



# The Lyer

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## Lewis brings back chalkboards

**IRENA ILIC**  
THE CROATIAN SENSATION

With the negative effects associated with an increased use of technology, Lewis University is taking on a no-technology approach, starting with going back to old school teaching ways.

Classrooms will now be equipped with chalkboards and projectors will be removed from academic buildings. As many professors tell students, hand-written notes are better! Professors believe bringing back the old-school chalkboards will help increase student focus and allow for higher information retention.

To make this possible without spending or wasting too much money and time, all freshmen are required to help twenty three hours per day with removal and installation of the new additions. As a replacement for pay, students

will have their name put in a raffle for more flyer dollars, which commuter students could even earn.

Dr. Wiseman, professor of intellectual thought, provides insight on the matter. "It's a mere fact that when students hand-write their notes they remember the information better."

"It's important to translate this philosophy to the classroom as a whole. Especially with kids now being able to text on their computers and who knows what else," said Dr. Wiseman

Whiteboards already present in classrooms were determined to be inadequate as students get too distracted by the colored markers used by professors. Chalkboards do not come with this issue as only white colored chalk will be provided by the University. Professors are banned from using colored chalk. Further-

more, the scratchy noise the chalk makes is like white noise for students which helps with concentration.

Not only are chalkboards better for information retention rates, but the headache that comes with technology will not be a problem anymore. With the removal of technology in the classroom, much of the IT department is also no longer needed. Many of the funds allocated for the technology department will now go towards erasers.

"In order for my class to get started, I have to make sure the projector is working and hooked up to my computer," said computer science Professor, A.I. "And I never know which HDMI setting to connect it to and end up spending over 10 minutes trying to figure it out, it's ridiculous. It's very frustrating."

Freshman tech systems major Mike Ike comments, "Yeah



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I don't know, it's kind of nice when the professors are struggling with tech issues because we get out of lecture that way. Sometimes if we're lucky the professor gets so annoyed that they'll just cancel class. It's awesome."

The change will take some

time getting used to but it will take students and professors alike back to their elementary school days and might even help to make people feel younger. Since the "real-world" is so technological based, students will be more prepared for their future jobs.

## Who You Gonna Call? 1-800-FlyEats!

**LUNA SCHAFFER**  
THE LIL' TACO

As the prices for Uber eats increases, students from Lewis University have decided to take matters into their own hands, and created an app that will replace it, and FlyEats was born!

In a statement, FlyEats founder and Lewis University student, Noah Itall, explained the idea behind the app, "We thought, why not use our flight students who are already traveling around the country for training purposes to also deliver food? It's a win-win situation - students get real-life experience while consumers get their food delivered at a lower cost."

FlyEats is an app that works similarly to Uber Eats. It provides its customers with a list of states and the different restaurants and cuisine, place and order for delivery, and track not the car or motorcycle, but a flight student from Lewis university who will

bring the customers their food in an airplane.

You want an In-N-Out Burger? You can call 1-800-FlyEats, although they may not answer as there is no reception in the clouds.

Lewis University's president, Mr. Lewison, approved of the project where flight students can fly to any part around the country to obtain the required hours for their licenses, if they are doing it for the app.

According to Itall, the prices for FlyEats are significantly lower than UberEats. "We did a comparison between FlyEats and Uber Eats, and on average, customers can expect to pay between \$1000+ on their food delivery costs by using our app," he said.

As the project expands, Itall expresses her interest in expanding the app to a national level, "I think it has great potential, it helps both the regular students and the flight students to obtain what they want, and spreads the word

about our university."

FlyEats has already gained traction among college students and budget-conscious consumers. "I love using FlyEats because it's cheaper than other delivery services and the food always arrives quickly," said Lewis University student, Soughtwest A. Line.

Since flight students have so much free time and are very desperate for hours, many have decided to make a buck or two (literally), by delivering food. This also helps them complete their flight requirements, since the weather in other states might be better.

On another note, FlyEats will help the Lewis University students, since they will be able to save meal swipes, and make the money they spend by getting quality food elsewhere for cheaper, although it might be cold by the time it reaches them.

Who are you gonna call? FlyEats!



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# Date mode in MyLewis!

**MARIT DE LAU**  
CERTIFIED SWAMMER

Wanting to spice up your love life? You're in luck! The MyLewis app is coming out with a dating mode.

The reason behind this much needed feature in the newest version of the MyLewis app is because the app makers became aware of people's loneliness on campus. Lewis decided to add a function to be able to reach out to other people who are in the same boat.

You might wonder, well, how does this work? Let me explain it to you. Many phones nowadays have this function called "dark mode" which allows you to change the outlook of your phone from a lighter setting to a darker setting, this is perceived to be more comfortable for the eyes, especially when the sun has set. The date mode in the MyLewis app will work similarly. Once you open the MyLewis app, all you have to do is shake your phone to activate date mode.

The first time date mode is activated you will be asked to complete your dating profile. Since your name is already linked to the app, it will ask you to also add a nickname. It also asks you to fill out other sections such as date of birth, favorite piece of cutlery you use, if you sleep with stuffed animals, your age and your go-to app when taking a p\*\*p. Lastly it will ask you to add a few photos to your profile for users to get an impression of who you are as a person.

Once you've set up your account it works similar to Tinder, for those of you who are familiar. If you are interested in someone, you swipe right, if you are not, you swipe left. You can change your filters to your liking. For example, you can change it to where it only shows people in the same major, or people in the same class as you. You can change it to whatever you like. If you and the other person both swiped right on each other, it is a match, and you can start a conversation! If you want the app to make matches for



*Reviews from our users...*

**"It's like any other dating app, but ten times worse! I didn't know that was possible!"**  
- Phoebe, 20

**"We broke up after a week, and now we're stuck as lab partners for the rest of the semester. Thanks."**  
- Pauline, 19

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you, you can pick this option as well. Beware though, this doesn't mean the app will match you with people of similar interests, since we

all know, opposites attract. Another feature that the university's IT department has invented will let artificial intelligence link you directly to

your most compatible or non-compatible suitor.

Make sure to update the MyLewis app so the date mode will be available.

# Money does buy happiness

**JULIA LESNICKI**  
THE COMMUTER

My whole life has revolved around happiness and finding it through life achievements, friends and family, animals and just overall time spent doing what I love. But what I have come to realize is that it has all been a waste of time. The real thing that can make myself and everyone else extremely happy is money.

According to Happiness101.gov, the number one way to be happy is to have money, while the second way is to find a way to get money. So recently, I have been trying to figure out how to make more money in order to be happy forever. This has made me hibernate and shy away from events because I won't be needing them once I am rich.

After interviewing 13 people, asking them what makes them happy, the top five answers were:

1. Family
2. Friends
3. Making other people happy
4. Pets
5. Food

They have it all wrong. Like country singer Chris Janson once said "I keep hearing that money is the root of all evil... But it can buy me a boat."

What I don't understand is who needs people to care about them when I can buy a house on a private island near



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the Caribbean and live there forever, alone. Emergency contacts? Won't be needing that since I will never be in an emergency with all of the money and investments I'll have. Bad grades? Education? Life Skills? Won't matter when I live in a house that costs more than my college tuition all four years combined; and then some!

Think of all of the things you could buy if you had more money that you could dream of: top-brand jewelry (that you can only wear for special occasions), expensive cars (I can only drive one at a time, but it will still be cool to have 8 of them), designer bags (same problem as the cars, but so fun to look at), eating out at luxu-

rious restaurants (the portions are tiny and I'll have to hit the drive-thru on the way home, but still, it's a flex) and so much more. I mean just look at the Kardashians, they have to be some of the happiest people on the planet because of their money. Especially with all the money they spend on their faces with botox and plastic

surgeries, now they smile all of the time!

Happiness should solely revolve around money. You can buy whatever you want to make you happy, it's truly that simple. People need to learn that the focus on the material things to make them happy and not focusing on social happiness.

# Unsuspected Academy Award Winner?

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CARE-BEAR COLLECTOR

The Academy Awards is meant to recognize exceptional work within the global film industry- and those awarded an Oscar carry great prestige within the industry. There has been considerable controversy within the past few award shows surrounding the selection process.

Still, the decision to give "Cocaine Bear" the best picture award is spot on.

This movie was released on Feb. 24 this year.

It is a complete rendition of the actual event that occurred in 1985 when a bear got into some cocaine that was dropped in a forest in northern Georgia.

Unlike other movies loosely based on a true story, this is an exact play-by-play of the adventures of the coked-out bear on her search for more cocaine.

The comedic value in this movie was overbearing; considering that it is a true story, it should've been a more pro-

fessional, documentary-esque film.

I also had some issues with the way that the bear was portrayed, as it was made out to be this scary beast, when in reality it was the humans that were the real villains.

The humans just happened to be in the way of the bear and her cocaine, which was unfortunate for them, but something they brought on themselves.

The humans were searching for the cocaine in vain. Once that cocaine was ditched into the forest, it no longer belonged to them but to the bear.

While it is hard to please everybody in the audience, it pleased the selection committee enough to give it enough votes for the best picture, which is well-deserved, in my opinion.

Up against films like "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once," "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Elvis," it seemed like "Cocaine Bear" was the most obvious choice. These other movies didn't have what, "Cocaine Bear"



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had to offer. It had hints of romance, a complicated conflict and great action.

What stood out to me the most was the love that the mother bear had for her cubs. It was so moving and paralleled the love that the human mother in the film had for her daughter and friend, which

was a great move done by the director, Elizabeth Banks (who was Effie Trinket in the "Hunger Games" film series).

It was a beautiful, gruesome masterpiece that I honestly couldn't believe more Oscars were awarded.

It brought tears to my eyes, and I think it had the same

effect on everyone else at the theater.

I would highly recommend watching it and getting the chance to witness possibly the best motion picture ever to be made, some may say better than the classics.

## Oh my, Lyeer!

By: Amineh Ayyad

With about 80 different major options being offered, Lewis has done well for itself in terms of providing a variety of study options to its student body. Over the last few years, however, Lewis faculty had noticed larger schools branching out on the kinds of unique classes being offered, such as when Rutgers University first started offering courses about the famous singer, Beyoncé.

Drawing inspiration from Brown and UC Berkeley, Lewis University has decided to create a new major in meme studies focusing on the art, sociology and language behind the world of meme trends.

With memes becoming one of the most prominent forms of communication in social media today, researchers around the country have begun justifying the need for its understanding in the realm of education and research. Lewis started contemplating new majors when anonymous suggestions were provided in the most recent university survey.

A small group of students were randomly chosen to have additional questions added to their assessments, with questions asking about the variety of course options and suggestions for improvement. When asked what majors the students would like to see offered at Lewis, 4% answered rocket science, 12% said fashion merchandising and the remaining 149% wrote in similar responses of "TikTok culture" and "social media trends".

After consulting with outside expertise, a new staff member who refers to themselves as "Meme Lord" has been appointed to oversee the new Department of Memes at Lewis. Per the request of the new faculty member, renovations have been planned for Meme Lord's office to be located in the center of the Brother John Gaffney Student Center.

According to Meme Lord, "being in the center of the student center will put me at the center of the meme world. I'll always overhear the newest meme references and know what is trending... 'What's up Gen Z!'" As for the actual classroom settings, Meme Lord felt it was most appropriate to make the class solely based off of field trips. Students would experience the Field Museum's exhibit dedicated to Meme Culture & Science.

Faculty members were unsure how this major could advance the students intellectually, but employers are now emphasizing creativity over usefulness. Some employers are now requiring that their potential candidates crack a joke, in order to be hired. Meme classes at Lewis will teach students how to go viral, how to be the best class clown you can be and how to get a job.

Faculty are reportedly grateful to be kept in the loop. Now they understand phrases like "bet" or "slay queen." What better way for professors to crack their dad jokes than by being able to use a meme. One of the most anticipated changes is the department's involvement around campus. If you see someone doing the renegade in the middle of the Courtyard or speaking strictly in TikTok references, you are seeing the Meme Lord and their department hard at work.

# CAMPUS LIFE

## President Livingston hosts first annual talent competition

**KATELYN LEANO**

I OWE MY DIPLOMA TO COFFEE AND NO SLEEP

On April 1, President Livingston will host Lewis' first annual school-wide talent competition, 'Lewis' Got Talent,' at the Phillip Lynch Theatre.

Along with President Livingston hosting the competition, he will have four celebrity judges to decide the winner. The panel will include Simon Cowell, Chance the Rapper, stand-up comedian Ali Wong and talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

"I am so happy to announce that for our first-ever talent show, we will have four spectacular celebrity judges joining us in order to choose the winner," said President David Livingston.

"Since this is the school's first talent competition, we are offering a huge cash prize and a chance to appear on national TV to the winner, whoever it may be," said Livingston.

The winner of Lewis' Got Talent will receive \$1.5 million and a chance to perform their talent on Good Morning America.

All students are welcome to enter, no matter what talent they choose to show in the competition.

The stage in the Phillip Lynch Theatre will be transformed to look like the AGT stage.

"From singers to magicians, we welcome anyone with a talent they would like to showcase to the school and possibly America," said Livingston. "The stage in the theater will appear just like the AGT stage, which will literally be amazing for our competition."

Livingston expresses how thrilling this experience will be saying, "I have always dreamed of being the host of a talent show like 'America's Got Talent', so it's really a dream come true for me to host 'Lewis' Got Talent'."

So far, 2 students have signed up for the first round of auditions.

Among those students with 'normal' talents, such as singing and dancing, there are students with unique talents such as sand painting, sword swallowing, solving calculus problems and other dangerous acts.



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"My talent is regurgitating different objects like coins, dry sugar and even goldfish, so I hope the judges and everyone watching will enjoy watching me on stage," said senior nursing major Hazel Nutt.

"My stage name is Ms. Regurgitator, so I truly believe that

my talent will be recognized by participating in this talent competition, and I hope to win."

If the competition is a huge success and everyone likes it, President Livingston hopes Lewis' Got Talent will become a new school tradition that future students may participate in.

"I hope that by hosting this competition for the first time on our main campus, that many members of the Lewis community like it enough to make it a new tradition for future generations to come," said Livingston.

## Lewis replaces Lot C with 100-ish floor parking garage

**KATELYN LEANO**

I OWE MY DIPLOMA TO COFFEE AND NO SLEEP

On April 1, the school will start construction on a 100-ish floor parking garage to replace Lot C. To be exact, the parking garage is planned to have 99 and one-fourth floors. The decision was made at a meeting last month, where all students and staff were required to attend. At the meeting, the main topic of discussion was about the parking lots, specifically Lot C needing more space.

Everyone unanimously agreed that there needed to be more space in Lot C, so Director of Campus Beautification Sue Barue decided to destroy Lot C and build a 100-ish floor parking garage in its place.

"Even though I am a very busy man, as the director of campus beautification for this glorious school, it's my duty to listen to the students and improve the campus," said Barue. "Specifically, the school board and I have decided to demolish Lot C and build a 100-ish floor parking garage - give or take, so I hope everyone will be happy with the results."

Due to the state government approving a budget increase for all colleges in Illinois, Barue has decided to use the money from the budget for improving Lot C.

"Thanks to the state government officials, as an accomplished school, we were given a budget of \$10 million to use for whatever we feel is necessary, in order to better our school," said Barue. "With this generous budget, we can't think of any better way to spend the money."

On the LewisU app, many students have been complaining about Lot C not having enough parking spaces because an overload of people have to park in that specific lot. With all these new spaces, commuter and resident students may never have to fight for parking spots again.

Also, we may never see parking tickets from LUPD ever again. Who wants to drive all the way up and down 100-ish flights everyday. Might as well have the planes check on the cars up top. The LUPD will have an apartment on top of the parking garage, so that it can be considered their second



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home.

The new 100-ish parking garage includes one elevator that can only be used by staff, students will have to climb the steep steps in the garage and may now have a valid excuse for being late to class.

"During my time here at Lewis, I have had to park in this horrible parking lot every day, and it's been a huge pain in my butt," said junior aviation major Al Dente.

It's not just the upperclassmen complaining about Lot C on the app. Many underclassmen have been griping about it

when they first came to Lewis last year.

"I chose to come to Lewis because my hometown is near it, so I do drive to campus every day, but whenever I need to park in Lot C, it's always so hard to find a spot in this lot," said freshman biology major Gene Pool. "Our lives will be so much better when the school builds this new parking garage, so I'm looking forward to it."

With everyone's cooperation and the hard work of the construction workers, the school has determined that it will take

roughly a year for the parking garage to be completely built.

"Just a few days ago, I talked to the construction company, and they told me that it will take about a year for our newly built parking garage to be ready to use," said Barue. "So it will be ready for all students to use April 1, 2024."

The school hopes that with this new addition to the campus, students will be satisfied with the parking situation. If all goes well, there will be talk of other schools adding a parking garage to their campuses in the near future.

# Useless destination stops added to Lewis shuttle service

**LAUREN HARRIS**  
HIDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Despite the growing popularity of the Lewis Shuttle Service, university officials have decided that it just wasn't interesting enough for current and prospective students.

Usual stops that included the Louis Joliet's Mall and the Oak Brook Campus have been determined as useless to students and have become too boring.

A campus survey concluded that students no longer want to be taken to their classes or to run errands, they want to do senseless things in the middle of nowhere because "why not?"

Cassie Pro, a super senior who is undecided, has stated that she prefers, "no school and no class ever, I wanna be driven around to the most random places you can think of. I've never been to Kentucky." So from that point on it was done, Lewis' first trip of fun will be to Hazard, Ken-

tucky known for its dangerous pollution levels and even higher crime rate. Criminal justice and environmental science majors are the only ones welcome.

The next destination on the list may surprise you, but there's plenty to learn from and inspect in this place. Students will have the opportunity to visit Runit Island.

What was once a beautiful island surrounded by nature is now considered one of the most radioactive places in America.

The island was covered in a concrete dome that is now sinking into the ocean. Most universities turned down the opportunity to visit the resort due to safety concerns and legal reasons, but Lewis' legal team is experienced in this area and they feel the retreat will be more beneficial to students in the long run.

Once the shuttle arrives in Florida, the driver will force each and every student to jump in the Atlantic Ocean. From there, the students will



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swim in shark infested waters and possibly get stung by jellyfish. Freshman history major Sal Mahn is excited for the trip and has not expressed any concern whatsoever.

He has even gone on to say that, "the retreat will be a growing experience for all of us and will help the students bond with each other".

Last but not least, the shuttle service is proud to announce that they will be dropping off students to go see the latest movies, but only bring you half-way to the theaters.

Some popular names that were brought up include 'Fast X', the tenth and hopefully last movie in the Fast and Fu-

rious series and 'John Wick: Chapter 4,' the only movie without Keanu Reeves.

Seating and availability is determined by a first come first serve basis, there are no refunds for the trips.

Lewis is not responsible for any pain, suffering or any long term trauma inflicted on participants.

## the very cool Fitzpatrick house 4 rent

roof included



- no running water (only walking)
- no parking
- man inside the walls, but he's chill
- pets allowed
- fun asbestos flooring

NOT haunted!  
NO ghosts!



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# Professional weightlifting competition hosted in famous Lewis powerhouse

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WISCONSINITE

On April 22, the Flyers Athletic Department will partner with Team USA to host a professional weightlifting competition in the campus powerhouse.

With a total of 3.14159 square feet, the world-renowned powerhouse is the ideal location to host 100 of the top weightlifters in the nation.

With two squat racks, five benches and limited floor space, the powerhouse offers more than enough equipment to serve the 6,000 plus university students and the professional weightlifters.

Jim Raht, the manager of Team USA weightlifting, shared his excitement for the event.

When asked why he wants the competition at the Powerhouse, Raht spoke to how Team USA weightlifting is expanding its program to include a collegiate sector.

"By partnering with universities, we hope to inspire collegiate athletes to take up the sport.

When we were looking

for a host campus, Lewis was first on the list."

Out of the university facilities, the powerhouse was chosen because the lighting works best to highlight the physique of the weightlifters.

Additionally, competition would not only occur between the weightlifters but the fans themselves!

Since there are no bleachers, fans will have to compete for a spot to even watch the competition.

To cover the event, ESPN broadcasters will partner with LUTN to give students a chance to film and anchor a professional competition.

The goal is for ESPN to broadcast the event across the whole nation.

"The stakes are high coming into this competition," reported Raht.

"The more eyes on the event the better! I know this will be the perfect opportunity to promote both Team USA weightlifting and Lewis athletics."

To grant photographers access to all angles, the garage door wall will be opened.

Ideally, Raht wants to knock down the wall of

the garage, but he is still waiting for approval.

The producers are hoping the competition will pick up attention from other famous weightlifters like Ded Lyfte and Ben Chp-

rece while the athletic department hopes the Flyers facilities will receive the recognition they deserve.

If the event is a success, we can expect to see this return annually.

This could have the positive outcome of other sporting events wanting to bring their national competitions to our campus, such as curling and badminton.



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## Flyer Fanatics: back at it?

**JADA HARVEY**  
HOPELESS ROMANTIC

The frantic Flyer Fanatics are back! Holding true to their name, they are itching to make their first appearance since...

The Flyer Fanatics are a group that work to encourage team spirit and promote attendance at school events and sports games.

The fanatics held their first meeting this past week and are still looking for contestants who fit the mold of a true Flyer fan.

"We have had a few delays," said Rojo Rudy, the head judge for tryouts, "We just can't find anyone who really struck the right chord."

Tryouts were held on March 18 in the Neil Carey Arena. Ronda Rehd kicked off the event by showing the judges her gymnastic abilities.

Her routine consisted of cartwheels, flip flops, splits and backflips, all choreographed to the Flyer Fight song.

However, as Rudy put it, "her heart just wasn't in it" so the judges invited their next contestant, Ronald Rave to the floor.

As a music and theatre major, Rave put on a 107-minute one man performance of the importance of being an athlete.

His character had just come back from an injury that interrupted his last year, but he persevered and won his last game of the season!

Unfortunately for Rave, Rudy and his fellow Fanatics critiqued the performance, saying, "We don't need actors, we need cheerleaders."

Reportedly, cheerleader Roxy Royal overheard this complaint and sprinted onto the floor before her name was even called.

Dressed in all red up to her hair, which she had dyed for the occasion, Royal jumped into her routine of cartwheels, high kicks, shaking pom poms and shouting various cheers she had come up with herself.

"WE ARE FLYERS! THEY ARE CRIERS! WE DON'T GET TIRED 'CAUSE WE'RE WIRED!"

A frustrated Rudy interrupted her last cheer, though, and said that his eyes hurt from all the red.

Rudy later said that everything changed when the

doors to the gym opened and a boy walked across the floor. Frustrated that another contestant had walked in unannounced he yelled, "You, there! You're up, let's see it. I want spirit. How do you cheer for your school?"

In a perplexed response, the boy stopped, shot his fist up lazily and said "Go, team?"

Rudy and the Flyer Fanatics crew later said that they had never heard such heart behind those words. Hewasimmediatelygiventhe

position as lead cheerleader.

When asked how he felt about the situation he said, "I don't even go here, I was just trying to find the bathroom."

Another tryout will be held in the same gym on April 1. Don't miss out!



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## Lewis athletic department sponsors first ever Kiwibot race

**DANI NAVARRETE**  
CURRENT COMPETITIVE  
EATER

Last Saturday, March 25, Lewis Athletics organized the first ever Kiwibot race with over 500 bots from all around the country. The intense training for the bots include turning them on and off, practice runs and obstacle courses. Some of them drove, some of them flew, some of them came by boat, some of them rolled and some of them are still on their way.

The race took off at Independence Boulevard Road, right at the entrance of campus, in Romeoville, Illinois. Bots had to go south all the way until the second stoplight at West Taylor road, to the Lewis entrance, make a u-turn in front of the LRC and then go back to the street to cross the finish line. At this time, there has not yet been a winner announced yet as the few Kiwibots got stuck in places like bushes and curbs. One was reported to have been run over.

There were almost 10,000 spectators witnessing Kiwi-

bots rolling at .05 miles per hour across the five mile path. It was a very exciting race that most people in the audience found the need to bring their own chairs, hammocks and even portable beds to watch the race more comfortably. However, many of them had to leave because they had school or work as Monday arrived.

Mrs. Jane Tree, Kiwibot commissioner at Lewis, member of the National Kiwibot Racing Association, shared she was excited to bring the event to the Flyers community.

"I am very happy Lewis was chosen to be the 2023 location of the Kiwibot race," said Tree. "Our team has been practicing rolling around campus in record times that give us a competitive advantage against our opponents, so I am really hoping one of our Lewis Kiwibots is the champion."

The 2022 competition took place in Los Angeles, California and took off on Nov. 23. The last Kiwibot to cross the line was Kiwibot AnneBanne54 from the University of South-

ern California this past Feb. 1. The Flyers participated with a team of only five Kiwibot members which all ended up placing 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004 and 1005, respectively.

This year, the competition includes Kiwibots from Stanford, Yale and Harvard, as well as MIT and NYU, yet Lewis has the largest team among all of them with 75 bots. According to Tree, Kiwibots on campus move 10 times faster than the average Kiwibot from other university teams.

"Kiwibot DennisBurger23 holds the school record from Borromeo to Cody Hall, which is the longest distance we can measure while training at Lewis, with a time 26 hours, 34 minutes, 12 seconds," she added. "DennisBurger23 was seeded in the 987th place for the race, but I am hopeful she will surprise us and be within the top ten."

Stay tuned for more information about the winning bots within the next few days, or weeks or months.



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## Olympian Katie Ledecky joins the Lewis Swimming Team

**MAGDALENA WLODARKIEWICZ**  
A PROFESSIONAL SPLISH  
SPLASH

Katie Ledecky, one of the most talented swimmers in the world, has joined the Lewis University women's swim team. Her decision to join the team was motivated by the team's impressive improvement over the last few years. Ledecky is a five-time Olympic gold medalist who has set multiple world records in her career. She is known for her incredible distance swimming ability and has dominated competitions in the 400, 800 and 1500-meter freestyle events.

Despite her many accomplishments, Ledecky is always looking to improve her skills and push herself to new heights.

For this reason, she was drawn to the Flyers, who have made great strides placing 4th this year at GLVC in Evansville.

The team has a strong focus on distance swimming, which is Ledecky's specialty. She was excited to join a group of talented distance swimmers and assumed she would be lapping at every practice.

Although the team is excited, head coach Evan Sholudko has a lot to say about this new addition to the team. "I'm taking a chance on Ledecky," said Sholudko. "She has all these accomplishments but we will see how she performs in GLVC."

From what previous coaches from Stanford and Arizona State University have informed Sholudko, she doesn't seem to live up to her name in the pool

during practices. Sholudko says, "If that's the case, I'm not sure if she will be able to handle how intense our practices are."

The team on the other hand is terrified about Ledecky's commitment and unsure they will still have their spot on the team. However, they are excited to meet the Olympian. Ledecky's addition to the Flyers swim team is sure to have a major impact in whether she is compatible with the team or has the skills to continue to compete at this high of a level.

Although, the change of the swimming pool length from 50-meters to 25-yards can also turn out to be quite a challenge for her. This alteration frequently results in dizziness and neck pain due to all the spins. Apart from that, the existing distance swimmers will join the

sprint group to make room for Ledecky to race. It will be putting all the pressure on Ledecky to see if she will perform to the high standard of her achievements.

The team's focus on distance swimming is a perfect fit for Ledecky, and she is excited to

work with her new teammates to continue improving and reaching even greater heights. With Ledecky on their side swimming all the races, the team is sure to bring interest from other Olympians for the future.



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