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Easy to find parking?

Enrollment down 21.8 percent since 2012

By Isaac Warren
Editor

Enrollment at Lincoln Land Community College is down 9.1 percent this fall.

That decrease is on top of decreases since 2012, bringing the total drop by 21.8 percent. That is almost a one-quarter drop in student enrollment.

The college has anticipated this year's decrease, with the college's budget accounting for an expected 9 percent decrease.

Each year, the percentage of enrollment has gone negative. The difference in enrollment

rates from 2012 to 2013 was only 1.1 percent. The rates for 2014 were a bit more steep, with a 5 percent difference in enrollment. In fall 2015, it went down another 8.4 percent. Currently, the difference between Fall 2015 and Fall 2016 semesters is 9.1 percent.

In terms of actual numbers, LLCC went from 20,675 students in individual courses in 2012 to 16,175 this fall.

Those are the total number of students in any course collegewide. These numbers include duplication of students if the student is taking more than one course. In that case, the total number of courses that the student is taking are included. Those numbers don't take into account dual credit enrollment.

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Kayaking on campus



Jared Gorrell/The Lamp

Emily Millburg and Ashtyn Evans enjoy kayaking on Lake Macoupin, the campus pond behind Menard and Sangamon halls. During the college's New Student Lunch, students entered a drawing to win prizes, such as Subway and bookstore gift cards, a reserved parking space and the chance to kayak on Lake Macoupin. More photos of the kayaking on Page 3.

ITT Technical Institute goes belly up

By Isaac Warren
Editor

ITT Technical Institute is shutting down abruptly, after the U.S. Department of Education imposed new restrictions on Aug. 25.

According to ITT Tech's website, the determining factor was the fact that the new regulations impacted the financial aid the institute gives out. Students are understandably unhappy with this

sudden announcement, with some students threatening to sue.

ITT Tech has been under some heavy scrutiny for the past couple years. Notably, the institution promised very high career perspectives, promising a complete ITT degree. Many students have found that this is not the case at all. A main reason for the college's demise, is the seemingly fraudulent handling of money and loans to students. ITT Tech was a for-profit college. This means that ITT Tech

could take up to 90% of student loan revenue, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Basically, a student would go to ITT Tech and receive student loans to pay for classes. Those loans would be repaid to ITT Tech, with interest. The Federal government was in charge of giving financial aid money to colleges. ITT Tech was not

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Lewis takes over as trustee

Learn more about student leader

By Emmi Fisher
Assistant Editor

Brandon Lewis has become a regular face around Lincoln Land over the last year, and now he's taking on the role of student



Brandon
Lewis,
student trustee

trustee on the college's board of trustees.

Lewis was elected in the spring to serve on the board and replace Madison Baker, who graduated.

As trustee, Lewis will provide leadership, and represent the students of Lincoln Land as the college's board makes decisions.

Lewis is a familiar face for those around campus, but here are 10 things that people might not know about him:

1. He has six siblings, including three younger sisters, two brothers, and one older step-brother.
2. He is obsessed with anime.
3. He is a great swimmer.
4. He was kicked out of high school.
5. When he was younger, his dream was to live on an island with a pet monkey he would call Leonardo.
6. His first job was with his cousins construction business.

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Get involved in clubs

By Tess Peterson
Lamp staff

Benjamin Franklin once said “Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn.”

This is precisely why clubs and organizations were founded, so we could learn and explore new areas while having fun. Lincoln land community college has over 30 clubs and organizations ranging from French club to chemistry club to the pay it forward club. Also the clubs aren’t only just at the main campus they are everywhere from Beardstown to Litchfield.

I think many benefits come along with joining a club, other than just getting to add it to a resume. First of all to join is easy. Go on to llcc.edu (Lincoln Land’s website), then scroll all down to the bottom of the page and find the section that says Student Life and press the link that says Clubs/Organizations.

There you find links to 30-plus clubs and student groups.

One huge benefit from joining a club would be meeting new people. Of course, you guys already know this from past experiences (high school, middle school etc...). But college is where you meet friends you’ll have for life, especially when those people have the same interests and passions as you. One example could be The Lamp, this very same newspaper you are reading. If you have a passion for taking pictures, reporting or writing, this extra circular would be perfect for you.

Next is the learning experiences you will gain from being involved. There are many different areas of studies and passions in the clubs at Lincoln Land. If you really enjoy science you could considering joining the chemistry club or if you like theater you could join the theater club or choir. Also if you want to volunteer or enjoy doing this

you could join the Student United Way club.

Another very important factor would be time management. Most clubs only meet once a week or once a month, so you don’t have to worry about getting behind on school work or missing anything at work. I bet many clubs would be willing to help you schedule when you could go to club meeting around your school or work schedule. You may already know some of leaders as they may be amongst your professors or fellow students.

In conclusion, I would encourage many of you if not all who are reading this to join a club or organization. You will have fun while meeting new people and learning more.

As Napoleon Hill said, “You must get involved to have an impact. None is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee.”

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75 years of life lessons

By Edward Gerson
Lamp staff

I consider myself a student of LLCC. After I retired from the state government in 2013, I immediately began auditing classes at the college.

So far I have taken Spanish with Joseph Hoff, composition 101 and 102 with Jean Paul Jaramillo, film with Robert Fletcher (“Dr. Bob”) and political science with Chris McDonald. I cannot speak highly enough of any one of these teachers. If anything, I would only hope that the young students 17 to 19 who surrounded me appreciated them as much as I did. At least, long enough to put down their smart phones and pay attention. I have also joined The Veterans Club and the LGBT Club.

and was told to stay home from my job at the Department of Commerce because Martin Luther King Jr. was to hold a March on the Capitol, and “There might be riots. We just don’t know”).

After I earned a master of arts degree in American Literature from New York University in 1965, I returned to Washington, continued to work and enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Don’t ask me why, but even though a common seaman, I was dispatched to sunny, San Diego, where, in large part, I manned a typewriter for two years while my countrymen fought 3,000 miles away in the cesspool of Southeast Asia. (Don’t get me started!).

After I was separated from active duty (not discharged), I attended the University of Chicago in hopes of earning a PhD in 20th Century American Literature. Although I completed all the requisite courses, and was in fact, accepted to candidacy (Dissertation topic: “Portrait of Ray Bradbury, a Popular Writer”) I dropped out of school. At first, I worked the midnight shift at Billings Hospital for 2.5 years, checking the insurance of patients coming into the emergency room. I managed to put that experience together with my education and served in editorial for nearly 10 years, writing and editing for various places involved in health care.

During this period, I met, fell deeply in love and married a lovely woman from Colombia, South America. We have been together for more than 30 years, and our first and only child, a graduate of George Washington University, lives and works in Chicago. Her boyfriend of six-plus years works at home, designing software). In 1989, with

my wife’s support and my parents, I switched careers. I enrolled in the Computer Career Program at DePaul University in downtown Chicago, and trained in mainframe programming, (COBOL, DB2, SQL, JCL, and Project Design). After I got my certificate, I struggled from job to job, until I secured a position with the state and relocated my wife and daughter to Springfield. I worked for the state for 20 years.

I suppose if anyone should be counted an angry, white man, I should be the one. I should be watching Fox News religiously, devouring Ann Coulter and listening to Glenn Beck and Rush Limburgh nonstop. But I’m not. (Actually, I watch Rachel Maddow, Larry O’Donnell, etc., etc., when not listening to NPR Illinois. Biased? Not me!). I try to read “The New York Times,” “The Washington Post,” as frequently as I can. When I go online, I go to Politico, Real Clear Politics, The Huffington Post, the Daily Beast, Salon and Slate. I read The New Yorker, the New York Review of Books, The New Republic, The Nation, The American Prospect and, when I can, The American Scholar, Foreign Affairs, National Interest and Commentary.

So yeah, what goes around comes around.

I remember Joe McCarthy, (Welch: “Have you no decency, Senator?”) or when I was taught to huddle under my desk to avoid a nuclear blast. Yeah, I remember the time the first black students enrolled at my junior high school (“We can’t let them in. They’ll *** our sisters! They’re inferior. Everyone knows that!”) or when a co-worker at the Commerce Department insisted we had to root out all the Homos teaching our

kids in the public schools least they persuade them to becomes ones or another co-worker told me he could spot a gay man 50 feet away by “the way he walked.” (He liked walking down Lafayette Square.) Yeah, I remember the way Morrison played when I listened to “Light my Fire,” standing afternoon watch on the USS Dixie, or Gracie (“Feed Your Head!”) while seagulls, their wings touched with crimson from the setting sun, flew over my head. Or the way, I came down to the gallery for breakfast (“Bobby’s dead, man! Bobby’s dead!”) or MLK, for that matter.

The other day, I had breakfast at an I-Hop on Wabash with a close friend. We were served by a very tired young girl of 18. I noticed she was wearing an engagement ring. There weren’t many customers at that hour, so I asked her if she was a student at LLCC. She said she wasn’t, but was planning to go eventually. She mentioned that she read a lot in her spare time, and when I asked what, she mentioned some trilogy popular today, “Mortal Instruments.”

“What did you read in high school? ‘Of Mice and Men.’ ‘Steinbeck,’ ” I said. “Are you familiar with ‘In Dubious Battle?’ ”

“No.”

“It’s an early novel by Steinbeck about a group of people picking citrus fruit in the Californian fields who fight to unionize.”

“I never heard of it. I’ll download it to my Nook.”

Before I left, I pulled out a \$5 bill. “This is a tip,” I said, “with one proviso. Use it to purchase “In Dubious Battle.”

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7. If he could go anywhere, it would be heaven to see his father, grandfather and Jesus.

8. If he had a billion dollars today, he would buy stocks and improve his family’s living arrangement.

9. Math is his worst subject.

10. His best memories in college is meeting and becoming close with some of the great staff mem-

bers of LLCC, just to name a few Marie Watson, Michelle Burger, Leslie Johnson, Lesley Frederick, Amy Slynn, and Jamie McCoy.

Lewis said he has had a great start as the new student-trustee, he is very active and committed to improving LLCC.

Lewis can be seen around Lincoln Land, usually with a smile, and always dresses to impress.

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Office helps students succeed

Team of three assists with accommodations

By Theaibold Kennon III
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD – For 200 students, Kim Eddings, Kim Alexander and Elaine Higgason are a central part of their college success.

The three work to serve as many as 300 students trying to work through school with disabilities.

The office helps students with learning disabilities, mental or emotional impairments, suffering a trauma and physical challenges. The services and accommodations that the office handles allow students to participate fully in the academic experience, remarked Eddings.

“A lot of the accommodations are things like extra time for test, having test read, or having a separate quiet area, making the curriculum accessible by providing sign language interpreters or making sure a wheelchair has access,” Eddings said.

They have all the latest software for screen readers, JAWS, Natural Reader or a Livescribe pens.

Eddings took over leading the office on June 1 as the accessibility services coordinator after Linda Criswell retired. She also visits all

the satellite campuses -- Litchfield, Taylorville, Jacksonville and Beardstown -- at least two or three times a semester.

Currently, the accessibility office assists about 200 students.

“That amount varies,” said Eddings. “In summer sessions, it’s quite a bit lower: 130. Then, in fall and spring semesters, it can be up to above 300.”

Higgason is a 15-year veteran of the office, and Eddings joked that she is the most valuable piece of the puzzle. Higgason, the accessibility services program assistant, makes appointments and handles records and paperwork.

Alexander, the accessibility services specialist, handles tutoring and studying assistance, but Eddings does help out when needed.

“I’ve enjoyed knowing a lot of the students,” Higgason said. “Sometimes I wonder what happens to some of them. Did they get a job? Did they go on somewhere else? They just kind of disappear from our radar.”

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the lower level of Sangamon Hall, room S-0104. Students can make an appointment or ask questions by calling 217-786-2599, or emailing Eddings at Kim.Eddings@llcc.edu.

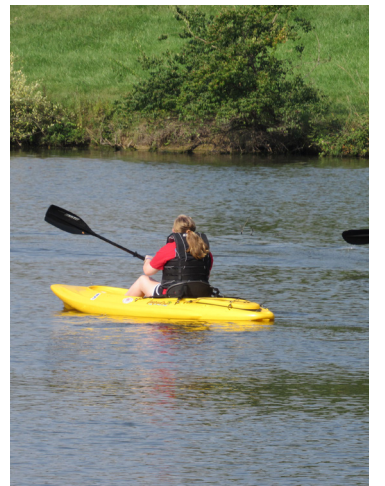
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Kayaking

Photos by Jared Gorrell
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Emily Millburg and Ashtyn Evans enjoy kayaking on Lake Macoupin. Here are more photos of two of the prize winners of the chance to take to the water behind Menard and Sangamon halls. Millburg and Evans won the opportunity during a drawing at the New Student Lunch.



Book review: Dystopian novel was summer favorite

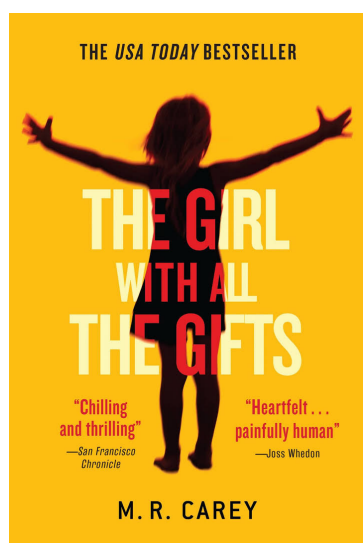
By Bailey Flesner
Lamp staff

This book was by far my favorite summer read. “The Girl With All the Gifts” written M.R. Carey was thrilling and gave a new definition of “zombies.”

The book is available at many book retailers, including Barnes & Noble, Amazon and iTunes.

Without giving everything away, the book’s main focus is on a young girl with unusual physical “gifts,” named Melanie. She and other children like her live in solitary cells in a facility somewhere in dystopian America. When she is not in her cell, Melanie and the other children are escorted to a classroom where they are taught by a very kind teacher named Miss Justineau, who Melanie adores. Throughout her young life, this is all Melanie has ever known, until one day the facility is attacked, and Melanie must do all she can to assure her and Miss Justineau’s survival.

I give this book four out of five stars because while I did adore it, there were some spots where the book got a little dry. There were some storylines in there where they weren’t exactly necessary to the plot and felt a bit like the author was just adding fluff.



It only took me a few days to read this book because I just could not put it down. I actually have read it twice because I liked it so much.

I just discovered this book was made into a movie, with a very engaging trailer I watched on YouTube. While it did not make it to theaters, it was released on DVD Aug. 3.

I recommend this book to those who enjoy science fiction and adventure novels.

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technically an accredited college, but received government money anyway. When the Federal government put down the hammer on for-profit colleges, ITT Tech saw that their main revenue stream was going to be shut off, so they bailed ship, leaving literally thousands of students out to dry,

While the government is assuring that federal loans will be forgiven in most cases, this does not help the fact that thousands of students are

no longer enrolled in any college. ITT Tech is still continuing its online summer courses until it ends, around mid October.

Sen. Dick Durbin has asked community colleges to aid former ITT Tech students who have been affected by this sudden change. Lincoln Land Community College has responded to ITT Tech’s closing by issuing a statement on the matter. From the announcement, LLCC stated that LLCC has designated a special advisor to work one-on-one with ITT students in exploring enrollment options for the current fall semester. Michelle Burger, career

development professional, can be reached at 217.786.9600 (new number) or email ITT-Transfer@llcc.edu. ITT Tech students may also visit the Enrollment Services offices in Menard Hall on the LLCC campus, 5250 Shepherd Road.”

While there are some limitations on credit transfer, there are still other options, “such as credit for prior learning, proficiency testing, external certifications in programs also taught at LLCC, among others.”

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Sand dunes of Illinois

Mason County offers lizards and other unique animals, plants

By **Jared Gorrell**
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There are few places in Central Illinois where cactus is one of the most common plants. Yet this is the situation in one of the wildest counties in Central Illinois: Mason County. Here, the flat, black earth that lies under most of Central Illinois is replaced by sand. This island of sand in a sea of loam is home to plants and animals found nowhere else in Illinois.

Why, you may ask, is there so much sand everywhere in Mason County? As usual when discussing geology in Illinois, glaciers come into play. The same glaciers that flattened our farmlands also carved the Illinois River Valley with their melting waters. The sediments torn up by the waters of the melting glacier were deposited in Mason County as a great mass of sand. This sand eroded, over time, into dunes and ridges.

Early farmers could not farm the dry sand dunes of Mason County, so they cultivated the swampy, marshy floodplains along the river, where lakes and sloughs held thousands of wild fish and game, albeit at the cost of irregular flooding. Until the introduction of modern irrigation and flood control methods in the early 1900s, this area could not be farmed. As a result, much of the natural landscape was preserved, and has lasted into the modern day in the form of several nature preserves, a state forest and a national wildlife refuge.

I discovered this area in May 2016, on a trip back from Peoria. An hour's drive from my hometown of Springfield, Mason County has, over the course of a single summer, become an area I have explored on numerous occasions. Perhaps the easiest place to begin is in Sand Ridge State Forest, where I was first introduced to this area. In the 1930s, the Illinois Division of Forestry, in association with the Civilian Conservation Corps, planted thousands of pine trees on the sandy dunes, in order to create a lumber industry. The pine trees flourished, and they are now being removed from some areas, they have grown so prolifically. The open pine woodlands and fields at Sand Ridge State Forest make it easily accessible to the public, and a great place to get used to the oddity of finding cactus everywhere. A single species of cactus, the Eastern Prickly-Pear, grows everywhere in Mason County's sandy areas. The cacti flower after rains in late June, and the flowers, as wide as the palms of my hand, light up the dry plains.



Jared Gorrell/The Lamp photos

Inside Sand Ridge State Forest is one of the driest areas in Illinois, Henry Allan Gleason State Nature Preserve. Named after a prominent botanist who did much research in this area, H.A. Gleason Preserve resembles nothing so much as a section of desert placed in the middle of Illinois. It is difficult to get into this area, but here is one of the few places to find reptiles such as the six-lined race runner lizard, one of the hardest animals to photograph in Illinois. These small, swift lizards live along the edges of the dunes, scurrying away faster than I can walk. These, and dozens of other rare and unusual animals and plants, live on these isolated sand dunes.

Nearby, in a complete change of scenery, lies one of the largest wet-

lands in the Midwest, Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (abbreviated NWR). Gone is the desert scenery, as a large, shallow lake is the centerpiece of Chautauqua NWR, containing thousands of Illinois' most spectacular animals, insects and especially birds. Here, some of the rarest birds in Illinois live, including the unusually long-legged Black-necked Stilt. These birds are in a group of birds called sandpipers, wetland birds recently popularized by a Pixar short film attached to the movie Finding Dory. Chautauqua NWR is a major stopover point, serving the sandpipers in the same way a gas station serves a truck driver as a place to rest and refuel.

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Similarly, all of Illinois' swallow species can be found here at one point or another, chasing the flies over the lake. In addition to sandpipers and swallows, this area provides a habitat for hundreds of thousands of ducks and geese, especially during the winter months. Similarly, dragonflies and butterflies migrating southwards use this area, to the extent that I've never seen more butterflies anywhere else in the wild than on the levees here. Pelicans, too, are quite common here, dipping their enormous bills in the shallow lake waters. Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge is one of the finest areas in Illinois to watch species migrate.

In the southern part of Mason County, the land rises up

about two hundred feet, before collapsing back down into the Sangamon River Valley. Part of this is preserved in the Revis Hill Prairie Nature Preserve. On this steep hillside, some of the rarest insects, plants, and reptiles in Illinois live out their lives. Several of the insect species found here are only found here in the entire state. Furthermore, from the top of the prairie, you can see for miles over the flat cornfields to the south.

There are many other nature preserves in Mason County. These are but a few of the most spectacular, a word not often used to describe nature in Illinois. Thanks to the difficulty of farming this rugged land, Mason County's scenic natural areas have remained intact, perfect places to explore nature.

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Sony unveils two consoles

Resolution of Pro beyond most TV's capability

By Sean Montalbano
Lamp staff

Sony unveiled two new models of the Playstation 4, a slimmed down model with a lower price and a higher-end system that some say is beyond what most gamers will use.

The higher end Playstation 4 Pro provides a game resolution that is better than most people's current TV's capabilities.

"I don't know anyone who has a TV capable of that," said Peter Robledo, a student at Lincoln Land, of the Pro's 4K resolution.

Most high-definition televisions, or HDTVs, display images at 1,080 pixels, but 4K TVs display images in 4,000 pixels.

The higher the resolution the greater the detail, so a 4K image is immensely more detailed than one at 1,080 pixels.

The Playstation 4 Pro also has a High Dynamic Range, which allows a wider range of

colors and added depth to the color spectrum.

Both of these features are only viewable on a 4K TV. So, even HDTV owners won't be able to use this benefit of the Pro.

The Playstation 4 Pro, which will launch Nov. 10, is more powerful, but reports say it is not a massive leap forward in power. Furthermore, it is not even as powerful as many gaming PCs on the market. The same games will run on both the launch PS4 and the PS4 Pro, but the Pro will likely boost the frame rate or increase resolution.

There hasn't really been an upgraded version of an existing console before this. The Playstation Pro might represent where console gaming is going in the future and how it is headed towards the smartphone cycle. Small iterations of the previous system while slowly phasing out the oldest model.

"I kind of want to get one, for the extra power, but then I think I shouldn't ... I don't have a 4K TV and \$399 seems like a lot when I can't use all the aspects (HDR and 4K,)" said college student Eric Hudec.

Both Hudec and Robledo said they own a PS4, but the price tag that much harder to justify the Pro.

The console will support 4K streaming with built in applications like Netflix and Youtube allowing users to watch 4K digital content. However, the Pro does not include a 4K Bluray Player, which is baffling considering how much Sony is pushing this as a 4K console. Especially when Microsoft, Sony's competitor, just shipped a 4K Blu-Ray compatible console, the Xbox One S, for \$299 only a month ago.

With how expensive 4K TVs are at the moment, most being past the \$3,000 mark, it appears most people won't be fully equipped for this console.

"Honestly with the price and the small power difference, I would rather just upgrade a PC instead," said student Trent Lael

Also at the Sept. 7 announcement, Sony also revealed the Playstation 4 Slim.

This smaller and thinner version of the console that will become the standard model going forward and phase out the original Playstation 4 at retailers.

The Slim consists of the same internal hardware of the launch PS4, making the power and capabilities nearly identical other than a sleeker exterior.

The Playstation 4 Slim costs \$299, signifying a much expected price drop for the PS4, and launched Sept. 15.

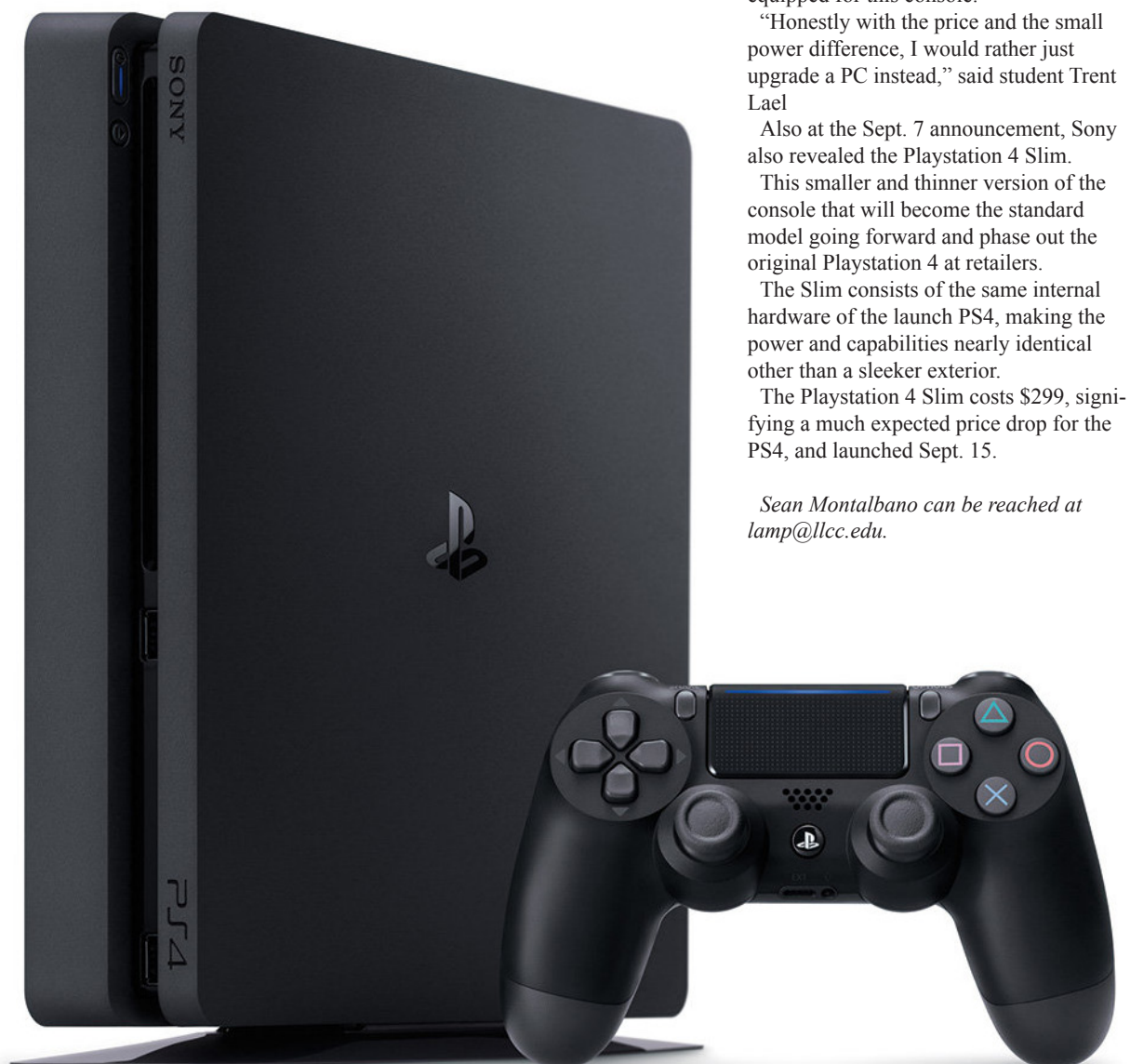
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Playstation 4 Pro



Sony CEO Andrew House holds up the new PlayStation 4 Pro and PlayStation 4 Slim.



Playstation 4 Slim



Photos by Isaac Warren/The Lamp

Bulletin boards on campus advertise upcoming events and student clubs at Lincoln Land Community College.

Join a club near you, today

By Avery Cook
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD — If students are the lifeblood of the college, then Student Life could be considered the heart of Lincoln Land Community College. Student Life pumps up students through clubs, events and programs and gives them the infusion to make the most of their college experience.

Students often arrive eager to sign up for clubs, but it is Student Life that is working behind the scenes to make sure those clubs can function, said Rebecca Sielki, a Student Life

student worker.

There are almost 40 student clubs at Lincoln Land. Students can join with others sharing an interest in ceramics, chemistry, food, music or service. But if a student can't find a club already doing what interests him, then they can create a new one, Sielki said.

The student can request permission from the college, she said. Then, they need to find an adviser, find around 10 members, write a club constitution and elect officers.

Student Life doesn't just manage clubs, said Emily Millbury, another student worker in Student Life.

Student Life is busy planning activities, such as Welcome Week each semester, holiday events, Multicultural Fest on Oct. 5 and Inky Johnson speaking on Sept. 29 as part of the Dine & Develop series, Millbury said.

Student Life also offers students community service programs and a student empowerment course, Millbury said.

For those who want to get more involved in the overall student experience, not just in a specific club, there is the Student Government Association (known as SGA).

SGA give a voice to the students and represent the campus and its students to the board of

trustees, said Marie Watson, the Student Life coordinator, and Marina Wirsing, the program assistant.

SGA members are able to bring up issues regarding the campus, develop their leadership skills, and serve on multiple institutional committees, Watson said.

Anyone interested in getting involved in student activities can stop by Student Life, which is on the lower level of Menard Hall. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Oscar Gordillo (No. 10) and Blake Dannehold (No. 3) are seen during a recent game.

Soccer has tough start

Players say record doesn't tell full story

By Jesse Baker
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD — Lincoln Land's soccer program has been in a state of flux, but some new faces hope to revitalize the program and end the season strong.

Two years ago, the college board considered cutting soccer because of performance issues by student-athletes in the program. Since then, Peter Christofilakos has taken over as the head coach, and most of the team

members are new.

"Our team chemistry has just been a bit off so far this year," said Eli Hopkins, a center midfielder.

This is completely understandable, agreed Brock Tober, a forward.

"We have nine new freshmen on the team this year," Tober said. "And we plan to do more pattern games in practice to help them and the rest of the team become more familiar with each other."

With six games, this season has not been exactly as planned. The Loggers hold a record of one win, one tie and four losses.

But that record doesn't tell the full story.

In all but one game, the Loggers were either in a winning position or holding

the game at level scores; not including the starting score of zero to zero.

So, the soccer team has indeed been in all their games with a chance to win, but have been unfortunate not to win.

Both Hopkins and Tober both said they look forward to the rematches against Heartland Community College, Parkland College, Lincoln College and other conference opponents.

The team will be better prepared and more experienced further down the road in the season, the pair stated.

While the men's soccer team might be experiencing a tough start, the players look to improve and build around a young core and hope to come together to have a successful season by the end

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Rivalries play key role in local athletics

By Brock Donaldson
Lamp staff

Sports have been a big component of American society for generations. Families bond, friendships are formed and people even get engaged at sporting events.

But one thing that often pulls the community together: rivalries.

There are the Bears vs. the Packers, the Cubs vs. the Cardinals, and Golden State vs. Cleveland.

While those capture large audiences, the rivalries in high school sports can dominate small communities. Only two weeks into the fall high school football season, and one of the biggest undisputed rivalries in Sangamon football was lining up: the Auburn Trojans taking on its nemesis the Williamsville Bullets.

News Channel 20 interviewed players, students and other every day in the lead up to the Sept. 2 game. The TV station even broadcast the game that Friday night.

"It is the biggest game of the year, and it is always enjoyable to come support former teammates" said Scott McDermand,

a 2015 Auburn graduate and current Lincoln Land student.

When the first whistle blew, it was anyone's game, but at the end of the first quarter, the Bullets were up 7-0.

The second quarter did not see much change when the Bullets scored again to make it 14-0. Then, the Trojans made a 78-yard drive and ending with Auburn quarterback Ben Johnson scoring a touchdown, making it 14-7.

After that, with 33 seconds left before half-time, Auburn kicker Josh Johnson hit a field goal to make the game 14-10.

Coming out into the second half, Auburn would make it 13-22. Things were looking good for the Trojans until the fourth quarter when a huge pass slipped by the defense ending in a Bullets touchdown. Finally, a fumble by the Trojans sealed the team's fate, ending the game 29-22 Williamsville.

"We made a few mistakes that cost us big time," said Auburn player Evan Grim. "But all we can do now is learn from it and focus on the season ahead."

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Where is it?

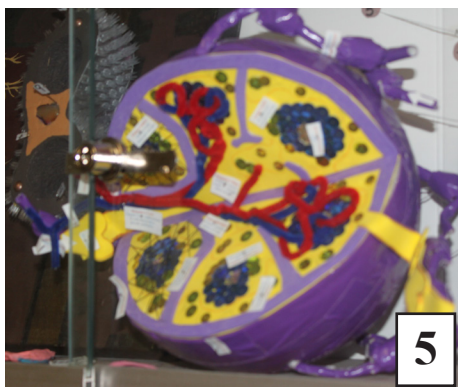


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In our first issue, we challenged readers to figure out where these photos were taken. We hope you figured it out.

Here are the answers:

1. Ceiling of main entrance hallway of Montgomery Hall
2. West end hallway of Workforce Career Center
3. Ceiling of Trutter Center
4. Macoupin Lake Dam (To the best of my knowledge, that's the name of the lake.)
5. In display case (near coral reef aquarium/ near anatomy classroom) in second floor Sangamon Hall
6. In display case on second hall of Millennium Center
7. Telephone linemen training area (behind Mason Hall/ arboretum/ Crime scene shed)
8. Second floor east end of Workforce Career Center



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