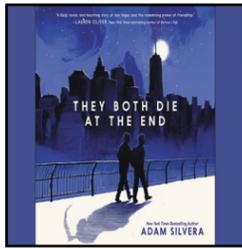




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COVID-19 Booster Mandate

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NEWS EDITOR

On Jan. 6, students received an email from David Livingston bearing new COVID-19 guidelines. As a result of the increasing number of positive cases across the state of Illinois, students and staff are required to receive their COVID-19 booster shot no later than March 14, the day classes are set to resume after spring break.

The Omicron variant has caused an increase in cases across the country, pushing restaurants in Chicago and Cook County to mandate proof of vaccination in order to be seated. Many universities were online the first two weeks of the spring semester as well because of this surge, so Lewis' mandate has come with no surprise.

Nursing Professor Dr. Eleftheria Karapas reveals taking a booster vaccine "is like taking an advanced course for your immune system [as the body] produces antibodies that are overall more masterful," compared to the ones produced from the previous two doses.

"For the current omicron variant circulating, while symptoms might be much milder than previous variants, transmissibility is

extremely high," Karapas said. "That is why we need to all get boosters and all keep our well-fitting masks on for now."

As some people start to question why the need for a booster is present after receiving two doses of the vaccine, Karapas says "data suggests over time the effectiveness [of the initial doses] decreases over time, especially in older adults."

To make sure this mandate is followed, Lewis held two COVID-19 clinics that offered all three vaccines — Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen. The clinics both took place at the Flight Deck in St. Charles Borromeo on Thursday, Jan. 13 and Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The University is offering another COVID-19 booster clinic at the Flight Deck in St. Charles Borromeo on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Online registration is required for students that wish to receive their booster.

The email also informed recipients that all resident students, no matter their vaccination status, will be required to submit a weekly negative COVID test until Friday, Jan. 28, a statement that has caused uproar.

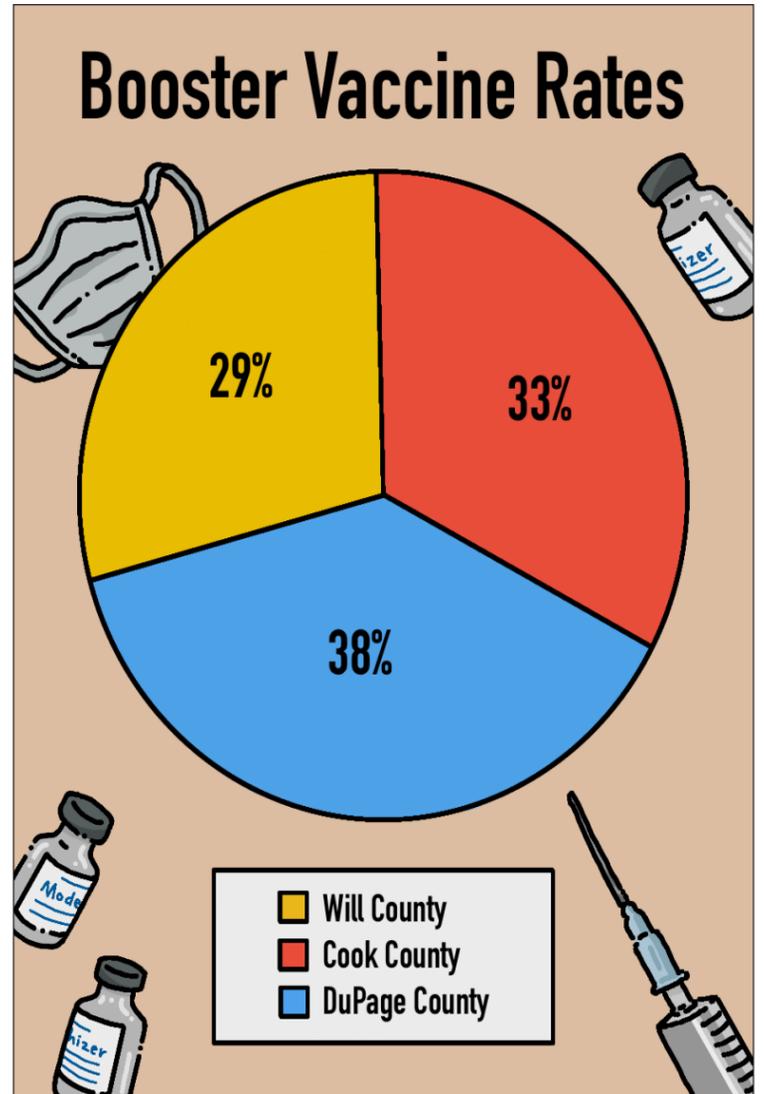
Resident students expressed their dismay at this requirement, claiming commuter stu-

dents should be required to get tested as well. The LewisU App erupted on Jan. 13 with Bryan Gabe voicing confusion on why resident students were subject to testing as they compromise only 33% of undergraduate students, whereas commuter students compromise 67%.

Gabe wrote, "Weekly COVID testing for residents but not commuters. I want to know the logic behind that one." Gabe's post ended up with 47 comments, all of which were part of a debate regarding testing requirements, COVID-19 vaccine credibility and even included mention of first amendment rights.

To further reduce risk of exposure, the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) has recently announced that N-95s and surgical masks are significantly more effective at protecting against infection compared to cloth masks. Cloth masks offer 27-minutes of protection, while surgical masks and N-95 masks offer 5 hours and 25 hours, respectively.

Following the Flyer's Promise, getting the booster shot and switching to a more effective mask is the best way to prevent contraction of the Omicron variant.



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Future air traffic control tower enhances aviation department

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NEWS EDITOR

In 2019, the aviation department announced the airport's construction of an air traffic control tower. After many years of pushing for funds, Lewis' airport was awarded over \$8 million in grants from the FAA, the State of Illinois and Port Districts to fund the construction of the air traffic control tower.

The airport is one of the top five busiest airports in the state of Illinois, with over 100,000 aircraft operations in a year, so the addition of a control tower is exactly what the airport needs. According to aviation majors,

with no one controlling the airspace around Lewis, the business of the sky can get to be a headache for flight majors. The addition of an air traffic control tower at the airport would help students learn to confidently talk to airport officials.

The tower will also help enhance the safety of those in the sky and those on the ground. Especially during long Chicago winters when visibility is lower and the terrain is filled with snow, the tower will come into use to assist pilots when taking off and landing.

Senior aviation flight management major Brett Startz says, "Having a control tower at our

airport is basically training us for the future. When you fly for airlines you are always talking to the air traffic controller, so if you have one [air traffic control tower] at Lewis, you have more practice with it and it makes the whole situation safer."

The control tower is a bonus not only to Lewis' large number of aviation students, but to Will County as well. The tower is seen as an opportunity for economic development in the county as airport officials hope to attract corporate flights. The rise in transportation and tourists in Will County is what businesses need with the ongoing financial problems caused by

the pandemic.

There is also the possibility of the airport becoming a base for commercial airliners which would provide many great opportunities for aviation students to learn first hand from airline officials.

This could potentially help bring more aviation students and future Flyers to Lewis due to the increased opportunities within the aviation department this tower will bring.

Construction on the tower began in late April of 2021, and workers are close to finishing.

Lewis University Airport Director, Chris Lawson, claims the construction is "just like

any other construction job," with unexpected delays and setbacks.

There was a brief pause in construction due to a generator malfunction. This resulted in a change of supply chains, but other than that, the construction has been successful and progress is continuing.

The minor setback did not cause many issues, but did push back the project completion date. The tower was scheduled to be done by Feb. 2022. Now, according to an excited Lawson, "the tower is set to be operational by summer of this year."

Chicago's Emmett Till to receive Congressional Gold Medal award; Senate Passes Bill

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NEWS EDITOR

On Jan. 11, the U.S. Senate passed a bill to award Emmett Till the Congressional Gold Medal Award. The bipartisan legislation that will appear in the House sponsored by Illinois Representative Bobby Rush includes Till's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, in recognition of the horrors the Till family endured.

Emmett Till was a 14-year old Black boy from Chicago who was murdered by white men in Mississippi in the summer of 1955.

Till was accused of sexually harassing and speaking rudely to a white woman, Carolyn Bryant, inside her family grocery store in Money, Mississippi where he was spending the summer visiting family. The woman's husband and the owner of the store went after Till.

Till's body was found three days later mutilated and barely recognizable. The men gouged Till's eyes out, shot him in the head, tied a barbed wire around his throat and dumped his body in a river. This gruesome murder of the young Black boy sparked

nation-wide attention after his mother decided to have an open-casket funeral. This was so the public witnessed the suffering that the white supremacists caused her only son to endure. In most recent years, Bryant admitted Till never did anything she accused him of. Bryant even stated Till's murder was unjustified.

History Professor Eileen McMahon voices the historical importance this legislation holds.

"Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till, deserve the Congressional Gold Medal," McMahon said. She went on to describe the significance of Mamie's teaching at NAACP headquarters in Baltimore claiming it "called attention to racism in America and galvanized the African American community to fight for Civil Rights."

Six decades after the death of Till, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr introduced the bill to award the victim the Congressional Gold Medal; however both Senator's agreed the bill should have been introduced and passed a long time ago.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award is Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. Till's untimely murder was met with anger and frustration from people all over the country, helping spark what we now know as the Civil Rights Movement.

McMahon said the airing of Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement, a fourteen-part documentary on the Civil Rights Movement, that aired in 1987, "taught the rest of Americans what Black Americans had known for years much in the same way George Floyd's murder, captured on a cell phone, did sixty-five years later."

The documentary captured Till's brutal murder and Mamie's bravery in championing her son's brief life that helped called attention to the violence African Americans have suffered in the United States.

The awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal Award to Emmett Till and his family will bring recognition to the success of the Civil Rights Movement.

To further commemorate and honor Till, his childhood



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home in Chicago was given landmark status last year. The South Side home is currently

being converted into a museum for future visitors.

Higher Ed Highlights

International student enrollment continues to decline during pandemic

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The pandemic has caused many changes in the past two years, including an unprecedented decline in international student enrollment in the U.S. This change is largely credited to the economic consequences of the pandemic.

According to the Open Doors report by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, international enrollment had already been declining. To account for the changes the pandemic caused, the 2020 report did expand the definition of international students to include those taking online

classes at a U.S. university. Nonetheless, enrollment still decreased.

There were 1,075,496 international students enrolled in U.S. institutions during the 2019-2020 school year, but that number dropped by 15% to 914,095 students in the 2020-2021 school year. This increased significantly from the 1.8% drop in the 2018-2019 school years. The 2020-2021 school year marks the fifth year that international enrollment has decreased.

This drop is further seen with students from China and India. These two countries are the largest sources of origin for international students studying in the U.S., but China sent 14.8% fewer students and India sent 13.2% fewer students to the states for the 2020-2021 school year. This is partially due to the increase

in Asian hate caused by the pandemic.

The number of new international students enrolling in U.S. colleges and universities has declined even more, with a 45.6% decrease between the two school years. According to Hafeez Lakhani, the founder and president of an academic coaching firm, Lakhani Coaching, this decline was expected due to the economic challenges presented by the pandemic and previous policies and political discourse.

U.S. policies and political discourse have especially played a role in declining international enrollment rates in recent years due to the actions of the previous administration. Former President Donald Trump's travel bans, threats to the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, restrictions on high-skilled

visa programs and other limiting immigration policies turned many potential international students away from the U.S.

Despite the overall decrease in enrollment rates, there was an increase in the number of international applications, with a 19% rise in the 2020-2021 school year. This shows that the problem lies in international students getting to the states.

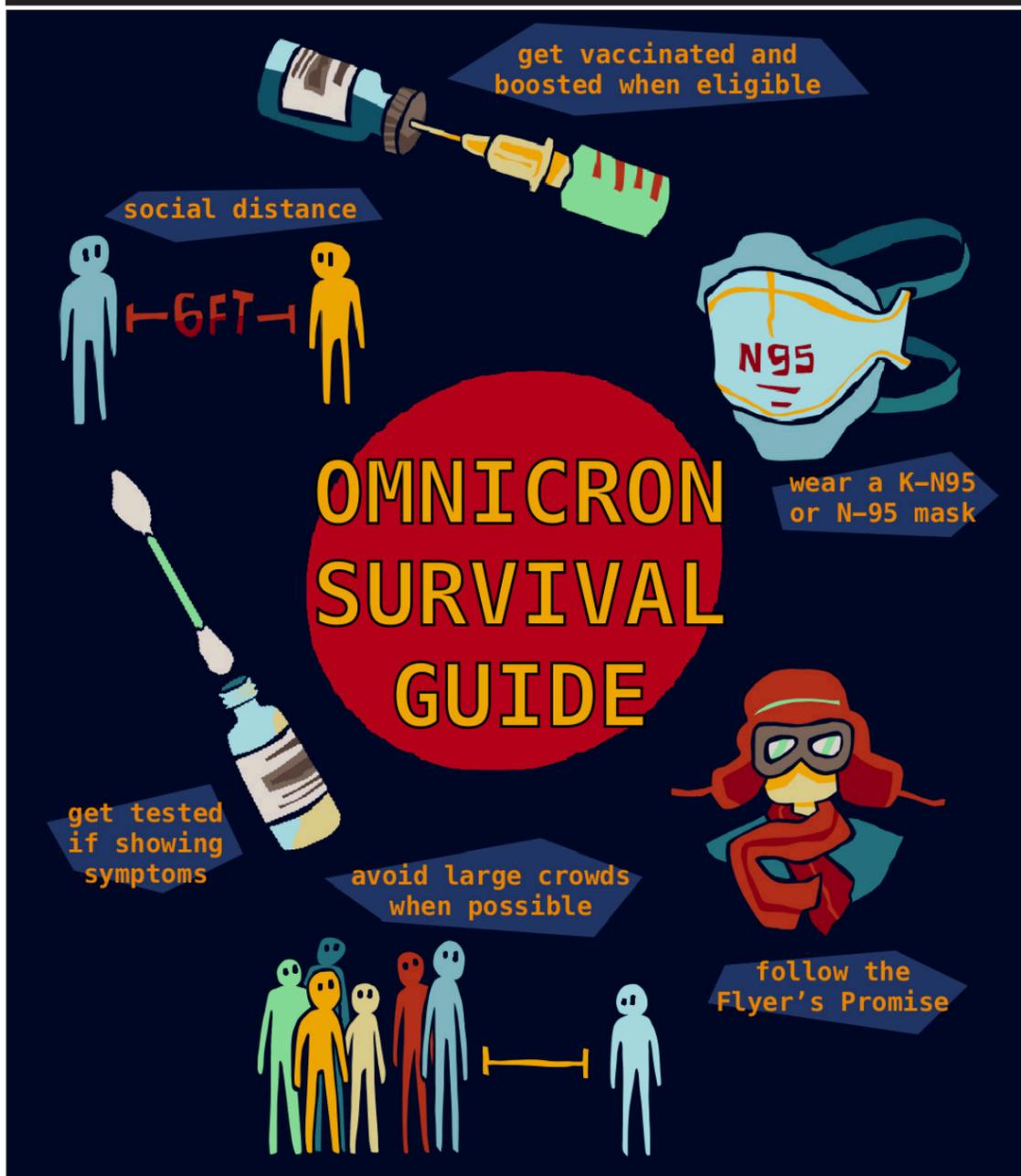
The main obstacle for international students is cost and immigration policy. Financial aid is largely lacking for international students with the primary source of funding for 54% of international students coming from themselves and their families. This coupled with international students paying two to three times higher tuition and fees than their domestic classmates

makes studying in the U.S. nearly impossible for less affluent international students.

According to Lakhani, if this downward trend continues, there could be economic disaster. If enrollment does not increase, there could be cuts to financial aid and closures of academic departments, particularly those overseeing international studies.

With the COVID-19 vaccine now widely available, some experts expect to see an increase in international student enrollment as students feel safe enough to travel again. The IIE Open Doors report for the 2021-2022 school year will not be available until November 2022, so it remains unclear if international enrollment will increase as some predict.

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CDC chooses money over health

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The CDC has chosen money over health with their updated guidelines requiring only a five-day quarantine for those who have tested positive for COVID-19. The period had already been shortened from 14 days to 10 days and now, the current unemployment crisis has driven the CDC to make this immoral choice.

Companies across the U.S. struggle to hire employees as Omicron runs rampant and certain masks are deemed less effective. This has caused some businesses to shut down early or open later to accommodate for their lack of staff. Walking into a restaurant, it is now common to be greeted with a sign asking customers for their patience, as they are short-staffed.

This new reality can be confusing with 8.4 million Americans being unemployed. However, this discrepancy is largely due to people wanting more out of their job and not settling for less. People are demanding more money, more benefits and better management that treats employees as people, in addition to more

and more people wanting to work remotely.

The new CDC guideline is an example of what Americans do not want. This policy update showcases the American capitalistic society's only value — money.

This immoral choice is further illuminated by the ever-increasing COVID-19 cases. The current seven-day average of COVID-19 cases is 744,616. There is also an uptick in hospitalization and deaths from COVID-19, most of which are people who are unvaccinated.

The rise in cases can be attributed to the Omicron variant and this new five-day quarantine policy. Even the CDC knows this, as, in their recommendations, people who tested positive are to be quarantined for five days and then wear a mask when around anyone for five additional days.

While I think you should already be wearing a mask when you're around people you don't live with, it is clear you can still transmit the disease after five days since the CDC added this mask policy.

Every week I get another email from Lewis telling me a student tested positive in one of my classes. The nursing school I work at has new cases

every day with the entire community having to go in and out of quarantine. As a healthcare worker, I am truly disappointed in the CDC for this guideline change.

It can be overwhelming and disheartening when faced with the reality that the people who are running this country care more about money than health. At this rate, it seems as if we will never be out of this pandemic and we will all be hidden away behind masks indefinitely.

However, there are still ways to stay safe during this COVID-19 surge. The number one way to prevent a severe COVID-19 is getting the vaccine, and for the Omicron variant especially, getting your booster as soon as you are eligible. The booster shot is a requirement for all students.

It has also been released that cloth masks are significantly less effective at preventing transmission, so invest in surgical masks or N-95s to be safe. As always, continue to socially distance and avoid large gatherings.

The CDC may not be choosing our health right now, but we can try to stay as safe as possible by following those tips.

SUSTAINABILITY WITH STEPH



More to true change than just money

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Wealthy people love to throw their money at various causes, including climate change; however, most of the time, nothing actually happens with that money. The funds are left untouched, while the donor receives good publicity for giving back to the community. They're treated like heroes who gave up so much, despite their remaining filthy rich and not actually having to sacrifice anything.

This happens most often when the top one percent start their own foundations or funds. They tend to be more of a publicity stunt than anything else, lacking any true commitment to change and progress. One example of this is Jeff Bezos' Earth Fund.

Bezos committed \$10 billion to this fund to be disbursed as grants within the next 10 years. The goal of these grants is to help combat climate change and protect nature. Now, there's already plenty of hypocrisy in this initiative as Bezos' company, Amazon, is one of the top polluters contributing to climate change and habitat destruction.

According to the company's sustainability report, Amazon's carbon emissions increased by 19% in 2020, totaling 60.64 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. The pollution doesn't stop there either. In 2020, the company created 599 million pounds of plastic packaging waste, with 23.5 million pounds of that waste ending up in our oceans.

This fund would be better used improving the sustainability of Bezos' own company. The fund, while it can be helpful, is just a classic example of a wealthy person throwing money at a problem in hopes of fixing it. Bezos himself doesn't do any climate research. Instead, he focuses his and his team's efforts on space exploration and how to get packages to consumers even faster, no matter how much damage the planet incurs.

Bezos claims his space company, Blue Origin, is helping the environment by increasing the chances of human space colonization. However, as I have argued before, we should fix our own planet before just up and moving to another where history will just repeat itself.

This all isn't to say the money

won't be beneficial for many organizations and groups if utilized correctly, it is just to say Bezos and all these philanthropists that are starting funds like this should not be praised. With a net worth of almost \$170 billion, \$10 billion is nothing to Bezos. Plus, all he's doing is hiring someone to choose who to give money to, a feat that requires almost no effort.

Groups have received grants from this fund, though time will tell if \$10 billion is actually given, or if it will indefinitely sit in a bank account never touched like many other money pledges the top one percent make.

Now that we know we should not be celebrating rich people and their large sum donations, here's how Bezos can use his fund to actually make a difference.

The number one thing Bezos should do with his expertise in shipping is figure out how to make the shipping industry carbon-free. According to the Ocean Conservancy, the shipping industry would be the sixth largest greenhouse gas emitter if it were a country. Bezos made his fortune with his Amazon Prime two-day free shipping, so who's a better person for the job?

These funds also tend to go towards bigger, wealthier organizations. Bezos needs to ensure he is helping out the smaller groups, like EcoBricks, who turn single-use plastics into bricks. Funding multiple smaller projects is the key to sustainability.

Most important, Bezos needs to ensure he has the social justice pillar of sustainability in mind when selecting projects and groups to fund. The projects his team selects need to be helping communities of color and low-income communities that are disproportionately affected by pollution. It's the least he can do after targeting these communities for most of his factories and warehouses. The promise of jobs is nice until health problems skyrocket from pollution.

Bezos' Earth Fund and other funds like this can be beneficial if used correctly. However, we need to ensure that we're not celebrating the millionaires and billionaires just throwing money at the problem. Instead, we need to be praising the people doing the research and the actual physical work to help our planet.

TEMPO

Most anticipated movie of the year

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I would like to start by saying that I absolutely loved "Spider-Man: No Way Home." With all of its action, fun characters and cameos, Spider-Man truly was the best movie of 2021.

The movie's events take place immediately after the 2019 film, "Spider-Man: Far from Home." Peter Parker, played by Tom Holland, has his identity revealed to the world and his life is essentially in ruin. Now that everyone knows he is a masked vigilante, all he's left to do is clean up the mess he caused, asking for help from Dr. Strange, played by Benedict Cumberbatch. However, instead of restoring things to their natural order, he opens up Pandora's box of past villains in the long-running movie series and must figure out how to save them from themselves.

With more villains than Peter can count, he goes looking for backup. The anticipation behind this film comes mostly from rumors about different Spider-Mans. Are they coming back for the film? Will they make an appearance? Spoiler alert, these rumors are indeed true. The different movies and



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"Spider-Man: No Way Home" brings three different spiders to the big screen.

universes show up together for the ultimate showdown.

Tobey Maguire from the original "Spider-Man" series and Andrew Garfield from "The Amazing Spider-Man" series both make appearances, so it was nostalgic for young and old fans. This movie has been enjoyed by many so far and will be remembered as a classic to Spidey fanatics.

It scored a 8.7 on IMDb and passed their test of quality with flying colors.

Zendaya and Jacob Batalon also star in the film as Peter's rag-tag group of friends. This time around they work as a team to put an end to the madness. The chemistry between real-life couple Zendaya and Tom Holland pops through the screen, making the end-

ing for anyone who's seen it already extremely heartbreaking.

Kevin Feige, lead producer of the Marvel Cinematic Universe and "No Way Home," has done a phenomenal job at surprising audiences with his creative and crazy ideas. Most scenes had an element of mystery to them, as viewers had no idea what to expect next.

Here comes another reboot that no one asked for: 'Scream'

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Give it up Paramount and let go of the unnecessary reboots! "Scream," the fifth installment in the franchise has just been released to theaters and I know I'm not the only one who's confused. What was once a beloved and classic movie series has now turned into a cash grab and a constant repeat.

The last film was released in 2011, when most college students were only around age ten. Nobody remembers what happened and frankly, it's not important either. "Scream 5" doesn't follow any story or continuing plot, all that matters is that a new killer is in town and out for blood.

Twenty-five years after the original Woodsboro murders, Ghostface returns and attacks our newest main character, Tara Carpenter. Tara, played by Jenna Ortega, is a high school senior who is introduced in the first scene of the movie where, surprisingly, she survives.



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The "Scream" film series returns with a reboot that nobody asked for.

This is notable because, historically, every character that opens this film ends up dead within ten minutes. Her survival turns out to be important in the end, so don't fall asleep just yet. So far, I appreciate the deviation from the long-standing tradition and enjoy the direction producers are taking this slasher flick.

Soon thereafter, Tara's

friends hear about the attack and the whole town is once again left in fear. The whole gang can't even begin to comprehend why they are being targeted and what to do, so they call for backup. This is where our original cast comes in of those who have survived up until this point in the series — Dewey Riley, the foolish sheriff played by David Ar-

quette, Sidney Prescott played by Neve Campbell and Gale Weathers played by Courtney Cox.

What surprised me the most was how accessible and easy to find these characters were all to find. Wouldn't you disappear off the face of the earth if you've been stalked for years and all your friends have died?

Feige has mastered the art of making superhero films and staying close to comics without becoming predictable.

Personally, one of my favorite scenes was when Dr. Strange and Spider-Man fought each other. The CGI edits in this scene are out of this world and look as though it took a lot of effort to create. Illusions, shapes and magic all take form against Peter Parker and surprisingly, he wins the battle and buys himself more time on how to save the returning villains in question.

The most recognizable names include Green Goblin played by Willem Dafoe, Doctor Otto Octavius played by Alfred Molina, and Electro played by Jamie Foxx. It goes without saying that all actors performed well and truly convinced me that they were all evil. Green Goblin shocked me. Although it's been almost a decade since they've played these characters, the actors perform as if it was only yesterday. None of them missed a beat.

Everyone loves this movie and typically, I wouldn't advise hopping on a mainstream trend, but with this movie, I'll give you a pass. If you haven't seen "Spider-Man" yet, then what are you doing?

Side note: who still lives in this town? Why have they stayed, knowing what happened? Definitely not a realistic plot point; it was only to move the story along.

It is eventually revealed that all of the people that have been attacked so far are related in some way to the killers of the first film. Tara is actually the long-lost daughter of Billy Loomis, the killer from the first movie, and her father's past sins have caught up to her.

This isn't a movie I was expecting to be made, but I'm not mad that it was. Compared to other horror reboots, like "Halloween" and "Candyman," this was significantly better and just made more sense. I believe that original director Wes Craven, although he couldn't be involved in the project due to his passing in 2015, would be proud of how this turned out for audiences of today. This movie is a tribute to the original and it exceeded my expectations.

THE BOOKIE'S BET

They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera

By: Amineh Ayyad

"They Both Die at the End" by Adam Silvera had a certain charm to it that piqued my interest. Was the title telling the truth or was Silvera just trying to reverse psychology people into picking it up? I approached this book with caution, wondering if the title would cushion the rollercoaster of events that would take place beneath the cover. The answer was no. Nothing, not even the title of the book, could prepare me for the ups and downs of each character. "They Both Die at the End" is the ultimate Y.O.L.O. book; it is action-packed, heartwarming and one of the biggest slap-in-the-face books that I have read in a long time.

As The Bookie, I need to be frank with you all. I know readers hate when their favorite characters die, and just thinking about other past character deaths might make you start rethinking your bets, but I promise you, this is one book that makes you realize that you have never actually thought about death.

In this sci-fi society that seems very similar to our own, we enter a world where every person will inevitably receive a phone call from Death-Cast — the friendly local death-predicting software that informs you of when you will die. When you see that number on your lock-screen, your fate is sealed. It's nothing personal though. The Death-Cast program was designed so that people could live their last moments on earth to their fullest and get their affairs in order before kicking the bucket. I know if I was told I had one week left to live, I would be crossing off my bucket list activities so fast. It did hit me as I was reading, though, that everyone received these calls.

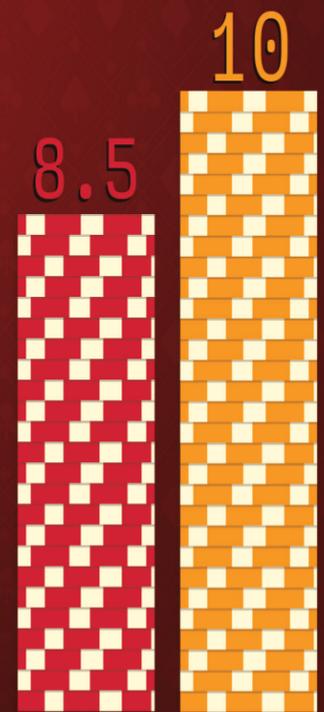
Teenagers in high school and middle-aged fathers; your co-worker who either decided to ditch work or received a heavy phone call. This book is about characters trying to live their life with the news that it will be coming to an end soon. To make the setting even more high-risk and fast paced, the entire book takes place over the course of a single day. The last day that the main characters Rufus and Mateo get to live. Now imagine how frustrated I felt getting to the end of the book and still reacting to a character's death when the entire premise was about people's last moments knowing that they will die. Silvera even clearly warns us about it in the title and I was still completely thrown for a loop.

I will be honest, even I took a gamble with this book. When I heard it was a young adult romance and action book all in one, I worried it was going to be another cliché "feel-good" book that just moves the book from start to end... boy did I lose that bet. This book was hands down one of the most emotional, thrilling, and gut-wrenching quick-reads I have come across in a while. I yelled in frustration each time a character almost met their end. Silvera did a great job at making you completely forget the title and keep rooting for the characters as if the book would hear you and decide to make an exception just this once.

Out of 10, I give "They Both Die at the End" an 8.5. This book is an easy but still exciting read that will make you appreciate the little moments in life more. I remember finishing this book and — after rethinking my whole life — realizing that if I were to get that phone call from Death-Cast saying I only have one more day to live, I'm not sure how I would spend my day. Do you? What I can tell you, though, as The Bookie, I would take a lot more risks in my already limited time, and I highly recommend reading "They Both Die at the End" as one of them.



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MUSIC LAYDOWN

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PINKPANTHRESS



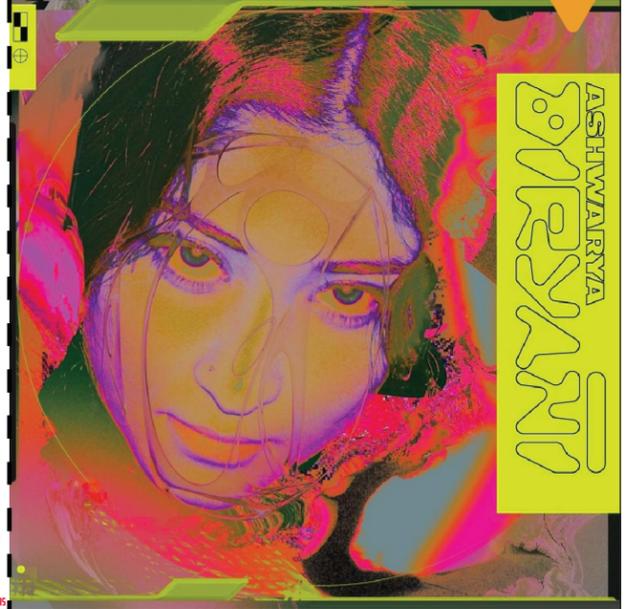
PinkPanthress, a new artist to the scene has found overnight success at only 21 years old. She was once a college student but now she's a singer with a record deal. She got her start in the most unlikely of places—TikTok and it's been uphill since. Her breakout song, "Break it off" bursts with passion. The song solidifies itself with its somber lyrics yet distracting and sweet electronic beats. Pink references many songs from a better time, the early 2000s, and she stays true to the pop that she was brought up with. She now has more than six million listeners on Spotify and she's only begun.

TEI SHI



Tei Shi, also known as Valerie Teicher Barbosa, initially got her start sharing music to social media platforms in late 2013. She had just graduated from The Berklee College of Music and with a big move to New York, she was ready to take the world by storm. Tei Shi was consistent and her music soon attracted many. Her sound reminded fans of the slow and sultry R&B from the 90s, it was nostalgic and the people wanted more. So far, Tei Shi has released three albums with her most recent work of art being, "Die 4 ur love." This album blends her lullaby vocals that could calm down the even most anxious with loud and hard hitting synths and drums to make a dream dance pop album.

ASHWARYA



Ashwarya Shah is a singer-songwriter with no shame and who isn't afraid to be bold. She makes music that pays homage to her Indian background and uses her love of traditional Bollywood to influence her music. Her latest single named, "Biryani," which is an Indian rice dish, is not only different but pleasing to the ear. It's adventurous and daring, perfect for someone who's looking for some excitement. This song is hard to keep up with and chaotic, but she makes it work. She is a lesser-known artist but her music quality sounds as though it were produced by the biggest and most popular. Her music, whether you end up liking it or not, will make you feel something.

UPCOMING ALBUMS



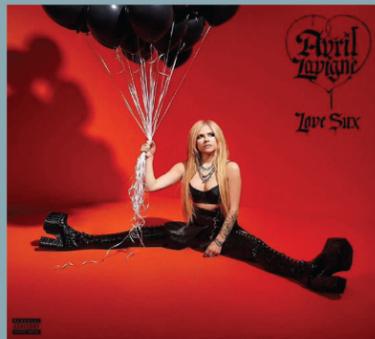
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Campus Life

Open Mic Night brings laugh

KATELYN LEANO
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Once a month, the theatre department holds an open mic night event for everyone in the Lewis community. The first Open Mic Night was Jan. 30 in the studio theater which can be entered upstairs through the gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Since it's similar to the open mic nights that can be found off-campus, they have a variety of performers and comedians who come in and sign up to do five minutes of original material.

"It's similar to the sort of open mic nights you might find in particularly comedy venues," said Kevin Trudeau, the theater director. "The people who are signing up are a mixture of students, some alumni and also some sort of up-and-coming comedians from the southwest Chicago area."

At an open mic night, people who want to perform their material will sign up for slots an hour before it starts. As long as there are open slots, anyone can sign up.



5 things to do at an Open Mic Night

- Show up early
- Bring your own instrument or material
- Don't make excuses
- Don't leave early
- Remember to have fun!

ANTHONY BEIMAL/GRAPHIC DESIGNER

"It also means we don't know what material people are going to perform," said Trudeau. "So although there's a general sort of remembering where we're at and what Lewis' values are, we also don't have a lot of control over what people are going to say once they come up on stage."

Despite this, he doesn't think anybody has stepped

too far over the line of inappropriateness.

"I would say that there are comedians who like to come up to the line of what's appropriate or inappropriate," said Trudeau. "I don't think there's anyone who raised over the line and danced around on the other side either."

In these dark pandemic

edy-filled break from reality, and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

Attending this event is beneficial because it supports fellow students and local performers who aspire to be stand-up comedians and those who want to show off their singing talents.

"I think it's also good be-

cause you're supporting other students that might be performing because some of them may be trying out material or trying to figure some things out," said Trudeau. "So maybe it's gonna be less polished than you would find if they were going out and seeing somebody professionally but, you know, people need support and feedback as well, particularly from fellow students."

There are a couple different reasons for the theater department to hold an open mic night. The first reason is to give students a venue to try out their material and the other is to bring more students into the theater for something more informal like this event.

"We have a stage and it exists so students can do work on it and not just theatre majors but also people involved in the theatre program," said Trudeau. "Hopefully it will bring more students into the venue and get them to see other things, or at least continue to see beyond my time."

The next Open Mic Night takes place on Feb. 14.

Colloquium Series educates students on fields in science

KATELYN LEANO
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Every Friday at 2:30 p.m., the chemistry department will be hosting their annual Weisenthal Colloquium Series in Room 158A in the Arts and Science building.

"These are big lecture halls, so it's plenty of room for us to social distance and listen to talks. Usually about 30 to 40 students will attend at a time," said associate chemistry professor Dr. Kari Stone.

The colloquium series is a joint venture between the physics and chemistry department. The lecture series is named after retired Dr. Leonard Weisenthal, emeritus professor of physics. The departments plan to have a seminar almost every Friday so that they can bring in all kinds of speakers from academia to industry.

"From government laboratories to people who teach undergraduates, they tell us about what their company is all about," said Stone. "So, we try to give our students a broad scope of what's out there when they graduate."

For the first colloquium se-



KATELYN LEANO / CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

In this second installation of the Weisenthal Colloquium Series, Dr. Christopher White gives an overview of the James Webb Telescope and its intended scientific mission.

ries, they brought in a guest speaker from a government research job who worked in particle physics. For the second series, they brought in the Dean of College of Aviation, Science and Technology Dr. Christopher White to speak about the James Webb Telescope. Future speak-

ers include people from the Chicagoland area and even someone coming as far away as a startup company in Boston where they work on protein therapeutics for Muscular Dystrophy.

"The purpose is to expose students to things outside of Lewis so that when they grad-

uate, they might go on into a research setting, where they might work on pharmaceuticals or material science, lots of different things," said Stone.

Students are encouraged to attend at least one lecture in the series because not only is attendance required for students and staff who conduct

research, but it would also be beneficial to other students because there is a broad range of topics that guest speakers talk about.

"Other students should attend based on the subject matter," said Stone. "A physics student would maybe like to hear some of the physics talks, and then maybe a biochemistry student might want to hear some of the biochemistry talks and again, we bring in a broad scope of topics, so there's something for everyone in the sciences."

This series is a way to network with other students and learn more about the process of science.

"First off, like I said, they would be exposed to different areas of science, maybe things they haven't even heard of, or even considered before," said Stone. "They can network with their friends and they can network with outside speakers and really get a feel for the process of science."

Since it's an endowed colloquium series from Weisenthal, "It's important to Lewis to celebrate our former professors and this is a great way for us to give back to science," said Stone.

Katelyn's CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon
Monday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.
University Dining Room AS104C

Fulfilling the Dream Conference
Saturday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m.
AS157A, AS156A, AS158A,
1AS55A, D'Arcy Great Room
SA119

Ministry and Mission

Special Community Mass
Sunday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m.
Sancta Alberta Chapel SA100

Student Athletic Bible Study
Monday, Feb. 7, 8:30 p.m.
D'Arcy Great Room SA119

Athletics

Christian Brother's Bash
Thursday, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m.
Neil Carey Arena

**Lewis University Men's
Volleyball vs. Central State
Faculty Appreciation Night**
Friday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Fieldhouse SC140

Arts and Ideas

Veronica's Room
Friday, Feb. 11-13, 7:30 p.m.
Phillip Lynch Theatre FA130



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SPORTS

Women's track & field finishes second at first 2022 meet

DANI NAVARRETE
SPORTS REPORTER

On Jan. 15, the women's track and field team raced at the Sean Brady Alumni Invitational hosted by Trine University in Angola, Indiana, placing second overall.

The Flyers had 20 runners with top ten finishes including four event wins and five second place finishes. The distance runners started off the meet with graduate student Kassady Learn winning the mile with a 5:09.35, followed by sophomore Anna Kozak in third clocking in at 5:11.71. Sophomore Caroline Pacer, graduate student Arianna Amill-Ramos and freshman Jade Miller, finished fifth, seventh and ninth, with times of 5:25.13, 5:30.40, and 5:35.60, respectively.

Senior Kyla Chalmers and graduate student Vivica Phillips went 1-2 in the 400 meters with 59.50 and 1:01.73, respectively. Chalmers was also the winner of the 200 meters with a time of 26.16. Junior Alexan-



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Sophomore marketing major Faith Wyman prepares for some sprints during practice.

dra Martinez was fifth with 27.37, Philips placed sixth at 27.60 and junior Essence Winters finished ninth with a 27.93.

Then, in the 60 meter hurdles, senior Natasha Bennett placed second with an 8.83, while fellow senior Jada Hoffman finished third in the 60 meters with a 7.63.

Sophomore Nadia Roberts was fourth in high jump with a height of 1.55 meters (5'1").

Graduate student Jamie Poppen and freshman Malen De La Fuente finished second and fourth in pole vault with 3.40 meters (11'1.75") and 3.30 meters (10'10"), respectively.

Other highlights from the meet include Bennett collecting a second place finish in the long jump with a leap of 5.41 meters (17'9"), followed by junior Jena Martin in third with a 5.38 meter (17'8") jump. Sophomore Jaden Christian

gave another victory to the Flyers in triple jump with a winning leap of 11.75 meters (38'6.75"), which is a NCAA Division II provisional qualifying mark.

The Sean Brady Alumni Invitational was the first competition of 2022 for the Flyers, and according to Christian, it was a good start leading up to upcoming meets. "This past weekend was kind of just getting back into the swing of things, it was just to prep ourselves for the big events we will have throughout the semester," said Christian.

Christian specializes in the long and triple jumps, so her focus this season is to work on improving her jump technique in the triple in order to have a stellar performance at conference. She hopes to finish in the top three and qualify for nationals, as she did not get to go last year.

"I am just trying to fix my second phase of my triple jump because I feel like once I fix that, everything will come together but I am trying to

shoot for maybe 39 or 40 ft and then 19 ft for triple jump," said Christian.

Last season, women's track and field won their fifth straight Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Outdoor Championship, and finished sixth at the NCAA Championships. This spring, the Flyers are looking to repeat the deed and place higher at the national meet. Christian believes this is possible if the team continues to push each other on and off the track.

"I think we just need to keep up the team atmosphere, the team culture. We are all very good at trying to cheer everyone up," said Christian. "I feel like as long as we do that and we try to hype everyone up at all times, we will be able to accomplish what we are striving for."

The Flyers will be back on the track on Feb. 5 as they will race at the Walter Cramer Invite, hosted by Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Chicago Bulls bring new faces

DAISY PADILLA
CO SPORTS WRITER

The Chicago Bulls have been on a winning streak this season and are giving fans hope for another Championship soon. The team added many new players that have helped them achieve all their wins.

Freshman WRLA sports broadcaster Anthony DeNardis believes the team has a chance at getting to the Eastern Conference Finals, but not the league championships.

"I don't think they will reach the finals because there are many new additions this year and I don't know if they will gel well enough that quickly," said DeNardis. They have played well in the regular season against good teams, but the playoffs are a different story."

The Bulls are placed first in the central division right now, an achievement many fans are happy with. It shows that the team can accomplish many more goals this season.

DeMar DeRozan joined the Bulls this 2021-2022 season as a forward. He was on the Toronto Raptors before ending up on the Bulls as a part of a sign-and-trade deal.

DeRozan was on the U.S. na-



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Chicago Bulls guard Zach LaVine dunks against the Washington Wizards on January 15, 2020, at the United Center in Chicago. (Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune/TNS)

tional team in the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics. He has also been named to the NBA All-Star Team four times and was twice a member of the All-NBA Team.

"DeRozan was voted as the worst offseason signing by a lot of people, but he has proved them all wrong," said DeNardis. "He is averaging

more than 25 points a game and is an MVP candidate this season. He is as reliable as it gets and has been great being there for the young stars on the team."

Another new face on the team is point-guard Ayo Dosunmu, a Chicago native who attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Cham-

paign. Dosunmu was selected by the Bulls in the 38th pick, marking the first time that a Illini player has been drafted since Myer Leonard in 2012.

On Jan. 24, Dosunmu reached a new career-high and set a franchise record during a 111-110 win over Oklahoma City Thunder.

"I would say Ayo Dosunmu [is a good addition] because of all the hard work he puts into the game," said DeNardis. "He is a Chicago native so I think that pushes him more during the game. He also plays great defense along with the ability to be a difference maker as point guard. He has guarded some of the better players in the league this year and has held them in check, which is noteworthy since he is a rookie."

Not a new player but many fans are eager to see Zach LaVine return after being off for the last five games. Has been on the Bulls since 2017 and is ranked 75 on the NBA player list. LaVine won the league's slam dunk contest in 2016 and became the fourth NBA player to ever win consecutive dunk contests.

"The Bulls have great chemistry for being a team with many new faces," said DeNardis. "Even with multiple stars, they are very unselfish and will pass the ball to the open man instead of trying to force shots. Nobody on the Bulls is trying to be better than the other person."

The next Chicago Bulls game is Thursday, Feb. 3 against the Toronto Raptors.

Women's basketball team cruises past Lindenwood

DAISY PADILLA
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

On Jan. 17, the women's basketball team took on Lindenwood at home and defeated them. The game was off to a rough start for the Flyers but they were able to come back and beat Lindenwood with an ending score of 73-68.

Sophomore Taylor Gugliuzza scored the first points of the game for the Flyers, but the Lions still

took the early lead during the first quarter, ending with a score of 19-17. This rough beginning only lasted for the first quarter.

The Flyers had greater success in the second quarter, ending the quarter tied to with a score of 15-15.

"I was not worried about the game going into the second half

because I know that the score can change at every minute and I know that we could come back," said Motz.

Going into the third quarter, the Flyers took the lead and sophomore Grace Hilber was able to help her teammates by scoring a layup. The third quarter was when the team picked up their momentum with an ending score of 18-13

The fourth quarter was intense for the players as they fought for a win. Needing to maintain the winning streak they had going.

"In the end it got more tense because we only won by a couple of points and it was really good that we were able to pull it off," said Motz

The Lions took the lead during the fourth quarter but the Flyers made a quick recovery with Hilber's two free throws.

Motz was then able to rebound a shot after Lindenwood was not able to make the shot. The Flyers took the win with a final score of 73-68.

"I felt good going into the game and to get a win on our home court felt really good for us as a team," said Motz.

Motz thinks the Flyers are capable of making the NCAA tournament and the record does not show how talented the team actually is.

"Once we work out a few



DAISY PADILLA / CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Women's basketball team comminute during scrimmage.

kinks, I really think that we can make a run in the NCAA tournament," said Motz.

Motz is enjoying her last season playing college basketball

and wants to give it her all. The next women's basketball game is on Feb. 3 at Neil Carey Arena against Truman State.

The Bears look for new direction at end of season

MOLLY ST. CLAIR
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Chicago teams have always had a loyal fan base that have stuck by them through thick and thin. Cubs fans waited 108 years before seeing their team win another World Series. Similarly, Bears fans have not seen a Superbowl win since 1986. With fans packing Soldier Field each game, they've made it obvious this season that they wanted a change.

It was clear when the Bears were losing to the Arizona Cardinals in early December 2021 that the fans thought the franchise could use a coaching change. A chant of "Fire Nagy" rang throughout Soldier Field while the Bears struggled to keep up with the Cardinals.

When a whole stadium of fans chants for a team to fire the head coach, it's not good. After Chicago fans made their voices heard and the Bears ended their regular season with a 6-11 record without a playoff spot, it was easy for anyone to anticipate what was to come. On Jan. 10, the Chicago Bears fired head coach of four seasons, Matt Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace.

Nagy had a great first season as head coach in which he clinched the NFC North title, giving the fans and franchise hope of success for years to come. However, the impressive start to his career in 2018 was the best Nagy saw as head coach. By the time Nagy left the Bears after four years, he had compiled a total record of 34-31.

This was not the worst record a head coach of the Bears has had, but with how quickly

the NFL is growing, the expectations are high. Before coming to the Bears, Nagy was an offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs, but in his head coaching position, many point out that Nagy's downfall was in his offensive decisions.

Junior aerospace aviation technologies major and member of the swim team Adrian Wlodarz gave some insight to the Bears offense saying, "I think a big problem was creativity in the offense. When the Bears made the playoffs back in 2019, their offense was very

dynamic and a lot better than it is now. I feel like ever since that, all we do is screens and basic plays that the defense can pick up really quickly."

Specifically on offense, Nagy lacked in developing quarterbacks. Mitch Trubisky, the number two overall pick in the NFL 2017 draft, and later Justin Fields, both found little success under Nagy.

Having grown up a Bears fan, Wlodarz says, "We have had Trubisky and now we have Fields and they are both very mobile quarterbacks and I feel like we haven't taken the most advantage out of them. We haven't let them get out of the pocket and run around. If you

add that dynamic into the offense then the defense has to worry about the passing game and rushing."

In an interview in August 2021 with Chris Emma, a Chicago Sports writer, Nagy said, "This offense, it takes a few years to get going. We saw that in Kansas City where it took a few years ... After about three or four years, it started really picking up and going. I feel like we're at that spot right now."

There have been many NFL coaching changes this season including teams such as

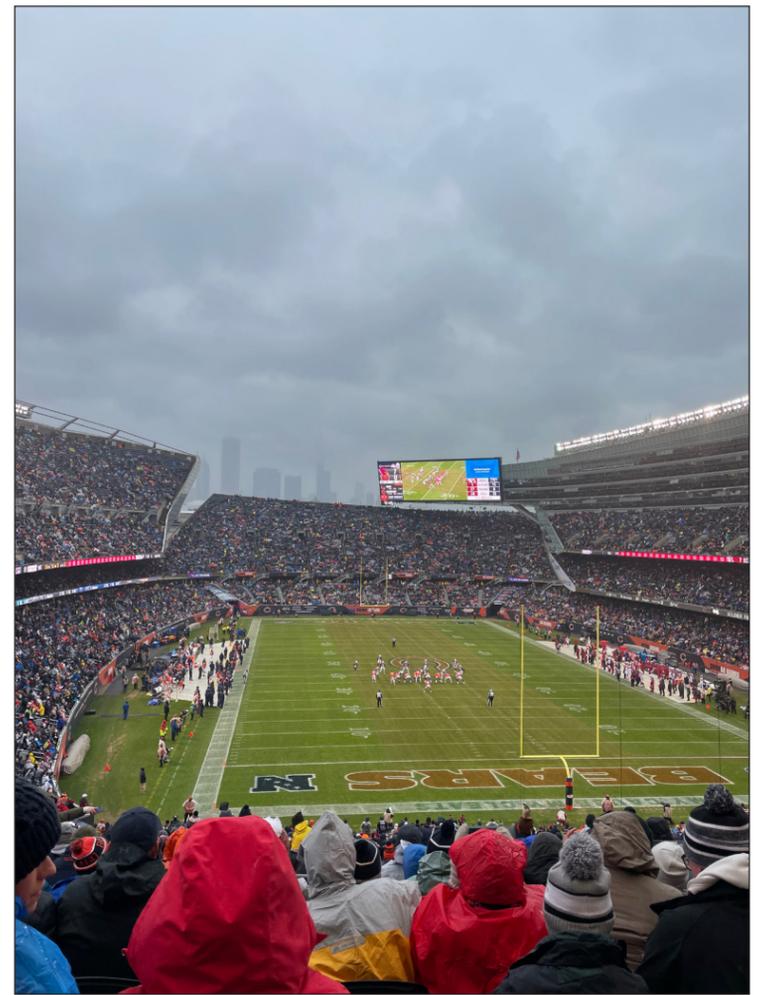
the Raiders, Texans and Vikings. This means that since the spotlight is not solely on the Bears' decision, other teams trying to find who is the best fit causes overlap in candidates.

The Bears have already interviewed a number of candidates for both the head coaching

and general manager position. Some of the head coaching position interviewees include Matt Eberflus, the Colts defensive coordinator and Todd Bowles, Buccaneers defensive coordinator. Whoever is chosen will be the 17th coach in Bears franchise history.

Another possibility for the head coach position is Brian Flores. Wlodarz says he thinks

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The Bears face the Arizona Cardinals on a rainy day with a foggy view of Chicago. The Cardinals defeated the Bears 33-22.

Flores, former head coach for the Miami Dolphins, would be a good choice for the team because he is "defensive-minded" as opposed to a league that emphasizes offense.

Unlike other NFL teams, filling a head coaching spot is not the only issue the Bears have on their hands. Not only does the franchise have to be concerned with the leaders of their team, but also the possible move to Arlington Park.

The next move the Bears

decide to take will be interesting no matter what direction they go. Sacrificing their first round pick in the upcoming NFL draft to the New York Giants to acquire Justin Fields in the 2021 draft, the Bears do not have too much to anticipate as far as growing their roster this upcoming season.

For now, everyone awaits the decision on a new head coach and it looks like it may be a while with the team still in the process of interviewing.

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Men's Volleyball set for season

MOLLY ST. CLAIR
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

As spring semester begins, so does volleyball season. Going into the third week of their season, the men's volleyball team ranked seventh in the NVA/AVCA Men's Division I-II Coaches Poll. They stand above some major name schools such as Loyola, BYU and Ohio State.

The team experienced their first loss of the season on Friday, Jan. 21 against Long Beach State. The team is anything but discouraged and seem to use everything they can as motivation for the regular conference season that begins in February. The first match is against Ball State.

Still in their preseason, the team is focused on growing in the game. While winning is a major part of any sport, the men want to work on their skills and team dynamic in order to set

themselves up well for the bigger games down the road.

With an exciting schedule, some of their biggest challenges take place across the country in California and Hawaii. The team travels to the west coast next week for matches with Pepperdine and UCLA. Further into the season, the team will face off against University of Hawaii in Mānoa, Hawaii.

Senior Organization Communications major Jason Gibbs says that one of the more difficult and fun matches is always with Loyola. As Loyola is predicted to win their conference this year, Gibbs says the team takes this as motivation. The winner of the conference has an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, so the team looks forward to the challenge.

Like many others, the 2021-2022 team did not have a traditional start to the season. With the new wave of COVID-19 af-

ter the holidays, their first three games were cancelled, giving their season a late start.

"We were definitely disappointed. We just wanted to play. We have so many long hours here, so any time we don't get to step on the court after that it's just frustrating so yeah I think we were really excited to play," says Gibbs.

While the cancellation of games was a disappointment for the team, COVID-19 has taken its toll on the team's dynamic as well. "We used to be able to sit down and eat dinners as a team, so I'd say from a team stand point it has affected our ability to be around each other a little more," said Gibbs. "Our team is super close and we have always leaned on a family atmosphere to help us be successful."

Like any good team, the men motivate one another on and off the court. There is much more



LUIS CHAVEZ / PHOTOGRAPHER

Lewis Men's Volleyball scrimmage at practice in preparation for the season.

to athletics than just what spectators see.

This year's team appears to have even more chemistry and passion for the game which helps combat the obstacles of the pandemic even more.

"I just love our team. There's just no better thing to get you up in the morning. I just love being in the gym with those guys and they've given me a lot so I try to give back when I can," said Gibbs.

Despite the many setbacks presented by injuries, COVID-19 and other adversities that come with being student athletes, the men's volleyball team plans to be back at full strength for the rest of the season. They already appear to be climbing in the Coaches Poll rankings.

The men's next home game takes place on Feb. 4 against Central State at 7 p.m.

JANUARY SPORTS RECAP [1/6 - 1/21]

<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Score:</u>	<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Score:</u>	<u>Track & Field</u>	<u>Score:</u>
1/6 vs. Truman State	75-83	1/15 vs. Olivet Nazarene	101-173	1/15 @ Trine University	2nd place
1/8 vs. Drury	61-75	1/15 vs. Davenport	110-167		
1/17 vs. Lindenwood	73-63				
1/20 vs. U of Indianapolis	56-69				

Women's

<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Score:</u>	<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Score:</u>	<u>Track & Field</u>	<u>Score:</u>
1/11 vs. Maryville	3-0	1/15 vs. Olivet Nazarene	194-78	1/15 @ Trine University	4th place
1/14 vs. NJIT	3-1	1/15 vs. Davenport	185-76		
1/15 vs. Saint Francis	3-1	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Score:</u>		
1/21 vs. Long Beach State	1-3	1/17 vs. Lindenwood	76-68		
		1/20 vs. U of Indianapolis	70-69		

Men's