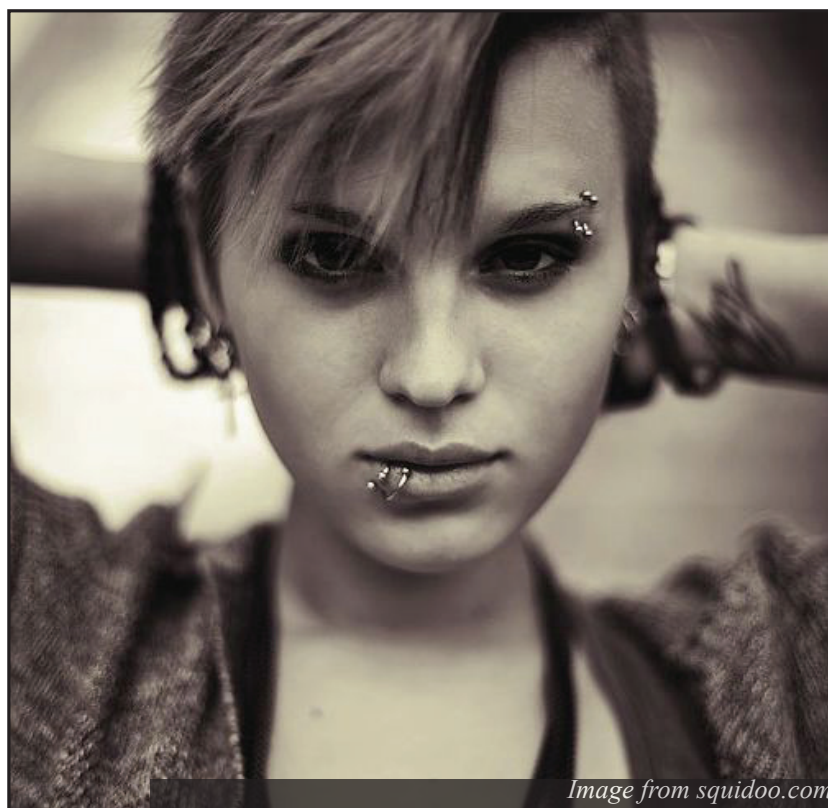


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SPOILER ALERT: How “How I Met Your Mother” met its end

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After nine years on CBS, Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor) finally finished telling his son, Luke, and daughter, Penny, the story of how he met their mother on Monday, March 31.

The end was heartbreaking, but the big twist in the series finale of “How I Met Your Mother” came from his childrens response.

However, just as Ted would, let us start from the beginning.

The ninth and final season of this popular series, created by Craig Thomas and Carter Bays, took place during the weekend of the wedding of Barney Stinson (Neil Patrick Harris) and Robin Scherbatsky (Cobie Smulders.)

At the reception, the bass player of the band (Cristin Milioti) catches Ted’s eye.

Fans knew the bass player is the future mother of Ted’s children, whom he would later speak to for the first time at a train station after the wedding.

In a flash-forward to 2016, after Ted and “The Mother” had their first child and Marshall (Jason Segel) and Lily (Alyson Hannigan) announce their third child, Barney and Robin reveal their divorce due to Robin’s too-often business travels.

As a result, Robin spends less time with the group and Barney deals with the loss by reverting to his promiscuous ways.

That is until he receives a surprise in the form of his love child, inspiring him to change his ways and devote his life to his daughter.

After seven years together and having two children, Ted and “The Mother,” who is revealed to be named Tracy McConnell (same initials as Ted!), are pronounced husband and wife.

Their marriage lasts 10 years until Tracy succumbs to an unnamed illness.

Once Ted finishes the story, the children, in a scene filmed in 2005, reveal that Ted told the story in attempt to ask them for permission to date Robin.

“Mom’s been gone for six years now. It’s time,” Penny assures her father.

In an ode to the series pilot, Ted shows up outside of Robin’s window with the first gift he gave her: a stolen blue French horn.

The rumors turned out to be true that Ted and Robin were meant to be together after all.

Fans were divided on the series’ ending, some expressing dislike over the mother’s death and tired of the Ted and Robin subplot.

However, as Thomas and Bays would have hoped, others were satisfied to see Ted experience the life of happiness he deserved with his wife and children and finally ending up with his first true love.

Because the final scene with Ted’s children giving him their blessing to date Robin was filmed years earlier, Bays and Thomas stand by the ending they wrote.

“We wrote a comedy with dramatic elements to the very end,” Thomas said in a tweet. “We did a finale about life’s twists and turns and that is not always what happens.”

The creators also announced that an alternate version of the ending will be included on the complete series’ box set.

There is more good news for those saddened to see this “legen- wait for it... DARY” sitcom’s end.

Thomas and Bays are preparing the spin-off “How I Met Your Dad,” which will tell a separate story about a woman telling her children the story of how she met their father.

Now only one question remains on the minds of “HIMYM’s” biggest fans: what was the deal with that pineapple in season one?

Movie Review:

“Captain America:
The Winter Soldier”
PG-13



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Jordan Pfeifer
Contributing Writer

Marvel Studio’s latest installment to their continuously inter-related storyline was released this past week as a second headliner for Captain America, subtitled “The Winter Soldier.” The film takes place after the events that occurred in “The Avengers.”

“Captain America: The Winter Soldier” is an action packed thrill-ride with many scenes of the masked Avenger brutally overpowering anyone that gets in his way. One particularly memorable scene shows Cap seamlessly taking on a dozen baddies within an elevator.

Directors Anthony and Joe Russo added some political content that seemed to be culturally relevant to today’s society. The film hits on points that a one world order has manipulated people to give up their natural freedoms for a false sense of security.

Now that privacy is a thing of the past since the digitization of informational data, anything about anyone can be accessed. This hits home for those who know about the recent NSA scandal, and other governmental conspirators.

Throughout this nearly two and a half hour film, I was sitting on the edge of my seat hoping it would not end soon so that I could see more of Captain America, Black Widow, Nick Fury or The Falcon fighting side-by-side against the evil forces of HYDRA. Rumors of the return of the Winter Soldier are flying around for the next Cap installment.

Marvel has more than satisfied audience members everywhere once again with their latest film, and have given comic film fans everywhere another tasty morsel of the big Marvel cake they have baking behind the scenes.

Book Review:

“The Winner’s Curse,”
By Marie Rutkoski

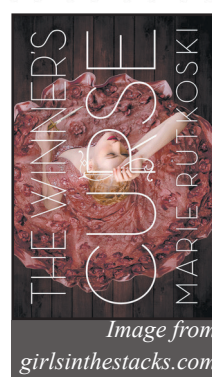


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Contributing Writer

“The Winner’s Curse,” by Marie Rutkoski, is an intriguing fantasy novel set in a world where ambition, desire, and cunning might as well be magic.

The novel follows Kestrel, a young woman of the elite class with the uncanny ability to adapt, and an enslaved man known as “Smith,” whose past threatens the fragile state of the colonized country of Herran.

Thrilling in its twisting schemes and character interactions, “The Winner’s Curse” has the tension found in most dystopian novels while maintaining the exotic, natural feeling found in more traditional fantasy stories.

Though not for readers who prefer a multitude of action scenes, the novel holds no end of battles of intellect.

That is not to say that there is no action, but it only appears when it logically should, and always in a tasteful manner. Regardless, the struggles of Kestrel and Smith are riveting even when they seem to concern the most trivial of moments.

“The Winner’s Curse” is a delightful read. Witty, dark, and lyrical, it captures the best and worst of its characters to create an incredible world and an even more incredible story. Fans of Tamora Pierce or Sherwood Smith are sure to find themselves utterly enchanted. Easy to read and amazingly clear, “The Winner’s Curse” is an enchanting start to what promises to be an engrossing, delectable trilogy.

Music Review:

“Shakira”
by Shakira



Emilie Sondergaard
Staff Reporter

Ever since Shakira released songs like “Whenever, Wherever” and “Hips Don’t Lie” in the early and mid-2000s, audiences have been waiting for the Colombian to make her next big move.

At 37 Shakira is still a hard working singer-songwriter who has had great success. She is now ready with a new album called ‘Shakira.’

Shakira has said in earlier interviews that she started working on the album in 2011.

It was actually supposed to be released in 2012 but because of Shakira’s newfound motherhood, the album had to wait an additional two years to be released.

This also means that many fans have had high expectations for this album after such a long wait.

Shakira is mostly known for singing in Spanish and this is in fact only her second album, which is primarily in English.

The album features good pop songs that are very catchy but overall the album lacks energy with the exception of “Can’t Remember To Forget You” featuring Rihanna.

This is a good album if you want to hear catchy pop songs but it’s not likely to live up to many high expectations.

Food Review:

Gabrielle Christensen
Staff Reporter

If you are looking for a new Asian food experience then try Hibachi Grill’s Chinese/Japanese buffet that offers anything from chicken and beef to shellfish and sushi.

When you walk into the Hibachi Grill, located on 3801 Mexico Rd in St. Peters, you are welcomed in a big, fancy restaurant where you already see families and couples enjoying a good meal.

The mood in Hibachi grill is good and it does not take a long time before you get seated.

At the Hibachi Grill there are plenty of fried and caramelized chicken and beef, however, there are good opportunities to stay healthy as well.

Hibachi Grill’s supreme buffet offers delicious salads and crispy vegetables that are lined in between the meat.

In addition, there is a separate hibachi grill where you can choose which kind of meat and vegetables you want grilled.

By choosing the Hibachi Grill, you get more fresh food than from the actual buffet.

Alongside the big dessert buffet, which includes, ice cream, different kinds of cakes and cookies there is plenty of fruit to enjoy even though it’s not newly cut.

Hibachi Grill offers lunch and dinner, which are approximately around \$7 and \$12.

The service at Hibachi Grill is fine, however not very personal.

Nevertheless you can eat all you want for a good price, though the drinks are excluded but are refilled very often.

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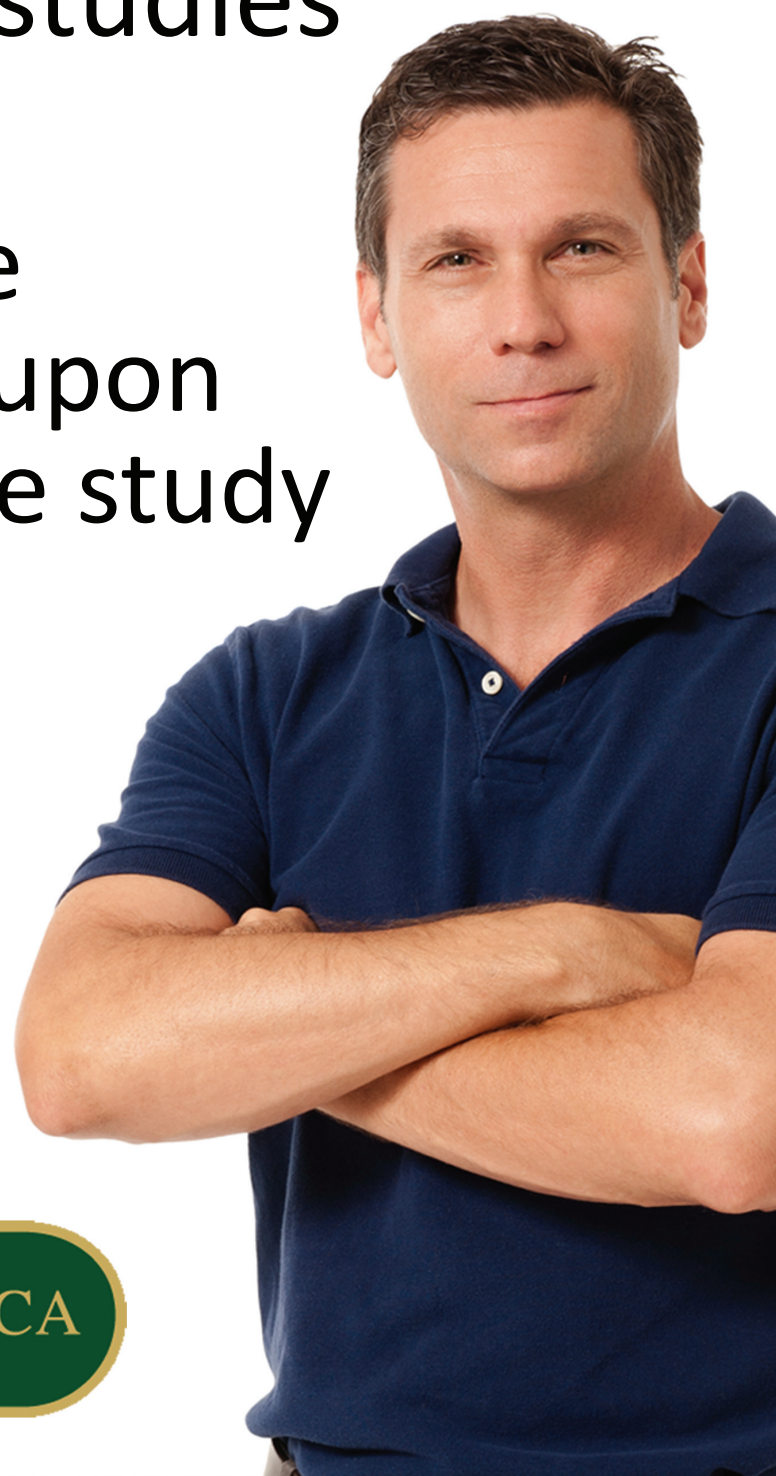
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Jönsson excited for life after LU

Jennifer Bruhn
Photo Co-Editor

Continuous deep breaths and fast steps on the ground create a rhythm that isn't noticed by the students in the gym.

They are too ambitious and focused on their body movements to realize the concert they are currently participating in.

The melody changes when some students leave and others come in.

No song is ever the same, but one instrument seems to be playing every single day.

The gym is where Lindenwood's football player Filip Jönsson, a linebacker and fullback, spends most of his time and that's for a reason.

After his graduation in May, the international student from Sweden, will be playing under a contract from May until September for the Black Knights, a professional club football team in Örebro, his home town.

It is the highest division in Sweden and the team is ranked second of the nine teams in the league and division.

Spectators numbering in the thousands at every game, over 4000 watched the championship game in 2013.

Even though American football in Sweden is still growing and the players do not have the same celebrity status as they do in the United States, they do get a lot out of it.

"When it comes to contract negotiations, all deal is unique depending on the value of the player," Jönsson said. "In general, players in the European football leagues are not even close to the salaries given in NFL. But what most leagues can offer players is often a change to experience, an adventure of a lifetime.

When it comes to celebrity status, many people would be surprised about how popular football is getting in Europe.

Thousands of people watch the games from the stands and live online; kids recognize you on the street."

Despite some attention he gets in Sweden, he will

"I will miss the magnitude that football has in the American culture. NFL, college football and even high school football gets a huge amount of publicity and attention in America, which fascinates me even today," he said. "My hopes are that one day American football will be as big internationally as it is here in the U.S."

-Filip Jönsson

miss the popularity the sport has in the United States.

Besides football, he will miss the people he became friends with during his time in America and with whom he built up close relationships.

He meets one of his closest teammates, Dillan Hawkins, on a regular basis.

Also the relationship with

"He is very caring, always asks me how I am doing, things like that. We would probably go out to eat once a week just to catch up and to see how he was doing and see how I was doing."

-Dillian Hawkins

his coach at Lindenwood is very close.

"We have a good working relationship," Deion Melvin said. "As a mentor to pupil, and as a father to son. We can rely on each other if we needed something. We do not let the grind of sports get in the way of a brotherly love type relationship off the field."

Going to Sweden doesn't only mean leaving people behind, but also moving back to the country which has always been close to his heart and being with the people he missed while being in the States, such as his family who has always supported his stay abroad.

"Family means everything to me. My family will always be there for me and I will always be there for them. They just want me to be happy and most of all to succeed with whatever I desire to do with my life."

The reason for him to leave America and go back to his home country, however, is to become an ambassador for football abroad.

"I believe and know that football will be an international sport in the future to come," he said. "I want to be part of its growth internationally and to use all the knowledge I gained in the U.S. to develop its quality all over the outside world."

As a player of the Black Knights, Jönsson will help to make the sport more popular by playing against the Danish and Finnish champions in the qualification for the Champions League game.

Even though his last football game as a Lion was last semester, he continues practicing every day to succeed on his new team.

"I'm using this semester as a pre-season, working out hard every day; I'm sprinting, I'm lifting and Spring Break for example, instead of going to the beach, I [went] to a high performance center," he said.

Hawkins is impressed by Jönsson's attitude and the effort he puts into what brought him so far already.

"He is just a very hard-working individual," he said. "Every time I see him, it always seems like he's working out or running, working on his weaknesses; he has a just-never-give-up attitude and it's going to get him very far in life for sure."

His coach shares the same opinion.

"To be from a non-football country, his attitude is fantastic, he is eager to practice and learn football on and off the field," he said.

Jönsson's passion for American football started in 2004.

He got inspired by his father who played football as an exchange student at a high school in Indiana for a year. He brought the sport to Örebro where he and some friends started the club team Örebro Black Knights in 1989. However, the main reason for Jönsson to start playing was the sport's physicality.

"I love the overall athleticism," he said. "As a football player, you had to be big and you had to be strong. I loved the challenge, the overall pressure you need to put on yourself and your body mentally and physically to make sure you could become the athlete you wanted to."

"In five years, I will probably be done with football as a player," he said. "But my ambition is to stay involved in the sport and inspire others the way others inspired me."

-Filip Jönsson

Even though playing football has been a part of his dream since he started and his future goal is to play the World Championship in Stockholm in 2015, he doesn't see himself as a football player in the future.

Jönsson is an international business major and might have a bright future in that area because of the things he learned from the sport.

"The things I learned from it will help me in all aspects even outside of football," he said. "Discipline, teamwork and dedication are some of the things I learn through the sport."

Jönsson's coach noticed his dedication and thinks that his work ethic sets him apart from others.

"Even on away trips you could find Filip outside a hotel in a parking lot or field, walking through his plays or game scenarios," he said.

This attitude brought him far as a football player already. Before coming to the U.S. he played in foreign countries such as Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Spain. Opponent teams were from countries such as France, Finland, Mexico and England.

His first time in the United States was during the Junior World Championship in Canton, Ohio, in 2009 where he first got the idea to stay in the U.S. for college.

Shortly afterwards, the Benedictine College in Kansas offered him a scholarship where he spent his freshman year before coming to Lindenwood.

Playing football in a different country, however, brought its challenges.

"I'm the only foreigner who is on the roster to play," Jönsson said. "It's been a struggle, communication barriers with players and coaches, culture barriers of course. You need to be really strong in yourself.

"You need to find your safe zone when you get away and recharge your batteries because every day is like a cultural shock, you're always going to face new things that you haven't experienced back home. Even though I play American football, as it's called back home, it has his own subculture to it."

Getting used to some differences is part of playing in another country and minor differences get continuously discovered.

"American tipping culture, extremely confusing, in Sweden it's rare that you tip anybody," Jönsson said.

Also, Melvin sees the challenges Jönsson is confronted with from time to time.

"Sometimes he is taken as a foreign player who doesn't know football, but that's because he is still learning," he said. "He usually quiets the doubters up with finding the answer."

Next to the struggles of being an international football player, there are also the challenges every football player has to face such as many early mornings, scarcity when it comes to hours of studying and off practice activities like community work.

"It puts a lot of pressure on you," Jönsson said. "You're going to face issues like lack of sleep, lack of energy, lack of appetite. You need to keep your head up and sometimes find the motivation in your goals in days when it's extra hard for you to get up in the morning. You need to find that motivation to get up and keep fighting, because you cannot give up neither for yourself nor for the team."

"Life is hard, but the only way to reach the light sometimes is to take the long hard walk through the tunnel."

-Filip Jönsson

To stay motivated, he thinks about what he is currently doing, and compares it to where he wants to be in the future



Legacy Photo by Jennifer Bruhn
Filip Jönsson works out in the gym. Jönsson spends most of his time in the gym working out, getting ready for his professional career in Sweden.

and forces himself to find the energy and motivation to reach his goal.

The positives outweigh the drawbacks of the commitment to the sport according to Jönsson. He has experiences to tell that nobody can take away from him.

During his first game at Lindenwood against NCAA Division I opponent Northern Colorado in 2011, the first time Lindenwood played a Division I NCAA school, his team was, according to others, the "complete underdog" and

"It was just a couple seconds left on the clock and everybody went crazy," he said. "We all ran out in the field to celebrate, and a tight crowd just got silent. They did not expect that. We knew in our heart from the beginning that this was possible and we achieved it. After that, we all realized that nothing is impossible if you really put your mind to it."

-Filip Jönsson

expected to lose. They prepared hard, got self-esteem, and despite being undersized in all positions, his team managed to beat them with a game winning field goal.

Having such moments in a big stadium in front of a large audience arouses emotions others won't experience in their lifetime.

"It's amazing; it feels like I'm a gladiator in the arena," Jönsson said.

The recipe for being successful and experiencing such moments depends, according to Jönsson, on every single player in the team.

"Everybody takes the responsibility to be a good leader in a team, and it's not after one individual to pull the team up; it is up to all individuals to take the responsibility to have the team to be better in itself and better at what we do, because the team is never stronger as its weakest link."

Knowing that he himself is a necessary and important part of a whole, he continues being part of the rhythm in the gym.

"If everybody cared about and loved the game of football as much as he does, we would be national champions," Hawkins said.

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Baseball's inconsistency continues; fall to 14-21

Phillip Scherer
Staff Reporter

The season-long inconsistency of the Lindenwood baseball team continued this past weekend as they were swept in their four-game series against the University of Central Missouri Mules, struggled offensively throughout the weekend.

The Lions got off to a good start in the first game of the series, as they struck for an early 1-0 lead when Marshall Vallandingham singled home Jerry Roam in the first inning.

However, Lions starter Austin Klein could not contain the Mules offense, as they tied the game in the bottom of the second inning before striking for six runs in the fourth inning to take a commanding 7-3 lead.

The Mules would add single runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to further extend their lead.

Despite a late comeback attempt that got one run for the Lions on a Zach Kurzejewski RBI single, the Lions would fall in game one 9-4.

The second game played on Saturday did not provide any better results for the Lions offense as Mules starting pitcher Ricky Rivera held the Lions to two hits and one earned run over his seven innings of work.

Central Missouri struck early in the game, as they hit three extra base hits in the second inning, including a Hunter Johnson home run.

They would later add single insurance runs in both the sixth and seventh innings off of Lions relief pitcher Dylan Terrell and go on to win the game by the score of 4-1.

The weak pitching of the Lions was once again put on full display during the first game played on Sunday as starting pitcher Zac Pearman was only able to go two innings, giving up five earned runs in the process to put the Lions in a difficult position. The relief pitching provided similar results as the mules added two more runs in the fourth inning to jump to a 7-0 advantage.

Though the Lions were

able to add three runs in the sixth inning to temporarily trim the deficit, the Mules offense proved too much, as they quickly regained those runs.

The Mules won game three of the series 10-3.

The final game was once again disappointing for the Lions as similar problems continued that have been present throughout the year. Starting pitcher Geoff Hartleib managed to go five innings in the game, but was not successful in doing so, surrendering eight runs and 11 hits.

The Lions were held scoreless through the first eight innings, managing only five hits off of the Mules starting pitcher. Despite scoring two runs in the final inning, the Lions once again fell, this time by the score of 8-2.

The Lions record now stands at 14-21 on the season. They will continue their schedule at home this upcoming weekend as they take on the University of Central Oklahoma. Central Oklahoma's record currently stands at 24-9.

SACC talent show helps Make-A-Wish Foundation

Brett Morrison
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood University Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) hosted their first ever talent show: The Battle of the Lions on Thursday, March 27.

The event was held as a fundraiser to raise funds for Make-A-Wish foundation.

All LU NCAA teams were encouraged to put forth teams to compete, but there were only nine acts.

The acts varied from solo singing, team dances, and even a synchronized swimming routine.

The teams competing were made up from the women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, field hockey, men's wrestling, gymnastics, women's basketball and two solo football player acts.

The competitors were competing for a first prize trophy as well as the "Heart of the Lion" award, which was given to the team with the most creative act.

Each team performed on stage in front of a live crowd, as well as a panel of four judges.

Men's lacrosse, which was represented by their freshman class, won this first ever event when they turned out the lights and walked out on stage with glow sticks taped to their arms, legs and face.

The team danced to a montage of songs ranging from country music to techno to the Backstreet Boys.

The crowd erupted during their performance, when one of the players appeared to be flying through the air.

It was later revealed, that another teammate had helped with the special effect.

Steven Tusing, who helped put together the lacrosse teams dance said, "Not only was it fun but it showed how well we can work together as a team. And it also showed the athletic community that we are great dancers."

Spencer Elmore had a bit of a more serious take about the night.

"The talent show was a great way to bond with my teammates by expressing out talents through the art

of dance. It helped get my mind off of the stress that college sports teams can create and enjoy a night with fellow athletes," said Elmore.

Women's basketball took the "Heart of a Lion" award for their hilarious version of a synchronized swimming routine.

The team was represented by two freshmen, who were dressed in swim suits and went on to do their routine behind a bed sheet, which acted as a make shift pool. They had named their act "Team USA: Going for Gold".

McNein Hewitt, lacrosse rep for SAAC said, "The first annual talent show battle of the lions was a success, it was a great experience to see the support and acts from each sports team."

SAAC is a committee that meets twice a month about new ideas to fundraise money for Make-A-Wish, any concerns each team has, and awards and stuff that teams get. Each NCAA team on campus is encouraged to have representation at these meetings.

Go! STL holds annual family fitness weekend



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Romain Polge
Photo Co-Editor

The 14th annual Go! St Louis Marathon & Family Fitness Weekend saw more than 15,000 participants taking the St Louis streets.

On April 6, David Glennon, from Colorado, won the marathon in 2:34:34. Jenny Graef was the first woman to cross the finish line with a time of 2:57:18. Zach Young was the wheelchair marathon winner, in 2:18:38.

Earlier that morning, Jacob Chemtai finished first but missed for one second the half marathon record set by Aaron Braun in 2013. The Kenyan runner, who lives in New Mexico, finished in 1:03:14. Jordan Chipangama and Stephen Pifer finished second and third.

For the women category, Kellyn Johnson won and broke the race record, finishing in 1:11:51. Mattie Suver established the record in 2013, with a time of 1:12:22.

Go! St Louis Marathon & Family Fitness Weekend started on April 5 with a 5K, a Mature Mile, and the

Shotgun sports win another National Championship

Phillip Scherer & Chase Stewart
Staff Reporter and Sports Co-Editor

The Lindenwood Lions shotgun sports team traveled to San Antonio, Texas on March 30 to compete in the 46th Annual ACUI Clay Target Championships and came away with their 11th consecutive national championship.

The Lions put together one of the program's best total scores in history at the championship event, connecting on 2,278 targets out of a possible 2,350.

The 2,278 targets hit were good enough to give the Lions a victory margin of 58 targets over the runner-up Bethel University.

"Winning an eleventh consecutive national championship is surreal, really. It's almost become an expectancy, but every year I still get butterflies," said Ben DeHart.

For the first time since their 2011 national championship victory, the Lions swept all six of the major team competitions at the event.

The Lions tallied 21 individual medals, eight of which were individual championships.

One of the most successful competitors for Lindenwood in the competition was senior Sarah Hughes, who won the ladies high overall

competition as well as the five-stand competition.

She also placed in the top five overall in the international trap event, the sporting clays, and the international skeet.

Another highly successful competitor on the female side included Morgan Craft, who emerged victorious in the combined skeet event with an overall score of 191.

On the men's side, the top individual competitor

was Ryan Feig, who earned the top overall score in the competition for the American trap event, and was a top scorer for Lindenwood during the five-man stand event, successfully shooting 46 of his 50 targets.

The Lions will take some time to enjoy their national championship victory before they begin practices in preparation for a possible 12th consecutive championship in August.

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