

## Mumps mania hits Romeoville campus



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After the announcement of a Mumps outbreak from the Will County Health Department, the university has taken several precautionary measures. Starting the week of Dec. 3, several sporting, stress relief and academic events were canceled. Two major cancelations include the Senior Awards Night and this December's Commencement Ceremony.

In response to the cancelations, students gathered in front of the Learning Resource Center seeking answers to the decision made by administration. "From being on student senate, there has been a lack of transparency with the administration," said William Riley, president of student senate. "I think it's extremely important for students to have some sort of input on this."

Additional students commented and questioned why the commencement could not



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Students and administration officials gather to discuss decisions to cancel events on campus.

be hosted in a facility outside of campus. Dr. David Livingston, president of Lewis, responded to students' questions. "The significant difference is that everyone who goes here every day has already been exposed. Exposing people who do not go here is too big of a public health risk," said Livingston.

The Will County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health announced the mumps outbreak Dec. 4

The MMR vaccine provides

protection against the mumps, measles, and rubella. All Lewis students are required by law to be vaccinated.

Those staff and students who may not have been vaccinated or those who are in need of a booster due to a low antibody count were encouraged to take advantage of a pop up Osco Drug vaccination clinic on campus Dec. 6 and 7.

"The virus itself can cause serious illness - it usually infects the cells of the salivary glands, but it can, in some cases, cause complications like meningitis

or even sterility (especially in males) on top of that," said Dr. James Rago, professor of microbiology. "While the vaccine, in some rare cases, may either not work, or may have side effects, the vaccination is considered to be safe and effective."

In conjunction with residence life and health and counseling services, university officials recommend taking immediate precautions, such

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## America remembers George H.W. Bush

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Former President George H.W. Bush passed away on Nov. 30 at his Houston home at the age of 94. Bush was surrounded by family and friends at the time of his passing, including his son Neil Bush and his wife Maria, grandson Pierce Bush and former Secretary of State James Baker.

Bush lived a remarkable life, which included serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a pilot, where he flew in nearly five dozen missions, including one where he was shot down over the pacific

islands. After his service concluded, Bush enrolled at Yale University. Soon after graduation, Bush moved to Midland, Texas with his wife Barbara, who he would remain married to for 73 years until her passing earlier this year. After becoming established in Texas, Bush formed an oil development company with a close friend and began earning his fortune.

Ever since childhood, Bush had been taught the importance of a life of service. His own father, Prescott Bush, was senator of Connecticut from 1952 to 1963. Inspired by his father's political service, Bush began his career as Republican representative

for Harris County in Texas. His political career spanned decades and included roles in Congress, as director of the CIA, chair of the Republican National Committee, two terms as vice president under Ronald Reagan and finally, a term as president.

The presidency of George H.W. Bush is remembered for many things, including his legendary speech where he uttered the phrase, "Read my lips; no new taxes." A few short months later, though, taxes in some areas were raised, angering fellow Republicans. Where Bush is given the most credit is his handling of the Persian Gulf War, dubbed "Operation Des-



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Americans remember George H.W. Bush for his life of service through the military and politics.

ert Storm." The war is a landmark military conflict in U.S. history, as it saw some of the most advanced military technologies ever created being used to full effect. Airstrikes

were commonplace during Desert Storm, resulting in fewer American casualties

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# Late-start: Weather protocol for Lewis in review

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Joseph Falese, senior vice president for student services, released the annual “University Weather Protocol,” which reminds students, faculty and staff of the determinants used for canceling school during severe weather.

Based on the severity of certain weather conditions, the university can either delay the opening of the campus, close a campus early or fully close a campus for a day or more. Any classes and activities that fall within a period of closing are canceled.

If there is a forecast for severe weather, the senior vice president for student services and senior vice president and CFO communicate with one another and analyze certain factors. The two senior vice presidents will discuss the forecast, road conditions, campus conditions and the status of other area schools when determining if a delay or full-day closing is necessary.

If classes are canceled or there is an early or late campus closing, the university will communicate with students, faculty and staff using text services, emails, phone announcements and a website

**Lewis University 2018 WEATHER PROTOCOL**

The safety of the entire campus community is the most important factor. If there is severe weather forecasted, the Senior VP for Student Services and the Senior VP and CFO communicate with each other to make the final decision.

**FACTORS IN THE DECISION PROCESS:**

1. FORECAST
2. STATUS OF ROADS
3. STATUS OF CAMPUS
4. STATUS OF OTHER AREA SCHOOLS

Due to early classes at our various locations and due to nursing clinicals at various locations, every effort will be made to communicate the decision to delay or close by approximately 6 a.m. allowing enough lead time for all commuters.

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banner announcement. In accordance with this policy, the university senior vice presidents determined that conditions were too hazardous for students to come to campus on the morning of Monday, Nov. 26. As such, the university was closed until 10 a.m. on that day. Students, faculty and staff were notified Sunday evening, the day before of the delayed start to

the day. However, as the day commenced, many additional professors canceled class as they were either still trapped by the conditions or because their earlier classes were canceled and to remain fair to everyone, they canceled class for all subsequent classes. As a result, the professors were required to adjust schedules to accommodate the canceled classes.

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than in previous conflicts. After losing the ballot to President Bill Clinton, Bush mostly stayed out of the public eye. However, when his son George W. Bush ran for president, Bush Senior was there as constant support. Bush created a political dynasty in the U.S., the scale of which has not been seen since the Kennedy’s. The Bush family name has been present in politics over the past few decades, including the two-term presidency of George W. Bush and his son Jeb Bush as governor of Florida.

“Regardless of how one views President George H.W. Bush through the lens of politics, I think it is clear that he led a life rich with public service,” said Dr. Steven Nawara, associate professor of political science. “He was the youngest combat pilot in World War II, a member of Congress, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice president of the United States and president of the United States. After his time in office, he continued to serve, partnering with the man who defeated his reelection efforts, Bill Clinton, to raise money for humanitarian relief efforts after natural disasters.”

The funeral service for Bush was held Wed. Dec. 5 at the U.S. Capitol. He was then buried at the grounds of his presidential library at Texas

A&M alongside his wife Barbara and the couple’s late daughter Robin.

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as covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, washing hands often with soap and warm water, avoiding the sharing of cups, utensils, water bottles, cosmetics, etc. and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, such as sinks, door-knobs and tables.

The vaccine itself helps “the body develop immunological ‘memory’ so that if the pathogen ever comes in contact with the person, the immune system can mount a much quicker and much stronger response to the pathogen,” said Rago. Again, in very rare cases the vaccine may not be fully effective but generally remains the best defense against the pathogen.

The Will County Health Department expects that the situation will be resolved by Dec. 28 before the start of the spring semester.

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# Higher Ed Highlights

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### Science professor sues university for unequal pay

Katrina Miranda, an associate chemistry professor at the University of Arizona, filed a \$20 million lawsuit against the Arizona Board of Regents.

The lawsuit claims that through trends in sex discrimination, Miranda and other women in the College of Science have been paid less. The lawsuit was based on the university denying females raises since 2011, while giving them to men in the same department with the same qualifications.

“Through publicly available salary information, Dr. Miranda learned she has been underpaid by \$9,000 to \$36,000 per year from 2016 to 2018 alone compared to her male colleagues who have similar or lesser seniority and performance,” the lawsuit states.

In addition, UA was hit with another gender discrimination lawsuit in the beginning of 2018 by a female dean.



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### Michigan State ‘terminated’ by professor through essay

After filing two harassment complaints against an administrator, Assistant Professor Joy Lisi Rankin “fired” Michigan State from being her employer.

In an online essay, which doubled as her resignation letter, Rankin stated she didn’t have any other choice but to fire her university after her complaints went unanswered. The administrator would maliciously stare at her, touch her without her consent and would be bothersome.

The university did not handle her complaints appropriately and instead filed a research case against Rankin for criticism she received for an online piece of work she produced.

Her recognition “Me Too” essay gained the attention of many different academic outlets, making her “termination” of the university go viral. Michigan State released a statement stating, “we make sure every single student, faculty member and staff person feels confident in bringing forward their concerns.”



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### Wisconsin chancellor exercises free speech through adult film star

La Crosse Chancellor and Professor of Communications at University of Wisconsin – Joe Gow, was reprimanded after inviting adult film star, Nina Hartley, to visit campus and present a speech regarding adult media.

Gow created this optional event one year after the university passed its free speech policy, which all chancellors are required to enact.

University President Ray Cross sent a letter to Gow, which said, “Apart from my personal underlying moral concerns, I am deeply disappointed by your decision to actively recruit, advocate for, and pay for a porn star to come to the La Crosse campus to lecture students about sex and the adult entertainment industry.”

The event was a success with high attendance, and students participated in asking many questions regarding the differences between adult film making and human trafficking, as well as if her job is considered exploitative.



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# Scientist claims to have created HIV resistant babies

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Jiankui defends his controversial decision to use the CRISPR technique on human embryos.

A Chinese scientist has used the gene editing technique CRISPR to create the first ever genetically modified humans. While conducting this research on twins as embryos, scientist He Jiankui used the CRISPR technique to make the twins resistant to HIV. The twin's father is HIV positive, and it was highly likely the disease would have been passed down to them without the influence of Jiankui.

The CRISPR technique had been hailed as the "cheapest, simplest, most effective way of manipulating DNA ever known," according to the techniques leading innovators.

"When researchers use the CRISPR tool, what they are doing is using the ability of the Cas-9 protein to cut DNA

in specific places and insert a sequence of interest into that position in the DNA," said Dr. Marne Bailey, associate professor of biology. "What we refer to as the tool CRISPR is actually a system found naturally in many species of bacteria."

Only recently has the tool CRISPR been used by humans, and never on human embryos until this point. This

bold move by Jiankui has angered many members of the scientific community, including one of the programs leading innovators, Jennifer Doudna. "All of us that are here at this conference are struggling to figure out what was done and also whether the process was done properly. We just don't know yet," said Doudna.

Jiankui is now facing the consequences of his actions. He has been put on unpaid leave from Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen, China. The university released a statement saying they were "deeply shocked" by Jiankui's claims. He is also facing an investigation by a Chinese ethics board in an attempt to see if Jiankui broke any Chinese laws or violated any regulations. Additionally, it has been reported that the current whereabouts

of Jiankui are unknown.

Jiankui's findings have not been peer-reviewed or published in a scientific journal at the time of this publication. Without confirmation from the rest of the scientific community, many biochemists remain skeptical.

One issue with the experiment that many biochemists have pointed out was the disease itself. HIV is treatable with medication once contracted, although not curable. There are numerous debilitating diseases that CRISPR would have been equally effective in preventing, without many ethical consequences. "If this was done to avoid HIV infection, there are alternative ways to prevent infection that are already effective," said Doudna. In defense, Jiankui said that "No gene was changed except the one to prevent HIV infection."

The area of genetic modification is still new and untested, and the long-term consequences associated with it are still unknown. The changes to the DNA are permanent and can be passed down to future generations. While it is too early to tell if these changes will cause any harm, a flaw in the twins genetic code can cause unforeseen problems that would have not existed otherwise.

"The greater concern is the ethical conduct of research, specifically research involving human subjects," said Bailey. "Altering or directing the genetics of a human without informed consent warrants greater oversight and conversation not only by scientists, but by the global community at large. The greater question remains: just because we 'can' do something, 'should' we do it?"

## GM announces layoffs and plant closings: President's tariffs blamed for decision

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General Motors announced Monday, Nov. 26 that the company will be closing five factories – two of which are in the U.S. – and laying off over 14,000 employees.

The closings and layoffs may be a result of the recent tariffs enacted by President Donald Trump on imported steel and aluminum, which "undoubtedly has raised the production costs for GM," said Dr. Steven Nawara, assistant professor of political sci-



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President Trump discusses the announcement of layoffs and plant closing with GM CEO Mary Barra.

ence at Lewis.

"In addition, retaliatory tariffs on U.S. made imports have made American-made

vehicles more expensive to Chinese consumers," said Nawara. However, an official from GM told to The Wall

Street Journal that company officers have decided to cut "unallocated" assembly factories in response to dropping sales in certain vehicles, such as the Chevy Volt, which will no longer be produced starting March 1, 2019.

The company also plans to redistribute funds and production to SUVs and trucks as they often outperform most sedans. The Chevy Cruze, another vehicle in question, may no longer be produced due to changes in the company structure. This could be in part of the company's two-year plan to generate over \$6 million

in revenue from the usual \$3 billion.

Voters might recall Trump's promise to return jobs to the U.S., specifically Ohio. In 2016, Trump won these significant states that have strong ties to the auto industry: Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. One plant that will be closing next year is in Lordstown, Ohio. Between the four states, Trump earned nearly a quarter of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

In response to the com-

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**Quick Quiz!**  
created by Kayla Chambers

**Test and build your knowledge on the world's latest events.**

Anchorage Alaska experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Nov. 30. There have been no reports of deaths or serious injuries, however, the city has suffered major infrastructure damage to homes, business, bridges and roads with highways under threat of landslides. Water mains in the region were also damaged leading to boil-water advisories that Friday. This is the most damaging earthquake to hit the Anchorage area since... **1**

**A** Yellow Jackets will triumph.  
**B** Macron will be held accountable!  
**C** Topple the Bourgeoisie!  
**D** We've chopped off heads for less than this.

The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket set to blast off from Cape Canaveral on Dec. 4 will have plastic bags of worms on board. Scientists have stated these worms will be used to examine the effects of spaceflight on muscles and muscle mass as worms have muscles very similar to humans. How many worms will be on board? **2**

**A** 45,000  
**B** 35,000  
**C** 46,000  
**D** 36,000

In a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Buenos Aires, President Trump has agreed not to raise tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods from 10 percent to 25 percent. In return, China has agreed to purchase agricultural, energy, industrial and other product from the United States in an effort to "reduce the trade imbalance between [the] two countries" as stated in a Dec. 1 White House press release. However, a set amount of China's purchase of these products has not yet been agreed upon. Both presidents will begin negotiations on a range of issues such as intellectual property protection, cyber intrusions and more. The transaction is set to be complete in how many days? **3**

**A** 15  
**B** 30  
**C** 45  
**D** 90

On Nov. 30, Marriott International announced that up to 500 million customers' information was exposed in a breach of the company's guest reservation database. The Marriott hotel network itself was not affected, instead a separate network of hotels, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide acquired by Marriott in 2016, was affected. All of the following are example of guests' compromised data except... **4**

**A** Passports  
**B** Mailing addresses  
**C** Social security numbers  
**D** Communication preferences

French President Emmanuel Macron has called for prime minister Édouard Philippe to meet with protest groups following anti-government protests and demonstrations on Dec. 1 that led to the injuries of more than 100 people, torched cars, smashed windows, looted stores, battles with riot police and tagging of the Arc de Triomphe (a famous Paris monument) with graffiti. The riots are considered France's most violent urban riot in more than a decade. All were statements tagged on the Arc de Triomphe except... **5**

**A** 1970  
**B** 1964  
**C** 1980  
**D** 1994

Answers: 1-B, 2-D, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B

# Black Friday: Busiest shopping day is now online?

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Traditionally, the day after Thanksgiving is seen as the busiest shopping day of the year. However, with Walmart, Target and other major stores beginning their sales on Thanksgiving evening, shoppers are less inclined to visit stores on Black Friday.

Additionally, with the recent wave of online shopping the week following Black Friday, more and more shoppers are staying home and making purchases during Cyber Week. Black Friday is an essential part of the U.S. economy as it kick-starts the holiday season with stores earning around 30 percent of annual retail sales from the following month leading up to Christmas.

However, retailers no longer

place their best nor their highest sales in-store. Instead, they accommodate consumer needs by placing an emphasis in online sales, which was about 26 percent higher in 2018 than in 2017. Retailers are expecting an increase in sales regardless of where their shoppers purchase their items. According to The Balance, expected sales for this holiday season are anticipated to reach \$717.5 billion, which is a 4.3 percent increase since 2017.

Though hard data and sale results will not be available until after the close of the calendar year, statisticians and analysts discuss how Black Friday is still an important component of the U.S. economy. "Consumers are less likely to storm shops; many would rather shop online than wrestle a stranger for a singing teddy bear," reported The Economist.



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Shoppers navigate busy aisles in a Chicago Target super store on Black Friday 2018.

Analysts also researched the best days to purchase certain items, revealing that the best deals are often not on the day of Black Friday. Days leading up to Black Friday and following are best for purchasing most electronics, toys, sporting

goods, computers, apparel and video games. However, Black Friday does have the best deals on televisions, tablets, appliances and jewelry.

To compete with the online giant Amazon, stores like Best Buy and Walmart offer

shoppers alternative deals online. Although physical store locations will not be directly impacted by online sales, the trend of shopping online is expected to grow in coming years.

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pany's announcement, the president told reporters that he "was very tough" on GM CEO Mary Barra. "You know, this country has done a lot for General Motors. You better get back in there soon. That's Ohio, and you better get back in there soon," said Trump in

reference to the GM CEO.

However, when looking at the Tax Cut and Jobs Act that were signed into law by Trump, they "oddly incentivize moving jobs overseas," said Nawara. "According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's report, corporations that relocate tangible assets abroad are able to reduce their overall tax

burden to about half of the corporate tax rate on profits earned abroad."

Much of the aggression shown by President Trump in the fallout of the GM announcement may be due to his campaign promises to reverse the Rust Belt job hemorrhage, which may be a result of poorly designed trade policies.

It is too early to determine

if GM's decision to close five plants is a direct result of the tariffs placed on China. It is also not clear if GM will bring new vehicles to five plants in question of closing as the company intends to increase its lines of SUVs, trucks and electric vehicles by 2021.

Though thousands of American workers enter the holiday season knowing their posi-

tions will be cut, investors in GM noted an immediate 4.8 percent gain in share values. It appears the company is responding to customer demands. "GM is making a big bet on a future that is autonomous, connected and electric," said Michelle Krebs, an analyst at Auto Trader to The Washington Post.

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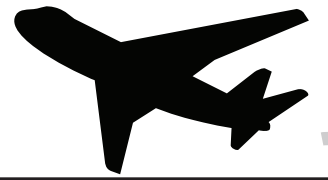
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# OPINIONS



## Flyer Seniors Take Off

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If you asked me four years ago if I thought I would be writing for a newspaper, I would have thought you were crazy. But now after almost three years, I couldn't imagine not being part of such a great team.

When I first came on staff as a news editor, I didn't have the slightest clue about what it took to create a publication like this. Thankfully, through the guidance of my past leaders and the help of Lisa and Hayley, I quickly learned my place on staff. I am thankful for all of the opportunities The Flyer as given to me. I've gained unbreakable friendships, the ability to handle any deadline and deal with extra stress – all things I can actually apply to my future. I've also learned that I don't actually need sleep to function the next day.

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When I began my education at Lewis, I just went through the motions of attending class, listening to lecture, leaving class, completing homework, working part time on the weekends at the notorious Bowlero and back again; my involvement with Lewis outside of class nonexistent. This all changed when I enrolled in Introduction to Publication Design the second semester of

I thought Lisa might have been crazy to ask me to join the staff as a news editor with barely any knowledge about journalism and someone who barely watched the news, but I thought Hayley was crazier for trusting me to be editor in chief. While I wanted to say no because I was afraid I wouldn't be good at it, I knew that would be a decision I would regret if I didn't say yes.

Being editor in chief showed me a whole new side of journalism and a whole new respect for the work my managers and leaders I have had in the past dealt with, because y'all stress me out. I'm kidding, you guys aren't that bad, and I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with each and every one of you.

It's people like Derek – who was my own personal hype man and reminded me every day last semester that I had what it would take to take on this role, or Matt – who told Hayley I was bossy before I even started this job but in

my sophomore year and was introduced to The Flyer by my professor, Hayley Miller.

Looking back, my very first layout night was especially horrendous sans the cheese pizza provided by Flyer adviser Lisa O'Toole. I had little to no idea how to manage my time as a layout editor as I spent eons laying out my 5 pages for Sports. I remember we left that night at nearly 5 in the morning and I left wondering if I'd ever be able to get a hang of the newspaper publication process.

With time, my understand-

ing of the process grew as I began to learn more about InDesign and publication operations with the help of professors and advisers Lisa O'Toole and Hayley Miller, my various and fantastic section editors and editor-in-chiefs (shoutout to the world's most fabulous chicken nugget, Sam Carlson!). Everyone I've encountered through my work with The Flyer have made my various experiences in the basement of John Paul, at ACP's Best of the Midwest, at Feed My Starving Children and more, fun, memorable and fulfilling.

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it without you guys and wish you all the best as you continue this crazy journey.

Although I may be ready to put down my editor's pen, I'm not ready to say goodbye to this crazy

group of people I'm lucky enough to call my friends. With that being said, catch ya on the flipside because I really never thought this day would come.



Senior layout editor Kayla Chambers and editor-in-chief Samantha Carlson wrap up their final layout night.

I'm going to miss the chocolate chip cookies made by Matt's mom and Professor O'Toole's colorful language. I'll miss laying out Tempo and News and working with my awesome section editors. I'll miss overhearing all the crazy conversations of my fellow editors while we work to layout an issue into the night's late hours. I'll miss Olive, a poodle who went on frequent but relatable missions to recover food from my backpack and sassy poodle queen, Piper. I'll even miss pressing the "OK" button on our color printer

with the broken settings.

It's insane to think that as of Dec. 16, I will no longer be making more amazing memories with even more amazing people at The Flyer. That as of Dec. 16, I'll be passing the torch to my fellow layout editors Audrey and Hannah. As of Dec. 16, you'll no longer be able to find me tucked away in the basement of John Paul, in the Flyer office, eyes nailed to the Mac screen and window opened to InDesign but hey, that's showbiz baby.

## Staff Editorial: Are late starts really better than snow days?

Once the first snowfall hits, students everywhere begin to anxiously hope for a snow day, a day they aren't required to go to class and can stay inside their warm house.

Recently in the wake of a "winter storm" in the Romeville area, instead of a snow day, the university determined a late start would be the most beneficial options for students, faculty and staff. For resident students, this may be an acceptable option as they are

already on campus and have short walks from building to building.

However, for commuters, a larger population than resident students, it isn't so simple. They still have to drive to campus in hazardous traffic conditions on snow and ice filled roadways. Some students have a commute up to an hour long. Based on the distance, it's reasonable for these commuters to avoid leaving home.

The late start of 10 a.m. was not an ideal option for a majority of students, specifically for commuters and students who only had one class. Additionally, it was hazardous to be driving during all morning hours and into early afternoon. When the flurries finally stopped, the plows took over the roads to salt and move the heavy snow.

In preparation for the conditions, many professors cancelled class anyways even if

the time landed outside of the 10 a.m. late start. For those few brave professors and students who fared the weather and arrived to class, the class was canceled anyways due to low turnout. Professors had to reteach the material the following day for all remaining students who were able to come to class, so why host class at all?

Regardless of the criteria in place for determining snow days versus late starts, it seems

that additional considerations should be incorporated. If a majority of nearby elementary schools and high schools deem it unsafe weather conditions for buses to get kids to school, what makes it safe for commuters to make their way to Lewis?

Those who are in charge of calling snow day or late start, it may be time to reconsider if late starts and early closings are even worth the hassle.

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I first began my studies at Lewis in the fall of 2017. Despite the fact that I was excited to be at Lewis, my plan was to get in and out as quickly as possible. And I had no intention of joining any extracurricular activities while I was at it. That was until the last week of my first semester when Hayley Miller told me I can do my multimedia practicum while being on staff of the Flyer. So with Hayley's encouragement and Lisa O'Toole's approval, I joined the paper as a copy edi-

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Any time anyone has asked me to write something for a section of The Flyer I've ran away kicking and screaming. David Olsen refuses to write, especially for the newspaper. That is not something I ever wanted to do. So you can probably imagine that I've been dreading writing this senior goodbye for quite a while. Bear with me. We'll get through this together.

Almost three years ago I walked in to Hayley Miller's office in the basement of an unfamiliar building on a side of campus that I had never been to before in hopes of changing my major. After talking for a while and me eventually mentioning that I like to take pictures, Hayley offered me a photographer position on the newspaper. Six semesters and 36 issues later it feels really bizarre and sort of sad that my time here is coming to an end.

I never considered working for The Flyer a "job". That's

tor and reporter, and I am so glad I did. Being part of this tight knit student publication has made attending Lewis 10 times better. Plus I know now that I would have missed out on so much if I didn't.

Although I don't know if I will miss reading articles over and over until the words blur together, I do know there will be a couple things I never forget about The Flyer and specifically, layout nights. Like how Lisa always has the ability to stay chipper and energetic - even as the rest of us grew weary and tired. Or how I know I could find Hayley participating in a debate with others about one thing or another; or how no matter what,

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at some point in the night, I could hear Mattie Buckley's unmistakable laughter after he has roasted Derek Swanson. It's these little things that will really make it hard to leave this wonderful family I have acquired.

Although I was only at Lewis for a short year and a half (and The Flyer for a mere two semesters), I believe that being on The Flyer staff is what made my experience more memorable. Coming into Lewis as an out-of-state resident and being so easily accepted onto The Lewis Flyer has warmed my heart in ways I never thought would happen during my time here. This group of people did not judge me but instead wel-

comed me with open arms and for that I say thank you.

I can't believe in just a little over a week, I will be leaving Lewis as a graduate. Besides having my diploma, I will have these wonderful memories I have made with all of you. While I won't be able to see you all finish your college career, I know you are all destined to do great things in whatever you choose to do.

Thank you to Hayley and Lisa for everything you have taught me and of course, the Flyer staff for giving me the best college experience I could have asked for.



Senior copy editor Cindy Freeman and photographer David Olsen enjoy their last night on staff.

one with the glasses. To Lewis, this isn't a "see you later". No, this is most definitely a "goodbye". Toodaloo! Don't wait up!

My one and only article I've written for The Flyer is now

coming to an end. That wasn't too bad, right? I've never been good at goodbyes, but I guess this is it. \*chucks up peace signs\*

Flyer Fam forever.



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Graduating staff say farewell to their Flyer Family.

# TEMPO

## 'Robin Hood' Review: The hooded crusader rises

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Forget the age-old tales of the legendary hooded anti-hero, this is the true origin story of Robin Hood. A thief stealthily enters a stable to steal a horse but is caught by a stable boy. The thief is a girl named Marian, and the stable boy confesses he's the lord of the manor, Robin of Loxley. Enamored by Marian, Robin gives her the horse, thus beginning their love story. The couple lives happily until Robin is drafted for the Crusades.

Four years later, Robin's troop is battling the Moors when he is attacked by Yahya. Yahya raises his sword to kill Robin, but Robin's commander, Guy, cuts off Yahya's hand and imprisons him along with his son and other Moors. Robin, disillusioned with the war, attempts to save Yahya's son from losing his head. When Guy still beheads the boy, Robin frees the Moors and is injured by Guy to be sent back to England on a medical ship.

Robin returns to find his manor in ruins. He discovers

from his friend, Friar Tuck, that the Sheriff declared Robin dead and seized his estate. Robin also learns the Sheriff's taxes drove most of the commoners, including Marian, to the outskirts of Nottingham. He searches for Marian and is heartbroken to see she is now with Will Tillman, the aspiring leader of the commoners.

Yahya approaches Robin with a proposition. To show gratitude for attempting to save his son and to exact revenge upon the Sheriff, he promises to train Robin. He tells Robin to call him by his translated name, John. Robin resumes his lordship, working undercover with the Sheriff to gain his trust. After hitting several targets, Robin gains the nickname "The Hood."

Displeased with the Hood situation, the Cardinal visits Nottingham. Robin cons his way into attending a meeting between the Sheriff and the Cardinal, only to learn they are accumulating wealth to overthrow King Richard. The Sheriff orders Guy to raid the commoners and find the Hood. Helping Robin and Marian get away, John fights off Guy and his men. He is



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Taron Egerton trained to become an expert archer, capable of shooting three arrows per second.

taken captive and the Sheriff unsuccessfully interrogates him.

Revealing himself as the Hood to the commoners, Robin enlists them to carry out his plan to intercept the Sheriff's wagon of riches. Will reluctantly agrees and creates a diversion by starting a riot. The wagon breaks through a hole in the road and is emptied via an underground tunnel. Robin defeats Guy during the riot and spares him. Afterwards, Will witnesses Robin and

Marian share a kiss. Shocked by the betrayal, he gets hit by an explosion. Eventually, Robin turns himself in to stop the violence.

During the uprising, John escapes from his cell. Just as the Sheriff is about to kill Robin, John, disguised as a guard, saves him and hangs the Sheriff. Robin and John reunite with Marian and the others in Sherwood Forest. A scarred Will is approached by the Cardinal and becomes the Sheriff in return for his assis-

tance in killing Robin.

As Robin, Taron Egerton balanced action with humor similarly to his role in the "Kingsman" films. Jamie Foxx could have been more convincing as a Moor, but his performance did not distract from the rest of the film. Egerton and Foxx clearly had great chemistry working together, making the seemingly odd couple partnership work. Eve Hewson, Bono's daughter, brings an organic independence and strength to Marian, making her more of an equal and inspiration to Robin than a damsel in distress.

The story intentionally parallels current religion and politics. After all, it's a satire of religious hypocrisy as well as a tale of a few men abusing power to take advantage of commoners for personal benefit. This reiteration comes at a time where, just like the people of Nottingham, many are waiting for a hero to lead them towards change. Director Otto Bathurst said to Sky News, "No matter what era

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## The Electric Rift

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Wait no longer for the 2019 Electric Forest lineup

The eight-day, two-weekend, multi-genre Electric Forest Festival finally announced its much anticipated line up, and so far, the responses have been favorable. The music and arts festival takes place yearly in Rothbury, Mich. and is a fan favorite amongst Midwestern electronic music lovers. Taking place during late June, Electric Forest will include big names in the business such as the indie-tronic duo Odesza, Norwegian deep-house DJ Kygo, the legendary freestyle dubstep mixer Bassnectar and the long awaited return of everyone's favorite Canadian dubstep duo, Zeds Dead. The multi-day camping festival will include not only musical performances but also art shows and displays. Electric Forest Festival was first held in 2011 and has continued to deliver what many hail as a life-changing experience ever since. Attendees are welcome to camp in the festival grounds for the entire week and experience an escape from everyday life. Where many other festivals take place within major cities, such as Ultra Miami or Spring Awakening Chicago, Electric Forest removes itself

from everyday civilization in order to provide the most immersive experience for its attendees.

**French DJ accused of sexual misconduct**

Ballon d'or, the annual European football French award ceremony took place Dec. 3 but not without a hitch. French house DJ and producer Martin Solveig, who performed at the event, is under fire for his question directed at Ada Hegerberg, a Norwegian soccer player who is the first female soccer player to win the Ballon d'or award. Solveig asked Hegerberg if she knew how to twerk during her acceptance speech.

Hegerberg appeared to be taken off guard by the question, as she uncomfortably answered the question "No." Solveig apologized via Twitter the following day after the charity organization "Women in Sports" released the following statement: "The sexist remarks made by Solveig were completely inappropriate and show just how much work is still left to do to create a society that is free from sexism and discrimination." Solveig followed up with a second tweet and apology, stating "I was asked to prepare a song for each winner and would dance with each recipient after their award was presented... I wish for the focus to be shifted back to celebrating Ada Hegerberg becoming the first woman to be awarded a Ballon d'or."

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# GAYDAR

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## Drag season is back, back, back again...officially!

RuPaul Charles' cultural phenomenon, "RuPaul's Drag Race," is finally returning to VH1 after an extended hiatus. Fans have been impatiently waiting for more drag since the "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars 3" season finale aired March 15.

"This is our football season and the finale is always our Super Bowl," said Marti Gould Cummings to the New York Post. Cummings, a drag queen from

New York City, hosts "Drag Race" viewing parties at Boxers, a popular gay sports bar in Hell's Kitchen. Many other queens around the world host similar viewing parties, making gay bars look like packed sports bars during football season. Fans have even created fantasy leagues and bet money on the competing queens.

## Marge and Homer sashay down the runway

The preseason began Nov. 18 when Charles appeared as Queen Chante on "The Simpsons." The episode, "Werking Mom," also featured a guest appearance from "Drag Race" season three winner Sutan "Raja" Amrull as herself. In the episode, Marge begins throwing "Tubberware" parties...in drag! In order to become the fiercest version of herself, Marge goes to Dragggle Rock, Springfield's premiere drag bar. She is introduced to several drag queens, including Queen Chante, who lets her lip sync to a rework of Charles' song "Glamazon."

When Homer discovers Marge is tricking her customers, he confronts her at one of her parties (with Raja as the door security), taking her newfound confidence from her. Marge returns to Dragggle Rock to confess that she's actually a woman and questions if Homer could ever make it up to her. Homer comes out onto the stage in full drag and apologizes to her. He explains that the experience taught him the sense of empowerment that comes from doing drag, and Marge forgives him.

## Happy hallelloo-liday!

Just in time for Christmas, the preseason continues on Dec. 7 with the holiday-themed, one-hour special "RuPaul's Drag Race Holi-Slay Spectacular." Eight queens from seasons past return to compete for the title "Drag Race Xmas Queen": "All Stars 4" competitors Timothy "Latrice Royale" Wilcots and Martell "Jasmine Masters" Robinson; "A Star is Born" actor DJ "Shangela Laquifa Wadley" Pierce; "All Stars 3" winner Brian Michael "Trixie Mattel" Firkus; season 10 runner-up David "Eureka O'Hara" Huggard; season 10 competitor Dequan "Mayhem Miller" Johnson; season eight runner-up San-Young "Kim Chi" Shin; and season two contestant Kylie "Sonique" Love.

"Nothing says Christmas like chestnuts roasting on an open fire and drag queens slipping on their pantyhose," said Charles in a statement. Never afraid of a shameless plug, Charles has the queen's lip-syncing to his original holiday music from the albums "Slay Belles" and "Christmas Party." Returning to the judging panel with Charles will be Michelle Visage, Ross Mathews and Todrick Hall, who also choreographs several performances. The holiday extravaganza features an extended look at the upcoming fourth season of "All Stars."



Photo courtesy of: Twitter user @RuPaul

## Ice queens return to melt away the competition

Kicking off the regular season is the premiere of "All Stars 4" on Dec. 14. Ten former contestants return to compete for another chance to win the crown and get inducted into the "Drag Race" Hall of Fame. For the promo, the iridescent ice queens hack away at blocks of ice to get to the crowns inside, while the New York Gay Men's Chorus sings "Carol of the Queens," a parody of "Carol of the Bells" that name checks all ten of them.

This season features a cast of very strong competitors. Returning from the original "All Stars" season, Timothy "Latrice Royale" Wilcots and Karl Philip Michael "Manila Luzon" Westerberg (aka Team Latrila) are competing solo this time around. Kevin "Monique Heart" Richardson and Miss Congeniality Kevin "Monet X Change" Bertin join the cast fresh off the heels of season 10. Miss Congeniality James Andrew "Valentina" Leyva, Ryan "Trinity Taylor" Taylor and Cameron "Farrah Moan" Clayton sashay on the runway from season nine. Gia "Gia Gunn" Ichikawa from season six is the only trans queen this season. Rounding out the cast is season eight runner-up Davis "Naomi



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Smalls" Heppenstall and fan-favorite Martell "Jasmine Masters" Robinson from season seven.

Rumor has it that each of the 90-minute episodes will be packed with drama. Charles allegedly pops off on the queens at one point and later saves Valentina from getting ultimately eliminated. The only way to confirm these rumors is to wait and watch as the season unfolds. For more information, videos and the fantasy league, go to the "All Stars" page at VH1.com. Starting on Dec. 7, Debbie Fox hosts a sick-ning viewing party at Replay Beer and Bourbon in Lakeview every Friday at 7 p.m.

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# Beloved 'Spongebob' creator dead at 57

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On Dec. 3, Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of the beloved hit cartoon "Spongebob Squarepants," died at the age of 57. His cause of death is related to Lou Gehrig's Disease, also known as ALS, which Hillenburg revealed he had been diagnosed with last March.

"We are incredibly saddened by the news that Steve Hillenburg has passed away following a battle with ALS," Nickelodeon expressed in a statement. "He was a beloved friend and long-time creative partner to everyone at Nickelodeon, and our hearts go out to his entire family. Steve imbued 'SpongeBob SquarePants' with a unique sense of humor and innocence that has brought joy to generations of kids and



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Hillenburg created what fans consider one of the greatest series of all time.

families everywhere. His utterly original characters and the world of Bikini Bottom will long stand as a remind-

er of the value of optimism, friendship and the limitless power of imagination."

Hillenburg graduated from

Humboldt State University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in natural resource planning and interpretation, with an emphasis on marine resources. Following graduation, he worked as a marine biology teacher at the Orange County Marine Institute in Dana Point, Calif.

Having an interest and love of marine life combined with his artistic abilities, Hillenburg began his animation career while pursuing a degree in experimental animation at the California Institute of Arts in Valencia. There, he earned a Master of Fine Arts in 1992.

From 1993 to 1996, he served as a director and writer on Nickelodeon's series, "Rocko's Modern Life." Following this role, Hillenburg began working as the writer,

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we're in, there's always oppression, there's always governments or religions that are corrupting and oppressing people, and so there's always a call for anybody who's going to stand up and say no against that, stand up for truth. In the 21st century we need that more than ever."

"Robin Hood" is a unique, action-packed take on a classic. Think of it as a mashup of the "The Dark Knight" trilogy and the original "Assassin's Creed" game or the origin story of the literal hooded crusader. Those coming into the film with expectations for it to be their parents' Robin Hood will be greatly disappointed. Robin Hood was the anti-hero of the 13th century, and it's about time he became one for the 21st.

Although there were some far-fetched scenes and obvious historical inaccuracies, imaginative additions helped modernize this story. Aren't tall tales intended to blur reality with imagination? Even with these changes, the scenarios and characters are still on-brand with the Robin Hood lore, which cannot be said about other recent versions.



# Women shine in the 2018 music spotlight

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The media is focusing more than ever on the contributions of female artists. Women in general, quite possibly, are one of the most talked about topics of 2018. Female contributions have become more important now than ever before, and female produced music is no shortcoming either.

As NPR published their list of choices for "Top 50 Best Albums of 2018" this month, a plethora of female artists have dominated and claimed the top 10 slots on the list. NPR is well known for its organization's love for music, and is the private and publicly funded non-profit organization based in the nation's capital, which definitely shows off that fact with this year's list.

Topping the list at No. 1 is Atlanta native, R&B artist Janelle Monae and her album "Dirty Computer." Monae

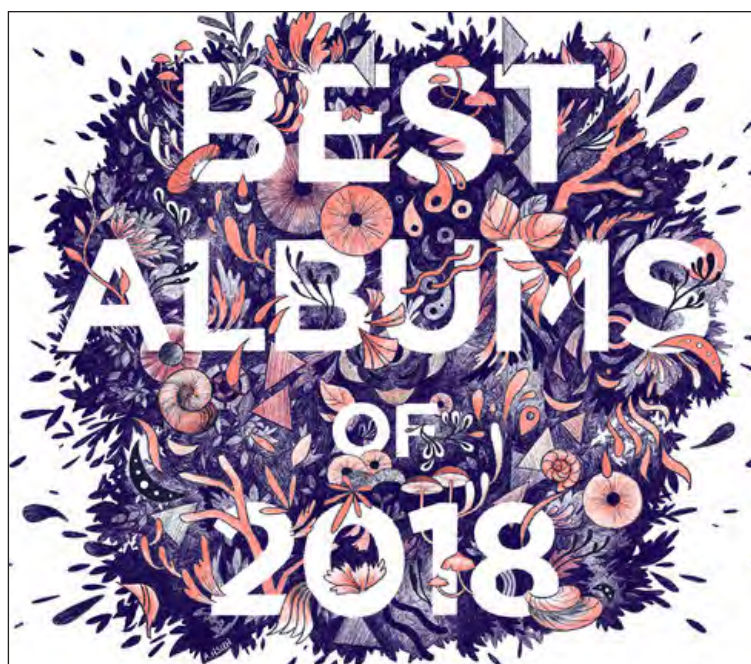


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NPR is a public and privately funded non-profit organization based in the nation's capital, and is well known for its love for music.

was born Dec. 1, 1985 and began her career with the release of her first solo album "Metropolis." Monae continued her career by releasing albums considered controversial and groundbreaking by listeners.

She is currently signed with her own record label "Wondaland," which "Dirty Computer" was released under. NPR described the album as "a rose opening to meet the sun, each petal containing a different

message." "Dirty Computer" concerns itself with the way society today views political correctness, black oppression and how individuals come to know themselves in the world today.

"I consider myself a free-ass motherf\*\*\*\*," Monae told Rolling Stone magazine just as "Dirty Computer" was released, perfectly encapsulating the entire vibe of the album.

The list contains many other prominent female artists, such as hip-hop artist Cardi B, country singer Kacey Musgraves and Columbian pop artist Kali Uchis. A full version of the list can be viewed at NPR.com, and every album in its entirety can be listened to on NPR's "The 50 Best Albums of 2018" Spotify playlist.

Women in the entertainment field experienced a rough start to 2018 due to valid sexual assault accusations. However, these women have proved they will prevail in the face of adversity.

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director and producer of an animated series that eventually became "Spongebob Squarepants." The first episode aired May 1, 1999.

The series has earned 73 awards including four Emmys and is currently on its 11th season. In addition, nearly 250 episodes have aired to date. Hillenburg also helped create the 2004 film "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie," which went on to gross over \$140 million worldwide. He went on to write and act as executive producer to its sequel "The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water," in 2015.

"Spongebob" fans have started a petition calling for the NFL to play "Sweet Victory," the iconic song performed by SpongeBob and the Bikini Bottom crew in the episode "Band Geeks," during the Super Bowl LIII halftime show in Hillenburg's memory. The petition has over 700,000 signatures.

Steve Hillenburg is survived in loving memory by his wife Karen, son Clay, mother Nancy Hillenburg, brother Brian, his sister-in-law Isabel, and nieces Emma and Hazel.

# World's favorite mouse turns 90

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One of the most well-known characters around the world, Mickey Mouse, has brought joy and happiness to generations of people for decades. His logo is the most recognizable symbol in the world. Mickey is one of the most frequently used write-in candidates in the United States, and some states have enacted laws making it illegal to vote for him. In 1978, the Disney Archives declared his official birthday to be Nov. 18, making him a whopping 90 years old.

After two failed attempts, Mickey got his big break on Nov. 18, 1928 at the Colony Theatre in New York with "Steamboat Willie." The animated short was the first cartoon to utilize synchronized sound, and a two-week run was purchased for \$1,000—the highest sum ever paid for a cartoon on Broadway. Promptly after this success, a series of Mickey shorts was picked up, including his first two shorts, "Plane Crazy" and "The Gallopin' Gaucho." Originally voiced by Walt Disney, Mickey first spoke in the 1929 short "Karnival Kid," and his first words were, "Hot dogs! Hot dogs!"

In the 1930s, Disney's mar-

keting genius helped Mickey gain friends and foes alike. The Mickey Mouse Club, a fan club for children, was founded in 1930 and was hosted by 60 theaters nationwide within months. By 1932, the Mickey Mouse Club had over one million members. During World War II, he displayed his patriotism by appearing in ads for war bonds and promoting national security. Nazi newspapers began publishing articles against him in the mid-1930s with the phrase "Down with Mickey Mouse!" He continued to be an enemy of the Nazis when his name was the password among senior officers for the Allied Forces on D-Day.

Fred Moore gave Mickey his first makeover in 1935, shortening his nose, giving him a pear-shaped body, adding pupils and giving him the signature white gloves. That same year, Mickey appeared in color for the first time. Moore was also the animator behind the infamous "Fantasia" segment "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," which debuted Mickey's iconic red robe and blue pointed hat. By 1937, Mickey was appearing in 12 cartoon shorts a year, and he continued this up until his last short, "The Simple Things," in 1953.

For the next 30 years, Mickey took a break from acting.

During this semi-retirement period, he still kept busy with theme parks, comic strips and "The Mickey Mouse Club." He has posed with every president since Harry Truman except Lyndon Johnson who never visited a Disney theme park. As the years went by, his popularity only continued to rise, and he became the first animated character to get a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his 50th birthday on Nov. 13, 1978.

Mickey returned to acting in 1983 with the Christmas special, "Mickey's Christmas Carol." In 1988, he and Bugs Bunny guest appeared in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." Warner Bros. agreed to let Disney use Bugs in the film as long as he and Mickey received the same amount of screen time down to the second. Mickey made appearances in the popular PlayStation2 video games "Kingdom Hearts" and "Kingdom Hearts II" in 2002 and 2005, respectively. Most recently, he starred in "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse" that ran from 2006 until 2016 and featured Mickey's first appearance in 3D.

Although Mickey has enjoyed several makeovers and has taken on many different roles, he's always shown the same personality: optimistic, funny, imaginative, adventur-

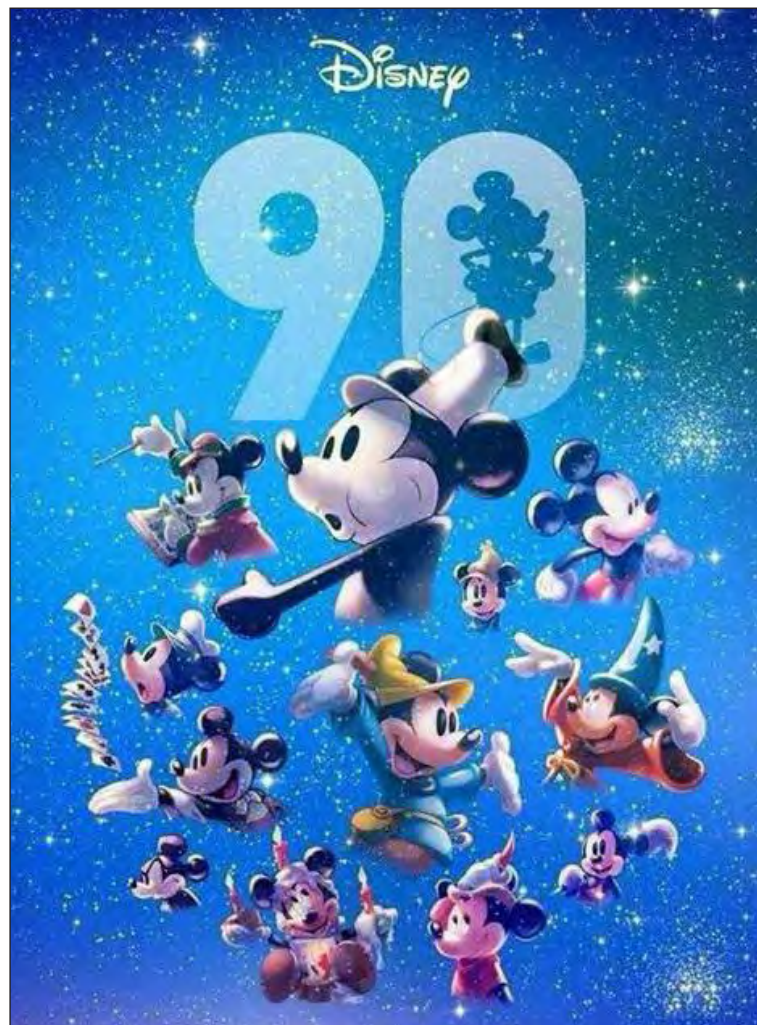


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In honor of his birthday, ABC aired "Mickey's 90th Spectacular" on Nov. 4 with guest appearances by Kristen Bell, Sarah Hyland, Meghan Trainor and many others.

ous, selfless, inquisitive, trail-blazing and inclusive. Mickey has always spread love and joy, never failing to make those around him smile. A perfect role model, his approach to

life is that everyone deserves a little kindness. For 90 years he has been spreading kindness around the world, and he doesn't show any signs of slowing down.

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# THE BUZZ



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**Cardi calls it quits**

Cardi B has announced her split with husband Offset in an Instagram video posted Dec. 5. “I’ve been trying to work things out with my baby father for a hot minute now,” Cardi said in the video. “We’re really good friends and business partners and he’s always somebody that I run to,” she continued. “We got a lot of love for each other but things just haven’t been working out between us for a long time and it’s nobody’s fault. I guess we just grew out of love.” The announcement comes after a string of cheating allegations involving the Migos rapper, with his latest affair reportedly involving up-and-coming rapper Cuban Doll. The couple, parents to daughter Kulture Kiari Cephus, married privately last September. According to Cardi, despite the fact that “it might take time to get a divorce,” she will “always have a lot of love for him.”



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**Priyanka and Nick tie the knot**

Bollywood icon and “Quantico” star Priyanka Chopra has officially married actor and singer Nick Jonas. The couple’s epic wedding weekend took place at the Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur, India over the course of four days. The weekend featured two weddings, the first of which took place on Dec. 1, the day after Chopra and Jonas had a Mehendi ceremony, where they were embellished with henna tattoos, and a Sangeet in which both families performed colorful, extravagant, elaborate musical numbers with choreography and costumes. Chopra wore an intricate hand-beaded and embroidered Ralph Lauren gown with a 75-foot long veil. The bride walked down the aisle with her mother, Madhu, by her side. “I think I was nervous and scared,” Chopra told People magazine in an interview. “But as soon as the curtains opened, and I saw his face it was just like everything settled and I knew I was making the best decision of my life.” Chopra and Jonas exchanged vows again in a second, lavish Hindu wedding ceremony on Dec. 2. The evening ended with a Bidaai, a bridal ritual where Chopra’s family blessed her new life with Jonas. “You know, you think your whole life about that moment,” said Jonas. “Honestly, I could not have imagined it would be as perfect as it was.”

**Bynes is back**

Amanda Bynes appears to be making a comeback into the public-eye following a rough last few years. In an interview with PAPER magazine, the former actress discussed the ongoings of her life and the spectacular recovery she has been making. Starting back in 2010, Bynes, who at the time was filming “Hall Pass” (she’d later drop the role), began experimenting with and abusing Adderall. Months later, after attending a screening of her last film, “Easy A,” Bynes retired from acting. Having been displeased with her appearance and her acting in the film, Bynes told PAPER that “I was absolutely convinced I needed to stop acting after seeing it.” And so began the spiral of events that would lead Bynes into “a really dark, sad world” that involved years of substance abuse, traffic violations, court appearances, rehab programs and constant oversharing on Twitter, the most memorable involving Canadian rapper Drake. Years later, it’s safe to say the world is glad to see Bynes doing well. “I’ve been sober for almost four years now,” she told PAPER, crediting her parents with “really helping me get back on track.” Bynes is currently enrolled at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in L.A. and plans to embark on a bachelor’s degree immediately following. “I have no fear of the future. I’ve been through the worst and came out the other end and survived it,” Bynes said. “It’s only up from here.”



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**Bush and Obama share sweet treats**

It appears former President George W. Bush is keeping up a new tradition with former First Lady Michelle Obama. After Bush entered the Washington National Cathedral for the funeral of his father and former president George H.W. Bush, he was seen greeting the Obamas. As he greeted the former first lady, Bush, to Michelle’s smiling delight, slipped her what appeared to be a piece of candy. She appeared to mouth “thank you,” before Bush moved along to greet the Clintons. The exchange comes three months after Bush passed Michelle a sweet treat at the funeral of John McCain.

# CAMPUS CULTURE

## Common smoking concerns addressed in cloud comparison presentation

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The Comparing Clouds: Smoking and Vaping presentation, which took place at 12 p.m. on Nov. 28 in the Big Red Room, provided an educational lecture about the risks, as well as some of the benefits of tobacco and non-tobacco smoking devices. The Health and Counseling session was presented by Peer Educator Jessica Shepherd.

The presentation covered the decline in use of tobacco cigarettes after they were linked to numerous health problems. Meanwhile, the rise in the use of non-tobacco products, such as e-cigarettes, vapes and Juuls have been observed among the younger generation.

First, Shepherd asked her audience if they have smoked and what they smoked in an interactive online poll. The answers, which varied from those who have never smoked to those who have smoked marijuana, vape, tobacco ciga-

rettes or other substances were then compared.

Tobacco usage first began circa 1 BC when indigenous Americans began to smoke and use the plant. Throughout the 1600s, tobacco became commercial and was marketed in the form of machine produced cigarettes in 1881. The use of tobacco peaked in the 1960s, when the rate of smoking was 42.4 percent in adults age 18 and older. The popularity died down when data of the health problems linked to tobacco was output in the late 20th century.

The prevalence of e-cigarettes originated in the Chinese market, only becoming available in the Americas in 2007. From 2009 to 2012, sales of e-cigarettes grew at an annual rate of 115 percent. In 2011, a study was released stating that the replacement of e-cigarettes could help regular tobacco cigarette smokers quit, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced plans to regulate these devices. The use of e-cigarettes and similar devices has continued to grow since they

were released to the public.

While a 2017 study reported 2.8 percent of U.S. adults were current e-cigarette users, over 3.6 million U.S. middle school and high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the past 30 days in 2018. This includes 4.9 percent being middle school students, and 20.8 percent being high school students.

Nicotine, the number one shared ingredient in tobacco cigarettes and e-cigarettes, is both a sedative and a stimulant, causing a release of adrenaline. While this can help to lower anxiety, it is an addictive ingredient. According to the manufacturer, a single Juul pod contains as much nicotine as 20 traditional cigarettes.

"There is a major concern about nicotine when it comes to the brain; it affects it. Our brains aren't fully developed until age 25," said Shepard. "They [users] get that nicotine from an e-cigarette, so now they want more from the tobacco cigarette. That's why there's so much pushback from the FDA."

While an abundance of nico-



Photo by: Emily Krivograd

Jessica Shepherd explains some of the reasons attendees smoke include peer pressure and stress, as well as just taking part as a social smoker.

time is present in some products, e-cigarettes are shown to be about 95 percent safer than traditional tobacco cigarettes. Consumers who are currently shopping around for vape flavorings or similar products are advised to look at the ingredients to see which would be safer, as the ingredients are not currently regulated.

The likelihood of successfully quitting smoking increases nine times when a person does

not smoke for an entire week. Those who don't smoke for a year can save over \$1,000. After 15 years of not smoking, the risk of health problems returns to that of a nonsmoker.

The presentation concluded with a final poll to record feedback on the information session. Those who wish to quit the habit of smoking can visit [betobaccofree.gov](http://betobaccofree.gov).

## Excellent essays honored from first-year writers

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The Fall 2018 First-Year Writing Showcase, which ran from 2 to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the D'Arcy Great Room, featured an array of talented freshman writers. The 16 honored writers included students enrolled in The Essay, College Writing I and College Writing II.

The First-Year Writing Showcase is an event organized by the English department, and has been running at the end of each semester for the past two years. Prior to the implementation of this schedule, the showcase ran at the end of each academic year for seven years.

The event began with opening remarks from English Professor Dr. Sheila Kennedy. Overall, the department encompasses about 55 sections of writing courses taught by a panel of over 30 teachers. For this event, approximately 50

students were nominated by their professors.

In order to demonstrate the exemplary level of writing, students read their essays before the audience. The presented essays included literacy narratives, summary writings, rhetorical analyses, profile writings and research writings.

"The purpose is to shine a light on the students' efforts and celebrate their work," said Kennedy. "It is to encourage students to take writing seriously. So many times, writing is limited to a classroom."

The first writer to be honored was freshman Natalie Bibian with her rhetorical analysis titled "Analyzing Marine Pollution." Bibian analyzed the author's use of literary devices in the argument of mitigating marine pollution.

A literacy narrative titled "A Temporary Escape from Reality" by freshman nursing major Erica Blanco detailed her relationship with reading fiction novels. This essay discussed how she came to enjoy

reading, and her current attitude toward literature itself.

"I felt very proud to have my essay read," said Blanco.

In "Taking Flight," by freshman aviation flight management major Noah Garrett, the writer shared how his dedication to aviation was ignited. After his mother passed away, Garrett learned he could remember her through revisiting his childhood love for airplanes, and eventually decided to train to be a pilot.

"I felt accomplished," said Garrett. "Only people close to me know about my true passion for flight and how my mother is mixed up in the story. I had many great friends come to see me [speak]."

Freshman Evelyn Quintana's essay, "Needles That Save Lives," was presented by English professor Jackie White. The essay tackled the debate on vaccines, arguing that children need to be vaccinated. The 2014 Disneyland measles outbreak was cited as an example of the dangers of refusing vaccinations.



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Nada Elagha's literacy essay, titled "Community is Key" follows her experience learning to speak and write in Arabic, English and Spanish.

After the honored writers presented their essays, they were each rewarded with a

certificate and a journal. The next showcase will take place at the end of Spring 2019.

# Holiday spirit shines bright in festive choir concert

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The 2018 Holiday Choir Concert, which showcased an array of festive music, took place Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall. The evening included a selection of holiday music performed by the Chamber Choir, Cantabile Women's Choir, Altitude Vocal Jazz and Harmonic Uprising, conducted by music director Jeremy Landig and accompanied by Gwen Holst.

The evening began with performances of "Hodie Christmas Natus Est" and "O Magnum Mysterium" by the Chamber Choir, followed by a song from the Cantabile Women's Choir. After each group was done performing, a recognizable Christmas tune was presented by a group of instrumentalists until the next choir group was ready to take the stage.

"I really like that we are able to incorporate some talented student instrumentalists and present music that is traditional and sacred alongside modern popular carols and songs," said Landig.

For almost every song, the choir would occupy a different part of the stage than the last group. A selection of performances sung by the Chamber Choir even took place along



Photo by: Emily Krivograd

The first half of the concert was comprised of serious, yet more traditional Christmas songs, while later performances during the event were made up of more common and cheerful music.

each of the four walls in the hall.

"We wanted to make sure

that every seat in the house was a good seat," said Landig.

"Even audience members in

the back get to be close to the singing at least once."

Toward the end of the con-

cert, it became clear that most of the more recognizable songs were reimagined in a fresh, new way. These unexpected twists included a mashup of "Winter Wonderland" and "Let It Snow," sung by the Cantabile Women's Choir and Altitude Vocal Jazz, as well as four different versions of "Christmas Is Coming," inspired by various songs from different eras of history.

"We always like to do something that's good for a laugh. We learned the original melody for 'Christmas Is Coming' to practice independent singing in two parts, but realized there wasn't really enough of a song there to perform it by itself. I got the idea to turn it into a 1950s style tune by adding a piano part and changing some rhythms, but mostly, the notes were the same," said Landig. "Once we had a '50s version, I thought, 'What would this sound like in a later decade, like the '70s?' It didn't sound that great, but it could be made to fit the melody of 'YMCA' with a couple of word changes. The 'Game of Thrones' idea came up just because 'Winter is Coming,' one of the family slogans from the show, was so close to 'Christmas is Coming.'"

The next scheduled event in the department of music is the University Choir Concert, which will take place Jan. 29.

## Jet Fuel Review celebrates 16<sup>th</sup> issue launch

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JFR released their newest issue of their literary journal on Nov. 29 by hosting a reading of the work included in the publication. The Arts and Ideas event, which was free to all students, began at 2 p.m.

The event focused strictly on poems and works of art. Editors of JFR and 11 faculty members were asked to pick a poem they would enjoy sharing with the audience. During the event, editors and faculty members read poems aloud, shared background information on the authors, as well as why they chose to share the poem.

The works that were read aloud spanned various topics including loneliness, love, depression, race, family, death, faith, dogs and even video games. Guest readers for the launch included Dr. Tennille Allen, Dr. Susan Sheffer, Tam-

my Thurman and Dr. Clare Rothschild.

Students who are part of the JFR spend an entire semester putting together a high-quality literary journal consisting of different writings and art. The latest issue of JFR had approximately 600 submissions of works from all over the world. This semester, students even published international works by people from countries such as Scotland, Costa Rica, Italy and Egypt. Pieces from across the United States are also included in the literary journal.

"JFR helps provide a bridge to post-graduation life. Students from multiple disciplines develop skills and publishing networks that better enable them to compete successfully on the job market," said chief faculty advisor, Dr. Simone Muench.

In addition to selecting literature and art for the journal each semester, members conduct marketing and promo-



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All of those who read at the event, including JFR editors and faculty, gather together in front of images of the artwork featured in the magazine.

tion for the journal, learn layout and design skills, create posters and newsletters and practice professionalism skills.

JFR originated in 2011 when Lewis alumna, Mary Eagen, launched the online journal in

hopes to reach an online audience miles away from campus. This literary work is published bi-annually, and the recent issue consists of approximately 200 pages of content.

Next semester, JFR is featur-

ing a special collection on collaborative writing. Muench welcomes students of all majors to join. For more information, contact Dr. Simone Muench at [MuenchSi@lewisu.edu](mailto:MuenchSi@lewisu.edu).

# SPORTS

## Bowling concludes inaugural fall season at Warhawk Open

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The men's and women's bowling teams concluded their fall season on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Warhawk Open in Addison, Ill. The men's team finished 17th for their best finish of the season while the women's team concluded the tournament in 11th place among 24 teams.

On the first day, the men shot 5,331 in six traditional games led by freshmen Caleb Kirby and Steve Plane. The traditional games gave each competitor the opportunity to be scored based on their own ten-frame game. Kirby, who shot a 1,249 on day one, sat in 20th place in the individual competition, trailing the leader by 118 points. Altogether, the team sat in 19th place overall.

The women's team jumped to a ninth-place start on Saturday, bowling 5,435 in six traditional games. Freshman Caitlyn Kaltenbrun shot a 1,139 to earn a 19th place finish followed by Junior Kaylee Zukovich who



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Junior Kaylee Zukovich competes for a top 25 individual finish at the Warhawk Open.

trailed her by seven points to earn 22nd place.

The second day of the competition consisted of 16 Baker games where five bowlers worked together to determine the frame's total score, each athlete bowling twice in the same frame. The men's team added 2,855 points to their overall score, jumping two places to 17th in the tourna-

ment. They finished with a total of 8,186 pins, averaging 177.96 per game.

Plane, who racked up the second most points for the men's team on day one of the competition, said that keeping their heads up and maintaining high energy helped them improve on their second day. "If one of us got upset after a poor shot, we picked each other up and

we came back with more energy and we were able to keep that momentum throughout the weekend," he said. Along with their high energy, Plane believed their second largest strength over the weekend was executing the advice they received from assistant coach Megan Szczepanski. "She makes very good judgements on what to do on the lanes when it starts

getting rough which is one of her best qualities as a coach," Plane said.

In the Baker games, the women's team was able to add 2,698 points for a total of 8,133, averaging 176.8 points per game and finishing only two points behind Kentucky Wesleyan. Their score fell just short of a top ten finish and pushed them out of the running for match play which continued for the top eight teams.

The tournament marked the end of bowling's fall season, but competition continues for both teams in the early spring as they look to make their mark on the program in its inaugural year. "By the time the season ends, I hope that schools from all around the nation recognize who we are and that we are capable to do big things," Plane said. "At the rate that we have been going, I believe that we can and will compete and win against some of the biggest schools in the nation." Competition resumes for both teams at the Eagles Baker Challenge in Addison, Ill. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

## ≡ This Month in Sports

| Men's & Women's Basketball   | Men's Volleyball   | Men's & Women's XC  | Men's & Women's Track & Field                                | Men's & Women's Bowling  | Men's & Women's Swimming  |
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# Chicago Bulls enter Boylen era

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After a 5-19 start, the Chicago Bulls have fired head coach Fred Hoiberg and replaced him with associate head coach Jim Boylen for the remainder of the 2018-19 season. Hoiberg, who was hired in 2015 and released on Monday, Dec. 3, coached the team to a 115-155 record, racking up the fifth most losses by a coach in Bulls franchise history.

While the team's losing record could be a reflection of poor coaching, it also appears to reflect the number of injuries key players have sustained this season. With shooting guard Denzel Valentine suffering from an ankle injury, point guard Kris Dunn and power forward Bobby Portis both out with knee injuries and 7-foot-tall power forward Lauri Markkanen just returning from an elbow injury, Hoiberg has been unable to make his offensive vision come true.

According to the President of Basketball Operations, John Paxson, the firing had less to



Photo courtesy of: Chris Sweda from Chicago Tribune

Former head coach Fred Hoiberg points at his bench in frustration.

do with the team's record than the lack of energy and spirit on the floor. Paxson and general manager Gar Forman felt that the injuries just masked the team's lack of leadership and vision. "We gave Fred opportunities, and he did a lot of good things for us," Paxson said to the Associated Press on Monday. "But I'm tasked with, Gar

is tasked with, looking at the underlying things in an organization, and if you don't think competitive spirit is important for an organization or basketball team, then you're wrong."

Hoiberg, a former Bulls player, was hired to the NBA after coaching five seasons with the Iowa State Cyclones. At the NCAA level, he coached the

team to a 115-56 record and boasted back-to-back Big 12 Tournament titles and four straight NCAA Tournament appearances. Forman hoped when he hired Hoiberg for the job that he would fare better in the NBA than former Bulls coach Tim Floyd, who also came from an Iowa State coaching job and went 49-190 with

the Bulls in less than four seasons. While Hoiberg's record is a slight upgrade, the Bulls are still looking for the perfect formula to put together another three-peat caliber team.

Boylen comes into the head coaching job with years of NBA assistant coaching experience. Over the past 20 years, he has spent time in Houston, Golden State, Milwaukee, Indiana and San Antonio along with his most recent stint in Chicago. "They feel I'm the guy, and I'm excited about it," Boylen said during Monday's press conference. "And I feel I'm the guy for it. I don't think anyone has a better vantage point of who this team is, what it was, what it can be than me."

While Boylen only signed a deal through the 2019-2020 season, Paxson believes he will be in the Bull's long-term plans. The team still has a lot of work to do this season as they currently sit in 14th in the Eastern Conference. However, a change in mindset and the return of some injured players could jumpstart the season's turnaround.

# Bears fall in the Big Apple

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The Chicago Bears traveled to New York to faceoff against the Giants on Sunday, Dec. 2, in an attempt to recover from their previous weekend's loss. The Bears faced adversity yet again as starting quarterback Mitch Trubisky sat out his second straight game due to a shoulder injury.

The Bears got off to a slow start as backup quarterback Chase Daniel threw an interception on the second play of the game. To make matters worse, his interception was returned for a touchdown. Chicago evened the score, however, as Daniel drove them all the way down the field before throwing a touchdown to tight end Adam Shaheen.

In the second quarter, the Bears scored a very unconventional touchdown. Daniel handed the ball off to defensive lineman Akeem Hicks who ran it into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown. This score replicated a play run by the '85 Bears in the Super Bowl.

The Giants kicked a field goal as time expired in the first half to make the score 14-10 in favor of the Bears.

New York scored first in the third quarter when receiver Odell Beckham Jr. threw a 49-yard touchdown pass to



Photo courtesy of: Al Bello

The Giants' Saquon Barkley hurdles Bears defender Adrian Amos on a drive into the red zone.

Russell Shepard. The Giants followed that up by stopping the Bears and scoring another touchdown, giving them a 24-14 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Bears would "Bear Down" in the fourth quarter after trading field goals. Cody Parkey connected on a 21-yarder get the Bears within seven. Chicago pulled off the onside kick with a minute re-

maining to give themselves one last chance to score and tie the game. The Bears would do just that. They marched down half the field and with no time remaining, running back Tarik Cohen threw a touchdown pass to receiver Anthony Miller. Chicago was able to force overtime after being down 10 points with just over a minute remaining.

In overtime, the Giants con-

nected on a field goal, giving the Bears the opportunity to win or tie the game. Chicago survived three fumbles on their drive and converted on fourth down once before failing to convert on a fourth down pass, giving the Giants the confidence boosting win.

The Bears fell to 8-4 while the Giants improved to 4-8. Head coach Matt Nagy talked about what the team needs in order

to make a run in the playoffs. "I have absolute trust in our guys," Nagy said in a post-game interview. "We are going to regroup...and put ourselves in a good position to finish the season." Chicago's next game is Sunday, Dec. 16, at home where they will face the 4-7 Green Bay Packers, a longtime division rival. The Bears still lead the division and control their own playoff destiny.

# Men's and women's basketball shut down UIndy to start conference season

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Both men's and women's basketball put up big wins against UIndy on Sunday, Dec. 1. The men's team, which is currently 5-1 and 1-0 in the GLVC, gave the 19th ranked Greyhounds their first loss of the season. The women's team, who entered the match-up 5-1, made an impressive comeback in the fourth quarter to beat UIndy and extend their winning streak to six games.

The men's game started competitively with both teams trading baskets. However, UIndy pulled ahead with a 7-2 run that gave them a 26-22 lead over the Flyers with 6:19 left in the first half. After using a timeout, the Flyers responded with a 13-4 run, which was spurred by a layup in transition from redshirt-senior Kendale McCullum. Lewis went into halftime leading 35-32.

Once again, both teams were neck and neck to open the second half, but UIndy was never able to gain the lead with players like redshirt-junior Jake Reinhart scoring six straight points and senior Del-



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Jessica Kelliher looks on as Morgan Glatczak blocks a shot.

aney Blaylock putting away junior Anthony D'Avanzo's assist with a well-executed dunk. The final score of the game was 84-71 Lewis.

The Flyers shot 48 percent from the field, nearly 50 percent from the three-point line and 77 percent at the foul line.

Five Flyers scored double digits against UIndy, but Blaylock led the team with 17 total points. McCullum and Reinhart followed closely behind with 16 points each.

The women's team also played an impressive game over the weekend, coming

back from a 16-point third quarter deficit to win the game 73-68. "Indy shot really well in the first half, and we struggled to bring intensity on the defensive end," said senior Jessica Kelliher. UIndy shot 73 percent in the second quarter to outscore the Flyers 19-13

and lead 41-31 at the half.

After halftime, the Flyer defense picked up their game and managed to go on a 17-3 run in the third quarter to bring the score back near dead even. This was later followed by a 14-1 run in the fourth to seal the deal for the Flyers, who won the game 73-68.

Kelliher recorded 20 points for her team during the match. "We were able to perform well under pressure in the second half," Kelliher said. "I think we never felt that the game was out of reach and just trusted each other, which allowed us to come back."

This trust amongst teammates led them to their first conference win of the season, proving that they'll be top contenders in the GLVC this year. Both teams continue competition over winter break. The men will play close to home against Saint Francis on Wednesday, Dec. 12 and return to campus to take on Findlay on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The women's team will hit the road, making their first stop at Michigan tech on Saturday, Dec. 15, and return home on New Year's Eve to take on Saint Francis at Neil Carey Arena.

## FANTASY FOOTBALL CORNER

### PLAYERS TO LOVE

#### Philip Rivers

Rivers has had a strong connection with his receivers and this should result in more touchdown passes. After a strong week, look for Rivers to continue his success down the final stretch of the season.

#### Todd Gurley

The Rams are on a roll and Gurley has a touchdown in every game but one. He should keep racking up points as the red hot Rams are the NFL's best team at the moment.

#### Michael Thomas

One of the top receivers in the league and with favorable matchups the last few weeks of the season, Thomas is a must start. Drew Brees has found his favorite target and this duo is extremely dangerous.

#### Dalvin Cook

Cook's role has increased as the season has gone on and will continue to increase as it comes to an end. The Vikings have divisional games remaining which has favored Cook in the past. Start him as an RB2 or Flex because of his production increase.

#### Trey Burton

After a disappointing zero points against New York, it is obvious why Burton shouldn't be in your fantasy lineup going into the first week of playoffs. Mitchell Trubisky is expected to come back this week, but the duo may still have trouble going forward.

#### Aaron Rodgers

Rodgers has yet to live up to his enormous potential this season. He has favorable matchups going forward, but Arizona's weak defense on Dec. 2 was enough to hold him to only a handful of points.

#### Mark Ingram II

Ingram has been a roller coaster of a running back this year and it's hard to start him now that it's playoff season when you don't know which Mark you are going to get.

#### Houston D/ST

While they have been stellar as of late, it doesn't make a lot of sense to play them against the Jets who have been throwing the ball more in recent games. A solid offense could give the Texans some trouble, therefore, it would be best to avoid them.

### ONES TO AVOID

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## Women's volleyball makes run to NCAA semifinals

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The women's volleyball team traveled to Pittsburg for the NCAA Tournament where only eight teams stood standing.

The team traveled via bus on what was just over a seven-hour ride. The Flyers took on the No. 2 seed Wheeling Jesuit in the first round and then advanced to the semifinals to take on Western Washington.

The Flyers came from behind in the first set against Wheeling, taking the opening set by two points. An intense second set was similar to the first where the Flyers found themselves down but fought back and again won the set by just two points. In the final set of the match, the Flyers controlled the pace of the game and were able to grab a lead going down the stretch. A big kill by Elizabeth Hyland gave the team match point. The Cardinals rallied off two points before the Flyers captured the match victory.

Lewis advanced to the Final

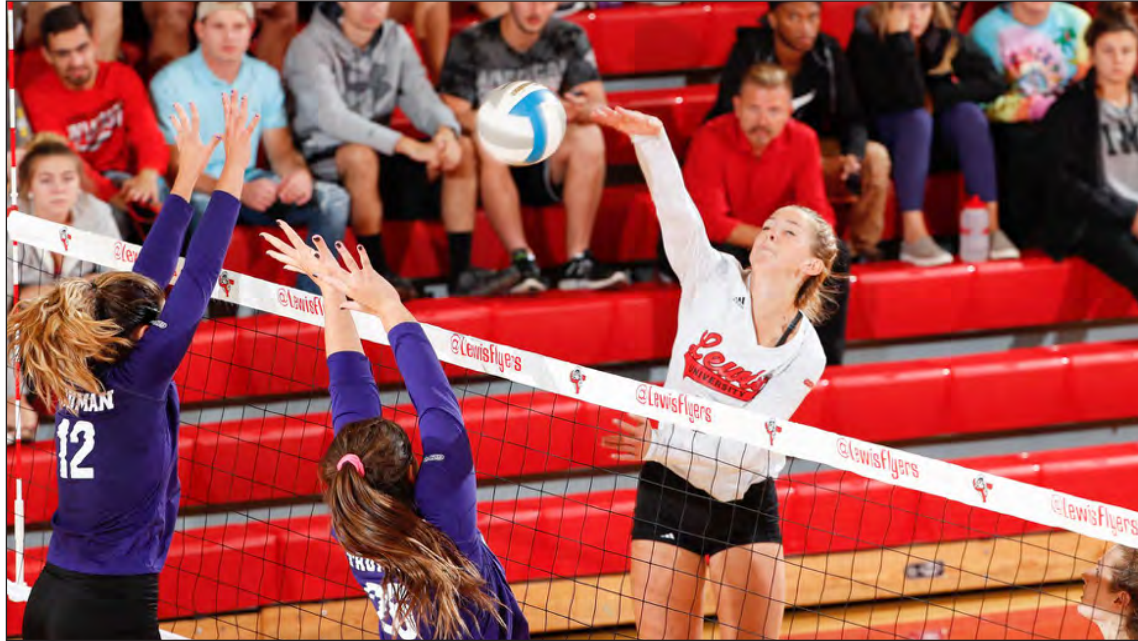


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Colleen Wilhelm takes an aggressive swing at a block.

Four for a second time in the past three seasons. Western Washington was up next for the Flyers.

The Flyers came out strong fighting through a back-and-forth first set to ultimately take the opening set of the semifinal match. In the second set, the Flyers fell behind early to an

11-3 deficit and were unable to recover. Western Washington gained the momentum and took the second set. The third set had a few lead changes early on before the Vikings took control. The Flyers fell behind two sets to one and now faced the tough task of winning two straight sets. In what would

prove to be the final set of the match, Western Washington did not hold back. The Vikings came out firing and ran away with a 25-16 win.

The Flyers' historic season would come to an end in the semifinals. Redshirt-senior setter Abby Becker would be selected to the all-tournament team as

well as junior right side hitter Colleen Wilhelm. "The season was full of great moments on and off the court. My favorite moment from the season was our victory over Rockhurst in the regional finals," said Wilhelm. In the Flyers' 2017 season, Rockhurst stole the regional ticket to the national tournament, handing Lewis a 3-1 loss at home in the Regional Championship match. This year, the Flyers flipped the outcome. "This solidified the work that we put in all season," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm was selected to the all-tournament team for the NCAA Championships. She thanked her teammates for being selected. "I was able to make the all-tournament team because my team set me up for success," she said. "Thanks to our passing, and our extremely controlled second contact on the ball, I was able to be put in good positions to score offensively."

The Flyers will look to get back to Final Four next season but will spend the off season celebrating this year's accomplishments.

## Pulliam jumps into record books

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The men's and women's track and field teams traveled to Davenport, IA on Saturday, Dec. 1, to compete and start their winter track season. The teams played to the best of their ability, both finishing fourth overall.

On the women's side, senior Cierra Pulliam led the team with record setting performances. Pulliam set two Lewis school records during the weekend and automatically qualified for the Division II Track and Field Indoor Championship. She took first in the long jump competition with a 20-2 1/2 foot jump. Two other Flyers finished in the top seven of the long jump competition including freshman Alecea Cardillo who finished fourth and junior Abby Galusha who placed seventh.

Pulliam earned her second win and automatic qualification in the triple jump with a 42-11 3/4 jump that put her down



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Cierra Pulliam takes flight on the long jump at the Frigid Bee.

for another school record. Top finishes by freshmen in the triple jump included Cardillo in second, Natasha Burnett in third, Francesca Sokoli in sixth and Tori Hagg taking eighth.

Other notable moments were freshman Jozlyn Garcia winning the high jump with a 4-7 3/4 foot high jump. Junior Azana Clark-Jordan also won her

event in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.69 and Galusha finished fourth with a time of 9.94.

Though the men's team didn't post any new records, they still exceeded their expectations. The Flyers took both first and second in the 800-meter event as junior John Partee got a time of 1:53.97 and fresh-

man Dan Ford finished with a time of 1:59.20.

Junior Michael Lyons tied for first in the high jump with a height of 6-4 1/4. Other top finishers included senior Ethan Cane, who tied for third, and freshman Dylan Webb who earned a sixth-place finish. In the long jump, Lewis had five athletes in the top seven. Red-

shirt-senior Darryl McFadden won the event with a length of 22-4 1/2. Lyons finished third, redshirt-senior Malik Carson took fifth, and seniors Dainan Sands and Marcus Holley took sixth and seventh respectively. In other events, Holley took second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.97 and Carson took second in the triple jump with a length of 44-9 3/4.

When asked about the meet as a whole and how he felt the team did, Sands said, "We all did better than we expected, and the freshman have shown great potential and value toward the team moving into the GLVC conference meets." He continued, "We are hoping to get another conference title this year and maybe even the national title at the end of the season."

The men's and women's teams will continue their intense training over the holiday season in preparation for their spring meets. Competition will continue Friday, Jan. 11, at the 2019 Lewis Invite located in the Lewis fieldhouse.