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Lewis celebrates 90 years of education

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In May of this year, Lewis celebrates its 90th birthday. Decorations can already be seen throughout campus such as the Lewis Turns 90 banners hanging from the light poles along the campus drive.

The University was founded in 1932 with special emphasis on instruction in aviation technology. During WWII, the campus was given over to the U.S. Navy for its flight instructors program and by the end of the war, hundreds of pilots had received training at Lewis.

The University continued to expand and advance its educational opportunities throughout the years and in 1960, the Brothers of the Christian Schools assumed direction of the institution, bringing LaSallian values with them.

11 years later, in 1971, the College of Nursing was proposed and eventually became one of the top majors Lewis is known

for today, attracting students from all over the world. In 2005, the University began offering its first doctoral program in Educational Leadership for Teaching and Learning and in 2011, the board of trustees approved the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

The University continues to expand and renovate the campus as well. In 2018, the Brother James Gaffney Center opened. Commonly known as the Student Center, the building was named in honor of President Emeritus Brother James Gaffney, the longest serving president in Lewis history who retired in 2016 after 28 years of dedicated service. The Gaffney center is now a hangout area for all Lewis students and houses an arcade room, pool table, convenience store and the main university dining hall on the second floor.

To celebrate this milestone, Student Senate, along with Student Activities, is hosting a 90th Birthday Bash on April 27 from 3-6 p.m. on the University

Green. Snacks, activities, music and more will be available. The bash is '90s themed to celebrate the University's age.

Student Activities Assistant Director Javier Rodriguez remarks on how the event is meant to bring the Flyer community together.

"After coming back from COVID-19 and attempting to get back to some semblance of normalcy, the student life planning committee has been really trying to figure out ways to do that and so with the Birthday Bash it just came together at the right time with it being Lewis' 90th birthday and us trying to get students back on campus" said Rodriguez. "That's one of the reasons we wanted to do the Birthday Bash to try and bring this sense of community and belonging and just being Flyers together".

The celebration is during I Love Lewis week which is taking place the last week of April (25-29). This will be a great way for students to come together



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and destress before finals that take place the following week.

The University continues to enhance its space, evident with the demolition of Fitzpatrick Hall this summer. It is not known what the space is set to

be occupied by, however, it's something all students will have the opportunity to enjoy sometime in the near future.

Further renovations are coming in Lewis' 10-year plan.

Pilot shortages, challenging times ahead

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In recent years there have been less and less pilots around to fly for airlines. According to business consultant firm Oliver Wyman, there is an estimated gap of 34,000 pilots by 2025, but it could reach levels of 50,000 or more. This shortage is already starting to have a serious impact on the aviation field.

On April 18, Sun Country Airlines announced flight cancelations to Honolulu, Hawaii and Fairbanks, Alaska for the entire summer due to a lack of pilots. Both Hawaiian and Alaska Airlines have had to cancel flights for this same reason.

At the age of 65, airline pilots are required to retire. In addition to the shortages caused by COVID-19, this is a major issue for airlines as many pilots are reaching retirement age.

Aside from this, aviation fuel has climbed to \$10 per gallon and parts for repairs have become expensive, leading to a brutal combination for airlines

and pilots.

It is possible for a student to become a commercial airline pilot within five years. If they stay on track, it may take as little as a year and a half to get the various certificates: Private Pilot License, Instrument Rating, Commercial Pilot License and the Multi-Engine Rating.

After obtaining these certificates, pilots cannot work for the airlines just yet. Pilots still need to obtain the Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL), this requires those affiliated with a university flight program to have 1,000 hours of flight time and 1,500 hours of flight time for those not affiliated with a university flight program. The ATPL is what allows pilots to work for various airlines, starting off with regional airlines and eventually working their way up to the legacy airlines like United, Delta, American and Southwest.

Some ways a pilot can build their required hours for the ATPL are through banner towing, air tours, skydive piloting and ferry flying to name a few. However, the most common and efficient way to build those hours is through flight instructing, where pilots would have to train and study for the addi-

tional Certified Flight Instructor certificate to teach.

Part of the problem causing the countrywide pilot shortage is the extensive flight hours required to obtain an ATPL. Those training for an ATPL cannot get all their required flight hours done in time to adequately replace retired pilots.

This shortage is expected to go on roughly for another 10 years and, if things don't change, it's likely to get worse.

The lack of pilots is also adding stress to management and pilots as well as the next graduating class of aviation students. Management will have less pilots to allocate for flights which may ultimately cause pilots more stress.

"The pilot shortage is most definitely a struggle that the next generation going into aviation is going to have to continue to face," said Jay Dytra, a sophomore aviation administration major.

The high costs and rigorous training associated with becoming a pilot already make it hard to become one, and with this shortage, those that are able to afford it, will have to worry about overworking themselves and not getting enough sleep.



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Ketajni Brown Jackson to become first Black woman on US Supreme Court

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On April 8, the senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. Jackson's confirmation comes after 23 hours of gruesome questioning by three Republicans —Mitt Romney of Utah, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Their votes joined along with all the Democrats in the Senate allowed for her confirmation with an overall vote of 53-47.

The three Republican Senators that voted yes to confirm Jackson explained that even though they do not agree with her decisions, the accomplished nominee is more than qualified for the position.

Jackson's background includes time as a public defender and a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. The 51-year old Harvard Law School alum is set to replace Justice Stephen Breyer when he retires sometime this summer after 28 years of serving as a justice on the Supreme Court. Jackson is the 116th Supreme Court justice and will join the liberal bloc of the court that is currently split 6-3 in favor of the conservatives. Jackson will remain in



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her current position on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit until Breyer's retirement is finalized.

Jackson's confirmation is a historic moment as she is the first Black woman and former

public defender to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.

History professor Dr. Eileen McMahon highlights the importance of this confirmation.

"What is significant is that she represents a group who

were at one time at the bottom of the social, political, economic ladder and most vulnerable to exploitation and abuse" said McMahon.

"It [the confirmation] is a testament to the resiliency of our

Constitution and political order that we can right an old injustice. By doing so, it helps ensure that we do not create further categories of those who can be exploited by those at the top of the hierarchy".

Jackson's confirmation places her on a list of notable women in the U.S. government that includes Madeleine Albright, the first woman to serve as Secretary of State, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court. Both women recently passed with Ginsburg on Sept. 18, 2020, and Albright on March 23 of this year.

In his speech congratulating Jackson, U.S. President Joe Biden asserted it was "about time" a black woman sat on the high court. Jackson is Biden's only Supreme Court appointment in the two years he has been president, compared to the three appointed by Former President Donald Trump.

At the Supreme Court's next term beginning in October of this year, cases involving race in college admissions, the fight against water pollution, enforcement orders regarding the Federal Trade Commission and the scope of the Voting Rights Act are all set to be heard.

Higher Ed Highlights

Further assistance provided for student loans

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Student loans are a financial stressor in many Americans' lives with more than 46 million citizens having over \$1.75 trillion in student loan debt. To try and help address the issue, one of President Joe Biden's campaign promises was to forgive at least \$10,000 of student loan debt per person. He just moved one step closer to fulfilling that promise with new changes in loan programs on April 19.

The Education Department made changes to both the public service loan and income-driven repayment programs (IDR), allowing for the immediate forgiveness of 40,000 student loans and an additional three years of credit towards IDR forgiveness for 3.6 million borrowers.

This is in addition to Biden's April 5 decision to push back student loan repayment from May 1 to Aug. 31, the seventh extension since the initial

pause was made at the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. According to the Education Department, this extended moratorium will save the 41 million borrowers a combined estimate of \$5 billion a month.

The reduction in bills has been helpful to millions of Americans as inflation continues to climb, but many Democratic lawmakers are pushing Biden to actually forgive the debt. On March 31, many of them teamed together, co-authoring a letter to the President asking him to extend the pause through the end of the year and "provide meaningful student debt cancellation." Senator Elizabeth Warren specifically is calling on Biden to cancel up to \$50,000 in debt per borrower.

Biden, however, believes this decision must come from Congress, and not an executive order. This explains why the President has yet to make good on his campaign promise but raises further concerns about it ever happening. The Senate is almost completely split with 48 Democrat and 50 Republican

Senators, and with Republicans' general opposition to loan forgiveness, the likelihood of a debt forgiveness bill passing is low.

While the fate of loan forgiveness is still up in the air, Biden and the Education Department will address issues that have arisen in various loan programs to help borrowers. Biden's

and the Education Department's focus so far has been on fixing "long-standing failures" within the programs.

"Student loans were never meant to be a life sentence, but it's certainly felt that way for borrowers locked out of debt relief they're eligible for," said



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The Biden Administration has pushed back student loan payments for a seventh time.

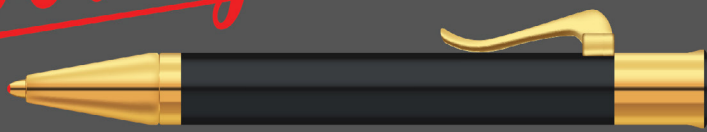
Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona in a statement. "Today [April 19], the Department of Education will begin to remedy years of administrative failures that effectively denied the promise of loan forgiveness to certain borrowers enrolled in IDR plans."

It is still unclear whether Biden's campaign promise of universal loan forgiveness will come true but for now, millions of Americans are getting some relief from their loan payments as grocery store and gas prices continue to climb.

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The problems with America's school systems

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It seems America is number one for everything, right? People claim we're the best country in the world, but is this really the case? Apparently in education this is accurate. According to the World Population Review, the U.S. is ranked number one in the world for its education system, but we shouldn't be.

A Business Insider report from 2018 ranks the U.S. 38 in math scores and 24 in science scores. Comparatively, countries like China, Korea, Finland, Canada and more had higher standardized test scores than the U.S. These results do not reflect America's position as number one.

America's education system needs some major changes and updating as a whole. How does it make sense that our country is number one when everything else indicates that we really aren't? U.S. students seem to be horrible test takers, as seen in the low math and science scores.

The problem with America's school system is that we're not taught actual life skills, instead we're expected to just figure it out on our own.

I'm 20 years old and still feel like I don't know how to be an adult, financially speaking. I'm not sure many college students

know how to complete their taxes, budget their money or manage their finances. In fact, according to College Plus, more than 35% of students say they're not confident enough to manage their finances properly.

Yes, we might be prepared for our career, but how do you pay a mortgage? These life skills are crucial for when we move out of our family homes and go on our own.

Let's not focus solely on managing finances, but also talk about the basics of cooking. College students are limited to the dining halls and other food services, and are either too restricted by their dorms or too lazy to learn how to make a nice and healthy meal. Students rely on fast food and ramen noodles and call that cooking, but how about making a nice chicken dinner. I know buying food can be expensive, but to be able to really prepare for the world, we must know how to gain nutrients from home-cooked foods rather than rely on junk food.

Independent.co claims that one out of 10 students never cook for themselves while in school, while one out of four eat take-out every single week. If students are so worried about saving money, why spend so much money on eating somewhere else when you can make a nice at home meal for so

much less.

Meal prepping is becoming much more popular nowadays and people are saving money weekly by doing so. Colleges could start to offer cooking classes or clubs where students can learn how to make healthy meals to fix this problem.

Clearly the U.S. needs to improve on their education system to truly be number one and actually prepare students for the real world. Maybe the U.S. should start taking notes and reassess themselves before they keep testing students on things like calculus that we may never use in life again.

SUSTAINABILITY WITH STEPH



Finally defining sustainability

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Sustainability is a trigger word people are starting to put on their resumes. Companies continuously throw it around in their latest greenwashed marketing campaigns, but few truly understand what this word means.

I, myself, failed to properly define this term in my first column, so I am correcting my mistake now by devoting an entire column to unpacking the word sustainability.

In general, the word sustainability means to withstand, but as environment and social justice movements have grown, the word has evolved. Today, sustainability means to meet our current needs without compromising the needs of future generations, and it is comprised of three main pillars—economy, equity and environment.

Sustainability and environmental issues are sometimes used interchangeably but they are not the same. Environmental issues are a part of sustainability, but it's not the whole picture. Sustainability sees the correlation between the economy, social equity and the environment and works to find a balance between them to create a better planet and improve the quality of life for everyone.

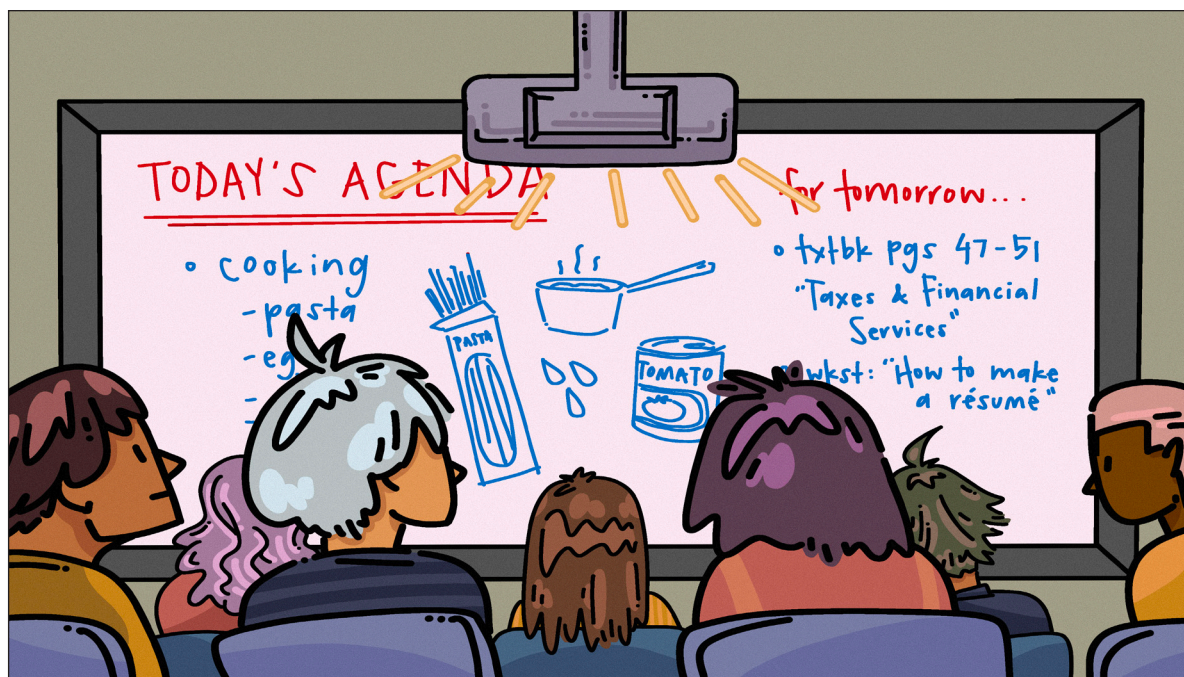
In most cases, working to improve one pillar, also improves the other. For example, addressing the social pillar by elevating the status of women in poorer countries helps increase the number of people in the workforce, helping the economy and making it so those women

are likely to have fewer children. One of the most effective, but still humane, ways to address overpopulation is by increasing education and job opportunities for women in poorer countries as women are likely to wait to have children until later in life, if at all, if they are in school or in the workforce.

This interconnectedness is what drew me toward a sustainability track with my environmental science degree. I grew up loving science, but also wanted to do something that made a difference in some way, and that's when I discovered environmental science. Then, after I finally thought I had figured out what to major in, I had to decide what concentration I wanted, either ecology or sustainability.

As a freshman, I was leaning toward ecology, but I am so glad I decided to wait to decide until my junior year. I didn't truly understand what sustainability was until the end of sophomore year, but once I did, the decision was easy. Sustainability incorporates science, government, economics, social justice and more, making it the perfect fit for me.

Choosing the sustainability track allows me to continue with my love for science, but prepares me for a career that will help me make a difference. In addition, I am not worried about ever getting bored with this career path because it does involve so many different fields and topics. I'm actually more worried about what path to actually choose in sustainability, there are too many options.



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All parking passes should be the same

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Imagine you're a resident driving onto campus and you see the lot you're supposed to park in is completely full. Now you have to park in the lot halfway across campus from your dorm, how inconvenient.

However, you see that the commuter lot that is directly in front of your dorm has an absurd amount of available parking. Of course, you don't want to risk getting a ticket, but you can't deny you think about parking there anyway for the convenience.

What's the point of having different parking passes when they are free either way? I'm 100% not saying to start making us pay for them again because students already pay enough just to get an education here, but why the separation of parking?

Yes, there are thousands of commuters, but past a certain time, those commuter lots become empty and this is usually the time where resident lots fill.

And on weekends, sometimes commuters have to leave their cars on campus for sports or other events and, speak-



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ing from experience, I have never been ticketed for parking there overnight. So, again, why is there a difference in the parking?

For example, I'm a commuter and I think most commuters can agree there is plenty of parking

for us on campus. Seems as if the resident parking lots are all hidden, like the lots behind dorms like Dorothy Day, John Paul and Mother Teresa. However, those parking lots right next to them are commuter lots and always have parking available, some-

times after certain hours they're even completely empty.

Don't even get me started on the conditions of the resident parking lots. They're filled with potholes, loose gravel, and uneven pavement that threatens everyone's car alignment. It's

clear the maintenance on these spaces have not been kept up with, while commuter lots are in near perfect condition.

I understand that it's important to distinguish students from staff/faculty and visitors, but not as commuter versus resident. Just have a university student parking pass and parking lots where all students can park, no matter if they're a commuter or a resident.

This is especially true during the winter time, which is almost all year round here in Romeoville. The piles of snow we get each school year can be annoying and frustrating. Driving in the snow is already troubling, but having to walk long distances in the below freezing temperatures while trying to avoid slipping on ice, is a whole new level of unneeded stress.

If the university wants to make the lives of all its students a little easier and helpful, they will make this change in the near future. It's the little things that can go a long way to make students happier.

So university officials, if you're reading this, please consider switching the student parking passes to universal parking passes.

No better way to take care of your Betta

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According to the residency policies, the only pet allowed for students is fish (other than service animals). These policies also exclude having large tanks with electronic filters. This dramatically limits the opportunities for students to have a non-human companion with them in their dorm.

Luckily, Betta fish have become a popular choice amongst students for an on-campus pet. With the cheap cost and low maintenance of these types of fish, it is a no-brainer that they are a favorite among college students. Before we dive into the proper care for these animals, I think that it is important that the history of these creatures be discussed.

In May 2021 The New York Times wrote an informational piece about the domestication of Betta fish. Bettas, also known as the Siamese fighting fish, became the colorful and flowing finned animals we see today through a domestication process that is similar to that of a dog.

All 73 species of Betta fish originated in Southeast Asia, and the domesticated version that is sold in pet stores is the Betta Splenden, which is more colorful than the wild species. Domestic Bettas, unlike their wild counterparts, are aggressive. The general rule of not putting two male Bettas in the tank together is true, as these

domesticated fish will fight to the death. This is because up until the 19th century or so, breeders wanted a domesticated, aggressive fish that would fight for entertainment, similar to cockfighting.

The problem now is people aren't taking care of this fish. The proper way to care for Betta fish is highlighted on bettafish.org. With proper care, Betta fish can live up to ten years, and not just the two to four years that pet stores typically tell owners. The minimum size of a tank to house a healthy Betta is 2.5 gallons, with the recommended size being five gallons or more. It is also best to put a lid on the tank, as Betta fish are good jumpers and it would be unfortunate to lose a pet in this way.

Including live plants in the tank is good for any aquatic life, as it will both help keep the tank clean, and also mimic their natural habitat. It is important to note that artificial plants should be made out of silk if possible because some artificial plants can damage the fins of a Betta. The temperature of the water should be anywhere from 76 to 81 degrees Fahrenheit, as Betta fish come from tropical regions. Also, remember to never clean a tank with soap!

As a Betta fish owner myself, I am determined to find the best way to care for my Betta fish, all within the rules set by the university and within my budget too. I want my fish (his name is Greg) to live as long as possible, and also have a good quality

of life. I am an inexperienced fish owner, and limited by the residence policies at Lewis, so this might hinder me from giving Greg the best possible care.

I bought a one-gallon starter tank from Walmart, which is well below the minimum recommended size for a healthy Betta fish. As a college student, I did not want to spend a large amount of money on my fish, because it is nonessential. I think that most college students would do the same as me, and give the minimal amount of care required, since, after all, it is just a fish.

After reading all of this research about the history and proper care of Betta fish, however, I am convinced that my fish Greg needs better care than I have been

giving him, and perhaps better than what I can provide here in my dorm. While it is true that my fish can survive in his tiny bowl, his quality of life and happiness will not nearly be as high as it would be if I gave him

proper care. That being said, I am looking into investing in a larger home for Greg.

If you are looking to care for a fish, make sure that you have the means to provide a healthy home for it, and that you are

committed to it. It might not be possible in a college dorm, so make sure that the right measures are taken. I'm sure that if we were in the fish's spot, we wouldn't want our world to be limited to a tiny glass bowl.



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The new story of 'The Batman'

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The highly anticipated and deeply revered movie series has made a return to the big screen this past month. "The Batman" starred Robert Pattinson, which was a shock to many but turned out to be a pleasant surprise. It also showcased the talents of Zoe Kravitz and Jeffrey Wright, who play the role of mysterious and brooding well. This film was vastly different from any other adaptation I've seen. "The Bat-

man" takes on a new perspective and transforms the movie into a film noir. This detective thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat.

"The Batman" follows the dark hero as he emerges from the shadows to save the city of Gotham from a crazed killer that leaves riddles behind. As he grows closer to uncovering the truth, the city's lies, secrets and corruption all become apparent.

The adventure/action film seems to have lots of thought,

effort and creativity put into it. This film is a whirlwind experience and will certainly make you think hard about what's going to happen next. Director Matt Reaves' expertise is in dark thrillers and this movie adds another notch on his belt.

Pattinson, the Batman himself, plays the role vastly different from any of his predecessors. At times, I was stuck between if I liked or loved his depiction of the famous comic book character. Hate was never something that crossed

my mind. Pattinson plays it cool and is super edgy, his version of Batman is darker, more troubled and more passionate about saving Gotham from, well, itself. In my opinion, Gotham is a lost cause, but not according to Wayne.

Despite the mighty long start, the film picks up and once it does, it's hard to look away. The stylistic choice of making Batman a detective was pure genius. Audiences don't usually get to see the brute so calm. Don't get me wrong, Bruce

Wayne is still just as violent as ever. But in this film, Batman is more patient and pensive before he fights the bad guy and makes the audience question whose side they are on.

If you failed to catch this movie in theaters, don't worry. "The Batman" was placed on HBO Max April 18 and is available to anyone with a subscription. But be prepared for twists and turns and after that, another twist.



IMDB

Robert Pattinson takes on the role of the darkest, broodiest and moodiest version of Batman to date in new movie.

No curtain call for theaters

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The pandemic raised questions about a lot of things that built our way of life, particularly in the social sphere. Very early on people rejoiced that films meant for the big screen would come to their streaming services at home. Understandably, many hoped that even post-pandemic, this new trend would stay. I knew from day one that would never happen, that theaters wouldn't be broken by a pandemic. To some, this may sound shocking because there's indeed a lot wrong with the movie theater experience that I agree with. But, here's the secret Hollywood doesn't want you to realize—the movies really don't matter when it comes to butts in seats.

Let's quickly get everything I dislike about theaters out of the way, from least to greatest annoyance. Food is overpriced, not too much to explain there. There are commercials after commercials that drag on before you get to see what you came for. But the biggest issue of all is the people. Out of all the things I despise with a burning passion that people

do in theaters has to be piracy, which is sadly super easy to do in the age of smartphones. But here's the conundrum: the greatest complaint, the people, is also the biggest draw of a theater.

How you may ask? The simple answer is that we're social creatures. This has always been the real reason theaters will be around, despite the experience taking on numerous flaws. On an individual level, it's easy to forget that for every bad people experience had with fellow moviegoers there are far more times you've seen a film with no issues. But more importantly, you don't always realize how your social brain is actively working. A perfect example: you go to see a Marvel movie and they hit the first obligatory funny moment of the film.

The whole theater lets out a belly chuckle. And I bet you did too, despite thinking to yourself how odd that is since that's normally not something you'd do. The reason is that your social brain told you "everyone else is laughing, let's laugh too." Movies rely on this communal feedback loop for their films to stick in the folds of your brain. It's also

important to remember that people like going out and being social. Sure, you can have a watch party at your house, order some food, the works. But you know what your place can't do? It can't stop being your place, or your buddy's place. Theaters have the allure of being an outing, a place to get away from the mundane. Movie theaters' greatest asset is the psychology of the human mind.

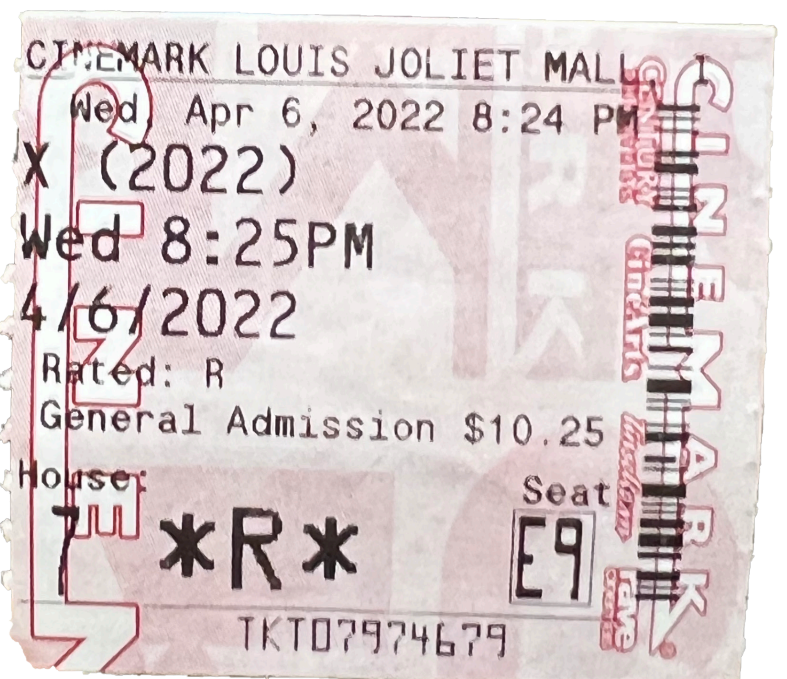
Another reason movie theaters won't go away is because Hollywood relies on the movie theater experience. And no, I'm not exclusively talking about ticket sales, though that factors in. I'm no insider, but the knowledge I do have has me ready to believe that streaming services don't reap as much profit as traditional ticket sales do for the production companies, and definitely cut into you buying the film individually on Blu-ray or a digital storefront.

But I'd like to return to the example I used before, how movies use communal feedback in the theater experience. Movies, whether you like it or not, are made at the very foundation for a theater experience. Not just technically, but

in every aspect. They're written with the idea that a group of people will watch, not an individual. This doesn't mean an individual viewer can't enjoy a film, that's clearly false, but they are not made with the idea of being watched in a solo format. If they were, they'd look vastly different. And that's why they need movie

theaters because filmmaking is based around that very assumption—you're viewing it as a group in a theater.

I think there's a lot of fat that can be trimmed off the theater experience, but I also know it's a pipedream to believe it'll ever just evaporate. Theaters are simply here to stay.



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THE BOOKIE'S BET

The Rest of Us Just Live Here

by Patrick Ness

By: Amineh Ayyad

Welcome to this spring's final edition of *The Bookie's Bet*! At this point, I bet you're all excited for the school year to end so you can enjoy the summer. As eventful as the year may have seemed, however, it felt like it flew by, and so it's easy to be hit with some feelings as friends go back home for the summer and there aren't any assignments to occupy your time. But don't feel bad; this feeling is pretty common, and even if you don't have a Blockbuster summer planned, I have a book that ironically highlights just how okay it is to be... well, opposite of Blockbuster. In "The Rest of Us Just Live Here" by Patrick Ness, the main characters of the book are none other than side characters. Not the most popular, most not even well-known. Some are red-shirted on their sports teams, and some barely attend their classes. They skate by in life because in their minds, their lives aren't as "cool" as the popular group, who seem to have some kind of epic battle happening. We will never know what these cool kids are up to, though, because instead of going in-depth with what's happening with the "main" characters, we find the pages filled with the normalcy of the "side" characters just going through life.

It may sound boring, but there is actually a deep beauty in reading about such common struggles. Patrick Ness decided to explore the side characters' stress of leaving their small town for college, their fights against strict parents and their struggles to embrace identity and be honest with their friends. While the "main" characters are caught up in some fantasy and action-packed adventure — which can easily feel overplayed in the fiction department — the cool kids are allotted less than one paragraph of attention per chapter, as the author wants us to focus on the other individuals who think they "just live here," but in reality deserve just as much attention as the rest of us.

If you've ever wondered what the background people of a movie do when they are not getting screen time, this book will make it clear, and on a much deeper level than you have ever expected. Sure, we can't all be considered main characters; not in literature, and certainly not in life; but who has the right to make you feel anything less than worthy because of that? Patrick Ness does an amazing job at capturing the beauty of life from the perspectives of young adults just trying to live one day at a time as they graduate and head into summer vacation. While they start off as underdogs, their daily mini victories and personal battles that fill the book show us what really makes life worth living, and that we don't need grand spectacles or continuous events in order to feel like our life has meaning.

I bring you this book as we head into summer so that you can decide how to act, don't force memories and regret not having done certain things just because you feel obligated to seem interesting. Instead, live your best life, even if it seems simple. Binge a series on Hulu or read a few books. Learn to roller-skate. Work your summer job or take a class for school. While you think it doesn't seem interesting enough, you can at least say that you used your time as you liked. Trying to be the main character is overrated; instead, be yourself.

I highly recommend this book as one of the few coming-of-age stories that isn't corny or overplayed. The book is filled with beauty, drama, and dialogue that subtly makes you think about how you've been treating yourself. I give this book a 7.5/10 poker chip rating; I would rate it higher if the main characters were older, so as to appeal better to us college-folks who may be graduating and entering the real world instead of these high schoolers just starting college. But nevertheless, the message from this book is timeless, and it is a quick, easy read that could be just what you need to end the school year and feel fresh for a summer full of memories and relaxation.

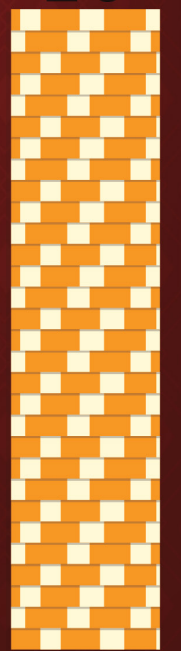
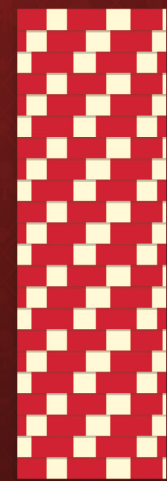
I can't wait to start stacking the books for you all next semester, and I bet no matter what you have planned, you will enjoy your break; especially with my guidance of books to read. Have a great summer and thanks for taking a gamble on *The Bookie*!



RATING:

10

7.5



'The Adam Project' continues to sit on Netflix's Top Ten List

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ASST TEMPO EDITOR

"The Adam Project" stars Ryan Reynolds, Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana and new face Walker Scobell. The film follows Adam Reed, a time traveler who ends up in the past and ends up teaming up with his 12-year-old self to save the world. This film has great cinematography and other effects.

The presence of Ryan Reynolds in a movie guarantees that it will be a good movie and this one certainly doesn't disappoint. Although the genre of the movie does not fall into comedy, there are plenty of Reynold's lines that cause comedic relief. The movie is full of comedy along with heartfelt moments. There are some spoken truths along the way for both past and future Reed, and viewers.

The storyline of this film is engaging and mind-provoking. Scobell does a great job playing young Reed and adapts Reynold's signature one-liners as a trait of his char-



The Adam Project starring Ryan Reynolds and Walker Scobell

acter. Garner gives a heartfelt performance playing Reed's mother, Ellie Reed, who is doing her best as a single mom to raise her son. Throughout the film, the chemistry between Scobell and Reynolds is apparent and helps to solidify the relationship between their roles.

The music behind movies is also an important feature. The score adds to the scenes, in-

creasing suspense or complementing humorous moments. The soundtrack as well helps to move the scenes along. The music is a great background for the dialogue it accompanies. Unlike other films, although the music is noticeable, it was overshadowed enough by the dialogue and the settings to keep me from getting distracted from my usual urge to add a good song

to a playlist.

There is plenty of scientific jargon to go around and scenes where knowing your science basics comes in handy. However, the movie is equally enjoyable and comprehensible for those who aren't scientific nerds. "The Adam Project" can be watched on Netflix where it continues to sit in the Top 10 Movies since its release. I would watch this

movie again as it made me smile and tear up as well.

Ruffalo has short screen time but plays an important role. He plays the character of a scientist quite well, as evidenced by his portrayal of Dr. Bruce Banner, which he does once again in this movie. The relationship between Reed and Ruffalo's character is a complicated one which the actors showed fantastically. Although Ruffalo's time is short, the impact left by his character is a strong one and adds to the storyline.

I encourage you to keep an eye out for Walker Scobell and the future work he may do. He has been recently cast as Percy Jackson, so if you're a fan of the books, go check out that series when it premieres. Keep an eye out for other Ryan Reynolds projects as well for his unmatched humor. I definitely recommend you spend some of your free time watching "The Adam Project." You will not regret it.

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MUSIC LAYDOWN

By: Lauren Harris

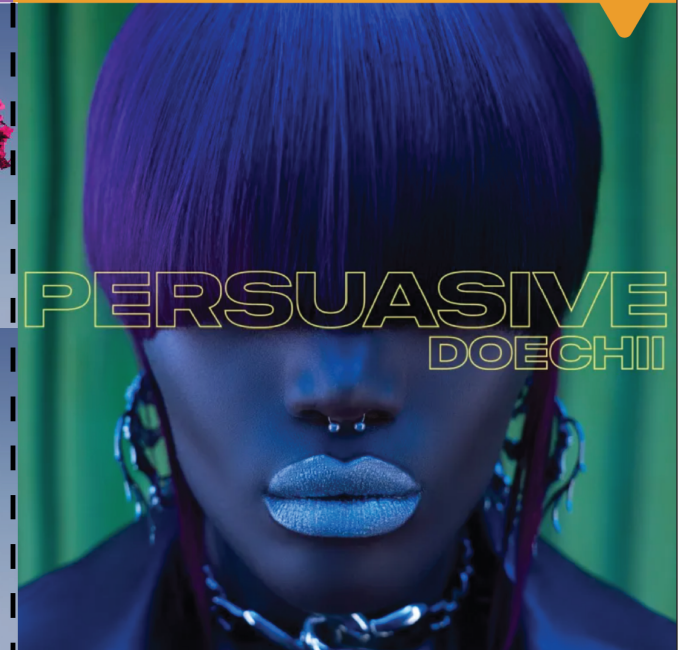
FLO



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DOECHII



The spot for top girl group is open and Flo is currently in the running. Flo, the London based pop group, consists of Renee, Stella and Jorja. They're new to the scene but bring a nostalgic sound. Their catalog will remind many of the heartbreak of 90's R&B and the glamor of the early 2000's. The group's vocals work together seamlessly and blend together to create a harmonic and classy song. Their sassy and rising artists are on the way to mainstream success.

Blane Muise, otherwise known as ShyGirl, is anything but shy. The DJ, rapper and songwriter is unpredictable, bold and fun. The musician from London is ambitious and got her start in 2016. Her music is associated with genres of hyperpop, electronic and hip hop and is sure to get you on the dancefloor. Her most recent and best known work to date is her second EP named, "ALIAS." This body of work features futuristic and gritty sounds that are sex-positive and confidence boosting. As an artist, Shygirl is honestly inspiring and her music is powerful. Whatever she does next is certain to be good.

Jaylah Hickmon, also known as Doechii, is crazy, spooky and smooth. The new singer is gaining traction and her following is growing. She is an artist with many faces and right now, she's turned her talents to rapping. Her catalog consists of mellow sounds that you could play while doing homework or during a midnight drive. Doechii's "Persuasive" features a H&M style type beat and her other songs are even better. Doechii is creative. She has impressed audiences with her eccentric style and silly songs, she's going places. Please keep entertaining us!

UPCOMING ALBUMS



Pusha T:
"It's Almost Dry"

APRIL 22



Kehlani:
"Blue Water Road"

APRIL 29



Arcade Fire:
"WE"

MAY 6



Jack Harlow:
"Come Home The Kids Miss You"

MAY 6

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Mxmtoon
May 7
House of Blues

Coldplay
May 29
Soldier Field

The Weeknd
July 24
Soldier Field

Lollapalooza
July 28-July 31
Grant Park

Lady Gaga
Aug. 15
Wrigley Field

President's 14th Annual Art Exhibition displays unique art pieces

KATELYN LEANO
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

From April 1 to April 22, the Wadsworth Family Gallery displayed all the chosen submissions, honorable mentions and winners of the President's 14th Annual Art Exhibition, the art show President Livingston sponsors every year.

"This show is celebrating our 83rd show in the gallery since 2013, so it's been a pretty busy place, but it allows us to offer many different varieties and many different artists," said Director of Art Gallery Natalie Swain. "Dr. Livingston is the one who gives the prize money which is \$1,000, and then it's up to us to break it down into the way that we would like to for the prizes."

There were a total of 86 submissions, and out of those, 65 pieces were chosen to be in the show. Of the 65 pieces, 25 were made by students and six were made by alumni. There were a total of 11 winners, which included the students who won first, second and third place, as well as the honorable mentions.

All of the students who became honorable mentions won \$50. Third place winner freshman painting major Jasmine Pryor won \$100 for her piece "The Creator," second place winner senior illustration major Rachel Fosler won \$200 for her sculpture "A Dog Who Is Alive



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Student Jasmine Pryor won third place for her piece "The Creator" made from acrylic paint and marker.

and Well" and first place winner junior environmental science major Brigid Fornek won \$300 for her ink on paper installation "Leap of Faith."

"The way the show works is we put out a call for entries, so a call for art and anybody that's interested in art, is eligible to submit work to the show," said Natalie Swain. "There's a bunch of different mediums like sculptures, drawings, paintings, photography, graphic design, mixed media, which is all just a very eclectic set of work here."

As the juror of the exhibition, Art and Design Professor Mark Swain first examined the

submissions for the show, then selected the ones that will be in the show.

"The juror is the art expert because he teaches painting and drawing and he's been doing that for over 25 years, so it's really up to him," said Natalie Swain. "It is a matter of opinion, but because he has such an extensive art background, he's more qualified to do the selection of the work and Dr. Livingston is very much in support of that."

In the exhibition, there are a variety of different pieces, with different themes in each work of art. As the juror, Mark Swain

was looking for innovative, original things that haven't been done before in terms of judging each submission, as well as the quality of the work.

"I know that Mark was kind of looking for something maybe innovative that hasn't been done before," said Natalie Swain. "It seemed like for this show, especially for the top three, he was looking for some new ideas, creativity, something that we hadn't seen before."

The winners of the exhibition are instantly part of the celebration of scholarship, so they presented their work at the gallery talk on April 21.

Originally, this art exhibition started with Brother James who was a big supporter of the arts, so he wanted to donate money and have a show.

"Brother James came to the art department and he was always... very much a supporter of the arts, so he wanted to keep supporting the arts with this money," said Natalie Swain. "When he stepped down as president and Dr. Livingston came in, I immediately asked him if he would want to support the arts as well, which he did, so he continued the tradition that Brother James started."

The community should be aware of this exhibition because there is a variety of work from many different artists and something might catch their attention.

"This offers a little more va-

riety because you're seeing 31 different artists, so there's a chance for something to catch your eye," said Natalie Swain. "There are students who maybe haven't been able to venture out and see different buildings on campus, so this is a good way to bring people in and see what's out there."

In terms of the submissions that were chosen for this exhibition, Natalie Swain supports her husband Mark's decision on who this year's winners should be.

"Sometimes we have a difference of opinion but for the most part, we always like to see what [second place winner] Rachel submits because she's been very creative in the past," said Natalie Swain.

Thinking ahead to next year's show, all students are encouraged to submit their own art pieces, even if they aren't art majors.

"The main thing that we would like people to know is that if you do have somewhat of an interest in art, but you aren't an art major, this is something to kind of look for throughout the year and it might spark your interest," said Natalie Swain.

On April 28, the art department will be hosting a reception with the artists from the Senior Capstone Art Exhibition in the Wadsworth Family Gallery.

Show some love during I Love Lewis Week, April 25-28

LANIE PATTERSON
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With classes coming to a close and the spring semester wrapping up, the campus is entering summer mode. Students are counting down the days until finals are over, as they are looking forward to longer days, warmer weather and fewer responsibilities. To kick off summer, the Student Activities Office has put together a week-long event that will wrap up the school year and allow some last-minute memories to be made.

"I Love Lewis" week event is scheduled for April 25-28, the last regular week of school before finals. This is meant to be an event to show school spirit and bring the university body together. Activities are going on for various hours throughout all the days, so attendees do not need to stress about missing class or other obligations — they can come and join whenever they choose.

On Monday, the theme of the

activities was "I Love Diversity." From 1-2 p.m., there was a Diversity Fair in the Brother James Gaffney Lobby. Then, from 3-3:30 p.m., the University was re-dedicated as a Sanctified Zone, also in the Brother James Gaffney Lobby. On the University's website, being a sanctified zone means that it is committed "to acknowledge, value and celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion at Lewis University in all our programs, classrooms, experiential learning settings and virtual space."

Tuesday's theme was "I Love Fun & Friendship." From noon to 1 p.m., there was a DIY event in the Brother James Gaffney Lobby where students could make heart-shaped Lewis-themed pinatas. In the Student Recreation and Fitness Center from 3-5 p.m., students enjoyed a puppy palooza, where they got to spend quality time with some furry friends. Then, the day's activities ended with soccer on the Green at 5 p.m. Students of all skill levels were welcome to participate.

The events that Student Activi-

ties planned for Wednesday have a special meaning behind them — they are meant to celebrate the University's 90th birthday. This is the "I Love Lewis" day for the week, with the most activities scheduled. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can pick up supplies to build a boat for the boat regatta race on Thursday. There will be multiple food trucks available for students, such as BBQ, tacos and ice cream. These will be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

That's not all for Wednesday! From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., there will also be a mechanical shark, a rock climbing inflatable, a jousting inflatable, a caricature artist, a temporary tattoo airbrush artist and a DJ. These events will be hosted on the Green, right in the heart of the university.

To wrap up the week, Thursday's theme is "I Love to Stay Active." Students can make their own healing and hope stones from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Then, at 2 p.m., there will be a

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Your spirit and love

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pilates class in the group exercise studio for students who want to sweat out their finals week stresses. The final activity will be the cardboard boat regatta at 4 p.m. in the pool at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

Students are encouraged to come out and participate in "I

Love Lewis" week as there are plenty of fun activities planned that can serve as a nice stress break. The Student Activities Office has worked hard to put this together, and it will be a great event to finish out the semester. Don't be afraid to show up and show your love for Lewis!

Katelyn's CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Arts and Ideas

Real Women Have Curves

April 27, 4-7 p.m.
De La Salle Hall
Classroom DL-250

Jazz Band Concert

April 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Oremus Fine Arts Center
Studio Ives Recital Hall FA-200

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra

May 4, 6-10 p.m.
Convocation Hall SB-130

Recreation and Wellness

Lower Body Blast

April 27, 3-4 p.m.
SRFC Group Exercise Studio

Students vs. Faculty/ Staff Kickball

April 28, 6-8 p.m.
Fieldhouse SC-105

Pilates

May 3, 3-4 p.m.
SRFC Group Exercise Studio

Philosophy Club discusses human nature, ethics, cats and more

KATELYN LEANO
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

On April 21, the Philosophy Club had its most recent meeting in the Siham Ibrahim Conference Room JG-123 where they had intellectual discussions about philosophical topics like human nature and self-care.

"Basically the idea behind the club is that it's not just for philosophy majors in general, it's more meant for anybody who has an interest in philosophy," said senior aviation flight management major and club president Robert Vogel. "For a lot of people, they have misconceptions about what philosophy is, it's not just sitting down and cracking open a book and reading about Socrates, it's something that you can actually practice and use in your daily life."

Besides having deep discussions about topics like human

nature, the club members also discuss other topics like the relationship between thought and what actually happens in the world, as well as ethics and morality.

"It gets pretty complicated, but in general, we like to talk about things that make us think and it's all about developing yourself mentally," said Vogel. "Most of what we're doing is just talking about philosophical topics that interest people in their day-to-day life here."

The club was originally started in 2019 but it faded out due to the COVID-19 pandemic before being revived in Fall 2021. Currently, the club has 10 members, including five as a part of the officer board. The club meets every Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the Siham Ibrahim conference room in the Brother James Gaffney Student Center.

"We're really taking action-

able steps this semester to keep [the club] going," said Vogel.

Some of the main goals of the club include: providing a resource for discussing philosophy, helping students who are philosophy majors with their papers and offering a place for people to connect on campus with their thoughts.

"We'll help philosophy majors with their papers and stuff like that, not helping them write it, but giving them input," said Vogel. "Philosophy allows you to kind of go in and we explore tangents anytime someone brings up a topic, we'll follow that path and see what conclusion we can come to, which could be eye-opening or just fun for a lot of people."

Everyone should be aware of this club because, according to Vogel, getting involved in any club on campus is a great idea. He noticed that a lot of the freshmen and sophomores are having trouble getting out and

being involved with activities here at Lewis, a mostly commuter school, which makes it more difficult for them to join clubs and activities.

"Specifically, with Philosophy Club, it's more of so you can get that intellectual resource, so you can go ahead and talk and have the resource for people to help you," said Vogel. "You also have the resource to just go ahead and express your thoughts in a place where nobody is going to tell you not to say what you want to say."

As club president, Vogel values the idea that you can't change somebody else's mind, you can only give them information to do it themselves.

"You can only provide somebody the resources to change themselves, you can't make them," said Vogel. "That's one of our really big tenants in philosophy club, is that we're not here to change anybody's

mind, we're just here to offer a different perspective."

One event that the club is trying to put together for next semester is a symposium with the philosophy department, where they have a whole day for philosophy professors to present a topic of their choice. Another event that they're trying to coordinate is letting students bring their cats to the library and having a discussion about philosophy while hanging out with the cats.

"Tentatively, we're going to talk about human nature, but that might change and it would be a really involved event for everybody in the school to come and get to know the philosophy department," said Vogel. "There's also going to be a plan to bring your cat in and talk about philosophy, so we're playing on the stereotype that philosophers are kind of like cat people."

SPORTS

Softball aims for postseason play

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SPORTS CO-EDITOR

Softball season started in early February, beginning the year with two dome tournaments. One took place at Minnesota State and the other was the home invitational in Rosemont, IL.

The team began the season with four losses, but quickly recovered with nine straight wins which easily put them back in conference contention.

Currently sitting at an overall 20-20 record, they have eight more games to compete in until possible post-season play.

The Flyers have had several highlights this year including sophomore Evie Calderon's recent grand slam against Truman State that led to a team victory. Shortly after, in a doubleheader against Parkside, sophomore Jalyn Powell's two home runs and five runs batted in, resulted in another win for the team.

Not only have they been working on their skills on the field, but also off the field



LUIS CHAVEZ / PHOTOGRAPHER

The Flyers are hoping to add wins to their season as they continue strengthening team camaraderie.

with a focus on team dynamics. Before each game, the women arrive early to braid each other's hair and encourage one another before taking the field. They also always take time to make everyone's birthday special.

Sophomore sports management major Ella Jacobson who plays left field explained that the family dynamic the team has built carries them into the games.

"I feel like we play pretty good together. Everyone has

their little group but I feel like we have been super close even with the coaching staff too," said Jacobson.

The team of 20 has much potential seeing as they are a young team. The women only have three seniors on

the team with one returning next year. Jacobson says that being so young can be an obstacle, but it also allows them to grow together.

The team is hopeful and encouraged by the potential they will have in years to come.

"We have a lot of talent... we're going to get more talent, more pitchers and other utility players, so I think we will have more of a chance to make it to conference," said Jacobson.

With several schools leaving the GLVC conference to become Division I schools, the team's biggest obstacle will now become the University of Indianapolis. The Flyers look forward to the challenge, whether it is presented to them in the upcoming conference play or next season.

The team is focusing on the rest of their regular season play which will decide if they advance to conference. After a hard fought season, they have high hopes.

Their next game is a doubleheader against Maryville on April 30 in St. Louis, MO.

Cubs begin season with rebuilt team

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On April 7, the Chicago Cubs had their home opener. The team had a great start to the season; for many Cubs fans, they were excited to see the new players and what goals they will reach.

The home opener was against the Milwaukee Brewers, one of the Cubs biggest rival teams at the moment. The Cubs had a winning score of 5-4 which renewed fans' hope in the team.

"I was shocked that the Cubs beat the Brewers because we do not know this new team," said Lewis right-handed pitcher, junior, AJ Casmer. "This is a great starting point and I cannot wait to see what else they will do this season."

The Cubs have new faces this season, including a player from Japan, who many fans are looking forward to seeing play.

"One player that I am excited to see this season is Seiya Suzuki just because he is coming from Japan," said Casmer. "I think that it is going to be really cool to see what he is going to bring to the field and team."

This team, featuring many new members, will take some time to bond and learn to play well together.

"The Cubs will not be what fans are used to seeing over

the past couple of years but I think that they are on the right track and will get some team chemistry," said Casmer. "This is something that will build over time and each one of the players needs to get used to the other."

Baseball has a lot of moving parts and is a sport that requires everyone to be connected with each other. The Flyers baseball team has some new faces just like the Cubs but they also have many returning players that have built some of that team chemistry.

"I think that we have a good mix of new faces and old on the [Lewis] team," said Casmer. "We have a good team chemistry and we all know each other very well."

After the Cubs traded their lovable players, many fans felt that they could not connect to the new players because of their lack of knowledge about them, but this is something college teams are used to as well as new players enroll and others graduate. This switch of players is all part of the game.

"I think that it was a good decision that the Cubs traded the others because we needed to meet numbers and they were not being met," said Casmer. "It was very hard to see them go because we were so used to them but it is time to rebuild."

The Cubs continued their success from their first game.



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The Chicago Cubs have many new players on the team this year, including a player from Japan.

On April 12, the team played against the Rockies and won with an ending score of 5-2; they took home another win on April 14 when they had a second game against the Brewers. The ending score was 9-0. Many Cubs fans are feeling

better about the trades that were made last season after seeing the great progress that the team has had as a whole. Other fans are doubtful.

"I do not think that the Cubs will get that far this season, maybe they will be a wild card

team," said Casmer.

As for the Flyers, they are trying to get far into their season and hope to make it into the playoffs.

The next game is on April 29 against Truman State in Kirksville, MO.

A season to remember for women's golf

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Every year, athletic teams face challenges that can either make or break a season. Incoming freshmen adapting to college, graduating seniors leaving the team, tough training and losses, to mention a few. On top of that, women's golf had to deal with one more dispute, a coaching staff change at the beginning of the spring semester. Nonetheless, despite these issues, the team managed to have a season with many tournament wins and hopefulness to go beyond conference play.

As many other teams, women's golf had to deal with modified team dynamics this season once again due to COVID-19 restrictions that are now being slowly lifted, yet, they had another change to their team. The Flyers had to adapt to a new coaching staff this spring semester. Nonetheless, despite the disturbances, the team has managed to have a season with many tournament wins and hopefulness to go beyond conference play.

For instance, the Flyers won

their season opener back in September 2021 with a score of 629. Hosted by the University of Southern Indiana, in Evansville, Ind., the Screaming Eagle Invitational served as the starting point for the Flyers, which fueled them with confidence as they were able to play against other GLVC teams.

A month later, the ladies picked up their second win of the season finishing first in the Flyer Intercollegiate that took place at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, Ill. The team had a 624 total score and was led by fifth year senior Kasey Kane, who placed third overall with rounds of 75 and 78 for a 153 total (+9), and senior Morgan McNulty who had rounds of 78 and 77 totalling 155 (+11), tying for fifth.

Afterwards, the season ran smoothly in the spring semester when the Flyers added two more tournament wins in a row. First, the Music City Invitational held at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, Tenn., with a team score of 610, and then the Quincy Hawks Invitational at the Quincy Country Club in

Quincy, Ill., where the Flyers scored a total of 659 edging William Woods University by two shots.

Now, gearing up for conference and regional play, the Flyers are sure that the training and team environment have contributed to their successful performances and will continue through the remainder of the season. McNulty is a senior, human resource management major who believes everything the team had to go through ended up being beneficial.

"I would say our biggest accomplishment this season was all of us coming together through our coaching change, supporting one another and then on top of it winning a couple tournaments," said McNulty. "That [coaching change] has helped us succeed because we are all more relaxed and confident about seeking guidance from him [coach] when we are on the course."

Coach Greg Baresel arrived at the university in late February and since he took over the program, he has implemented a focus on developing strategy.



LUIS CHAVEZ / PHOTOGRAPHER

Fifth year graduate student Kasey Kane practices at the Lewis University Indoor Golf Environment (LUIGE) in Borromeo.

"When I came in, I saw a lot of potential within the team and I really wanted to show them that we are really good and that if we can put together a strategy on how we play we can be even better," said Baresel. "Now we have a strategy in place, we are working together toward it and the results are showing."

Baresel is currently an interim head coach as he is still unsure about taking over the program long-term. However, he believes that if the team continues to work as hard

as they have been, there is a bright future for the Flyers.

"We have three seniors with a lot of talent but then we also have a lot of younger players that have a lot of potential and can really carry the team going forward too," said Baresel. "Who knows, maybe we can be a national contender once again."

If they finish top four at the conference tournament, the Flyers will head to the Regional championship in Kansas City, Mo. from May 2-4.

Formula One picks up speed in the United States

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SPORTS CO-EDITOR

In 1950, a new type of racing was introduced to the world in Silverstone, England. Today, Formula One holds some of the 21st century's most advanced technology and thrilling events.

The sport has a season of 21 races throughout five continents. The Formula One open wheeled cars that often take over a thousand people to build, and are driven at a minimum of 200 mph.

The ten teams that make up the Formula One field, build two cars. The drivers that earn a top seat in the sport are often said to require a fighter pilot like mentality.

Sophomore aviation flight management major, Kelly Dobson, was introduced to Formula One by his grandfather.

"My favorite part about F1 is that it's the pinnacle of racing and technology," said Dobson.

In 2021, Formula One was named one of the fastest growing sports with an estimated fan count of 49.1 million. While much of this fan base is credited to the Eastern Hemisphere, as it originated in Europe. However, the U.S. has seen a rapid growth of interest in the sport.

The U.S. now has three Formula One tracks with the recent addition of a track partially built on

the Las Vegas Strip. The other two tracks reside in Austin, TX and Miami, FL. Although, only one holds a Grand Prix that counts towards the Formula One season points.

The U.S. Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas is a crown jewel of Austin, TX. An estimated \$392 million dollars is brought to the city on the race weekend alone.

The track itself generates \$5 billion dollars a year for the community. The Circuit of the Americas course is also said to be a favorite of the drivers.

The track is featured in the Netflix documentary, "Drive to Survive." The show has been produced since 2019, documents the Formula One season with interviews from drivers, team members and others relating to the sport.

"I am happy that F1 is gaining traction in the U.S., and I feel that it's because of the popularity of 'Drive to Survive' on Netflix," says Dobson.

The documentary has contributed to the rising popularity of Formula One in the country alongside the addition of the track in Las Vegas. While NASCAR has been recognized as the fastest growing sport in the U.S. in the past, Formula One may be here to claim that trophy.

There are a few obstacles to overcome, including time dif-



ANTHONY BEIMAL / GRAPHIC DESIGNER

ferences since so many races are on the other side of the Atlantic. However, with the new tracks in the U.S., Formula One looks to overcome this issue.

"I feel that F1 is doing a great job growing in the U.S., as they

just got a third race; they're now in Vegas, Miami and Austin," said Dobson. "I also feel that the addition of a competitive American team, such as Andretti Global, would be a great help in getting more American fans as well."

Formula One has a strong platform base to grow upon, it is only a matter of how the sport chooses to do so. One thing is for sure though, Formula One is in the U.S. to stay.



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Women's

Men's

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Men's tennis season coming to an end

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The men's tennis team has had a great season this past school year, but following their senior night on April 22nd, many players were left feeling sad. The seniors on the team realized they had been playing the last matches of their careers, so they wanted to make the best out of them.

Many of these players have been on the team for multiple years and have had the same doubles partner as well. Fifth year senior David Ambrozic has been playing with the Flyers since his sophomore year, which prompted his decision to take his COVID-19

"Sure, I'm going to miss tennis and the experience from Lewis because I have met some of my best friends



LUIS CHAVEZ / PHOTOGRAPHER

David Ambrozic practicing on Lewis tennis courts in a single match.

and I played here for all four years," said Ambrozic. "I am going to miss competing and traveling with all my teammates."

Ambrozic has been playing with his fifth year doubles partner Juan Martin Ramirez

throughout all of his college career, so he admitted he feels somber.

"It does not feel real that this is coming to an end, me and Juan have a great chemistry on the court and I enjoy playing doubles more than

singles for sure, especially with Juan," said Ambrozic. "Also I feel that doubles bring out more team spirit and is something that we all really enjoy."

As the oldest members of the team playing their last season, Ambrozic and Ramirez are hoping to make it past conference.

"Me and Juan have our personal goals together as doubles partners and that is to make it to nationals this year and give it our all," said Ambrozic.

Players went into the match against Southern Indiana with surreal and bittersweet emotions, knowing it was their last game before conference.

While they will miss their graduating members, the team does have some new faces this year as well, which has allowed them to grow

and learn together.

The Flyers do have a talented mix of people that will step up and do their part playing in doubles and singles in future seasons. The team is smaller than what they would like but that makes them closer.

As the season wraps up, the nostalgic players are looking back at their season's memorable moments, specifically the match against Illinois Springfield.

"We [ended up] playing for about five to six hours and then my teammate Oliver won the match for us," said Ambrozic. "This is something that I will not forget from this season."

The GLVC tournament in St. Louis, MO starts on April 29 and ends on May 1. It has yet to be determined who will play.