

Veterans Affairs honored



Legacy Photo by Cayla Brown
Army Cadets Gus Kihn and Nolan Tighe practice proper rifle usage that they used later that day at the shooting range during their FTX weekend.

Amgalan Jargalsaikhan
Staff Reporter

For the fifth year in a row, Lindenwood University has been honored as a “military friendly school” for 2014 by G.I. Jobs magazine. To be named as “military friendly,” colleges, universities and trade schools must rank in the top 15 percent of all in nationwide.

Lindenwood’s Veterans Affairs Center is dedicated to military members, for efforts and results in retaining military and veteran students to increase diversity among the student body, faculty and staff. “We’re proud to be known for our commitment and support of our veteran students

during their academic years,” said Donna Marie Simms, director of Veterans Affairs. “We are thankful for veterans and our students for sacrificing themselves for the nation.” G.I. Jobs is the leading magazine for military people and their lives. For this year’s survey, the publication used information of more

than 12,000 schools nationwide.

The feedback was gathered and studied to help provide prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on reviews.

The Veterans Affairs center used to be located in Roemer Hall. The office was moved to the Connection in the Spellmann Center, and many students say it has been helpful.

“Lindenwood provides me with plenty of options to pay my tuition and helps me throughout the whole academic years,” said senior Kristine Sieve, SPC, Military Tuition Assistance Specialist. “The VA center we have here is one of the advantages Lindenwood offers, because the experiences of the students in military are different than average students.”

The ROTC is a leadership training program for college students who plan to serve in the U.S. military after college.

Lindenwood has an agreement with Washington University that makes the Army ROTC Basic courses available to qualified Lindenwood students.

Being a member of Missouri National Guard, it makes another convenience to military students at Lindenwood, according to senior student, Chase Huggins, CDT, senior majoring in History.

“People at VA center are very knowledgeable and helpful individual and they are here for the students,” Huggins said.

For more information about Military Services at Lindenwood, call the Veterans Affairs Office at 636-627-2263 or visit the website at military.lindenwood.edu.

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Kilometers for Chris

LU continues to support alumnus

Ariel Niccum
Staff Reporter

Over 150 people attended the third annual Kilometers for Chris 5K and one mile fun run/walk Sunday to benefit LU alumnus Chris Lister, according to chair of the Recreation Administration department Joseph Lovell.

This year teams of four or five competed in various team challenges throughout the course which started at Roemer Hall, wound through campus and ended in Hunter Stadium.

Among the challenges were “All Aboard,” a challenge in which participants had to fit their entire team on a platform for one round of “Row Row Row Your Boat,” “Mine Field” in which a blindfolded team member had to be vocally guided through an obstacle course by teammates outside the field despite other sound distractions and “Bat Spin” in which participants had to put their forehead to a bat, spin around the bat several times and then continue to the finish line.

A one mile fun run/walk was also available for those who did

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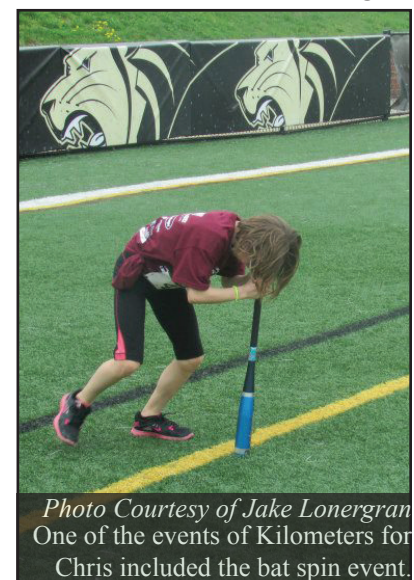


Photo Courtesy of Jake Lonergran
One of the events of Kilometers for Chris included the bat spin event.

Students let loose with Monologues

Cayla Brown
Staff Reporter

Pain, heartbreak, double standards, “the talk.”

Students’ written works were performed at the first annual “LU Monologues.” Inspired by the SLU Monologues, the LU Gender Studies club hosted the performance in the Black Box Theater.

“I really enjoyed it,” said audience member Cody Kral. “It was very insightful and raw.”

The prose monologues discussed personal experiences and problems the writers had been through. Submissions were open to the student population and were allowed to be anonymous.

“The group was very supportive of one another and we had around 80 audience members- way more than we were expecting!” said Abigail Fallon, president of the Gender Studies club.

“We had 14 authors write 28 pieces, all with their own unique subject matter and message.”

The different pieces were performed by the writer themselves or another individual, depending on the writer’s wishes. Each piece was

personal and powerful as many tears were shed, though many laughs could also be heard.

“I went in on blind faith and this night was a surprise for me,” said Gender-Studies advisor Heather Brown-Hudson to begin the performance.

Though the night did contain sensitive subject matter that may not be appropriate for younger viewers, it was intended for a more mature audience to speak about subjects not commonly conversed about in public.

The night made a point to open the floor for a safe environment to share stories and support one another.

Fallon said, “Through the LU Monologues students were able to open up about homosexuality, discrimination, mental health disorders and so many more important issues that we are taught to keep under wraps simply because it makes people uncomfortable.”

Fallon said the group hopes to host the event every semester. Keep an eye out for the LU Monologues blog and video posts on LindenLink.com.

Research projects judged at SRSE

Cayla Brown
Staff Reporter

Inaccuracies in historic films, gender and the military, and even research about short answer testing were all presented at the Student Research Symposium and Exposition on April 23. Students presented their oral work in classrooms in the Spellmann Center and those with posters displayed them in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room.

The SRSE is held annually and features any work from the previous year that a student completed. Some research pieces were individual whereas some were with other students and even a few faculty members assisted in the research portion.

Many students, like Marissa Bioni who presented about artists such as Frans Hals and Rembrandt van Rijn, adapted their presentation from class

assignments. Nominated by her professor, she submitted her paper after a few critiques and creating a PowerPoint presentation to accompany the oral portion. The presentations were judged by professors not in the same subject school as the presentation was associated. Immediately following the student presentation was a question and answer session for the presenters by both the audience and judges.

“This is an opportunity to explore and to apply something you have learned as well as to build your resume,” said Patrick Walker, one of the task force who hosted and judged the event. “It is a good chance to see what peers are doing.” This event is a chance for students to develop projects further and to apply their classroom learning. “Research can take you anywhere, no matter what field you are in,” said Walker.

President shows support for LSGA bill proposals

Amgalan Jargalsaikhan
Staff Reporter

For LU’s higher education environment, the mission of the LSGA is committed to be a voice of students and present it to the leaders of the community. The latest meeting between student senators and President James D. Evans was April 14.

The student senators meet with Evans at least twice per academic year to present between six and 10 proposals or ideas for improving the campus. If a proposal appears to have some potential in the best interests of Lindenwood students, Evans and board members take it under consideration.

Senator Chris Kennedy suggested the idea of having colored printing on campus, and it has been supported by the President. Senator Paige Newman made a bill regarding the visitation policy, but the board has expressed that they feel like the visitation policy is too liberal right now.

“Most of the bills I receive from the senators are excellent – truly well thought out and reasonable,” Evans said. “These senate bills have significantly improved the campus environment in many ways, and I applaud the intelligence and resourcefulness

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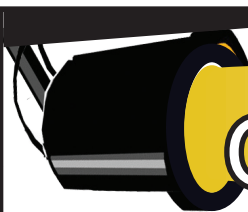
Legacy Photo by Cayla Brown
Students wrote and performed original works based on personal experiences at the first LU Monologues inspired by the SLU Monologues.

7-Day Forecast

Weather taken from Weather.com, accurate as of 4/28 @ 1:00 p.m.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Criminal Justice Student Association

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Staff Reporter

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is to promote the education of current criminal justice issues and prepare students involved for potential careers in the criminal justice field, according to President Scott Mackenzie.

The organization, according to Mackenzie, is currently made up of students from various majors such as

psychology, sociology, and political science in addition to criminal justice majors. All students with interest in the criminal justice system are welcome, according to Mackenzie.

The typical meeting consists of basic "housekeeping" issues such as discussions and reminders concerning upcoming event and discussion of current criminal justice issues.

However, CJSA members are also

afforded unique glimpses into criminal justice professions through their speaker series which brings criminal justice professionals in to speak exclusively to the group.

According to Mackenzie, watching CJSA grow has been a very rewarding experience.

"My last two years in CJSA have been better than I could have ever imagined," said Mackenzie. "I wasn't entirely sure what I was getting myself into when

I started as president two years ago, but seeing this organization grow from nothing and watching over 30 students become involved and passionate about the organization has been extremely rewarding."

According to Mackenzie, CJSA is working on a few upcoming events. Earlier in April CJSA volunteered with the Honors Society's STOP HEROIN event and will be participating in a three organization

sexual assault awareness event Still Standing and Bridgeway on April 28. The group is also working on scheduling K9 and SWAT officers to be a part of the speaker series.

The Lindenwood CJSA is open to all students who are interested. The group meets in the Memorial Arts Building room 113 on Tuesdays in room 113 from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Because of the time students are welcome to bring their lunches if necessary.

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.

Manager offers tips for success

Lisbeth Sandoe
Staff Reporter

One important thing to consider during higher education at LU is your job situation afterwards, and how you prepare for your future job interviews.

During Spring Fling Week, Steven C. Talbot, talent acquisition manager for Enterprise Holdings, was at LU to help students know what not to do when going to a job interview.

He both talked about things students should prepare for before, during and after a job interview with everything from a firm handshake to a good background knowledge about the job being applied for.

Talbot does around 60 job interviews a month and he could therefore guide the students with what contributed to a great job interview and what did not.

Rebecca Piel president of Delta Sigma Pi attended the event. She said it's important to have events like this at Lindenwood.

"I feel like we need to have these events especially for the college students who are about to get into the business world, and they need to know how to interview for these jobs"

Piel said "It is going to be a different world from when they graduate, and they need to be prepared for that."

Bills

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of this student-driven process."

Consideration of a bill requires anywhere from a few days to more than a year, depending on the size, complexity and cost of the change and whether it necessitates approval by the board of directors as well as the university's president.

Some of the bills presented on Monday will make changes starting next fall. According to President Evans, one major proposal will result in new meal-plan options next fall. Another one will result in the addition of more water-bottle filling stations around campus.

"Every bill that can be fulfilled is addressed and implemented as soon as possible in the context of other projects that are in the queue. The students can receive a progress report from me at any time," said President Evans.

The proposal of changing the meal-plan was the idea of Speaker of the Senate Jacob Hedlund and Senator Karen Chikuku. The idea of having more water-bottle filling stations was Senator Dylan Callaway's proposal.

"There have been numerous changes that the present and past senate have brought, including extending visitation, the sand volleyball courts, waffle makers at Spellman, paw prints on the crosswalks, and in the future there will be a fountain and campus maps," said Hedlund.

CEO integrates faith and business

Connor Johnson
Staff Reporter

Todd Brand, CEO and President of Brand Asset Management Group, Inc. gave a lecture about how he has integrated his faith in God into his



Photo by Connor Johnson
CEO Todd Brand shares his testimony.

financial management firm throughout his adult life on Thursday, April 24.

Brand met Timothy Butler, the chaplain of Lindenwood University, at a luncheon a couple months ago and after Brand and Butler began to get to talk to each other, Butler extended him an invitation to give a lecture at Lindenwood.

The lecture was conducted in Harmon Hall, and the first portion of his lecture was discussing his experimentation with alcohol at the age of thirteen which turned in to an addiction by the time he was twenty seven.

After a series of unfortunate events that culminated with his girlfriend leaving him,

he was left sitting behind his couch reflecting on the horrible path that had unfolded in his life over his first twenty seven years on the earth.

"As I sat on the floor behind the couch in my living room, I remembered a note that my father had sent me while I was just beginning college and I began to remember what he wrote to me in the note. In the note he told me that he knew that I was a drunk, and he knew that I would chase any woman I met and that someday I was going to desperately need to know the three most important words in my life. 'Jesus help me.'"

Brand continued, "That night I prayed those words and my life was instantly

transformed. I woke up the next day and my alcoholism was cured, and I was no longer addicted to cigarettes," Brand said.

Brand then spent the second half of his lecture discussing his experiences of owning his own company upon graduating from Baylor University with an MBA, and how he has practically integrated his faith into his business throughout his life.

Brand discussed how people throughout his whole career had sought out his business because of their recognition of his personal faith in God and his recognition among his employees regardless of their clients personal beliefs, and he discussed the importance of balance,

personal excellence, charity, and ultimately that our lives are not about us but God.

"I think what we see in his message is that our assumption to combine our faith and business will ultimately lead to failure, but from Mr. Brand's message we can see that isn't true. He helped us to see the ways that world measures success will fall short in the end," Butler said.

Brand concluded his speech by discussing the noticeable difference of working for a man who knows God and a person who does not, and how this can be observed in how they manage their money, time, and how they interact with other people.

Financial strains Counselor to start organization

Madi Charbonneau
Contributing Writer

College used to be known for studying, parties and the best four years of your life. Recently, students are scrapping together every dollar they make to put it toward their education.

For some students the focus of school has been put on the back burner while they work two or more jobs just to pay for their education.

President Barack Obama has programs in place to encourage everyone to complete the FAFSA as well as try to get grants.

For some students it is still a constant struggle to afford school.

Senior Crystal Reichert works two jobs in college just to make ends meet.

"I'm so tired all the time," said Reichert. "I go from class to work, and then to my next job. I bartend so sometimes I don't even get off work until two in the morning. I have class again at 8 a.m. and then it starts all over again. It is a vicious cycle."

Reichert explains that her workload only increases as the summer progresses.

"I have to double my hours just to make my tuition," said Reichert, pouring herself a second cup of coffee. "My summers are consumed with working full time."

These students are struggling for a good cause. They are taking the time and dedication to get a higher education, which pays off in the long run.

According to statistics from the College Board, median earnings of bachelor's degree recipients with no advanced degree working full time in 2011 were \$56,500, \$21,100 more than median earnings of high school graduates.

Reichert is not the only one with a workload packed to the brim. Sophomore Nikki Myers tells a similar story.

"I don't even feel human," said Myers, walking in with a Red Bull in hand. "I work two jobs during the school year, and three during the summer. I used to look forward to summer break, but now I dread it."

A time that used to be used to refresh the mind has now become a time of stress for students.

Constanza Flores
Staff Reporter

The department of counseling is currently trying to bring a chapter of Active Minds to LU. Active Minds is a non-profit organization committed to raising mental health awareness among students.

According to Active Minds, their main goal is to increase awareness, provide information, and encourage help-seeking behavior. There are currently more than 400 Active Minds college chapters in the U.S.

Dr. Joseph Cusumano, the Director of Student Counseling Center, is the person who is trying to bring this new group into LU. According to Cusumano, Active Minds is the most widely known and the most respected student-led mental health organization in the nation.

"Active Mind's main goal

is to empower students to change the perception about mental health on college campuses," said Cusumano.

This new group will help students to get more involved and learn about mental health problems among students.

"I believe this is important for our campus because as the Director of Student Counseling Center, I want to make sure our students know how common and normal it is for college level students to struggle with a wide variety of mental health issues," Cusumano said.

Depression, anxiety, eating disorders, panic attacks and drug/alcohol issues were among the topics the center could help with

Cusumano is currently seeking LU students willing to bring Active Minds to LU. He is recruiting at

least eight students who are interested in starting a chapter of Active Minds on campus.

"I want students to know they are not alone, and that there is nothing to be ashamed of. In terms of struggling with mental health issues at this time in their lives," said Cusumano.

An Active Minds chapter at LU will help students to become aware of different issues that students struggle every day, also will help and teach how to deal with those problems.

"I would like for our students to have an organization they can join that works to bring to the forefront how common and how treatable mental health problems are," added Cusumano.

To get involved with the organization, contact Cusumano at JCusumano@lindenwood.edu.

LU celebrates Earth Day

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Contributing Writer

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, many groups on campus came up with events to sponsor a greener environment on campus.

One such group was the Outdoor Adventure Tribe which sponsored a "Clean the Creek" afternoon where student spent part of their afternoon helping to clear the trash out of the creek between Matthews and Guffy.

The Lindenwood Sustainability Alliance also hosted a photo contest where if you post a picture using one of

the refillable water stations on campus you are entered to win a mini iPad.

The Sustainability Alliance also hosted a movie night on Thursday night showing the popular environmental based movie Erin Brockovich.

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Corrections

American Meb Keflezighi wins Boston Marathon

The Page 7 story from the April 22 issue should be credited to Staff Reporter Jordan Pfeifer.

Drinking decisions affected by pressure

Viki Muench
Contributing Writer

College is the time to learn about life, explore personal limits, take chances, develop long-lasting friendships and be irresponsible.

Nowadays, it can seem as though most college students take the “be irresponsible” part of their college experience more serious than anything else, especially when it comes to drinking and partying.

LU students have the perfect opportunity to do just that on Main Street in St. Charles, which is only a few minutes away from campus.

Thursdays through Saturdays every week, part of the LU student body meets in one of the bars to party and have a good time. For some, these nights do not always end well, as is true for many college-aged students.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIAAA, about four out of five college students drink alcohol, and around half of college students who drink, also consume alcohol through binge drinking.

One student who also works as a bouncer at a bar on Main Street, experiences incidents caused by too much alcohol consumption every time he goes to work. “I have worked as a bouncer for nearly six years now and I work between four and seven nights a week. A lot of college kids drink so much until they have to vomit and show little to no respect to the people who work at the places at which they want to have a good time,” said the student, who did not want to use his name to protect himself and his employer.

Student Emilie Gard

“Peer pressure in college represents a huge factor in the decision making process of teenagers. They are just too overwhelmed and don’t realize that they do not have to.”

-Main Street bouncer

has been drinking and going to parties since her first semester and has witnessed many of typical college drinking situations, especially underage drinking.

“College drinking happens every day. It is not particularly hard at Lindenwood, though. Even though it is a dry campus, everyone here drinks anyway. There is always a way.”

Gard said that also going out is not an issue for Lindenwood students.

“It is very easy to get in a bar on Main when you’re underage. All you need is a fake ID or you use the one of a friend that is of age, and you’re in.”

The Main Street bouncer says that fake IDs have been an ongoing problem with college kids.

“We cannot always determine if we have a fake ID in our hands or an actual ID. On top of that, kids do not know their limits and overdo it on a regular basis.”

Dan Kieler, junior at Lindenwood, talks about personal experiences with alcohol.

“I think I have a problem. Or it could become a problem soon. I can’t drink only one beer, I have to drink at least 10. I have been drinking for a

long time, and do it every weekend. I guess a couple of beers don’t do it for me anymore. There is just no fun in that.”

Judging from his experience as a bouncer and his own partying days, the Main Street bar employee thinks that the biggest reason for college drinking is peer pressure.

“Peer pressure in college represents a huge factor in the decision making process of teenagers. They are just too overwhelmed, and don’t realize that they do not have to.”

Gard said she only goes out so many times because she thinks it is fun that she can see so many of her friends at once and people are so happy because they are drunk.

It is only when they drink too much, that it becomes uncomfortable.

There are many negative consequences that come with too much drinking, according to the bouncer.

“I have seen many situations on Main Street which were concerning. People crashing their cars into other cars, people getting nearly run over, broken bones, and many arrests,” he said.

According to the NIAAA, 1,825 students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries.

Other consequences are personal assaults, sexual abuse, injuries while under the influence of alcohol, health problems and suicide attempts due to drinking and drug abuse, as well as academic decline.

Recent studies by the NIAAA show that about 25 percent of college students ascribe academic issues to their drinking habits, which causes them to miss class, fall behind and generally receive poorer grades.

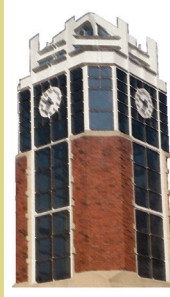
“It is important for students to realize that there are other ways to have fun. Alcohol should never be the first option. Be irresponsible, have fun, but still think about what is most important in life,” the bouncer said. “I feel much better since I quit drinking and partying nearly entirely, and I recommend doing the same to everybody who thinks they have to drink so excessively just because they’re in college. This won’t get you anywhere.”

For witnesses of drinking incidents on campus, call campus security under 636-949-4911.

For anyone seeking help in any matter relating to alcohol abuse or academic decline, contact Lindenwood’s Counseling Center at 636-627-2928.

director of the St. Louis Contemporary Art Museum, Jerome Katz, founding director of the Billiken Angels Network and Dane Witbeck, co-founder and CEO of Meshify Inc.

Registration is free but required, and space is limited. To register for the symposium, visit the durecenter.org or call 636-627-2583.



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.

Butlers’ efforts credited as ‘the New Lindenwood’

Michael Sprague
Style Editor

Unlike many of the building dedications on campus, neither Col. James G. Butler or his wife, Margaret L. Butler, were natives of St. Charles. Still, it could be argued that their combined contribution to Lindenwood are some of the most notable in the nearly 200-year history.

In fact, according to the biography released by the college following Margaret Butler’s death, the couple is referred to as the founders of the “New Lindenwood.”

Following the passing of James Butler, at least two million dollars worth of the Butler estate were left to Lindenwood, according to university records.

This was on top of the multiple donations upwards of \$100,000 they made during their time with the college.

These resources helped to fund the college and laid the mold for what is now the present-day Lindenwood.

To say that Lindenwood would not be the same as it is today without the contributions of the Butlers might not be accurate, but this sure would have been more difficult.

To this day, with inflation taken into account, the Butlers are still the single most generous donors in the college’s storied history by a large margin.

Today, the Butler Society is a group whose members include only Lindenwood’s most generous donors.

James Butler was born in Michigan in January of 1840.



Image from the Mary Ambler Archives
Margaret L. Butler

He attended the University of Michigan starting in 1858, but because he joined the army, did not finish his senior year until 1904.

Forty-three years later, Butler went back and finished his B.S. degree.

Margaret was born in New York, and at the age of 26-years-old married James Butler in Michigan.

Soon after the couple headed to St. Louis where James had established a tobacco processing business two years prior.

Soon enough, the Butlers sold the company to the American Tobacco Company for a large profit, and James remained on the board of directors.

Referred to as a philanthropist and capitalist by many university records, Butler was the man to succeed S.J. Niccolls as president of the board of directors.

He was a long-serving member of the college’s board prior to his promotion to president.

The two had their hands in so many different organizations and business ventures, that it would be impossible to list all of them in one story.

Some ventures included donating \$50,000 to upstart the Y.W.C.A., membership to the Loyal Legion, Society of the Army of Tennessee, and the New York Yacht Club, just to name a few.

James preceded Margaret in death by just over two years.

In their honor, two buildings were dedicated with the Butler name; Butler Hall, in honor of James, and Butler Library, in honor of Margaret.

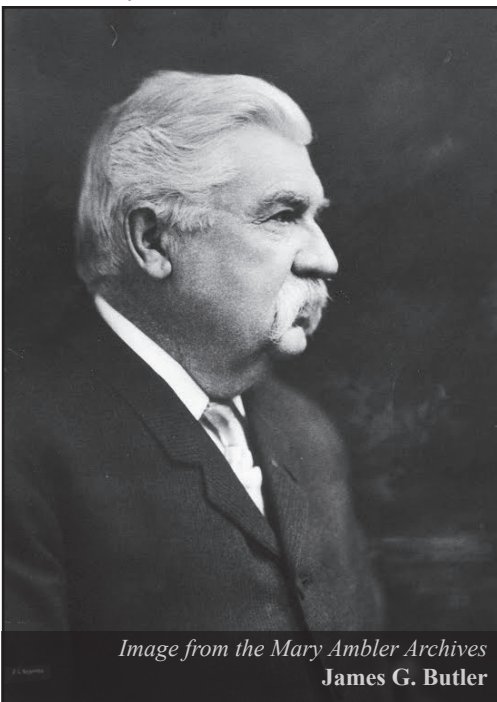


Image from the Mary Ambler Archives
James G. Butler

Visit lindenlink.com for an interactive timeline of Names that Built LU stories.

Tips for Drinking Responsibly

when you go out



Go in a group
Never go out alone. Make plans to go out with friends.



Use the Buddy System
Never go somewhere alone—be sure someone is with you at all times.



Know Your Limits
Know when it is time to stop drinking.



Stay Hydrated
Constantly drink water throughout the night in order to avoid a hangover.



Never Set it Down
Keep an eye on your drink at all times—never leave it unattended.



Make a Plan
Choose who will be the designated driver ahead of time.

Think. Be smart. Have a plan.

Legacy Graphic by Christie Stiefleisch

Entrepreneurs discuss ventures

Lindsey Rae Vaughn
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The Duree Center for Entrepreneurship is hosting a free symposium on Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 p.m. in Dunseth Auditorium in Harmon Hall.

The event is called “How to Fund Your Business Venture.”

Attendees will have a

chance to talk to a panel and fellow entrepreneurs about new ideas.

There are several guest speakers including Trevor Reese, informative resource manager for business services and public management for the St. Charles City-County Library District, Katie Lee, creator, founder and executive chef at Katie’s Pizzeria, Lisa Melandri,

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not wish to run the team challenge but still support the cause.

According to Lovell, the proceeds from each of the participant’s registration fees drew in nearly \$2,500 which will all go to the Lister family to support any needs Lister has that insurance does not cover.

Lister, an avid runner, was hit by a car during a 10K run in 2012. Lister sustained severe brain damage that caused him to be pronounced dead and then was resuscitated, according to Chris’ father, Rick Lister.

Since then, according

to Mr. Lister, Chris has come through obstacle after obstacle.

“The surgeon basically told us Chris had no chance to live the first four days,” said Lister. “We knew he could pass at any moment, but Chris has pulled through. In November they told us he had an infection that would never allow for full brain recovery. Now that that’s cleared up he’s making week by week progressions.”

According to Mr. Lister, Chris’ week by week progressions include being able to eat pudding and other soft foods, being alert, recognizing people,

intentionally attempting to communicate and even becoming more of himself.

“Before the accident Chris was a big prankster,” said Lister. “Lately he’s been pranking the nurses that he recognizes. It’s really encouraging to see.”

The Lister family remains grateful for the university’s continued support.

“It’s amazing the way the University reached out to support Chris and continues to reach out and support him,” said Lister. “We’re so grateful. Chris’ progress is amazing and it wouldn’t have been possible without the support.”



Change of plans

Part 1 of 2

Deborah Starr
Featured Columnist

I've learned one thing in my 22 years - change is inevitable and things don't always pan out exactly as planned. But, that doesn't always have to be a bad thing. Sometimes you find yourself doing something completely different than what you had originally intended on doing, but you find yourself happier than you could have ever imagined.



Twenty-two-year-old Steven Finkle used to go to Lindenwood. In 2012, he decided there was something he would rather be doing with his life, so he quit school, followed his dreams and moved to California and was hired by Disney.

Rather than stay in school and continue to learn in the classroom, he decided to take it to the next level. He currently works as a contracted performer at Universal Studios Orlando.

"I think that one should only choose to leave school if they are happy with what they are doing," Finkle said, "and thus far, I am doing exactly what I want, performing."

Finkle says that at some point he will go back to school and finish his degree but that "right now I'm living while I'm young and building up my acting resume."

There are times in life when such things happen. Sometimes your wildest dreams come true. Other times, plans change and you just learn to roll with it. If there is anyone who understands life taking a whole new turn, it would be Steve Runge.

Runge graduated from Lindenwood with his MBA in 1998, only to return in 2012 to pursue something entirely different.

"I originally went to school, quite honestly, because I received money from the GI Bill from my

time in the Air Force," Runge said. "I pursued a criminal justice degree, but wound up with an MBA from Lindenwood."

With the goal of following in his father's footsteps of being in law enforcement, he successfully rose to chief of police in Moscow Mills, in the same way that his father once did.

In 2006, Runge decided that it was time for something else. He decided to jump into the corporate world, but quickly realized that he had no passion for what he was doing.

Changing directions completely, he returned to LU in 2011 to pursue broadcasting.

"I returned to LU to further my education as a radio personality and sportscaster," Runge said, "and it paid off tremendously. I was voted the Sportscaster of the Year in 2012 by the Best of Mid Rivers fan poll."

Runge was offered many other large opportunities in the broadcast world, but in 2013, his wife and the mother to their five children was killed in an automobile accident, leaving him to solely care for his family.

He currently works on local radio.

"I never imagined doing so many things," Runge said, "but I followed my faith and I followed my heart and I have no regrets."

Attendance Policy

Kristine Gipperich
Contributing Writer

Is an attendance policy at a university necessary? The question is, should attendance count towards a final grade?



LU's online attendance policy informs students that the university mentoring program runs attendance reports on a weekly basis to monitor the behavior of at-risk students.

Freshman Andrew Hirbe disagrees. "I feel like if you're doing well in the class then you should be able to take a day off whenever you want to."

St. Charles Community College policy states that students are considered excessively absent when they have missed a class more times than the credit hour value of the course.

SCC student Darryn Henson has mixed views on attendance. "I feel like it's necessary to go to class, but I don't see it as something that should be a part of your grade."

A common complaint is

that students are adults and should be able to make their own choices.

Sophomore Taylor Bettorf said, "If I am doing well in a class then it should be my choice if I can skip class and not get penalized for it."

LU's attendance policy, though similar to others are completely different to state universities. Missouri State allows the instructors the right to request documentation verifying any absences. However any student who believes his or her final grade has been reduced because of attendance has the right to appeal that grade.

Junior Jordan Alsbrook said, "I agree with Missouri State's policy because it is the student's right to orchestrate their own attendance. We are the ones paying the tuition, attendance should never play into our final grades."

For more information on LU's attendance policy, visit lindenwood.edu.

Students who are meeting expectations in their courses should not receive deductions for being absent. If students are succeeding, there is no reason for them to lose points. As adults, we are independent and responsible for our actions.

Overdoing camera movements

Genell Jeffries
Contributing Writer

I recently had the pleasure of watching "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." I noticed that this movie along with many other action films attempt to be more dramatic with excessive camera movement. It seems to be a trend lately in Hollywood. The constant motion of the camera makes it hard to even tell what is happening in the scene. It makes me dizzy and I must disengage. In this film I believe it was the very first time Captain America and the Winter Soldier fought that the camera moved so much that you couldn't tell who hit who and where they were in respect to where they had started. It looked like the camera fell on the ground and just started rolling down a hill.



Don't get me wrong, the entire film wasn't like that but one time is too many. As a viewer, I worried that I missed something important while the camera took its detour.

I think getting different shots of a scene is great. I also think it's easy to overdo a fight scene. Most of all I think I prefer getting different shots with different cameras instead of moving one camera around and around. The movie as a whole was thrilling and suspenseful. I enjoyed the action much more than those "Transformer" movies. Those movies are prime examples of moving the camera around way too much.

Even the "Fast and Furious" movies are becoming overrated. Nevertheless, I would prefer the race to be quick camera shots rather than a fighting scene.

"Lara Croft Tomb Raider," was released in 2001 and the amount of camera movements during the fight scenes were plenty but they don't lack content. There are several angles to show the scene but no confusion. This is just one of the films that managed to preserve the true meaning of the scene.

The human eye needs time to process what it sees. A second of this and a second of that don't give us time to make sense of what we are looking at.

If this isn't resolved before it gets worse I might have to give up the action movies all together. I love all kinds of movies but I hate this dizzy feeling.

Our Democracy is Dying

Part 3 of 4

Cole Figus
Staff Reporter



The Supreme Court exhibited its first act of deliberate short-sightedness when it gutted the Voting Rights Act last year claiming that protecting voters was basically unnecessary in 2013. The ruling was immediately responded to by states passing voting laws that had been until then considered unconstitutional for suppressing citizens' right to vote- Texas and Mississippi waited mere hours after the ruling to begin pressing for voter suppression. Republican-controlled state legislatures have since passed a flood of laws changing registration rules and restricting voting hours, of which the latter cannot possibly be considered pro-democracy.

Republicans claim that these measures are intended to combat voter fraud, but Politifact reported that between 2000 and 2012,

"only ten cases of in-person voter fraud have been proven nationally." The number is so insignificant that there clearly is a different motive. And it is that these laws disenfranchise voters who typically vote for Democrats. This is not even an opaque motive, as many Republicans have admitted to these intentions. Pennsylvania's House Majority Leader Mike Turzai (remember that Pennsylvania's national and state congressional delegations, and therefore Turzai's majority leadership position, do not accurately reflect its voting populace because of the state's gerrymandered districting) claimed that the state's voter identification law would "allow Governor Romney to win the state." Republicans are blatantly honest about their plans to corrupt America's political process.

So why corrupt the process? Because Republicans keep losing vote counts. Of the last six elections the running Democrat has won the popular vote five times and the electoral vote four times. As a result Republicans

are trying to suppress the number of Americans who can vote, and steal states' electoral votes. They are gaming the system because Americans are revolting against Republican politics: President Obama won two electoral landslides in which he won the majority of votes in every demographic except white males skewing heavily toward higher income and higher age, and demographic trends are quickly making a Republican presidential victory impossible.

Consider the electoral map of the last two elections: despite the media's years-long news coverage of swing states in both elections, only two states actually served as swingers- Indiana and North Carolina. Obama's 2012 campaign effectively maintained a firewall of voters that kept election-deciding states Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania blue.

Any Republican presidential candidate has to win all four to be elected since any alternative route to the White House involves flipping a larger number of less important, increasingly

solid blue states such as New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Furthermore, demographic trends are turning red states purple- Arizona, Georgia, and even Texas are slowly evolving into the next batch of swing states because of urbanization and growing hispanic demographics.

The cooling of the electoral map goes hand in hand with the liberalization of American politics. Issues like gay marriage, marijuana legalization, abortion, and amnesty for illegal immigrants were controversial wedge issues deftly used by George W. Bush's two campaigns in the oughts, but now the American public has shifted dramatically toward liberal views on these issues.

To combat this Republicans are clinging to their diminishing political relevance as tightly as they can by gerrymandering as many Congressional Districts as they can so that voters are unable to democratically vote against them.

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Phi Lambda Phi party at Butler pool

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Much to the surprise of the many students who infamously believe that the only pool on LU's campus is uninhabitable, Phi Lambda Phi hosted a pool party at Butler Hall on Tuesday, April 22 as part of last week's Spring Fling activities.

"We wanted to show people that the Butler pool is not disgusting," said Phi Lambda Phi brother and freshman Zac Farmer. "We had a lot of fun in the pool itself."

Fellow freshman Phi Lamb Tyler Hoefelin said, "It was a great time. I mean, how often do you get to go to a pool party on campus anyway?"

Within an hour, the party took an interesting left turn when the Phi

Lambs' large Greek letter replicas were stolen by the Delta Zeta sorority. The theft sent Farmer scrambling to retrieve them only to return with one replica "Phi."

The sorority posted a ransom photograph to Instagram reminding the Phi Lambs that they are in possession of their letters.

As for the events that went according to plan, freshman, and Delta Zeta sorority sister, Lyles said that the festivities were "poppin'" even for those who chose not to enter the pool but spent the night dancing or bashing open a pirate piñata in the loft.

Plus, the first fifty people to attend received free t-shirts sporting the phrase "Keep calm and 'arrrgh' on" as part of the pirate theme of the party. "I think we might make the

pool party an annual thing," added Hoefelin. "Every year we could make it better."

The Phi Lambs hope to attract more students to the event and especially more in the pool, as well as strengthen their letters' security.



Image from Rachel Stompoly
From left: Delta Zetas Emily Maynard, Eryn Brown, Kenzie Lyles boast their successful theft of Phi Lambda Phi's letters

Beloved Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez passes away at 87

Sergio Poveda
Contributing Writer

Recently a variety of tributes have been coming out since the great writer Gabriel García Márquez died at 87-years-old on April 17 in Mexico City.

'Gabo,' as the Colombian novelist was known, was born in Aracataca in 1927 and experienced the stage of La Violencia when 300,000 people were killed between 1946 and 1958.

It confronted the liberal and conservative parties who struggle to lead that nation.

In 1967 Gabo published "A Hundred years of Solitude," his widely regarded masterpiece that depicts through magical realism a fictional place called Macondo, a land where fantastic things occur.

Some critics believe Macondo symbolizes Latin America's political and cultural situation in

that period of time.

García Márquez had a crowded mustache and a pleasant grandfather face plus a spontaneous sense of humor that most of his admirers recall: "I've conspired for peace in Colombia since before I was born," the writer joked around.

1982 spewed 'Gabo' to literary stardom when he was granted the Nobel Prize of Literature.

Actually, his legacy is a set of literary pieces, interviews, and the New Journalism Foundation (FNPI), that he founded in Cartagena, Colombia, in 1994, which has played a key role in bringing together young journalists from all over Latin America.

'Gabo' mediated with The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as American journalist John Lee Anderson said in the New

Yorker.

At all events, titles such as "Love in the Time of Cholera" or "No One Writes to the Colonel" sheds light on Gabo's fundamental themes of love and solitude that prevail throughout his literature.

He was a gifted narrator, capable of depicting helplessness in a unique way.

For instance, "He pleaded so much that he lost his voice. His bones began to fill with words."

This trait still catches readers all over the world and others dream of reaching the level of writing he developed.

However, some contemporary authors like Isabel Allende or Laura Esquivel became terrible copies of 'Gabo,' because they utilized his magical realism.

In that sense, García Márquez's literary children

are a setback.

Nonetheless, Gabo's political stand was condemned because he tended to speak out without limits.

"Americans are one of the peoples I most admired in the world. The only point I don't understand is why a country that manages to do so many things so well cannot do better in choosing its Presidents," Gabo stated for a long Playboy interview in 1982.

The Aracataca novelist belonged to a very short club of prestigious writers, something in decline at the present time.

Whatever happens, there is always something going on, and writers have the gift to perceive it and say it.

"Gabo" was a bearer at any moment because one of the functions of writers is to see beyond the ordinary and put it into written or spoken language.

Food Review:

Riverside Sweets



Gabrielle Christensen
Contributing Writer

On 416 S. Main Street in St. Charles is a cute and charming little candy store.

The name of the store is Riverside Sweets, and is filled with a bunch of different varieties of chocolate, little packages of different kinds of candy and delicious ice cream for a sunny day. If you have a birthday coming up and don't know what to bring as a present, it might be an idea to take a look at Riverside Sweets and put a little gift basket together with some mixed sweets. Riverside Sweets also sells decorations for every season of the year. Especially for spring. The entire store was decorated with pastel colors.

The employees at Riverside Sweets are very welcoming and helpful, and the prices are pretty affordable, even though it is probably possible to find some cheaper ice cream in town. It is possible to enjoy your Riverside Sweets ice cream at a little bench just outside of the store, or during a walk on Main Street. Riverside Sweets is the perfect place to go to buy a valentine's gift, a stocking stuffer for Christmas time or candy for Easter. It's definitely a place worth visiting.

Album Review:

"Ready, Set, Go!" Drake Bell



Emilie Sondergaard
Staff Reporter

The first time America saw Drake Bell was back in 1994 when he made an appearance on an episode of "Home Improvement." Since then he has been known for his character on "Drake and Josh." It has taken him years to break free from that role but he has managed to and has had some success in the music industry since then.

He is now a well-known musician and singer-songwriter. This month he released a new album called "Ready Steady Go!" which features jazz-pop songs that have a good beat and a very catchy vibe right from the beginning.

The first song on the album is called "Sunny Afternoon" which is one of the stand-out tracks on the album. The last song is called "Give Me A Little More Time" and also brings something a bit different to the album as an emotional ballad that you can listen to over and over again.

Overall, the album is worth listening to and you will find a song for every mood that you may be in. Drake Bell has managed to make a charming album full of personality that is evident in every lyric.

Book Review:

"Half Bad" By: Sally Green



Samantha Triplett
Contributing Writer

"Half Bad," by Sally Green, is a darkly emotional novel about Nathan, the son of a notorious Black Witch and a White Witch, and details his life as he struggles to survive amidst fear, hypocrisy and cruelty.

Definitely not for those who cannot stomach suffering, "Half Bad" is a tale that disturbs just as much as it fascinates. The novel is gut-wrenching in its portrayal of Nathan as he swings between his light and dark desires while those around him seek to use him for their own, often inhumane, purposes.

There are very few light moments in "Half Bad," but there are many small triumphs. As Nathan opposes his oppressors and his fate, it is his tenacity and humanity that keep the reader reading, even as the world and fate continue to harass him to the point that it seems almost unreal. Yet, it is never implausible with how "Half Bad" presents itself.

In the end, it is the horrors and the little moments of "Half Bad" that make it an incredible read. It does not glaze over important issues or spare the reader any pain, and this blunt honesty mixed with almost unfounded, unreliable hope is certain to twist the knife of emotion in any heart.

Again, not for everyone with its graphic portrayals and horror-inspiring content, "Half Bad" is a complex novel that sets up what promises to be a riveting, if somewhat disturbing, trilogy that looks into the abyss of the human heart without flinching.

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Former football player transitioning into new role as a sports analyst

Phillip Scherer
Staff Reporter

After traveling around the world for more than three decades performing various duties in professional and collegiate football, Israel Byrd has come to Lindenwood to earn his master's degree in communications with an emphasis on broadcast, hoping to someday talk about football to a large, national audience.

"When I was a player and a coach, I was always really interested in the behind the scenes, the way the cameras work and all the work that goes into doing a broadcast," Byrd said.

"This program has opened up my eyes to a lot of niche broadcast ideas that I will be able to use in the future."

Byrd believes that his experience in football will allow him to provide a unique perspective on situations within games that other analysts are unable to provide, having a background as both a player and a coach on many different levels of competition within the sport.

Dating back to his years as a youth football player, Byrd was intent on gaining an advantage over his opponents in any way possible, skills he believes will be useful as he moves into the broadcast arena.

His first experience at making opportunities for himself came when he took advantage of the desegregation program in St. Louis, which allowed him to go to high school at suburban Parkway Central High school rather than an inner-city public school, giving him a well-rounded experience.

"The sports programs at Parkway Central let me play with some of the best in the area and show that I belonged with the players who were being recruited by the big schools," Byrd said.

After struggling in the classroom throughout high school, attaining a score of 13 on the ACT, Byrd's dreams of going directly to Division I universities such as Michigan and Nebraska could not be achieved, leading him to a small junior college for two years.

"Realizing that I couldn't do what I wanted

to do because of my school work was a big slap in the face and showed me that I would have to work harder if I wanted to achieve my dreams," Byrd said.

Byrd eventually lived his dreams of playing Division I football at Utah State two years later, where he was on the fast track to being drafted in the middle rounds of the NFL draft, before a hamstring injury once again put his dreams into doubt.

Byrd became so upset over his injury that he abandoned his academic career at Utah State during his final season to return to Missouri and hope for the best.

After not being selected in the draft, Byrd was signed by the New Orleans Saints as a free agent, giving him the chance to prove what he could do.

"Being signed as a rookie free agent was very rare back then, so to be able to get that was very exciting," Byrd said.

His professional career was often slowed by injuries, forcing him to move around and play for teams in the NFL, NFL Europe, and Arena League football for parts

of eight seasons during the 1990s, including the 1999 Tennessee Titans, which reached the Super Bowl.

Byrd went into coaching after his playing career ended and took advantage of the NFL minority intern coaching program, which allowed him to work with the St. Louis Rams and the Dallas Cowboys, in addition to coaching at Washington University in St. Louis for four seasons.

After his time in Dallas ended, Byrd moved back to St. Louis with his family and made the decision to come to Lindenwood for his master's degree after hearing good things about the program and wanting to utilize the skills he has gained during his time in football.

"It has given me an awesome and unique experience that has built a lot of traits that I can use in the field. Football gave me the necessary communication skills and leadership that I need and has allowed me to thrive around such a distracted generation and gave me a great perspective as I go into broadcast," Byrd said.

Senior day a success for Lions; finish 5-7 on season

DJ Hicks
Staff Reporter

After two close losses the men's lacrosse team came ready to prove a point as they look forward to the ECAC tournament just two weeks away with a commanding victory against Rockhurst University last Tuesday night plus another on Saturday against Alderson Broaddus University.

The Lions strutted their stuff earning the most goals they had the entire season with an incredible 23 goal performance against Rockhurst, until they topped that five days later and scored 26 against Alderson Broaddus. Defense did their thing as well, only allowing five goals in the first game and then six in the second. In the game against Rockhurst the scoring started fast for the Lions and never slowed down.

Matt Schenk got the first goal for the Lions within the first minute and just one minute later David Corazalla got himself a piece of the pie.

Schenk snuck in a goal at the end of the first quarter as well giving the guys a 4-0 lead heading into the second. Things took off from there with LU scoring nine goals in this quarter and Rockhurst was held to just one.

With the game looking in control at the half the

coaches wanted to let some of the guys who haven't played as much get some action in the second half.

In the second half both Jake Rohan and Brett Morrison scored their first goals of the season. They added to an 11-4 route in the second half.

Schenk finished the game with a hat-trick.

Lions took the momentum they had gained in this victory and carried right over to senior day on Saturday against Alderson Broaddus. After the first quarter the game was closer than expected with just a 3-1 lead for the Lions but they came out a different team in the second quarter and ready to set the seniors out with another dominating performance. In the second quarter the Lions outscored their opponents 10-3 giving them a 13-2 lead that would only increase throughout the rest of the game.

Joe Roy was the leading scorer for the game with a season high of five goals that matched what he had scored in the rest of the games combined finishing the season with 10.

Coons got his own four giving him nine on the season.

The seniors on the team finished up in classic fashion with two double digit home wins for the Lions. Lindenwood ended the season 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the ECAC.

Men's and women's track and field rank among top performers

Sabrina Schuppe
Staff Reporter

This past weekend the Lindenwood men's and women's track and field team traveled to Des Moines, Iowa to finish up their competition at the Drake Relays, held by the Drake University Bulldogs.

Jerelle Jones, Terah Fullman-Ege, Maya Mason, and Shamela Gray were the top

performers for the women's 4x400 by coming in sixth place with a 3:46.19.

Lindsay Blackwell finished the women's hammer throw in thirteenth place of 52.54 meters.

Bryan Kertz took on the male field team in the discus competition where he finished twelfth in the event with a final throw of 51.97 meters.

The Lions had a relatively successful season in meets where team scores were taking in to account.

The Lions had a third, second, and a first finish, with the win coming in the Greenville Select Meet, with the Lions beating out nine other teams in the process.

Lincoln University will be holding the MIAA outdoor track and field

2014 championships in Jefferson City, Mo. on May 1-3, 2014.

The NCAA Division II National Championships will be held in Allendale, Mich. on May 22-24, 2014.

This will be the last match of the 2013-2014 season for track and field.

The track and field team will have a summer camp on June 9, 2014.

Softball wins 3 of 6; look towards MIAA tourney

Cassie Bluemner
Staff Reporter

The Lions softball team won three out of six games this past week, moving their record to 20-27 overall.

The team split its two game series with Missouri Baptist University (MBU) on April 22 with a 2-0 win in game one and a 7-8 loss in game two.

Morgan Colvis pitched the entire first game, composing a two-hit shutout and six strikeouts.

The only runs scored were in the third inning when Brook Tiches' hit drove in two runs.

Sophomore Diedre Merli also hit the ball well in game one as she compiled three hits in three at bats.

In game two, both teams scored early and more often. MBU led the game off with three runs in the first inning. One more followed in the

second and another in the third.

The Lions compiled a run in each of the first three innings.

Both teams were held scoreless in the fourth and fifth, but the Lions broke the dry streak when Courtney Opich singled in the sixth to bring in Shelby Sharpe. Courtney Kitson scored as well to tie the game at 5-5.

MBU scored a run in the top of the eighth but the Lions answered back in the bottom half when Madison Huot singled to bring home Kitson.

Going into the bottom of the ninth MBU led 8-6. The Lions, however, were only able to make up for one of those runs and lost the game 8-7.

On April 25 the Lions lost both games to No. 13 Emporia State. They lost the first game 7-2 and the second 5-0.

Emporia got off to a

quick start and led the entire game. Opich earned three hits and scored a run while Hannah Braun and Bailey Marshall chipped in with two hits apiece.

In game two, the pitchers of both teams battled at the mound and no runs were scored until the fourth inning when Emporia scored one.

The Lions were able to load the bases in the sixth with one out but they hit into a double play to end the game. Merli earned two hits.

On April 26, the Lions swept their series with Washburn, winning the first game 7-2 and the second 6-4. The sweep gave the Lions the chance to qualify for the MIAA Conference Tournament.

The Lions stole four bases in the first inning and scored three runs to lead the game.

In the bottom of the third the Lions scored four

runs.

Pitcher Kendall Ryndak controlled the rest of the game at the mound as she only gave up one run in the last six innings of the game.

She earned her tenth win of the season.

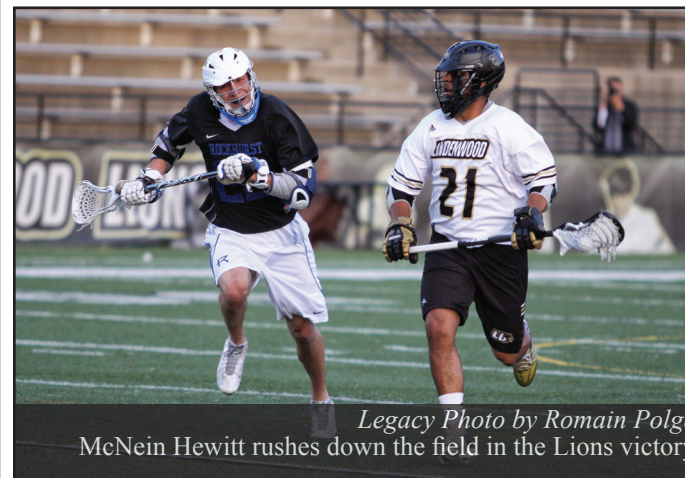
Erin Pietzman, Merli and Huot all earned two

hits for the Lions' offense. Opich and Pietzman drove in one run and Merli drove in two of her own.

In game two, the Lions scored at least one run in all but one of the innings. Brooke Miller's entry into the game allowed her to earn her first save of the season.

Ryndak and Braun each had three hits and Ryndak brought in a career-high four runs.

The Lions will play Central Oklahoma on May 1 in Kansas City, Mo. Central Oklahoma holds the No. 2 seed and they are the defending National Champions.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
McNein Hewitt rushes down the field in the Lions victory



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
Courtney Kitson slides to home plate to score a run in the victory over Washburn.

Women's lacrosse wins twice to continue streak to eight games

John Tessemer
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Women's Lacrosse team continued their eight game winning streak, adding two wins this past week.

Ranked number five in the NCAA Division II, the Lions showed their dominance over McKendree University as well as Rockhurst University.

On a cold and rainy Thursday evening, McKendree University travelled to Lindenwood for a non-conference game.

Starting in goal for the Lions, Christine Hehmeyer didn't give up a goal in the first half.

In the first half, the Lions took twenty shots, while scoring thirteen goals. Melissa Smith had five first half goals, while Melissa Menchella added two goals. Amanda Schimpke, Erin Abbott, Maddie Osello,

Rene Abrolat, Jordyn Constance, and Danielle Budde each added a goal in the first half as well.

Going into the second half with a 13 goal lead, while giving up zero shots, the Lions tried to get more players into the game.

Replacing Hehmeyer in the net with Delaney Solomon for the second half, the result was almost the same, as she let one goal in.

Slowing the game down in the second half, Lindenwood put six goals on the board to put them up 19-0 with 7:52 left in the game.

Menchella added two goals on the day, as Lindsey Palmer, Abbott, Savannah Phillips, and Kara Wendell each added a goal.

At the 6:18 mark, McKendree finally got a shot off as Janelle Woods got one past Solomon with an unassisted goal.

Lindenwood finished off the game with a 19-1 win.

Facing Rockhurst University on Senior Day, as well as the last conference game of the season, the Lions showed their dominance yet again.

Taking eighteen shots in the first half, Lindenwood scored twelve goals while only allowing two shots. Hehmeyer made two saves in her 44 minutes on the field, while Solomon made one save while giving up one goal.

In the second half, Lindenwood added six goals, while allowing three shots and one goal.

Hehmeyer got the win, as Lindenwood finished conference play with a 5-0 record, going undefeated in conference play for the third straight season.

Lindenwood is now 14-2 on the season, and will finish off the season at Limestone College in South Carolina on May 3.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
Melissa Smith takes a shot on goal in the Lions' win over the Rockhurst University Hawks. Smith recorded four goals and one assist on the day.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
Melissa Menchella shoots at goal against the Hawks. Menchella scored twice and had one assist.



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Melissa Menchella shoots at goal against the Hawks. Menchella scored twice and had one assist.

Rugby storms on to the D1A semi-finals

Ryan Oldham
Sports Co-Editor

The Lindenwood men's rugby team progressed to the next round of the D1A playoffs over the weekend with a 64-32 victory over Davenport University.

The game was played on the Lindenwood track with a large outcome from the fans of both teams.

Davenport brought many fans, mostly parents, from Michigan to watch the Panthers

put up a good fight for the majority of the game, but their hard work was squandered with some excellent offensive play by the Lions.

Ben O'Donnell, flyhalf for the Lions, scored the first two tries for Lindenwood, whilst also scoring the final try to beat the Panthers by 32 points.

The Lions had a rocky start with the Panthers going ahead early after a William Dattulo try,

but the defensive side of play wasn't up to scratch for the Panthers, with Davenport letting the Lions find the try zone 10 times.

Lungile Tshuma was excellent from conversions, scoring five, along with a try, to take his total to 15 points in the game.

Tshuma moved to the wing and showed glimpses of excellence with his speed, after Morgan Findlay moved back in to the starting lineup.

The win sees Lindenwood move on to the semi-finals of the D1A playoffs, and they will travel to California to face Saint Mary's college.

Saint Mary's nearly shut Santa Clara out in their quarter-final game, demolishing the Broncos by a score of 103-3. It is the fourth time that the Saint Mary's Gaels have scored over 100 points this season, and the Lions will have their work cut out to make it to the final.

In the other semi-final, Arkansas State will face Life University in Georgia after Life Running Eagles beat out Colorado, and the Arkansas State Red Wolves ended Cal Poly's hopes of winning a national championship.

The Lions have played Life University twice this season, losing in tight affairs on both occasions, whilst also losing to Arkansas State in their conference matchup at the beginning of April, in a cagey affair that ended 21-20 to the Red Wolves.

The Lions semi-final will take place on Saturday May 3rd as they hope to win a second national championship on May 17.



Legacy Photo by Romain Polge
Lincoln Magee charges through the Panthers defense as the Lions doubled up over Davenport to qualify for the semi-finals

Baseball loses 3 out of 4

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Once again the Lions baseball team struggled to muster any run support against tough competition, losing three out of four games over the weekend against the Hornets of Emporia State.

The first game of the series did not start well for the Lions as starting pitcher Austin Klein allowed two runs in the first inning and a single run in the second inning to take a quick 3-0 lead.

The struggles continued for Klein as he managed to get through five innings while giving up seven runs on ten hits. The Lions were never able to get anything going on offense, as they were shut out by Emporia starter Shawn Talkington while attaining just three hits.

The second game began once again got off to a bad start for the Lions, as Lions starter Will Spitzfaden gave

up a run in the top of the first inning and another run in the third inning to stake the Hornets to a 2-0 lead.

The Lions came back in the bottom of the third inning with a pair of runs on RBI singles by Jerry Roam and Marshall Vallandingham to tie the game at 2-2.

The game quickly got out of hand for Spitzfaden in the next two innings as he gave up a pair of runs in both the fourth and fifth inningsto take a commanding 6-2 lead.

Though the Lions would add a run in the seventh inning on another RBI by Jerry Roam, they would drop game two 6-3.

Both of the games played on Saturday were pitcher's duels, as the Hornets took game three 1-0 and the Lions won game four 2-0.

Neither team scored for the first six innings of the third game of the series, as starters Dylan Terrell of the Lions and Dakota

McKaskle of the Hornets matched zeros for the first six innings.

Lions relief pitcher Devin Breihan took over in the sixth inning, and surrendered the only run of the game to the Hornets in the seventh inning.

The final game of the series was the only win for the Lions.

For the second start in a row, starter Zac Pearman dominated, throwing his second complete game shut-out in a row. This time, he went the full nine innings while scattering six hits. He did not walk a batter.

The Lions added two runs to back Pearman, as Roam doubled home a run in the fourth inning, and third baseman Ben Coudret added an RBI in the sixth inning.

The Lions now have a record of 17-31 and will finish their season with a game against Lindenwood University-Belleville on Tuesday afternoon.



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LHP Austin Klein pitches to the Emporia State Hornets. The Lions lost three out of four against the Hornets. The losses take the Lions' record to 17-31.

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