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# Human vs. Robot: First ever lawsuit

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CROATIAN SENSATION

Lewis goes viral after the first Human v. Robot lawsuit occurred on campus. On Apr 1, 2023, sophomore aviation major Charlie DeChuck was run over by a KiwiBot while walking to his class.

"I was enjoying the beautiful day on my way to my flight block when I came across a kiwiBot rolling through campus," said DeChuck.

"I walked by the KiwiBot and didn't think much of it since they're on campus all the time. I then noticed the KiwiBot stop, turn and start heading toward me at full speed. With the angry face emoji flashing on its screen, the KiwiBot continued to charge at me. I quickly started running but the kiwiBot just sped up and ran me over," said DeChuck.

The aviation major is suing the KiwiBots. This is not the first time that the KiwiBots have caused problems on campus. The bots purposely get stuck in potholes or get

hit by cars who innocently blow stop signs. Sometimes, the strong wind coming down from the windy city has also been a challenge for the bots as many of them get knocked over. Students have had to pull over and go out of their way to pick them back up and get the bots on their way again. "I think when their eyes light up with heart-eyes, it's to show that you're their next target," says DeChuck.

DeChuck had to be hospitalized for his extensive injuries following the incident with the kiwiBot. He was in hospital for three days and broke both of his legs, his nose, and a couple of his fingers. DeChuck's toes are also deformed and he claims the KiwiBot, "took a particular liking to running back and forth over his fingers and toes." DeChuck was left on the sidewalk next to Neil Carrey Arena for many hours until someone saw him and called authorities. Without the actions of the good samaritan, DeChuck fears he could have been gone forever. "It



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would've been so embarrassing going out like that," DeChuck says.

DeChuck's lawyer and parents sympathize with his situation and are hoping to gain a strong backing for his case. So far, he has gotten support from

his GoFundMe page on TikTok and Instagram with many of his followers willing to pay his legal fees. For those who wish to contribute to DeChuck's case visit, [www.GoFundMe/IHateKiwiBots.com](http://www.GoFundMe/IHateKiwiBots.com) to make your donation.

"My hospital bills are insane and I'm a broke college student. There's no way I'm paying the ridiculous tuition on top of my hospital bills. Not to mention I'm a flight major," claimed DeChuck.

# Biden to come and inaugurate a new national monument, "The Rat Hole"

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THE LIL' TACO

The 46th President of the U.S., Joe Biden, is set to embark on a journey to Chicago, to explore and experience firsthand the newly established national monument known as "The Rat Hole."

In an exclusive interview with The Flyer Newspaper, President Biden conveyed his profound excitement about the upcoming visit. He expressed, "I am incredibly thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to witness and appreciate such a significant monument

in person." His visit is set to be on April 1, 2024.

Located on West Roscoe Street in the vibrant Roscoe Village neighborhood, "The Rat Hole" has quickly become a national sensation, drawing the attention of various celebrities eager to capture moments with this unique monument. Among those who have visited and marveled at its peculiar charm are The Rock Brothers, Alberto Mindstein as well as Chase Dabin. All of these public figures decided to take it upon themselves to encourage the residents across the country to come visit the

renowned monument.

The origin story of "The Rat Hole" goes back to an accidental discovery made by Isac Tonnew, a dedicated senior at Lewis University majoring in animal relations. Tonnew shared a fascinating account. She stated "While strolling with my friends, I accidentally tripped over a loose piece of cement, revealing the hole. After it, my friends and I realized how the hole's shape resembled that of a rat that had maybe fallen from the sky and landed in that precise spot."

President Biden, known for his charitable nature and affini-

ty for engaging with people and places of interest, has announced plans to enhance his visit by bringing along a rat of his choice to the monument. This gesture also underscores the President's enthusiasm for interacting with the monument in a memorable and personal way while representing the marginalized animals of the city, including pigeons, seagulls and squirrels.

Dr. Doofenshmirtz was happy to hear of President Biden's upcoming trip. He shared that, "I believe that the visit of our caring President is inspiring. It sheds light on how we need

to be mindful of all creatures on our planet, including those that live in the sewers."

As the date nears, preparations for the event are in full swing to receive the President of the U.S.

President Biden's upcoming visit to Chicago to inaugurate "The Rat Hole" national monument is not just a colossal event for the city but also a symbol of his commitment to engaging with unique cultural and historical landmarks across the nation.

# Quad ball players demand to be a part of 2024 Paris Olympics

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With the Olympics approaching, professional quad ball players have petitioned the sport be added to the event.

This year's summer Olympic games are set to be held in Paris, France.

Inspired by Paris's history as the birthplace of revolutions and uprisings, quad ball players from around the world have seized the opportunity to make their voices heard.

Parry Trotter, President of the International Quad Ball Association is proud to stand up for his sport.

"Quad ball is a highly competitive, fitness-enduring, sport that deserves international recognition at prestigious tournaments such as the Olympics," said Trotter.

"Our athletes work hard year-round to become the best quad ball team and for their efforts not to ingest the golden snitch."

The sport was officially created in 2005 and has established numerous teams across

the world.

The sport is otherwise known as Quiddich and is described as a mix between rugby, dodgeball and tag on brooms.

In just the U.S. alone, five divisions of the sport and prestigious tournaments are already in place such as the US Quad Ball (USQ) Cup.

Lately the league has suffered some setbacks due to the fact that Loona Boomgood released some spiders into the field as a prank.

It is no surprise that the Olympics are an avenue for those around the world to appreciate various sports and athletes.

With the games being streamed across numerous channels worldwide, the tournament is a money-making machine for athletes, sports and countries across all borders.

It is a chance for people to gather and share pride by cheering on those who represent their country.

President of the 2024 Paris Olympics, Llevine Lottombog

explained the reluctance to give the sport an opportunity. "There are so many sports involved in the games already that I can't add another this late into preparations," said Lottombog. "Not to mention, the players are focused more on riding their sticks and not losing any bones like instances we've had."

Famous British quad ball player Dref Laswelly discusses the importance of going to the Olympics, "The Olympics are every athlete's dream," Laswelly shares.

"Everyone dreams of participating in that tournament and the whole world knows that no other event even comes close to it. Not even the Hogwarts one."

The Paris 2024 Olympics officially begin on Friday, July 26, 2024 and end on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024.

There is still time for quad ball to be entered into the tournament yet the decision date for the addition will be April 1, 2024.

Until then, all quad ball players can do is hope for magic.



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# Formula 1 races to Lewis University

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Lewis University has recently made a bold decision to redefine its identity and enhance its appeal by instituting significant changes to one of its well-known programs... aviation.

In response to the growing number of reports regarding the increasing interest of Formula 1 racing by current flight students, ideas about changing the program were raised. Students expressed their love for high-speed transportation and wanted to expand their knowledge and apply their flight skills on the racetrack. Their interest led President Livingston to take swift action, recognizing the urgency of the situation, and initiated a comprehensive review of the aviation program.

Through a thorough analysis, it became evident that a considerable portion of students had developed a strong interest in the exhilarating world of Formula 1 racing, a globally renowned motorsport franchise. Sensing an opportunity to stay up to date with the evolving preferences of its student body and to bolster its public image, President Livingston, in collaboration with the aviation department, made the strategic decision to transi-

tion its program from aviation to racing.

This transformative shift means repurposing existing aircraft for ground-based racing activities on runways, thereby utilizing the infrastructure already in place and minimizing resource expenditure. Although the acquisition of racing cars will require a period of purchasing and delivery, the university is committed to ensuring a seamless transition and leveraging its current assets to support the newly envisioned racing program.

This idea aligns with another part of Lewis' values of sustainability. By recycling, reusing and repurposing the planes, students can then use these racing vehicles to transition from flying to Formula 1 drivers.

Beyond merely adapting to emerging trends, Lewis aims to position itself as an innovator and trendsetter within the academic sphere. By pioneering the integration of motorsports into its curriculum, the institution seeks to differentiate itself from its peers and attract students drawn to the dynamic realm of Formula 1.

President Livingston articulated the logistics behind this transformative initiative. "We believe that redirecting our efforts towards joining this pres-



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tigious franchise and training individuals for this exclusive group will not only enhance the appeal of our institution, but also equip our students with invaluable skills and experiences." The approximate date of transition would be April 1, 2025.

In order to involve the current students, the university will allow them to paint each car. Students have already ex-

pressed interest in creating a Lightning McQueen car. Customizing each vehicle will individualize the experience and help each student feel more involved in the transition.

As the renovations for the new development of campus approach, many students have expressed their gratitude and excitement. Freshman Charlie Fitzpatrick exclaimed, "I cannot wait to attend races and

cheer for my friends!"

As Lewis embarks on its journey of reinvention, there is hope that the university could become one of the most recognized schools of the country. With strategic thinking and a commitment to meeting evolving needs, the school is racing towards a promising future where students will not just take off in the air, but on the track too.

# OPINIONS

## Parking Pals: Why smaller parking lots will lead to friendlier commuter interactions

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MY MOM'S SHINING STAR

Traveling through a large barren parking lot with nearly infinite parking may be nerve-racking, maddening or even scary, especially for students who already have a lot on their minds. That is why a reduction in parking lot space would likely lead to not only friendlier student interactions, but also residually resolve other issues on campus such as class attendance and high stress levels.

When looking for parking at Lewis, students often face the problem of not being able to choose a parking spot. With so many empty spaces in every lot, it is a common occurrence that students end up being late for class because they are just so taken aback by the choices. The condensing of Lewis parking lots would certainly lead to an increase in student atten-

dance as well as more efficient parking strategies throughout campus.

Smaller parking lots would also facilitate friendlier interactions among students in the parking lots. All commuter students can relate to the experience of running late for a class and having other students be considerate and allow for easy non-competitive parking among the lots. In fact, a common occurrence is the formation of lifelong friendships between students because they both found each other in a mid-western standoff in which neither of the two wanted to take a particular parking spot.

The condensing of parking lots can also lead to the formation of student support groups. Although Lewis University already does a great job in reaching out to those who may need help, reducing the size of parking lots can help students take the initia-

tive of talking amongst each other. Having students closer together in parking lots, which already are unanimously acknowledged as safe spaces of calmness, would likely initiate impromptu, healthy and productive discussions amongst stressed-out students.

Although the potential for minor bumps and fender-benders does increase with smaller parking lots, studies actually show that they already occur at a significant rate and that smaller lots will push people towards actually exchanging information with each other as well as the potential for a joke, a laugh or even contact exchange. In essence, the smaller lots would de-stigmatize the scariness of a fender-bender and would actually catalyze more positive interactions among students.

Lewis is also home to a myriad of scholars who have developed a rather sophisticated

and pleasurable taste in music. A great consequence of potentially shrinking parking lots could be that the refined music taste of commuters who drive with their volumes maxed out and windows rolled down would be shared amongst everyone in the vicinity. Many students who are morning grouches would certainly have their spirits lifted upon hearing the music choices of others. Not to mention, having the opportunity to bring them together would unquestionably only bring improved relations between students.

In the already stressful world of college students, having larger parking lots only leaves the door open to added stressors. Smaller parking lots will not only fix issues of student interactions but also lead to an improved college campus.

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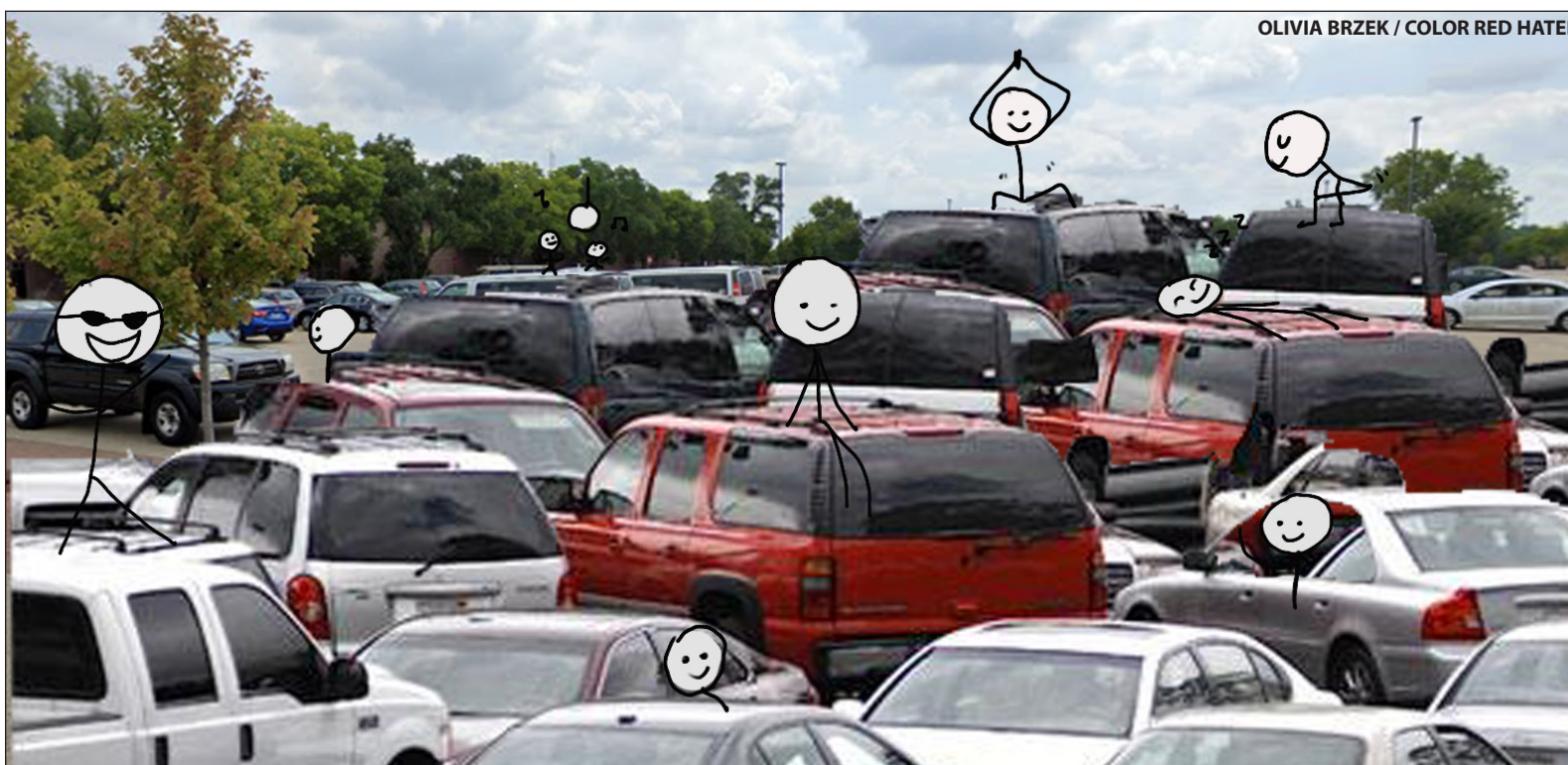
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## RENT A GOLFCART!

Late to class during your 15-minute grace period? We've got you covered. Lewis University is proud to announce its collaboration with the world-famous Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course.

For only \$2,003.21 Flyer Dollars, rent a golf cart to drive\* to your next class.



\*Must drive on a busy street  
\*Must drive with golfers while they play

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# Top six underrated celebrities of 2024

LILY COOKE  
JIMMY NEUTRON

With the Grammys, Oscars and the Golden Globes in the rearview mirror and the Emmys approaching, the same mainstream celebrities seem to be selected as nominees and winners. However, there are some new and upcoming celebrities that deserve special recognition as well. Here are the top six underrated celebrities and why they deserve more acknowledgement.

Ryan Reynolds has a gift for acting but does not get nearly enough credit for it. He is married to the lovely Blake Lively, who is slightly more well known than him, but they are both pretty underground. I suggest lesser-known films with him such as "Deadpool" and "The Adam Project."

Another actor who is underrated is Adam Sandler. Despite his long career of over 30 years, he has a small fan base and barely gets noticed by the public. I recommend watching "Grown Ups" and "Happy Gilmore" to understand the hype I am giving him. Although Sandler was the main role, he did not receive as much hype after the movie was released compared to the water-park stud with the high-pitched voice, Alec Musser.

One of my favorite actresses in the entire film industry is Jennifer Aniston. You might know of

her as a co-star from the blockbuster movie, "Marley and Me," but believe it or not, she has also been in other somewhat successful TV shows and movies. For example, "Friends," a show that has been significantly forgotten about that came out like 50 years ago or something. Aniston also co-starred many times with Sandler, not sure why the casting directors thought it would be a good idea to put two nobodies together.

Staying on the topic of actresses, Margot Robbie is another underground actress that you have never heard of. She starred in the movie "Barbie" that barely broke even this summer. Although she played the main part, critics claimed that it was one of the worst coming of age movies they have seen in years because it was literally about a doll. Instead of "Barbie" the top movies I would recommend watching are "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "Suicide Squad."

Speaking of "The Wolf on Wall Street," another underrated actor was Robbie's co-star, Leonardo DiCaprio. He starred as Jordan Belfort in "The Wolf on Wall Street" and "Jack Dawson" in a movie about the tragedy of the "Titanic," a ship that sank a long time ago. Similar to Sandler, he has been acting for a long time but isn't as much of a heartthrob as Sandler. A good movie to watch with DiCaprio would be "The Great Gatsby."

## Your Underrated Favs



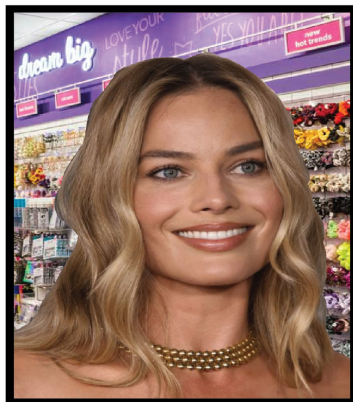
**Leonardo DiCaprio**  
Up-and-coming actor known for indie film, "Titanic."



**Beyoncé**  
Super underground artist.



**Adam Sandler**  
He's just waiting for them to play Gangnam Style!



**Margot Robbie**  
Actress in flop box office movie, "Barbie."



**Ryan Reynolds**  
He was in a DC movie. I think.



**Jennifer Aniston**  
She was on a break! Silly Jennifer!

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Switching it up, a musician who I believe needs to be known more is Beyoncé. I mean, she is the queen of bees. Beyoncé should be today's icon for music. She has so many songs that

should be hits on the radio, but she does not get any credit for her talent. Give her song "Halo" a listen.

These celebrities are underground, but soon enough they

will be taking over the entertainment industry. The celebrities listed may not be huge in the press now, but maybe one day they could get a star on the walk of fame in Los Angeles.

# Swifties for president: A Whiggish revival

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In the chaotic world of politics, where egos clash and Twitter feuds completely dominate, a beacon of hope has emerged from the depths of pop culture fandom. Enter the Swifties, the dedicated followers of pop sensation Taylor Swift, who have decided to venture into the murky waters of political activism. Yes, you heard that right. The Swifties are forming their own political party, and it's about time we all paid attention.

Now, I know what you're thinking – "Swifties for President?" What's next, "Beliebers for Congress?" Some might mock the notion of a fanbase turning into a political force, but let's not forget that history often repeats itself. The Swifties' endeavor has a striking resemblance to the rise of the Whig party in the mid-19th century. Just as the Whigs emerged as a response to the perceived power of Andrew Jackson, the Swifties are uniting against the injustices they see in the world, from online trolls to music in-

dustry despair.

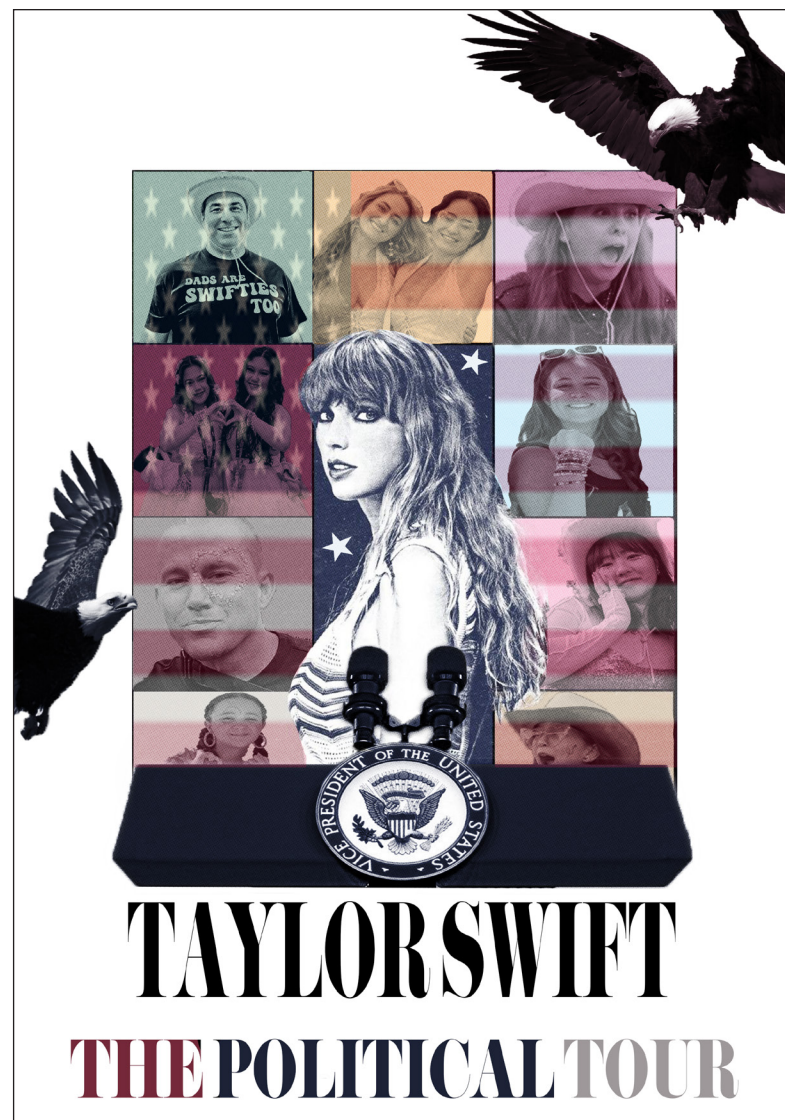
But what exactly does the Swifties' platform entail? It's not all about sparkly dresses and catchy tunes (although those would certainly be included in the White House dress code.) Well, for starters, they advocate for mandatory dance breaks in the workplace, a national holiday in honor of Swift's birthday and a constitutional amendment to ensure that every citizen has the right to shake it off without fear of judgment. Some might dismiss these demands as foolish, but in a world troubled by division and controversy, perhaps a little shake-up is exactly what we need.

Critics may argue that pop fandom has no place in the serious business of governance. However, let us not forget that politics is as much about putting on a show as it is about substance. In an era where politicians' Twitter followers often outnumber their policy achievements, the Swifties' grasp of social media could prove to be their greatest asset. Imagine a presidential debate where candidates are judged

not by their policy proposals, but by their ability to slay a high note or execute a flawless catwalk. Now that's democracy in action.

Furthermore, the Swifties' inclusion to politics could serve as a wake-up call to the establishment. Just as the Whigs challenged the dominance of the Democratic party, the Swifties are shaking up the two-party system with their unapologetic embrace of all things Swift. Who needs donkeys and elephants when you can have cats and snakes?

The end game is that the emergence of the Swifties as a political force should be celebrated, not ridiculed. Just as the Whigs breathed new life into American politics, the Swifties have the potential to inject some much-needed enthusiasm into the dreary world of partisan bickering. So, let's raise a glass (or a snake-shaped microphone) to the "Swifties for President" movement. After all, in the words of their fearless leader, "haters gonna hate, hate, hate, hate, hate." Long live the Swifties.



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# Galactic harmony: Star Wars hits Broadway this summer

**RAYNE GRABOWSKI**  
CHOAS CREATOR

"Star Wars" is a long loved franchise by many, starting in 1977 and slowly growing to a bigger and bigger universe.

Characters such as Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and Obi-Wan Kanobi were known by fans around the world and continued making appearances throughout the series. Even now, Disney+ made a series about young Yoda called "The Mandalorian."

With the popularity of the series speeding up, it's no surprise that a musical is being made from the storyline.

Since he seems to be in everything, Lin Manuel Miranda is leading the production of this new musical. But it's not a Miranda project without adding violins, so he has switched the theme of the series into a violin song instead of the original trombone score (rude.) He has

justified this in saying that the strings add a sense of lightness to the show.

His songs have not been released to the public yet, though he has mentioned the song titles "Chewbacca Drama" and "Deadbeat Dad." Another title has been leaked with the name of "Stone Solo."

Supposedly all of these songs involve violin, piano and accordion. Miranda's instrumentation has been questioned several times and many doubt the potential of this new adaptation. However, Miranda has kept pushing forward, making statements about ignoring the haters and moving forward no matter what others think. That's how he made "Hamilton," after all.

To no one's surprise, Miranda has announced that he will be filling the role of Luke Skywalker. Miranda's costume may be the only high-budget aspect about this musical, though clips of

him shooting nerf guns have created a buzz around nerf lightsabers. He has received very little funding for this endeavor.

There are also a lot of set changes throughout the show, since it covers three episodes (also called movies) in one show. Miranda has stayed silent about how he plans to make sure the scenic changes and short term characters are fulfilled, though fans predict he will cast Anthony Ramos in several roles.

Once again, because this is Miranda, fans have theorized that Ramos will be portraying a character who meets a tragic ending. With the "Star Wars" series, there are many characters who meet an unhappy fate for Ramos to step into.

Many fans of the movies are upset about Miranda's new idea. Sticking true to his original plan, Miranda hopes to win them over with his award-winning song-



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writing talents. Lines include "Deadbeat Dad/I'm so mad/that Darth Vader is my deadbeat dad" and "Chewbacca-acca drama/Why's he aga-aga-aga-inst/this drama, drama, drama/

Shoot the death star/ Please Chewbacca." He's confident that once these fans watch the movie, they will be singing along for months to come.

## Fine dining: Dorm room edition

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CELEBRITY CHEF

Why would Lewis students need to go to Sub-connection when there is fine dining in the dorms?

Every dorm has secret chefs with their own unique cuisine, all a part of the hidden flavortown at Lewis.

The fine dining here takes a spin on classic easy meals that we all know and love.

Our tour of Lewis Flavortown starts with one of the freshmen dorms, the infamous Founders Hall.

With only one kitchenette in the basement, the 999 students have to be resourceful. Resident Jenna Pillsbury shows us her toaster that can do it all.

Her mini freezer is stocked with mini toaster strudels (both the strawberry and cinnamon roll flavors) and frosted blueberry pop tarts on standby.

With the use of her toaster, these pastries are cooked to perfection, and she finishes them with a dusting of powdered sugar and a ton of sprinkles.

Our next stop on this quest is Cody Hall, one of the oldest dorms here.. Nestled in the corner of campus, the cuisine is fantastic but often overlooked.

One resident is a chef in the making, referred to by their

kitchen name Chef Boyardee.

In case you forgot about some childhood favorites, like SpaghettiOs and Beefaroni, Chef Boyardee lives up to their name and delivers.

Brought to you fresh from the can straight to the microwave, this bowl of SpaghettiOs is like a one-way ticket to Italy.

Just over a mile away from Cody Hall, giving you time to work off the calories from the SpaghettiOs, Borromeo Hall provides a taste of delicacies that aren't available on the main campus.

Home to James Ramsey, who has their own air fryer, rice cooker, tea kettle and not one, but two mini waffle makers.

Despite all these vessels to cook in, his main specialty is instant ramen.

Instant ramen might not seem like fine dining, but with the expertise in which he pours the boiling water from his kettle into the styrofoam cup and uses not one but two flavoring packets takes the dish from novice to three Michelin stars.

Sheil Hall is where to find the best steamed vegetables around.

Laura Carrot buys them in bags from the Walmart freezer section, typically the california style of vegetable mix. She's been worried about not getting enough veggies

in her system now that she's away at school.

Mrs. Green Giant has finally mastered the correct microwave cooking time, and these vegetables come out impeccably steamed.

She puts a little salt and pepper on them for good measure, and adds her secret sauce to elevate the flavor.

The last but possibly best stop is at Dorothy Day Hall where Robert Smucker makes a dish that is to die for.

It is quick, easy and makes for a great lunch.

Known by some to be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Smucker creates an elevated take on the classic. Spread on the cheapest bread that Walmart has to offer (because we are on a college student budget here), he blends the perfect ratio of eight-nineteenths peanut butter with eleven-nineteenths smooth grape jelly to make the sandwich of the century. Nothing tastes better than saving money.

While the fine dining tour of Lewis comes to an end, don't let that stop you from exploring what else this campus has to offer.

You can send in recommendations to The Flyer so we can keep rolling out on University Drive right back to flavortown.



## DORM MEALS MENU

- Mini Toaster Strudels*  
(Strawberry, Cinnamon)
- Frosted Blueberry Poptarts*
- SpaghettiO's & Beefaroni*  
(Chef Boyardee)
- Instant Ramen*
- Steamed Veggies*  
(Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots)
- Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich*




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# CAMPUS LIFE

## The Brother James Gaffney Student Center to become a bird sanctuary

**MICHAEL SACK**  
SHORT KING

The planes are not the only thing flying around on our campus, as the faculty and staff have decided to make the Brother James Gaffney Student Center an official bird sanctuary. The plan is to create a welcoming environment for all different species of birds during their migration periods.

Over the last few years, students had been noticing the local birds who had snuck into the center to join them for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Whether it was the smell of food, warmth or simply out of curiosity, the birds seemed to have trouble leaving or finding a way out each time they were inside.

The university has decided to make the building a more welcoming atmosphere for the various aerial wildlife. With bird feeders now near each table, the birds can join each student while eating the provided seeds or worms depending on the special. Sodexo chefs will also be offering vegan and gluten-free options for each bird.

An unfortunate piece of news to come out of this new sanctu-

ary is the official permanent ban on any Wing Wednesday specials from now on within the student center, now only offering the cauliflower option. The university is ensuring that the new guests within the student center are not disturbed by us eating any of their feathered friends or siblings.

"I am absolutely devastated knowing we will not be having chicken wings anymore," states freshman Karni Voore. "I look forward each week to that special, but unfortunately it is gone. I would not want to get weird side-eyes or be attacked by the chickens that sit near my booth everyday."

On the brightside, there is now a surplus of eggs available to the staff to utilize for different specials. With the increase of eggs, Sodexo is now offering specials such as eggs benedict, caviar deviled eggs, hard-boiled ostrich eggs and crab-stuffed eggs.

The amount of species is fascinating, as different sizes and types of birds are now being included into the new planned aviary. This has sparked a lot of mixed reactions, as students have also raised concerns on the hygiene of this new concept.



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Bird waste is a serious concern, as students may not be able to tell whether or not a white stain may be ranch, mayo, vanilla ice cream or bird droppings.

On the brightside, eagles and hawks will be able to provide Lewis the opportunity to save their finances towards pest control. Staff even plan on utiliz-

ing parrots as a form of security at the front of the entrance to where students and staff are able to swipe in. The parrots would yell, "BAWK, WHERE'S YOUR ID. BAWK, INTRUDER ALERT." While this idea is still in the drawing boards to find a less frightening option, this still may be able to help the current

staff within the center in catching people sneaking in.

During any winter events, there are also thoughts on adding a few different penguins as support animals alongside Canine Officer Jett.

The sanctuary will be officially transformed starting April 1, 2024.

## Jet quits his job to pursue an acting career

**JADA LAW**  
AND ORDER

Lewis University's beloved comfort canine, Jet, has made the difficult decision to step down from his position to pursue a career in acting.

Jet was sworn into the Lewis University Police Department (LUPD) on June 20, 2023, making history as the first LUPD canine to work as an emotional support animal on campus.

Jet was immediately welcomed with open arms by many of the students and gave them the opportunity to relieve any stress they had.

Despite his essential role on campus, Jet has decided that it was time for him to pursue his dream.

"Ruff, Ruff, Ruff!" In his own bark, Jet shared how he was raised admiring iconic characters such as Toto from "The Wizard of Oz" and Scooby-Doo.

He always fancied the idea of gracing the silver screen just like his idols. And with the popularity of golden retrievers in movies like "A Dog's Purpose," "Air Bud" and "Snow Buddies," he knew that he could make a big break in the industry.

Since he is seven-years-old in dog years, Jet fears the thought of growing old without pursuing his true passion in acting. Ever since he was a pup, he had a dream of being a national sensation. Although he loves his role as

Lewis, he thinks that it is time for him to branch out and let the world know his name.

Freshman aviation student, Miles High, was heartbroken after hearing the news of Jet leaving. "I would stop by to see Jet all the time. He really helped me through some tough times. Lewis isn't going to be the same

without him." At the same time, High commented that "Jet has always had that type of energy and confidence that a movie star needs. I can't wait for the day when I watch Jet on screen and can say 'I know that dog!'"

LUPD plans on throwing a going away party for Jet before the end of the semester. Rumors suggest that a helicopter from Hollywood might come along with a gaggle of paparazzi.

Movie star dogs have even RSVP'd to come and show their support. To allow for a helicopter landing and all the

camera angles, the party will be held on top of the LRC. Students can come as long as they receive a personal invite from Jet, dress up for the cameras and bring a gift-basket of Jet's favorite treats.

As for auditions, Jet was extremely excited to announce that he already got a call back for the upcoming live action "Lady and The Tramp," as well as the "Air Bud" reboot. Although he is content with these two roles, he dreams of being Marvel's first dog superhero.

Jet shared that although he will miss the faculty and students at Lewis, he realized he has to do what makes him happy after taking on the big role of making others happy for months. So far, he has received nothing but support from LUPD.

They are extremely excited to see what lies ahead for Jet, but they know finding his replacement will be difficult. In just a short tenure, Jet has left some big paws to fill.

It's safe to say that Lewis University will miss their comfort canine but can't wait to see him on the big screen. Let's hope Hollywood is ready to meet their new star, Jet!



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# What's next for Fitzpatrick?

**MICHAEL SACK**  
SHORT KING

With the removal of the historic Fitzpatrick Hall, Lewis is left with a new space for activities for the students, faculty and visitors to enjoy. A new committee by the name of "The Lewis Decision-Deciders" has been tasked with an objective. That objective is to decide what is best for that space.

The first idea is an aircraft themed waterpark, along with a built-in lazy river. The waterpark is planned to have five floors, each designated towards different class-levels for the students. The juniors and sophomore levels would be located on the second and third floor, each offering their own set of hot tubs and whirlpools.

The first floor is designated for the freshmen and offers a kiddie pool and the "Lewis Lazy River." The lazy river would be designed to traverse around campus, ensuring a safe and relaxing avenue for young students to find their way to the different buildings for class.

The fourth and fifth floor is

designated for the seniors and super-seniors, which will include a giant waterslide to help them with getting back down without having to take the stairs each time. A sixth was considered for the rare but existing super-super-seniors, but will not be considered due to the budget.

The only issue with the idea of an outdoor waterpark is what will happen during the winter time? To adapt to the Illinois winter, the pools can be formed into various ice rinks for intramural hockey games and free skating opportunities for each and every student to join. The lazy river will also become an icy passage for people to skate on to get to their classes.

Another decision was to bring back a new and remodeled Fitzpatrick Hall. This decision was considered a possible option after many students had decided to throw an official protest on the land where it once stood. Two out of the three protestors have decided not to reveal their identity, but one has spoken about their recent rebellions for a return of their beloved dorm.

"I miss the good times we



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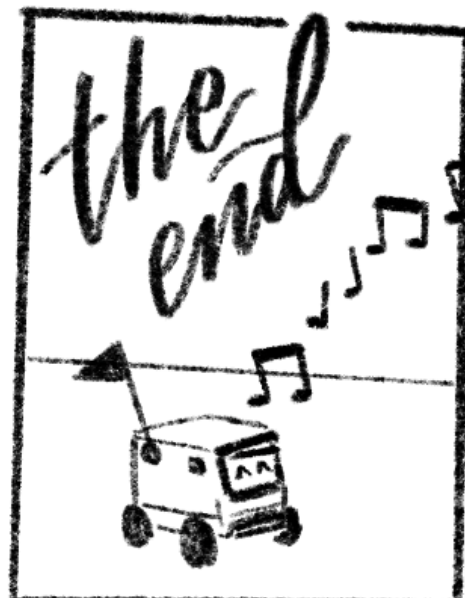
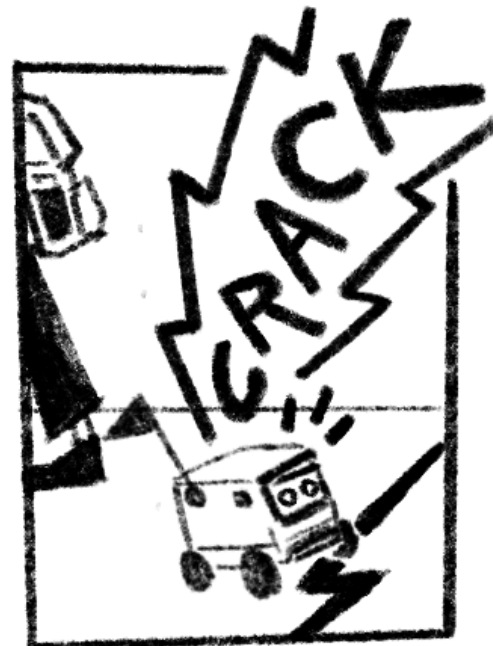
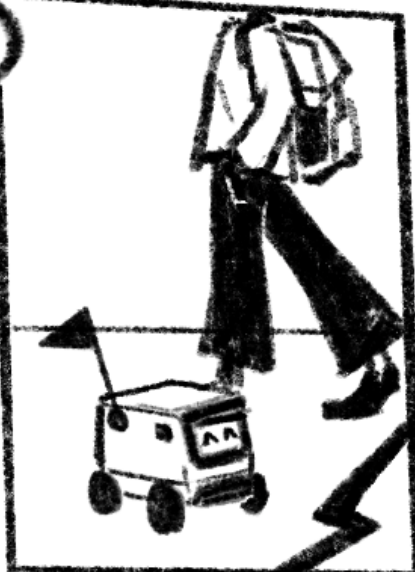
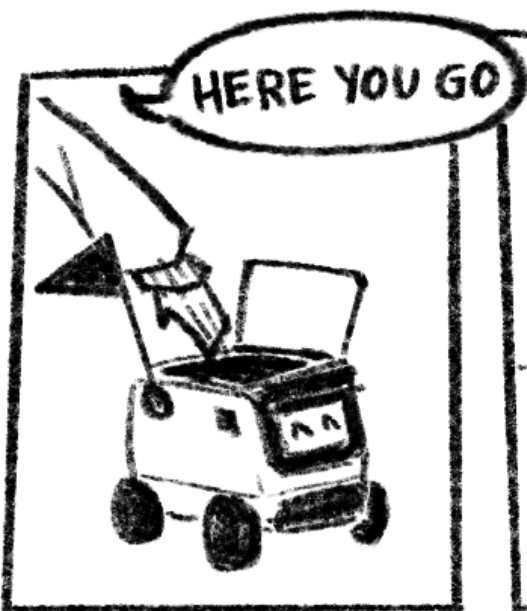
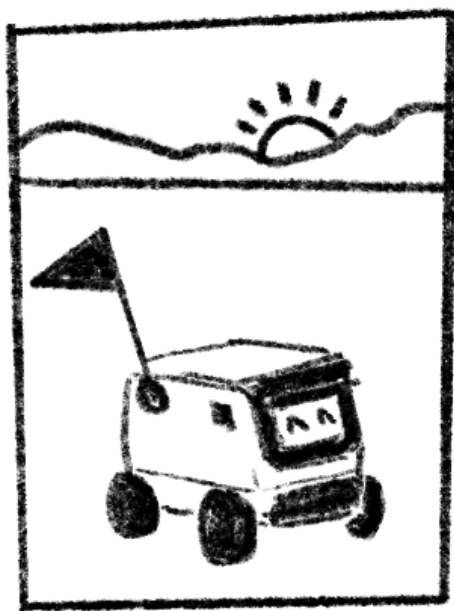
had living in that dorm, it hurt me deep-down to see it be torn down," says super-super senior Gettme Outtahear. "While it was not the fanciest or even the best dorm by any means, I am willing to stand out here each day with my fellow protestors until we see its safe return to our campus. I would tie myself to a tree, but

there is only the grass that is left of where it once stood."

The final idea involves putting in a giant trampoline to cover the entire green space. This will allow staff and students to jump away from their responsibilities for a while. It would be circular in shape and able to fit hundreds of people at the same time. A

major concern is the amount of people who could be injured, as a fear staff have been discussing is the possibility that some of the students would be so high in the air that they would be too close to the planes taking off and landing each day. The Flyers would be trespassing in the wrong air space.

## DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KIWIBOT\*



\* BASED ON A TRUE STORY

COMIC BY ALEXIS PRAGIDES

# Benni Franklin: The girl on fire

JADA HARVEY  
GINGER(ALE)

Lightning strikes! Reports differ on what happened at the Flyer softball game against the Naperville Newts last night, but witnesses all claim the same thing. Catcher Benni Franklin was struck by lightning.

Joe Bennett described it as a misty Friday.

Franklin had just struck out, costing the team an inning "as she always does." They were losing and needed this game badly. Bennett shared their dismay on their rival, "Those dang Naperville knuckleheads are the worst! They beat us every year in their fancy uniforms and pretty bottles! Wrong sport for a Stanley Cup!" The stands were hot with tension and the teams' cheers grew louder and louder as they tried to outdo one another.

The mist had turned to rain when the parents started asking the umpires if they'd cancel the game. One ump, Stan Slam, argued, "No, my weather app was clear. It's not even supposed to be raining right now!" Since the weather app is always correct, the crowd just shrugged their shoulders and sat in their soggy clothes, sure the supposed "sunny with a light breeze"

would come true after all.

Thunder rumbled as Georgia Peach, the Flyer's pitcher, threw a final pitch to strike out the batter. The teams switched positions and Summer Luv stepped up to home plate to bat. The Flyers flew through the bases with Luv, but were picked off by the Newts every time. Their score was held at zero. A collective "Oh man, here we go" echoed from the Flyer stands as Franklin stepped up last to bat, knowing she would strike out and lose yet another inning. Another rumble of thunder served to set the mood, as well.

Franklin held the bat high above her head as she always did for her "pre-swing routine." A fan commented, "She says it helps her connect with the ball better. The only thing she's connecting better with is the air." As a few seconds rolled by...

"Boom! Lightning came down before we could even blink," exclaimed Bennett. "One second she was holding her metal bat in the air and the next she was glowing and buzzing on the ground! It just didn't make any sense!"

Teammates and coaches rushed to the twitching and smoking Franklin, but in one quick motion she sat straight up and said, "Wow! I feel like



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"I'm on fire!" And that she was. She was quickly patted down and told to see the medic. But, standing with her hair half fried and half on end, she refused saying she was determined to continue the game. Everyone took her word for it and shooed the concerned medic off the field. The stands roared, "Heck with it, we ball!"

Through the pouring rain, Slam showed everyone that the weather app indeed said it was still sunny, so they just had to wait a few more minutes for the rain to cooperate.

Franklin took her stance at home plate again and awaited the Newt pitch. Curiosity transformed into astonishment when Franklin not only connected with the ball, she sent it soaring over the fence and into the trees. On fire.

Sparks flew from her bat and cheers flew from the stands. She ran dazily around the bases, in disbelief about what she had just done. The bench welcomed her with confused cheers, but cheers nonetheless. "After that, I knew I had to try her again as soon as possible," said coach Toby

Starrk. Their next at-bat, he waited anxiously for her turn to come up again. And she did the same thing. Her bat came around and nailed the ball out of sight. Her teammates made a wild roar, "She's glowing, she's fire! Oh yea, she just keeps going!"

The next inning followed and each one lost a ball to the trees. The Flyers took the victory over the Newts for the first time in program history, all thanks to a lightning struck Benni Franklin.

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# Professional soccer players now can win Oscars for “Most Dramatic Injury Flop”

**GRANT DORSEY**  
NEBRASKAN

After the Oscars on Mar. 10, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) announced professional soccer players will receive nominations in a fresh category set to premiere next year. “Most Dramatic Injury Flop” will debut alongside “Best Casting” in 2025.

AMPAS President Janet Yang expressed support for the new category. “This new category underscores the Academy’s commitment to embracing innovation and reflects the diverse forms of artistic expression. It’s an exciting development that showcases the evolving nature of entertainment.”

Following the announcement, an overwhelming wave of enthusiasm swept through both the soccer and film communities as supporters celebrated the fusion of sports and cinema. Many applauded the decision as a refreshing acknowledgment

of the tremendous talent and skill required to convincingly portray dramatic moments on the soccer field.

“I think it’s a brilliant idea,” remarked soccer fan Fauke Naame. “Soccer players are like actors on the field, and their ability to sell a foul with convincing theatrics is truly remarkable. It’s about time they get the recognition they deserve on the biggest stage in cinema.”

Whoever wins “Most Dramatic Injury Flop” will join a small list of current professional athletes who have won an Oscar. NBA stars Kevin Durant, Mike Conley and Stephen Curry have all won Oscars as executive producers. This intersection of sports and cinema continues to blur boundaries, offering athletes new avenues for creative freedom and expression.

Male and female professional soccer players from across the globe will be eligible for this category. Sports betting apps, like

FanDuel and DraftKings, are already offering online odds for predicting the five potential nominees. Some names include Neymar of Al Hilal SFC, Cristiano Ronaldo of Al-Nassr FC and Luis Suárez of Inter Miami FC.

While some teams may not know what to expect with this upcoming rule, others have started choreographing their falls. Players have rehearsed and strategized the way they should land on the ground depending on what angle they have been hit at. Even the coaches have been mapping out where on the field they should fall, the players are ecstatic planning their epic injury flops.

Fans and players alike will have to wait until late January 2025 for the announcement of the nominees in the new category. Until then, soccer players worldwide will be dreaming about an Oscar nomination, taking the concept of excelling on and off the field to a new level.



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