



The Cyber Club beats expectations

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Between Feb. 1-2, the Cyber Defense Club presented themselves in Austin, Texas, for the annual Cyber Statecraft Initiative's 2025 Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge Regional Competition.

The Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge is an annual competition organized by the Atlantic Council's Cyber Statecraft Initiative. It engages students worldwide in developing policy recommendations to address fictional cyber crisis scenarios. Participants analyze evolving cyber threats, assess their impact on national and international interests and propose strategic responses.

Since its inception in 2012, the competition has expanded globally, hosting regional events in cities like Washington DC, London, Geneva and Cape Town. This initiative offers students a unique opportunity to interact with expert mentors and high-level cyber professionals, fostering skills in pol-

icy analysis and presentation.

Teams of four compete in multiple rounds, presenting policy recommendations to expert judges while adapting to new scenario developments.

Evaluated on decision-making, policy analysis, and presentation skills, participants gain valuable insights into real-world cybersecurity challenges.

The recent competition was the first time in four years that Lewis had attended the event. Their leader, Alex Florczyk, who majored in cyber security and business administration, returned to compete. Florczyk was the former administrator of the club and helped build the club into what it is today. David Simeone, a junior double majoring in cybersecurity and IT, the current president of the club.

With both of these members of the club being part of the team, they were able to prepare a document within a month, that was later on to be presented to the judges of the 9/12 challenge. The judges had



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David Simeone, Thomas Juricek, Alex Florczyk, and Isaac Birgen

10 minutes to read through the team's document, then the club proceeded to do their oral presentation.

The judges proceed to ask questions about their decisions, to which Florczyk stated, "I believe that the last component of the competition was probably the more difficult one of the components, just being able to think on the spot and really be able to support and defend your decisions at this moment of the competition."

After that round, the teams were able to go to the next round

of the competition, which consisted of them having to work on a document where they had around 12 hours to analyze it, make the proper decisions for their statements, write it and send it to the event yet again. Simeone describes the experience as something beneficial for all of those involved since it provided them with real world scenarios of how they will look for them in the future.

Although the members of the club were awake until the late hours of the night, they were able to submit the document

on time. Someone then stated that they were required to talk with the panel again, where they repeated the same process as the day before. Someone says "One of the suggestions made by one of the judges was "You guys look tired, you should sleep more."

Both members of the Cyber Defense Club expressed their pride in how the team performed during the intense experience. Simeone and Florczyk explained they believe the club has potential to win the event in the upcoming years because they can adapt fast and work efficiently in different circumstances. However, they both agreed that one of the things they lacked was people of different majors to work on the documents.

They encouraged all majors to join their club because they not only explore the computers and the people "from 0 to hero," but they provide the members with real world experiences that will be beneficial on resumes when looking for jobs.

Lewis hosts regional physics conference

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From Thursday, February 20th until Saturday, February 22nd, Lewis University hosted the PSAPS/SPS Zone 9 meeting, bringing together physicists, researchers and students from across the region for a dynamic exchange of ideas. This regional conference was affiliated with the American Physical Society (APS) and the Society of Physics Students (SPS) and was able to give a scientific discourse with networking and professional development opportunities for students.

Physics professor, Joseph F Kozminski, explained the importance of this meeting.

"The APS sectional meetings and SPS Zone meetings allow for the physics community in a region to come together, share their research, and network."

Of the many benefits this meeting gave, one that was key was the opportunity for students to present research and build professional connections.

On top of the meetings and

the conferences, workshops on AI tools, scientific communication and microscopy were offered to attendees which provided valuable skills, complimenting students education, especially in the physics area.

Kozminski also stated, "The AI workshop provided a hands-on opportunity to engage with AI for those who are fairly new to this technology."

On the other hand, the elevator pitch workshop, led by the Chicago Council on Science and Technology (C2ST), gave students a chance to develop their ability to communicate complex scientific ideas clearly and concisely.

"Elevator pitches in science outreach are an effective way to quickly and clearly communicate complex research and scientific ideas to non-experts and to advocate for funding and policy items," Kozminski added.

Distinguished speakers covered a broad range of physics-related topics, these include microelectronics, artificial intelligence and nanocompos-

ites. Each one of these topics had its own spark. "I think they were all impactful in their own ways. In planning the conference, we tried to provide a range of topics since there are many subfields in physics" said Kozminski.

Ryan Hooper, an associate professor of physics, who's collaborating on the Mu2e experiment at Fermilab (a renowned national laboratory in the Chicagoland area), was a noteworthy speaker at this meeting.

The first talk that started the meeting shed light on the growing field of microelectronic manufacturing and nanoscience.

"These are very interdisciplinary fields related to semiconductor manufacturing, which is expected to see significant job growth in the coming years in the United States," said Kozminski.

The event also highlighted the Semiconductor Innovation and Workforce Development Center at Lewis, which recently received federal funding to expand its initiatives.

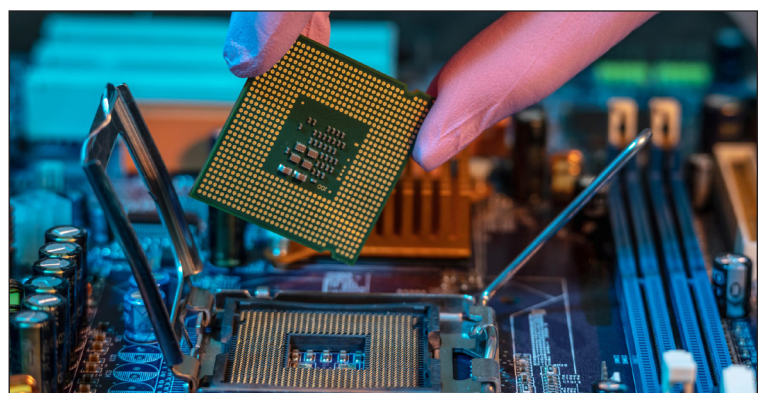


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Example of microelectronics being worked on.

Hosting speakers from institutions such as Fermilab and ICICLE brought advantages to Lewis and to the conference simultaneously. "Speakers who are affiliated with national labs and top institutions can increase interest in the conference and increase the number of attendees," Kozminski said. He pointed out that this would offer students a broader networking opportunity and at the same time enhance Lewis visibility.

The event's success also set the stage for future collaborations and research initiatives.

"This event gave Lewis heightened visibility in the physics community and showcased resources and current collaborations already here," Kozminski remarked. "We hope that the networking that began at the meeting will lead to future collaborations and research initiatives."

As Lewis continues to expand its presence in the scientific community, the PSAPS/SPS Zone 9 meeting served as a step toward fostering innovation, professional growth and interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of physics.

Trump moves to dismantle U.S. Department of Education

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For the past month, the current presidential administration has been in talks regarding the potential dismantling of the Department of Education.

As of recently, Trump stated that the U.S. is currently behind with their education system, and in order for this to occur, the Department of Education should no longer exist. He has explained that he plans on cutting federal funding for the schools and universities that push for “critical race theory, transgender insanity, and other inappropriate racial, sexual or political content”.

Trump has determined that the responsibility should fall under the state, and that each would create their own, in order for the country to have a better educational system.

President Trump’s advocacy for dismantling the U.S. Department of Education dates back to his 2016 presidential campaign. During his campaign, he proposed eliminating the department to reduce federal involvement in education and return control to state

and local authorities. This stance persisted into Trump’s second term.

In his 2024 campaign, Trump reiterated his commitment to this objective, emphasizing the need to reduce federal oversight in education.

This renewed focus led to recent developments, including the drafting of an executive order aimed at dismantling the department.

The U.S. Department of Education, established in 1979, oversees federal education policies, administers student financial aid and enforces civil rights laws in education. It ensures equal access to education, supports K-12 schools and maintains standards for higher education institutions. The department also funds research, enforces Title IX protections and regulates accreditation agencies. One of the main roles of the department is distributing financial aid, protecting student rights and maintaining nationwide educational consistency.

One of the immediate concerns for students across the nation would be the impact on federal financial aid. The Department of Education

currently administers the Pell Grant, federal student loans and work-study programs. If the department were to be dismantled, the responsibility for these programs could be transferred to individual states or eliminated, which could create uncertainty for the student population across the U.S. who rely on those funds for their education.

Nalani Fierro, a sophomore majoring in aviation flight technology, explains that for students such as herself, it is important to obtain financial aid to support her higher education. Fierro believes that college degrees are no longer affordable. “I think in the long run, it helps a lot, especially for students who are need-based.”

She continued, “it’s actually very beneficial because it allows me to be able to go through college and not have to worry so much about finances.”

For Fierro, her financial aid helps lighten the financial burden, which alleviates the stress of her having to hold three jobs in order to pay for her tuition while balancing being a student athlete.



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Christopher Kline, Dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences, states “We are tracking all activities at the federal and state level with much interest and will continue to advocate for policies that support educator preparation.”

Lewis remains watchful over the course of events that can affect the students of the university.

Officials make sure to keep the student body informed of any changes that could potentially affect them, true emails, newsletters and other forms of communications.

Lewis reacts to ‘Dear Colleague’ letter

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On Feb. 14, 2025, following his first month in office, President Trump issued a letter to United States schools and educators entitled “Dear Colleague.”

The premise of the letter was to reiterate the interpretation of the decision in the Supreme Court case *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* (2023), as well as the Equal Protection Clause and Civil Rights Act (1964).

The letter aims to “root out racial indoctrination in schools” and end “discriminatory equity ideology,” taking the position that white students and teachers are facing discrimination in admissions and hiring because of growing diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

The letter targets schools that promote DEI initiatives in their curriculums, even those that do not use race as part of the criteria for admissions consideration.

This is especially a problem for Illinois schools that engage in DEI programs as they

are now targeted by federal officials, putting 10% of their funding at risk.

Already this year, \$2 billion in federal funding has been withheld from Illinois state agencies by the Trump administration, forcing the cancellation of operations and projects, even cutting staff, including teachers and educators.

Additionally, the anticipated effects of threats to federal funding for schools have pushed Governor J.B. Pritzker to cut \$200 million from the Illinois State Board of Education’s (ISBE) requested budget increase.

According to the ISBE, the proposed \$497 million dollar budget increase would go towards transportation, “evidence-based funding,” and early childhood education.

The proposal comes in the wake of the current projected shortfalls in school funding for Illinois Schools issued by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget.

Both Illinois Governor Pritzker and Illinois State Superintendent Tony Sanders have spoken out against the Trump administration’s attempts to

take away federal funding of public schools.

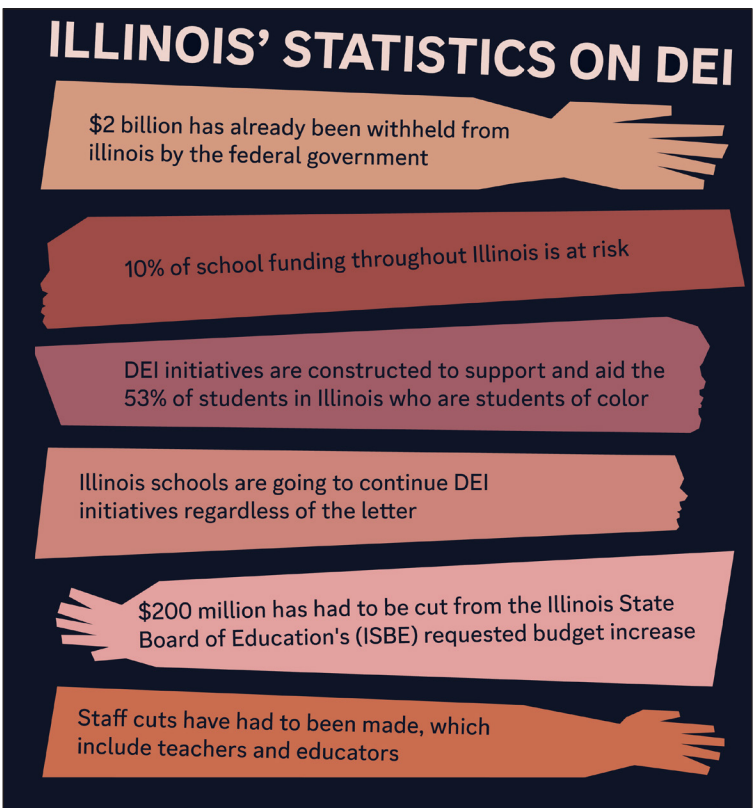
Sanders holds that “in Illinois, we strive to affirm, uplift, and support all our students and their families,” and that “Nothing in any executive order or ‘Dear Colleague’ letter should change that.”

Despite threats made in the Trump administration’s “Dear Colleague” letter, Illinois schools are set to continue programs and curricula that teach and value diversity in their education.

Lewis’ values under the Catholic and Lasallian tradition “prioritizes serving those who are often marginalized and on the periphery of traditional education,” according to Lewis University President, Dr. David Livingston.

Livingston also assures students and staff that “admissions, hiring, and financial aid decisions at Lewis are never determined by race, ethnicity, or gender identity of the applicant,” while simultaneously “providing a learning environment that recognizes and honors each student’s unique background and experience.”

The value of justice in Lewis’



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mission statement is described as “the affirmation of the equal dignity of every person and the promotion of personal and social responsibility.”

It is part of the Lasallian mission to foster tolerance and enhance understanding and awareness of injustice and prejudice.

Lewis is set to continue to follow its mission and “comply with the law while also embracing one of the fundamental principles of American democracy: the freedom of religious expression,” in the words of Livingston.

Not just a woman

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In honor of Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day, we acknowledge everything that women have accomplished, but also all that they have endured and are doing to combat inequality. Indeed, this month we honor the women who have paved the way for economic, political, and societal progress. The struggle for gender equality is far from over, though, and this month should serve as a sobering reminder. “Babae ka, Hindi Babae lang”—“You are a woman, not just a woman”— is a catchphrase that has gained fame in the Philippines. Consider the impact that statement has. It implies that women should always be encouraged to dream big, no matter where they are. Whenever women experience sexism or other forms of gender-based oppression, it serves as a reminder that they are more than simply another face in society. Gender inequality has been a constant battle for women throughout history, limiting their opportunities in education, employment, politics and basic human rights. There have been several movements

against gender-based violence. Despite these movements, women still confront gender inequality in many areas of life, which emphasizes the need for systemic change. The Women’s Suffrage Movement of the 1960s and 1970s highlighted challenges like discrimination in the workplace and reproductive rights. Women have been treated as second-class citizens throughout history and continue to be treated so in many societies. Women were frequently excluded from positions of power or wealth. During marriage, their husbands would often inherit all of their wealth. They couldn’t vote and had fewer legal protections. Additionally, societal norms around women varied. Their major role was to be wives and mothers. People valued their appearance more than their actions, expecting them to be submissive and gentle. Regardless, a great number of women in history were remarkable, unique and lived through intriguing eras. Battles, monarchs, politics and economics are frequently what humans have documented as history, but this is rarely the whole narrative. Through-

out history, there has been a greater male presence. Almost everyone saw history through ‘his story’. What if “The Mother of the Freedom Movement,” Rosa Parks, didn’t refuse to give up her bus seat to a white man? Just think about what would have happened if Malala Yousafzai hadn’t fought for the education of every kid in her area. Think about what may have happened if Amelia Earhart hadn’t dared to fly solo across the Atlantic, inspiring other women to follow in her footsteps and eventually support the Equal Rights Amendment. These are just a few of the many who stood up for their rights as women. As we march into a new month, let’s maintain our focus on the remarkable progress made by women throughout the globe. Their resiliency and strength should be acknowledged not only this time of the year but every day. Honoring the women who have shaped our lives and the generations that came before is critical to achieving inclusivity and securing equal rights for women. Let us stand up for women in every field. Here’s to honoring women today, tomorrow and always.

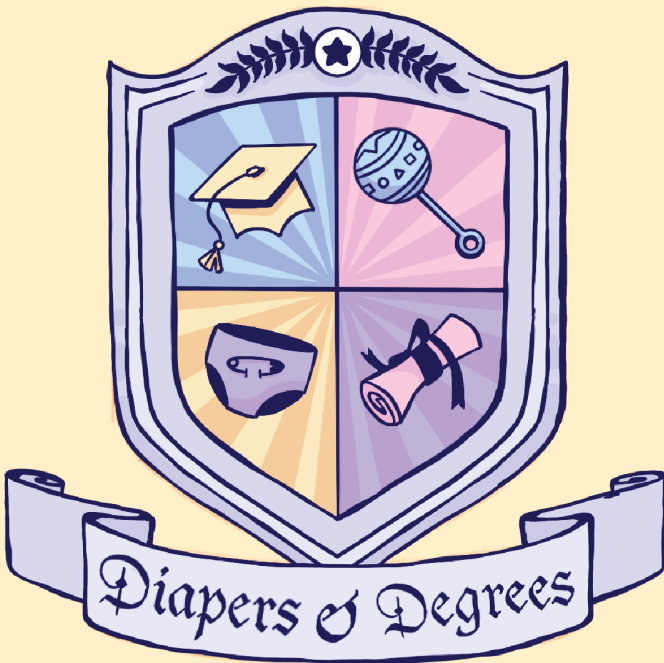
How pop got its groove back

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Pop music was so lackluster for a while that whenever it was the topic of discussion, I felt like an elder being asked to tell an entertaining story from their younger days. The days when Lady Gaga would break the internet on a daily basis, Rihanna was actually dropping music regularly and Katy Perry was allergic to making a song that wasn’t a chart-topping hit. But, it only became a matter of time before those nostalgic memories became my reality again. This time with new names and faces. In October 2023, Troye Sivan dropped his studio album “Something to Give Each Other” for the first time in five years. The second I heard Sivan’s catchy yet fun songs like “Rush,” “One Of Your Girls” and “Got Me Started,” I knew greatness in the pop industry was brewing. As corny as it sounds, it felt as if there was finally hope for the future of the once stagnant genre. However, Sivan’s album was just an appetizer for what the pop girls were cooking up that upcoming summer, more

popularly recognized as “Brat Summer.” Charli XCX released her long awaited album “Brat” in June 2024, which immediately gained popularity worldwide. Rightfully so, as nothing screams summer pop like music that emulates the essence of a messy party girl who doesn’t mind getting plastered on a Tuesday night. This caused fans to coin the term “Brat Summer” for the summer of 2024 because the album was just that iconic. The music itself wasn’t the only thing gaining attention from the public eye. During this time, the bright neon green album cover was everywhere, from memes to Kamala Harris’ campaign marketing. Which allowed the album to be recognized not just as a summer hit, but also as a culturally significant work. The rise of pop music didn’t just stop there, especially when it was Sabrina Carpenter’s turn to deliver her album “Short n’ Sweet,” which included her trendy hit singles “Espresso” and “Please Please Please.” The album itself was well received and garnered a lot of positive reviews from listeners.

Carpenter is often brought up as what a “True Pop Star” is supposed to be. From her noteworthy performances and raunchy yet relatable songs, she has taken the pop world by storm and finally getting her well deserved flowers. At the same time, Chappell Roan, also known as “your favorite artist’s favorite artist,” has done numbers for the genre as well. By bringing in record breaking crowds at just about every single one of her performances, an impressive feat for a newer artist such as herself, Roan has made it clear that she is a force to be reckoned with in the pop industry. For the first time in years, women are completely dominating the pop scene with their presence, setting us free from the sounds of boring repetitive mainstream music and creating their own distinguishable sound while also maintaining relevance. Nothing can compare to the 2000-2010s era of pop music that we all know and love. However, this new generation of pop girlies are making a killing in the industry, allowing me to confidently say that pop is so back



How to attend class with a baby

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One of the biggest challenges I faced as a college student and a new parent was simply making it to class every day. Between midnight feedings and unexpected illnesses, I often wondered how I could balance school and parenting. What I didn’t realize at the time was that there were hidden childcare resources that would make this journey possible. Imagine how much easier it would be if colleges offered on-campus daycare for student-parents like me. While that would be a dream, the reality is that universities are unlikely to provide such services, as they would only benefit a small percentage of students. When I registered for my first semester after having my child, I was relieved to see that all my classes were online. This gave me time to adjust to parenthood without immediately worrying about daycare or nannies. Online classes are a valuable resource for student-parents, providing both financial relief and peace of mind for those hesitant about childcare. However, as I neared the end of my degree, my classes gradually transitioned to in-person. I started to panic, questioning whether I could finish my education. Daycare and nanny costs were overwhelming, made even worse by the financial strain of the COVID-19 pandemic. Word of advice—if possible, avoid having a baby during a global crisis. Determined to find an affordable childcare solution, I searched everywhere in my community. As a 19-year-old mom working a food service job,

my budget was tight. One of the most life-changing resources I found actually came from my college. While walking through campus after an advising appointment, I came across the “Student Connections” board. Among postings for roommates and apartments, I was surprised to see babysitting services offered at rates that fit my budget. Even more reassuring, I found other student-parents seeking childcare. Knowing I wasn’t alone in this struggle gave me a sense of relief and validation—I wasn’t crazy for pursuing my education while raising a child. Another key resource that helped me manage in-person classes was building strong relationships with my professors. On the first day of each semester, I made it a point to communicate my situation: I had reliable childcare, but there could be unforeseen circumstances that might prevent me from attending class. Instead of dismissing my concerns with a blunt, “Figure it out,” my professors responded with empathy. Some even offered the option to bring my baby to class on days when childcare fell through. Though hesitant at first, I eventually accepted their offer, grateful for the support system around me. Having a baby in college isn’t the norm, but it doesn’t mean education has to end. While adjusting to motherhood was challenging, the biggest threat to my degree was the lack of childcare options. By tapping into resources within my college and community and maintaining open communication with my professors, I was able to continue my education and stay on track toward earning my degree.

Reacher returns to Prime

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The show “Jack Reacher” is one of a kind. The show features a variety of action, plot twists, love, drama and even comedic elements.

Even with these elements, the aspect fans most look forward to is the actor who portrays Reacher.

The series premiered Feb. 4, 2022, on Prime Video and is directed by multiple directors, such as Sam Hill, Omar Hudha, Gary Fleder and more. The inspiration for the show comes from author James Grant, who goes under the name Lee Child.

Grant came up with the character’s name after helping a woman in a supermarket. From there, he wrote multiple books on the character, which then transformed into films.

In the show, we see Reacher, played by Alan Ritchson, bring the action genre to a new level.

Reacher is a former military policeman now turned drifter who ends up in a new predicament in every town he lands in. Ritchson’s portrayal turns

away from Hollywood’s interpretation of the 2012 film Jack Reacher played by well-known actor Tom Cruise.

Based on the book series, Reacher is described as a six-foot-five figure, which Ritchson embodies.

His physical appearance is what grabs people’s attention, making him stand out more than Tom Cruise’s version of Reacher.

In the series, Ritchson gives a more in-depth look at the character.

Each season has a new story in a new town that builds Reacher’s story.

The plot and storytelling has more twists and turns throughout each season.

The show is highly anticipated by both fans and critics. With a Rotten Tomatoes score of 95% from critics and 90% from fans, Reacher is one of the most viewed shows on Prime Video with a 28% increase in viewership from the second season.

Season 3 takes place in a new town where Reacher is contacted by government agents (DEA) asking him to investigate a rug import business.

However, it is brought to



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New Enemies, Same Reacher: Season 3 is here.

his attention that a person from his past is involved in the business, which changes his motive for helping them.

Reacher forms new alliances to investigate the rug business for any unlawful work being done in private.

Like the other seasons, the pacing starts off slow, but gradually builds up as the episodes progress.

The pacing enhances the overall impact the plot has on viewers, making it an important part of the storyline.

The show attempts to balance action with other elements of emotional depth, making the show more humanistic and relatable.

The season delves into more personal fluctuations

that shape Reacher’s motivations and personality.

Diving more into his backstory allows the viewer to understand his motivations for this season.

It explains the pain from his past and why he uses that pain to follow his path of helping others.

The new season strikes a balance between action and emotional storytelling. Each episode brings in more tension, setting the stage for more surprises and plot twists throughout the season.

With new characters, sharp storytelling, and perfectly executed action sequences, season 3 promises fans and newcomers a hit show for their liking.

‘Wicked’ dazzles audiences

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“Wicked” has been a staple of Broadway musicals for over twenty years. Elphaba and Glinda take audience members through a riveting story of love and adventure with overarching themes of power and suppression. Its success on the stage is why the film industry decided to make a movie adaption, by the same name.

The film matched its Broadway counterpart’s level of success as it ended up being nominated for 10 Oscars, and won in two categories. The categories won were Costume Design, going to Paul Tazewell, and Production Design, going to Nathan Crowley and Lee Sandales. Tazewell was the first black man to win the Costume Design award. He made a statement about this while accepting his award. Tazewell’s win changed Oscars history and will be talked about for years to come. Crowley did the set design for “Wicked” while Sandales did set decoration. For both Crowley and Sandales, “Wicked” was their first award.

The movie is two hours and forty minutes long. However, it only covers part one of two, covering the events of Act 1 of the Broadway musical. The sequel, “Wicked: For Good,”

is already planned and has a scheduled release date of Nov. 21, 2025, only a year after the release of the original film.

The original version of “Wicked” was created as a prequel to “The Wizard of Oz.” With Elphaba’s green skin in “Wicked,” it is a given that she eventually becomes the Wicked Witch of the West. The movie released in 2024 focuses more on events that happened before Dorothy and her companions travel the yellow brick road, while the sequel will focus on the events during Dorothy’s adventure.

Glinda and Elphaba carry the plot in “Wicked.” Ariana Grande stars as Glinda while Cynthia Erivo plays Elphaba. Both actresses put their all into the production of this movie, even with the consequence of their health. Both actresses insisted on singing live while filming, not using the typical voice-over method in movie production. This is extremely admirable but meant they had to sing their parts repeatedly for several takes, and some of the belts in the music are meant to be a one and done deal in order to protect the singer’s vocal chords.

Additionally, Grande and Erivo performed all their own stunts. Given the magical nature of the show, this included flying and jumping onto things



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Glinda and Elphaba go to meet the Wizard.

not equipped for a landing. Grande and Erivo insisted on this as well, wanting to be fully immersed in the world they were creating. Erivo opted to be fully greenified every day of filming instead of using CGI and Grande plucked her natural hairline to make the blonde wig look completely natural, both with the intent of fully immersing themselves in the world of “Wicked.”

The soundtrack itself had many differences from the Broadway version. Many scenes were expanded, allowing for dialogue to happen to backing music or for a pause in the music entirely. This made moments such as Elphaba’s declaration in “Defying Gravity” even more

impactful for the audience.

Many altercations came in the form of improv, which Grande and Erivo were granted generous room to enact. The two stars have come forth with some of their favorite moments, such as Glinda’s frustration with her training wand in her solo number, “Popular.” Grande has said that Erivo’s wink during “Defying Gravity” was her favorite improvised moment in the film.

The emotional impact of the film intrigued long-time and new fans into the world of “Wicked.” With “Wicked: For Good” on the way, “Wicked” left viewers around the world excitedly anticipating further adventures in this prequel to “The Wizard of Oz.”

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‘Anora’ sweeps Academy Awards

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All aspects of cinematography were celebrated on March 2 during the 97th Academy Awards.

The three and a half hour showcase was a night filled with tribute performances, shocking wins, long speeches, and gratitude.

American comedian and television host, Conan O’Brien, hosted the awards, opening the show with the usual comedy monologue, jesting at different renowned or nominated actors and directors.

The most notable joke was Adam Sandler’s continuing bit of dressing like a dad on vacation at these prestigious events and yelling “CHALAMET!” in “Dune” actor Timothee Chalamet’s face.

O’Brien also gave an interesting musical performance, singing a song while actively straining his voice, with lyrics on how he won’t waste time during this long awards show. The performance had musical gags referencing different movies of the year - such as having the Dune worm playing the piano and a dancing Deadpool.

Robert Downey Jr. presented the first award, taking playful jabs at each nominee as he introduced the Best Actor in a Supporting Role award.

The Oscar went to Kiernan Culkin for the film “A Real Pain.”

As he began his speech, he cursed so much that production silenced him for about

five seconds. He thanked his manager and then costar and director, Jesse Eisenberg, saying “You’re a genius...Soak it up ‘cause I’m never saying that again.”

He ended his speech going overtime to share a story about his wife, Jazz Charton, reminding her of the time she said, “I will give you four [children] when you win an Oscar.” When the camera cut to Charton, she was laughing and nodding as the memory came back, mouthing “I did say that!”

Last year’s Best Supporting Actress, Da’Vine Joy Randolph, presented the award giving heartfelt appreciation to each nominee.

The Oscar went to Zoe Saldana, with it being her first nomination and win.

She screams to get her attention to her mother, crying through her speech, thanking her immigrant parents and emphasizing how she is the first person of dominican origin to win an Oscar.

Saldana gave specific emphasis on how important it was to tell women’s stories and how she got to play a role where she sang and spoke in Spanish.

Several awards were presented and split up by performances and jokes. The two most notable performances were the James Bond and Quincy Jones tributes.

The James Bond tribute with Margaret Qualley unveiling her popstar training from “The Substance” opened with a dance number to the Bond

theme song.

It was then followed by covers of Bond staple songs such as singer Lisa covering “Let Live and Let Die” into Doja Cat covering “Diamonds Are Forever” and ended with best new artist Grammy nominee, Raye, singing a soulful cover of Adele’s “Skyfall.”

Queen Latifah’s rendition of “Ease on Down the Road” from the musical “The Wiz” as a tribute to American producer and composer, Quincy Jones, was electric.

Dressed in all silver as a nod to the Tin Man, a cape for the wicked witch, with the poofs around her head that could be a nod to a lion mane.

The stage was adorned with yellow to signify the yellow brick road and dancers in modern fairytale boarding school outfits as a nod to “Wicked.” It was one of the most lively performances of the night.

Emma Stone presented the Oscar for Best Actress to Mikey Madison for Anora - her first Oscar nomination and win.

Madison hugged her costars and took her speech from her brother before she adorned the stage.

Reading nervously from her paper, thanked everyone she could think of. She honored the sex worker community “I will continue to support and be an ally of all of the incredible people, the women, that I’ve had the privilege of meeting from that Community. [It] has been one of the highlights of this entire incredible experience.”



PHOTO CREDIT: THE MEDIUM
Cast and crew of ‘Anora’ celebrating their win.

runtime of five minutes and 40 seconds.

The Best Picture Oscar was presented by rom-com royalty, Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal of “When Harry Met Sally” reuniting on stage with playful back and forth banter, cutting to the chase referencing the movie with the quote “Because when you have a chance to be an Oscar winner for the rest of your life, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible.”

The Oscar went to “Anora” winning the film 5 of 6 nominations for Best Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Director and Best Actress, losing only in the Best Supporting Actor category.

As a film with a smaller budget and crew, this win spotlighted independent filmmakers.

The Oscars ended with “Anora” sweeping its categories, several questionable jokes and long speeches.



Where is Stampylonghead now?

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TEMPO EDITOR

YouTube has been through many phases over the years. People and subjects come in and out of popularity in a blink of an eye. For many years, gamers would post Minecraft “Let’s Play” videos, where the YouTuber would upload footage of them playing the game for others to watch. Although lots used this as a rise to YouTube fame, one gamer by the name of Stampylonghead left an outstanding effect on the community.

Stampylonghead, also known as Stampy, held many Minecraft series’. “Stampy’s Lovely World” ran from May 19, 2012, to Oct. 21, 2023. In between, he held many other series with a variety of friends, such as “Sky Den,” ranging from July 17, 2014 to July 23, 2015, with a total of 86 episodes. Another gamer, Sqaishey Quack (known as Sqaishey), joined him for the series. The two had such a good time with it that they decided to release multiple “Let’s Play’s” together like



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Stampy’s favorite in-game food is cake.

“Cave Den,” “Ocean Den” and “Space Den.” Each “Den” series was an adventure map with a unique twist—the two can’t leave their set location. In “Sky Den,” they could not go to the ground. In “Cave Den,” they could not go above ground. “Ocean Den” and “Space Den” were a bit more relaxed and had other locations outside the specified area where the two could go for adventures and to

collect building materials. Beyond the online persona of Stampy is a British man by the name Joseph Mark Garrett. Garrett has a passion for Minecraft and refused to adapt to changing YouTube algorithms even though it was killing his channel in the process. This is referenced among the Den series in several jokes between him and Sqaishey, otherwise known as Kye Garrett off of YouTube.

The two gamers got married in 2019, having been in a relationship since the near start of “Sky Den.” They referenced this several times in “Space Den,” talking about their honeymoon and shared pets. However, the two announced in late 2024 that they were ending their relationship but have stayed good friends. During 2024, Sqaishey ultimately decided to hide their channel and take a break from

their online persona. Currently, all their channels to do with Sqaishey are deleted and it is assumed that they are doing well in life. Stampy is also retired from YouTube, his last episode being the conclusion of Stampy’s Lovely World in 2023. Stampy has remained in the community, making no plans for video ideas but will do so if his interest peaks again. He released a downloadable version of Stampy’s Lovely World for players to enjoy in Jan. 2025. Overall, Stampy has remained much more active than Sqaishey within the Minecraft community.

Although the two aren’t releasing new content, their released videos reached millions of viewers all over the world. Some say that they “grew up on Stampy,” indicating that his videos were what made up their childhood. For old fans, rewatching these videos can be nostalgic in many ways. Hearing the old intro once again can transport someone back in time, but it can also draw in new ones all the same.

Campus Crossword

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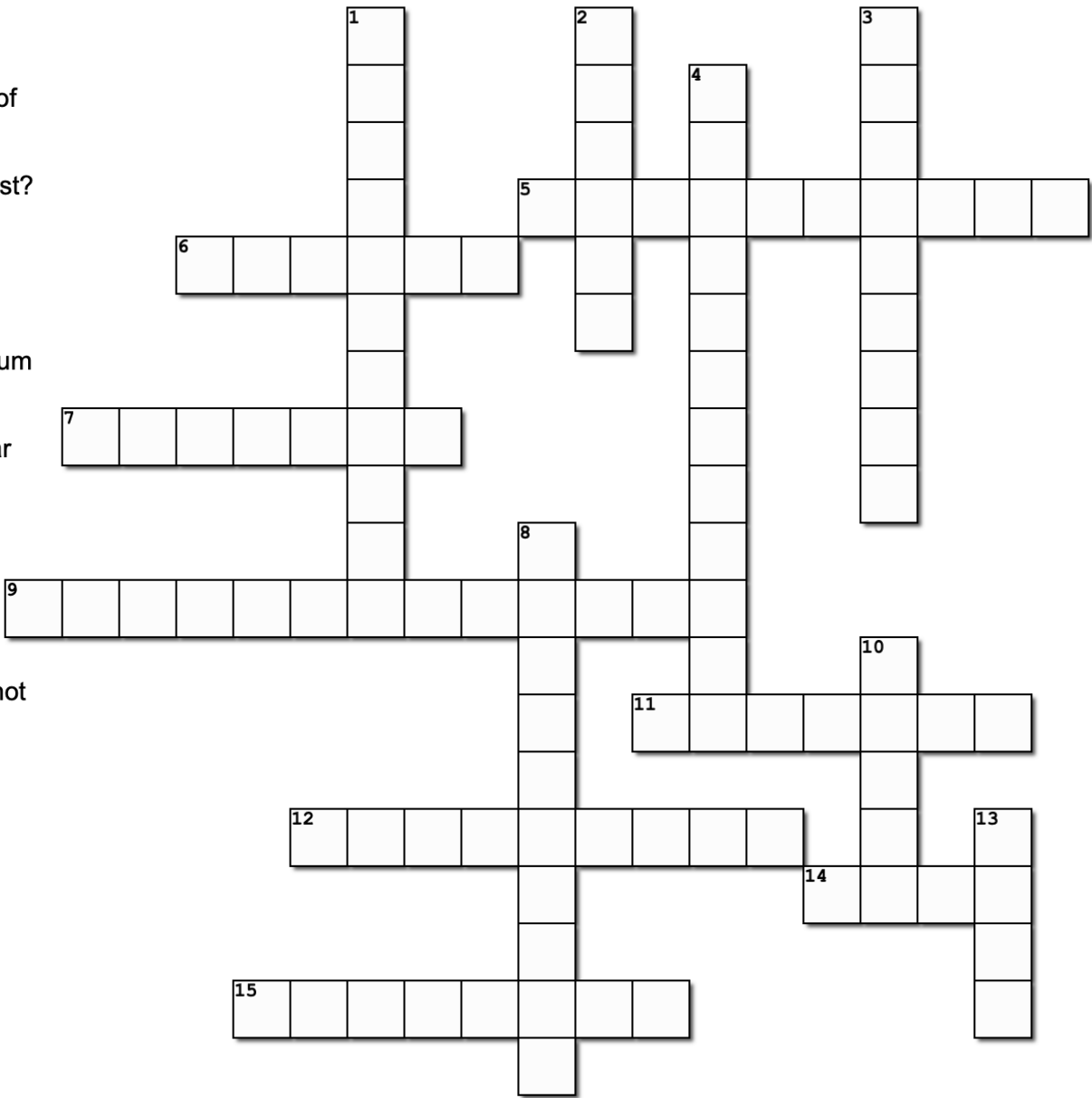
5. Distinguished speakers covered a broad range of physics-related topics, these ones include microelectronics, _____ intelligence
6. What type of classes benefit student-parents best?
7. Queen Latifah’s rendition of “Ease on Down the Road” is from what musical?
9. Who helps freshmen and sophomores with academic advising?
11. What is Danny Wuestenfeild’s Focus
12. Illinois schools continue programs and curriculum that teach and value _____ in their education.
14. 0 to _____
15. What drink is Sabrina Carpenter’s most popular song named after?

Down

1. Where did the catchphrase, ‘You are a woman, not just a woman’ gain popularity?
2. “Many altercations came in the form of _____.”
3. the series that was released while Stampy and Sqaishey were married
4. Where is La Salle University located?
8. This actor played Jack Reacher in the 2012 film ‘Jack Reacher’
10. _____ IX
13. Greg Clemons said “_____ is everything”

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- Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the stories
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CAMPUS LIFE

Navigating your future: Career services and support for students

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CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

One of the most stressful times for college students is when they get asked the question, “So what are your plans after you graduate?” While for some students, the answer is easy and they have their sights set on an end goal, many students struggle thinking about their future.

One of the major benefits of attending Lewis is the amount of career and goal assistance they provide to their students. Throughout the school year, Lewis hosts numerous events that promote opportunities for students after graduation. Lewis also has many internal resources for students to utilize so they can navigate their future with ease.

One of the events that help students start thinking about their future is The Career Expo - Job & Internship Fair. This event provides students the opportunity to connect with different companies and agencies who may be looking to hire students or provide internships. As internships are required for many degrees, students are encouraged to attend this event to open more doors for their internship



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Career Services Office where students can find internship and career opportunities.

search.

This event will be hosted on March 12 in the Rec Center Field House from noon to 3 p.m. To register, students must log into their Handshake account and register for the Career Expo under the Events and Career Fairs section.

Prior to the Career Expo, students are also able to find resources that will help them prepare for meetings with potential employers. The Career

Services department helps students polish and refine different elements that are crucial to the job hunt.

The Career Services Office, located in LRC-LRG24, offers scheduled and walk-in sessions for students to create resumes, cover letters and thank-you letters. Working with professionals to design these elements not only prepare students for the Career Expo, but also for real world experiences when they are

searching for jobs on their own.

The Career Expo is not the only event hosted by Lewis for students to explore different career opportunities. Throughout the school year, Lewis hosts different career and job fairs, some pertaining to specific majors, such as the Nursing Career Fair, and Meet the Firms for business and technology majors and Career Day for Justice, Law and Public Safety majors.

For students who are still unsure about what career or major they want to pursue, Lewis also provides students with a plethora of individuals to help them figure it out. For freshmen and sophomores, students are assigned a success coach who is tasked with helping students with academic advising for general education courses within their major.

As students start their junior year, they are assigned a faculty mentor, who takes over the responsibilities of the success coach. A faculty mentor helps students with academic advising as students begin taking courses that pertain to their major, as well as helping students choose concentrations, minors and consider double majoring.

Advising is an important aspect of going to college and helps ease the college journey for students. All students are encouraged to stay in contact with their success coach and faculty mentor throughout the semester, ensuring that they are on the right track. To schedule an advising session, students can contact their coach or mentor personally, or email academicservices@lewisu.edu.

Expanding the Lewis aviation program

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Lewis has recently announced a partnership with La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pa. The two La Sallian universities have joined forces to create La Salle University's first cohort of aviation students working towards their Bachelor of Science in Aviation Administration.

The partnership provides Lewis aviation expertise to students at La Salle University. La Salle University was founded in 1863 by the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and is a sister school of Lewis University. The university offers a multitude of undergraduate, graduate and preparatory programs to ensure student success. Along with Lewis, La Salle is nationally recognized as a Top 250 National Universities from US News and World Reports. The school has over 3,600 students, 19 Division I sports and over 100 student organizations. The La Sallian network of schools makes this new partnership an easy transition.

The new aviation adminis-

tration program consists of 120 credit hours split between the two universities. Students will take 40 remote, aviation-specific credits from Lewis and 80 in-person arts/sciences and business administration credits from La Salle University.

Course offerings from Lewis include Human Factors, Aviation Meteorology I and Air Traffic Control Systems. These courses follow the same curriculum aviation administration students at La Salle University do. Students will learn technical knowledge and specialized expertise necessary to succeed in the aviation industry while simultaneously developing skills in management and business administration.

Certified Flight Instructor and senior flight major Jackson Smith comments on the new partnership.

“Lewis University's flight program has grown into the spotlight as a premier aviation operation.

In my time here as a flight instructor, I've seen immense growth and I'm proud to know that we now share this with La Salle University. This is a great

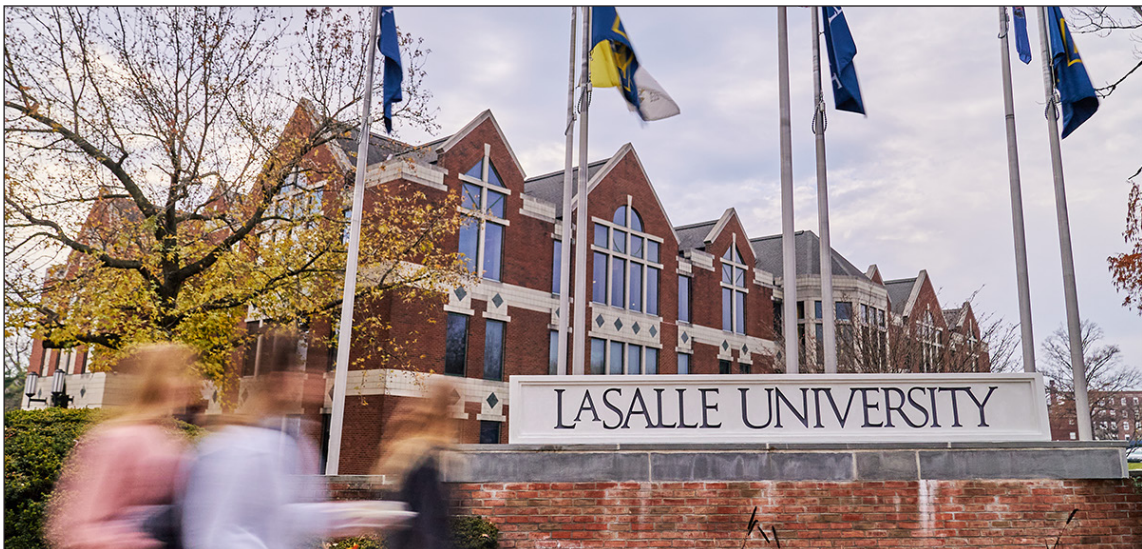


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La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA, which now offers Lewis Aviation Courses.

opportunity for aspiring aviators to get a taste of Lewis University as they look to soar high and wide into the future,” said Smith.

Lewis' aviation program is unique as it offers first-year students the chance to begin their flight goals early. Lewis has a large fleet of airplanes including 56 planes with opportunities for both single and multi-engine training. The fleet includes 8 Cessna 172S models with a glass cockpit to give

students the full experience. Students enjoy countless networking opportunities right on campus such as the annual Aviation Career Conference and Chicago Area Business Aviation Association (CABAA) Mentorship Day.

The career outlook for aviation majors is good, despite recent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) layoffs by the Trump Administration. According to the U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy, the

federal government is seeking to employ an abundance of air traffic controllers to ensure safety in the skies. The new FAA hiring window will streamline hiring efficiency, raise salaries and prioritize safety. The hiring window comes after a recent series of setbacks in the aviation industry. Aviation Administration programs, like the one offered by Lewis and now La Salle University, offer students a straight pathway into their careers.

Spark of innovation: TEDx ignites leadership, creativity and conversation

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TEDx is a program of local events that features Technology, Entertainment and Design specialized speakers and performances for a shared community. They are typically inspiring and try to empower their viewers. The “x” represents a privately organized event, referring to the gathering hosted by Lewis in the Philip Lynch Theatre on Tuesday, March 4, which was sponsored by Arts and Ideas.

During the event there were five empowering speakers. The first speaker, Kyle Payne, who has a PhD in philosophy, spoke about his experiences working in steel quality control with a boss who prioritized the speed of delivering products over public safety. He enlightened viewers about how to be an ethical follower in the workplace and connected it to college students in standing up for themselves and their education. His methods were quite subtle, with the intention to avoid getting into trouble with their bosses, but it had a lasting impact on those who may have difficulty standing up for themselves.

The second speaker incited loud applause from the audience. A local member



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Speaker Mayra Figueroa-Saucillo, speaking at TEDx in the Philip Lynch Theater.

of the community, Mayra Figueroa-Saucillo, the school partnerships coordinator for Fairmont District 89, represented her school and how important it is to give support to underprivileged communities. She became a beacon of hope for students and their families by helping to provide mental health services, on-call health services, food pantries and other support for each and every member of her community. With these additions, she was able to say,

"Fairmont's no longer surviving, we're thriving."

After understanding her community, Figueroa-Saucillo was able to be there to honor each member. In her final remarks, she challenged the audience by posing the question, "How can we be the bridge that connects education with empowerment?"

The next speaker described her personal journey of how she discovered that life moves too fast. Adrienne Guerrero, founder and CEO of Positive

Delta, thoroughly described the “power of the pause” and quoted the film, “Ferris Buel-ler’s Day Off,” recognizing how fast-paced the world has become in the 21st century. Her journey of learning how to stop and reflect ultimately led her to founding her own company.

Being viewed as “different” in life is always a challenge, and the second-to-last speaker, Greg Clemons, who holds a PhD in Spanish, shared his journey to illustrate how he

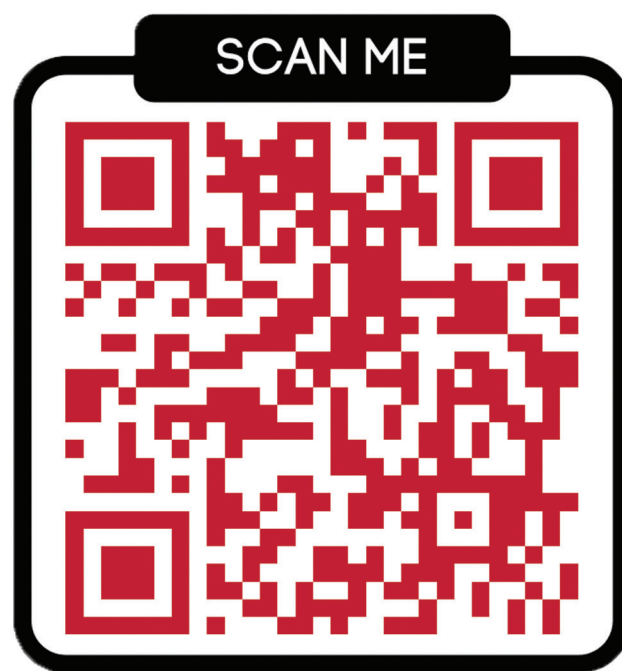
overcame this obstacle. He knew he was different his whole life, because being adopted and homosexual was not what was considered "normal" in the 1970s. College is when Clemons thrived and found himself. During his graduate program at the University of Florida, he helped form the Gay Straight Alliance which is still in place today.

Through his experiences and discovering things that made him truly happy, Clemmons learned that, "love is everything," and eventually found his very large biological family who he is now in close contact with.

Hafsa Zyana was the final speaker, who spoke about being a single mother and her hardships, but also how she found the light and her own strength as a person through these experiences. Zyana is a graduate assistant at Lewis where she also earned her Masters degree.

Although some of the audience are not able to relate to her about being a mother, each person in the room in some way could relate to experiencing hardship and discovering their own strength to overcome it. In her journey, it was crucial to take control of her life and be her own advocate.

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SPORTS

Player feature: Oguzhan Oguz

GRANT DORSEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s volleyball team is off to a flying 14-4 start. This season’s team, currently ranked No. 4 in the nation, features many prominent players from last season, and were joined by additions including redshirt freshmen and players from the transfer portal. One key addition to head coach Daniel Friend’s team is junior Oguzhan Oguz.

The transfer student from Bursa, Türkiye, has landed himself in the starting lineup for the Flyers. Oguz started his collegiate career at the University of Jamestown, an NAIA institution. While at Jamestown, he recorded a season high 22 kills and 13 digs. Yigit Erkek brought Oguz to the United States to play men’s volleyball collegiately. After seeing Oguz compete back home, he knew that he would be a good fit at the University of Jamestown.

At the time, Erkek was the graduate assistant at Jamestown, and two years later



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Oguzhan Oguz celebrating a point.

became the head coach at the University of Mount Olive. Oguz looks up to Erkek and considers him a ‘big brother’.

After a standout season for the Jimmies, he moved from Jamestown, N.D. to the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.

Oguz would see little playing time, only appearing in seven matches to play as a backup opposite. After being injured intermittently during the season and not seeing the court as much as he would have liked, he decided to enter the transfer

portal. Oguz did not visit Lewis before deciding where his next destination would be. All it took was one Zoom call with head coach Friend. It did not take long for Oguz to get settled in and get to know his new team-

mates. The group meshed well together, and this has translated into a great start to the Flyers’ season.

“Oguz has been a fantastic addition to our team with his aggressive style of play and fiery competitiveness,” Friend said. “He has a great rapport with his teammate’s and I have really enjoyed working with him.”

Being on a new team means new goals. Oguz is determined to help the Flyers win the MIVA conference tournament, something the team has not done since 2021. Currently, the Flyers are second in conference play, with a 6-2 record. The team’s only losses were to McKendree and Ball State. Taking it a step further, not only does Oguz want to win the tournament this year, but next year as well.

He is not only playing for the Flyers, but for his family and friends back home in Türkiye. His family has not seen him play at the college level, due to difficulty with the visa process. Every time he steps out on the court, he remembers his why.

Assistant coaches: Unsung heroes

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Many people remember the greatest coaches of all time. Bill Belichick with the Patriots, John Wooden with UCLA’s men’s basketball, or John Madden with the Raiders. Head coaches lead their teams to victory or defeat, and either get all of the praise or all of the criticism. Behind every great team is a strong head coach.

However, what many people forget is the large coaching staff alongside head coaches. Assistant coaches are a driving force when it comes to sports. Tackling all sorts of specific areas from shooting, batting, throwing or defending, they work hard to see that their players thrive. While a head coach may strengthen the team as a group, an assistant coach can help strengthen players individually.

Many sports have different aspects of the game far beyond just defense and offense. Baseball has pitching and batting, hockey has power plays, lacrosse has man up, while volleyball has serving and spiking. Having one coach teach and build every skill is a lot of work, and at the collegiate level it is almost impossible. That is where assistant coaches shine.

Danny Wuestenfeld, a volunteer assistant coach for men’s baseball and former first baseman for Central Michigan University, says, “I focus on batting, I tell the guys how they are doing and what they need to work on. Every player is different and they need different levels of support to help them get better.”

Coaches like Wuestenfeld play a pivotal role in creating tactical strategies for their players. They can take what they have learned from either experience or game knowledge and implement it into their coaching. Like school teachers, these coaches pass on their own knowledge to the next generation of athletes.

“Sometimes they need to be told that they are sucking, other times they need the positive affirmation,” Wuestenfeld says. “Not every player is the same and it is our job to recognize that and act upon it.”

The movie “Coach Carter,” based on a true story, has a quote that many athletes have probably heard from their own coaches; “Student-Athletes, student comes first.” At the collegiate level, players tackle issues not only from their sport but also from school, family, friends and

work. It is hard to maintain a strong balance between every aspect of life.

Coaches who communicate with their athletes and form personal relationships with them build stronger bonds. This allows them to mentor their athletes and give them advice or help beyond the field. Coaches can be trusted individuals for athletes going through a hard time in their personal life, serving as someone who can remind them of

their potential not only as an athlete but also as a person.

Assistant coaches also work with the head coach to make their lives easier and the workload lighter. With head coaches leading the team and taking all the backlash for any underperformance, it can be easy to get overwhelmed. Assistant coaches can help by setting up practices, running drills and making sure the little things run smoothly so

the big things can be accomplished.

Though it may be easy to praise the head coach or players, the work the other coaches put in behind the scenes is one of the most important elements in ensuring a team’s success. While they might not always be at the forefront of the team, their hard work and dedication can be seen through the success as a franchise.



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Cain Headrick squaring up for the pitch under the coaching of assistant Danny Wuestenfeld.

Women’s indoor track and field wins sixth GLVC championship

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SPORTS EDITOR

The women’s indoor track and field team won first place at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship, while the men placed second. The event, hosted by the University of Indianapolis, took place from Mar. 1-2.

The Lewis women have won six championships in a row, the longest win streak in GLVC indoor track history. The men were looking to get back-to-back titles for the first time since 2016 and 2017, but were dethroned by GLVC newcomers Lincoln University.

On the first day of the meet, the women’s team had a successful start to the championship. Denise Hernandez claimed first place in the long jump with a distance of 6.11m. This broke the GLVC record, which was previously held by former Lewis jumper Cierra Pulliam when she recorded a 6.04m jump in 2018. In the 5000m run, Hannah Smrcka defended their title from last year to win the race in back to back years. Third, fourth and fifth in the race were Lewis runners

Naylah Allen, Kate Guderjan and Madilyn Calloway. The team also won in the distance medley relay. In the field events, Brynlee Keeran took first place in the high jump pentathlon and shot put pentathlon. The team would end the day first place overall.

Day two of the meet secured the title for the women’s team. Hernandez had another GLVC record breaking performance. She had a 11.56m jump in the triple jump event to claim another first place finish. Karmen Kurowicka became a GLVC champion with a 1.67 score in the high jump event. Two Flyers stood on the podium in the pole vault event; Keeran finished in first place and Riley Warren took third place. Anna Kozak finished the one mile run in just under five minutes to land in third place. Smrcka would win another race for the Flyers, this time in the 3000m race and Sarah May finished in third. In the final race, Lewis took third place in the 4x400m race.

“The women’s team had a dominating performance again this year, and they didn’t leave anything to chance in taking the title home,” head coach Dana Schwarting said.

The men’s team had a successful first day of the meet, finishing in first place. In the pole vault event, Kevin Cousins and Neil Erasmus finished in second and third place, respectively. Levi Graham broke the GLVC record in the weight throw event, with a distance of 22.12m, breaking his own record from last year of 20.93m. In the 5000m race, Zack Dunn claimed a spot on the podium with a third place finish. The distance medley relay team completed a sweep of the event for Lewis, finishing in first place. Closing out day one was a first place finish in the 60m dash heptathlon for Cody Mechlat. Lewis would finish the first day at the top of the leaderboard.

On the second day of competition, Abraham Christian took third in the high jump event. Romeoville native Enoch Antwi secured second place in the triple jump. Evan Horgan, last year’s indoor track athlete of the year, finished in first place in the one mile run and in the 3000m race. Brian Holmes took home silver in the 60m hurdles event. In the 60m dash, Tyler Toussaint claimed third place. The Flyers were unable to repeat as GLVC champions, as



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The women’s indoor track and field team wins its sixth straight championship.

newcomer Lincoln finished in first place in the 4x400M relay to overtake Lewis’s spot. The Flyers finished four points shy of first place.

After the two days of competition ended, Lewis took home some all-conference awards from the GLVC. Schwarting was named women’s coach of the year by the GLVC for the sixth year in a row. Denise Hernandez was named women’s field athlete of the year and Levi Graham was named men’s field athlete of the year.

“Levi and Denise are two of the top field event athletes in the country,” Schwarting said. “The records were definitely on

their radar going into the meet, and they didn’t disappoint.”

Lewis will have six representatives at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championship. Antwi, Graham and Horgan will represent the men’s team in the triple jump, weight throw and 5000m run, respectively. For the women, Hernandez, Keeran and Smrcka will represent in the women’s long jump, pole vault and 5000m run, respectively. These six Flyers will travel to Pittsburg, Kansas to compete from March 13-15 and will look to bring home some hardware against the nation’s best.

SPORTS

RECAP

FEB 20 TO MAR 5

WOMEN

BOWLING

Stallings Invite

2/28 vs. Jacksonville State University Greensboro, N.C.	L: 869-918
2/28 vs. Southern University Greensboro, N.C.	W: 876-833
2/28 vs. North Carolina A&T State University Greensboro, N.C.	L: 853-990
2/28 vs. Howard University Greensboro, N.C.	L: 817-911
3/1 vs. Vanderbilt University Greensboro, N.C.	L: 882-966
3/1 vs. Belmont Abbey College Greensboro, N.C.	W: 899-817
3/1 vs. Alabama A&M University Greensboro, N.C.	W: 919-864
3/1 vs. Mount St. Mary's Greensboro, N.C.	W: 881-846
3/1 vs. Duquesne University Greensboro, N.C.	L: 974-974 (Tiebreak: 81-104)
3/2 vs. University of Maryland Eastern Shore Greensboro, N.C.	W: 955-950
3/2 vs. University of Maryland Eastern Shore Greensboro, N.C.	W: 4-3
3/1 vs. Mount St. Mary's Greensboro, N.C.	W: 4-2

STUNT

2/22 @ Purdue Northwest Hammond, Ind.	L: 3-13
3/1 @ Drury University St. Louis, Mo.	L: 4-7
3/1 @ East Stroudsburg University St. Louis, Mo.	L: 3-5
3/2 @ Maryville University St. Louis, Mo.	L: 1-12
3/2 @ Southwest Baptist University St. Louis, Mo.	W: 8-0

SOFTBALL

2/20 vs. Bemidji State University Rosemont Dome, Mich.	W: 5-1
2/20 vs. University of Minnesota Duluth Rosemont Dome, Mich.	L: 5-7
2/22 vs. Grand Valley State University Rosemont Dome, Mich.	W: 4-1
2/22 vs. Wayne State University Rosemont Dome, Mich.	W: 3-2
2/23 vs. University of Wisconsin Parkside Rosemont Dome, Mich.	W: 4-2
2/23 vs. Winona State University Rosemont Dome, Mich.	W: 6-0
2/28 @ Thomas More University (Game 1) Crestview Hills, Ky.	W: 5-4
2/28 @ Thomas More University (Game 2) Crestview Hills, Ky.	W: 25-0

Abe's Invitational

3/1 vs. Bloomsburg University Harrogate, Tenn.	L: 2-3
3/1 vs. Elizabeth City State University Harrogate, Tenn.	W: 11-1
3/1 vs. Bloomsburg University Harrogate, Tenn.	L: 2-3
3/2 vs. Lincoln Memorial University Harrogate, Tenn.	L: 0-1
3/5 vs. Purdue Northwest (Game 1) Rosemont, Ill.	W: 12-4
3/5 vs. Purdue Northwest (Game 2) Rosemont, Ill.	W: 6-0

BASKETBALL

2/20 vs. University of Indianapolis Romeoville, Ill.	W: 52-37
2/22 vs. University of Illinois Springfield Romeoville, Ill.	W: 78-52
2/27 vs. Quincy University Romeoville, Ill.	W: 66-63
3/1 @ Upper Iowa University Fayette, Iowa	W: 84-58

MEN

BASKETBALL

2/20 vs. University of Indianapolis Romeoville, Ill.	L: 74-76
2/22 vs. University of Illinois Springfield Romeoville, Ill.	W: 87-80
2/27 vs. Quincy University Romeoville, Ill.	W: 83-71
3/1 @ Upper Iowa University Fayette, Iowa	L: 99-103

LACROSSE

2/22 vs. Lake Erie College Romeoville, Ill.	W: 16-7
2/25 @ Tiffin University Tiffin, Ohio	W: 23-2

TENNIS

2/21 vs. Walsh University (Ohio) Lockport, Ill.	L: 3-4
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TRACK & FIELD

3/1 @ GLVC Indoor Championships (Day 1) Indianapolis, Ind.	1st place 58 pts.
3/2 @ GLVC Indoor Championships (Day 2) Indianapolis, Ind.	2nd place 182.5 pts.

LACROSSE

2/23 vs. Thomas More University Romeoville, Ill.	W: 19-4
2/26 @ Lake Erie College Painesville, Ohio.	W: 22-8
2/28 vs. University of Findlay Romeoville, Ill.	L: 10-11

BASEBALL

2/23 @ University of Findlay Game 1 Cincinnati, Ohio	L: 9-16
2/23 @ University of Findlay Game 2 Cincinnati, Ohio	W: 9-4
2/24 @ University of Findlay Game 1 Cincinnati, Ohio	L: 2-3
2/24 @ University of Findlay Game 2 Cincinnati, Ohio	L: 0-2
2/28 @ University of Findlay Game 1 Crestwood, Ill.	W: 10-8
2/28 @ University of Findlay Game 2 Crestwood, Ill.	W: 14-3
3/2 @ Upper Iowa University Game 1 Crestwood, Ill.	W: 3-2
3/2 @ Upper Iowa University Game 2 Crestwood, Ill.	W: 7-3

TENNIS

2/21 vs. Walsh University (Ohio) Lockport, Ill.	L: 1-6
3/1 @ Eastern Illinois University Springfield, Ill.	L: 0-7

TRACK & FIELD

3/1 @ GLVC Indoor Championships (Day 1) Indianapolis, Ind.	1st place 60 pts.
3/2 @ GLVC Indoor Championships (Day 2) Indianapolis, Ind.	2nd place 124 pts.

VOLLEYBALL

2/21 vs. Quincy University Romeoville, Ill.	W: 3-2
2/22 vs. Purdue Fort Wayne Romeoville, Ill.	W: 3-2
2/27 @ Loyola University Chicago Chicago, Ill.	W: 3-1
3/1 @ Quincy University Quincy, Iowa	W: 3-2



Softball soars at the Rosemont Dome

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For the past 11 years, the Lewis women's softball team has hosted an invitational for a select group of Midwest teams at the Rosemont Dome. From Feb. 20 -23, the team played six games. The Flyers went 5-1 at the Dome, giving their record a boost.

This three-day event consisted of 15 teams. The teams competing in the invitational came from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) and the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC). These are some tough conferences, with opponents that the Lewis team may see later in the postseason.

Head Coach Becky Pearl has been in charge of scheduling the invitational. "It's such a great opportunity for teams from the region to come and play each other," Pearl said. "I love hosting it because we get so many teams and you don't have to go to Florida to do it."

In the first game, the Fly-

ers faced off against the Bemidji State Beavers from the NSIC. The Beavers got ahead in the first inning with a run off an RBI. The Beavers did not score again due to Lewis' great pitching and defense. Senior pitcher Delaney Garden only allowed one run and had five strikeouts.

Lewis picked up their momentum offensively in the bottom of the sixth. Junior Erica Hoffman, sophomore Katie Jensen and freshmen Sofia Dziuba brought in 4 runs to complete the sixth inning, giving the Flyers a 5-1 lead heading into the final inning.

To top off Garden's complete game, in the seventh inning she finished with a strikeout and two groundouts. The University of Minnesota at Duluth was the second and final opponent of the first day of play for the Flyers. Graham was able to bat in a runner to put Lewis up one in the bottom of third inning. Duluth's pitcher Allyssa Williams came in and shut the Flyers out. The Bulldogs also went on to score in the final three innings leading to the Flyers' only loss of

the invitational with a score of 7-5.

The second day of the invitational the Flyers took on the Grand Valley State Lakers first and the Wayne State Warriors next. In the first game, Garden only allowed one run and the Flyers had four runs with two of them in the fifth from two RBI's coming from Grahams hit. The final score was 4-1 in a Lewis victory.

The game against Wayne State was a nail biter. No one scored until the 5th inning with an RBI from Graham. The Warriors responded immediately in the next inning. The Flyers held them scoreless in the top of the 7th. The game ended with Graham crossing home plate to put the Flyers ahead.

On the final day, the Flyers faced off against the University of Wisconsin Parkside and Winona State University. The Rangers started off strong with two runs in the first inning. Magdziasz would bat in two runners followed by freshman Ariana Trausch bringing in one more runner giving Lewis the lead. The Rangers would not score



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Sofia Dziuba (left) and Ariana Trausch (right) high-fiving.

again, but the Flyers added one more run to their score in the bottom of the fifth with the final score being 4-2.

The Trojans and Flyers both had two scoreless innings, but that changed for the Flyers in the third with big hits from Taush and Graham. Freshman Natalie Gomez and sophomore Katie Jensen had some big hits to seal the shut out game with a final score of 6-0.

Pearl sees the success of the tournament coming from the losses taken in a previous tournament in Hawaii. "We worked on a lot of things and

talked about trying to work together as a team," Pearl said. Lewis going 5-1 shows the growth of the team.

After this invitational, Garden received pitcher of the week for her outstanding performance at the invitational. "She is a workhorse," said Pearl. "She just continues to get better and it's really cool to see her hard work pay off." This is Garden's fourth season at Lewis. She has a list of accomplishments including 491 Career Strikeouts and making First Team All GLVC two times.

PLAYER PROFILE

DELANEY GARDEN



Senior

Spanish Language & Culture Major | Psychology Minor

STATISTICS

2x first team All-GLVC
1x second team All-GLVC
2x Midwest First Team All-Region
2024 D2CCA All-American Honorable Mention
491 Career Strikeouts
Batting avg.: 0.368

Q & A

What keeps you motivated?

My team is really what keeps me motivated. I think we all want to succeed for each other and not let each other down, which pushes us to be better.

Favorite softball memory?

My favorite softball memory at Lewis is definitely winning the conference tournament my sophomore year. It was extra special because my freshman year we didn't even make the conference tournament, to the next year making it to the regional championship.

Who inspires you?

My grandpa really inspires me. He's been my biggest supporter since I picked up a bat and ball when I was 5 and I hope one day I can be half as good of a person as him.