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LLCC goes ‘All in for Harvey’

By Zach Aiello
Editor

SPRINGFIELD –Lincoln Land Community College is lending a helping hand to victims of Hurricane Harvey, which rolled through Texas last month.

Even as relief efforts and rebuilding starts in Texas, many towns lack the necessary supplies for daily life. Many families returned home find their homes in rubble, a shallow

reminder of what they once held so dearly, such as old family pictures washed away as the hurricane with winds of up to 130 miles per hour.

Many colleges were evacuated before the storm, placing student safety first and foremost. But as students returned to their classes that had just started, they found dorms ruined by flooding and storm-damaged campuses. Many local community colleges affected including the Texas Community

College system.

With damage being assessed now, some community colleges are finding many of their school’s resources have been destroyed or ruined. Some schools in the Houston area, such as Victoria College and Alvin Community College, reported their school’s losing power and their IT systems being knocked out with some systems not being recoverable.

The Texas Community College System will not rebuild and recover

alone though, as a statewide organization by the Illinois Community College System Foundation has pledged to help with relief efforts. This effort called “All in for Harvey,” will raise funds for any community colleges affected by this natural disaster. The overall goal of this campaign is to help students, staff, and their faculty to be able to return to their schools and resume class under safe and operational

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Right-wing club at LLCC

By Noah Miers
Lamp writer

SPRINGFIELD – Jake Wayda isn’t afraid to be an open right-winger on a university campus.

Wayda, the president of Lincoln Land’s new Conservative Club, said he is “completely comfortable about being an outspoken right-winger at LLCC.”

Wayda admits there may be people who attempt to shut down the group’s meetings, but he thinks that number is extremely limited because there is a cultural difference between community colleges and four-year universities.

The Conservative Club came about during a “spur of the moment” conversation with the new club’s vice president in the A.Lincoln Commons. They thought there was a need to talk and organize the more right-leaning students at Lincoln Land.

This idea continued to grow, Wayda said, when Philosophy Professor Terry Logsdon brought up news stories from the presidential election. One of Logsdon’s logic students, who is an organizer of the club, wanted to discuss the events further after class.

A few weeks later, that student asked Logsdon if he would consider serving as adviser to the forming Conservative Club.

Logsdon met with organizing students to discuss the club idea, he said. They discussed the club, its goals and its purpose. Logsdon agreed to advise it after finding the student to be intelligent, well informed and reasonable.

After finding an adviser, Wayda and founding members went about gathering people to join the club. They are looking for traditional conservatives, right-leaning Libertarians or anything in between. The goal is to have as many right-leaning students at Lincoln Land as possible network Wayda said.

Wayda said he wanted to do this to bring about a diversity of ideas, and he admits that one of his goals is to have civilized debates with left-leaning people on the campus. He hopes conservatives and liberals can have constructive discussions, unlike those that caused a riot at the University of California-Berkeley or those that killed a person in Charlottesville, Va.

Wayda does admit he is a bit more defensive due to the lack of conservatives that speak out compared to the number of progressives and those on the left do.

The Conservative Club will begin meeting around weeks 5 or 6 of the semester. Anyone interested in joining can contact Wayda at JWayda99@gmail.com

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Constitution Day



Leanna Churchill/The Lamp

Omar Hussein (facing away), Hannah Egizii and Kameron Corner work Sept. 14 on a Constitution Day trivia sheet in the A.Lincoln Commons. The event was sponsored by the Loggers Activity Board.

‘Express Your Seoul’ in LLCC’s Dance Club

By Shyanne Shymansky
Lamp writer

SPRINGFIELD – A new dance team is hoping to add a little more groove – Gangnam Style – to the diversity at Lincoln Land Community College.

The college’s Cultural Dance club took its final spin at Lincoln Land recently, but a group of students still wanted to continue the dancing tradition. An interest in the Korean pop style of dance led to creation of LLCC’s Dance Club: Express Your Seoul.

The “Seoul” in the name being spelled the same as the capital of



Members of LLCC’s Dance Club: Express Your Seoul.

South Korea.

“We were in the original dance club, Cultural Dance, but we weren’t able to do the style of dance we wanted,”

said Natalie Sims, president of Dance Club. “When the original dance club fell through, I knew of other members, and people that wanted to do the

same style of dance as I did so we got together and came up with a dance club focusing on K-pop.”

For those of you who may not know, K-pop is a Korean genre of music. If you’re looking for a reference, the infamous Gangnam Style hit from 2012 can bring a slight nod at the newly popular style of dance.

“I got into Korean pop after a family tragedy and music heals people,” Sims said. “I’ve been into K-pop for about seven years, and I like how different K-pop was. It was a good change that I needed, and I have loved it ever since.”

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Lamp plans new website



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By Zach Aiello
Editor

Hello, and welcome back to Lincoln Land Community College! I am proud to announce that the 2017-18 school year will be The Lamp's 50th year in service to the college. I'm very excited to have the honor to lead this year's team forward and I hope to explore new opportunities that will only grow this organization stronger.

The Lamp will be expanding on many new fronts and will be seeking to always write in the best interest of the students and staff here at LLCC. Our goal this year, is to launch a brand new website at www.thelamponline. That new site will make it easier for anyone to access our latest stories and extensive news coverage here at the college. The Lamp will also connect our social media platforms to the site making it easier for us to reach out

to the online LLCC campus community.

If you are interested in joining our team or would like to help out, just let us know by email or stop by. We are always looking for more writers and photographers.

Our office is located in Menard Hall, room 2275, or call us at (217) 786-2311. If you have story ideas or would like to submit an idea, you can email it to lamp@llcc.edu.

'Take notes' Online classes fit student lives

Sophomores offer advice to incoming LLCC students

By Avery Cook
Assistant Editor

Students that are new to Lincoln Land Community College might find this new experience a little daunting, so why not sit back and take some advice from the students who have been in your shoes.

Madilyn Kell offered up this list of sage advice for new students.

1. Take notes
2. Show up to class
3. Study as if the entire test is fill in the blank.
4. The staff is friendly and helpful. They will literally help with anything.
5. Talk in class discussions. It makes it a lot less painful.
6. The homework is easy points, just do it.
7. The first test is always going to suck because you don't know what to expect. All teachers are different."

Lizzy Olmsted had more practical knowledge to give:

"Blackboard will be your BFF this year, also be sure to always come prepared to every class. There is always a student who needs to borrow a pen or a piece of paper, make sure that student isn't you."

For those of you who find yourselves interested in art perhaps, you might feel this advice is helpful:

"If you're an art student who wants passionate teachers, go to Thom Whalen or Matt Shaver" says Amelia Lafferty, "And don't be an art student, pick something else and make money."

Whether you are writing or drawing you might want to take Libby Marx advice

"Hand exercises all day every day do not get a hand cramp during an essay question on your final!"

Of course, no matter what, you should remember that the 'college experience' is a real thing, and students should be open to new experiences to help them find out who they are and what they want to be.

"Don't be afraid to try new things, what you like when you first get here might not be what you like when you leave." Says Jennifer Merriman.

No matter if you take their advice or not, you will learn your own lessons from your time at Lincoln Land and you will find out what works for you and what doesn't. Perhaps one day you will have your own advice to give.

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By Cierra Buckley
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Nerissa O'Dell has been taking classes at Lincoln Land for two years.

A registered nurse and single mother of three children, the 32-year-old moved to Chatham a few years ago for personal and financial reasons, but that added a lot of time to her already busy schedule, having to drive for work and other activities.

"It can be extremely difficult having to travel back and forth," O'Dell said. "I realize now how much I took time for granted living in Springfield."

Online classes have helped ease some of the driving time for O'Dell. She is one of a growing number of student choosing to take classes online. More 5.5 million students took at least one online course in the fall 2013, according to a study by the National Center for Education. Taking online classes allows students to complete school without physically being on campus.

"I would have more time to do more, if I could cut down the time of travel," O'Dell said. "It was critical for me to find that balance within work, school, and home."

Another term used for Long-Distance learning is "Distance Education." Distance education courses are offered for many specializations and majors such as English and journalism.

I have been a student at Lincoln Land Community College since June 2017. I've enjoyed many things while attending this wonderful institution like the theatre department's shows and

the biology club's beautiful mirages and decorative posters. I have had the pleasure of taking majority of my classes online, except two, due to them being hybrid courses.

Lincoln Land has put a lot in perspective for me. Although, I've attended a four-year institution, LLCC really enhanced my time management skills. This institution really offers many resources for commuting students to take advantage of.

The popularity of online classes is constantly growing. Students in all stages of school such as associates, bachelors, etc., are taking advantage of online courses.

Learning from the experience that online courses can be very tedious. It takes a lot of time and hard work for great outcomes. Online courses are not to be looked at as the "easy way out" or "bird classes." Online classes should be taken with the same discipline as traditional courses.

Although they allow students to work at their own pace, some may feel that it is not enough. Some students may need that one-on-one with the instructor, and if that is the case distance learning may not be for you.

O'Dell doesn't regret her decision to take classes online or to move to Chatham, despite extra commuting, but online courses have helped that.

"One thing is for certain, if it wasn't for LLCC I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I have so far," O'Dell said.

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Don't make wrong call while driving

By Teresa Brummett
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Welcome to the age of cellphones. Literally, this modern society is littered with cellphones. Everywhere the eye can see, one can see them everywhere. From bystanders on the street, at a job or in a school environment, and even while driving.

Kids today would think the older generations were crazy if they knew they would have to get up out of their chair to answer their phones. Although there are those of us who remember the long cords that hung from the phones in your family homes. The spiral cord that would stretch just enough so you could sit around the corner and get some privacy.

Although cellphones may have started out looking like weapons, the lethal repercussions from using them has not gone away.

How many will admit to answering a cellphone while driving?

Many people can attest to seeing erratic driving. Out of nowhere, the car that was blocks ahead is

right on one's front bumper. As the car speeds up again, the driver who almost rear ended the car in front, decides to pass and glance over just to see that the driver is on his cellphone.

People are doing this knowing the risks of injuries and deaths. The National Safety Council's annual injury and fatality reports claim that use of cellphones cause 25 percent of all car accidents.

And there are others who are getting involved. The University of Washington observed 20 different intersections and found pedestrians who text while walking are four times less likely to look before crossing streets, sidewalks, or even obey the street signs and crosswalks.

Besides that, it only takes five seconds for someone to get distracted. Picture driving 55 miles per hour and driving the length of a football field. A lot can happen in five seconds. How many cars or people could someone injure if they weren't paying attention.

And believe it or not, there are more text messages sent each day by car than there are people on Earth. And as of today, there are 7.19 billion active

cellphones in the world. The U.S. is highest in use at 91 percent, with China second at 56 percent.

The deaths are still high when it comes to cellphones used while driving. In the Chicago Tribune, an article from early 2017, reported a deadly crash when a pickup truck collided with a church bus, killing 13 people. The truck driver later admitted to texting while he was driving.

Along with other states, Illinois has its own laws about use of cellphones while driving. Illinois' law is that a driver cannot have a cellphone in one's hand. That means no texting, calling or talking while driving, and if caught with a cellphone in one's hand, even if it's not being used, one could get a fine starting at \$75.

With all this said, driving with a cellphone is not a good idea. It is not only illegal, it puts drivers and passengers at risk. Not only that, it puts everyone who is on the road or near the road at risk as well.

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Moore takes over as student trustee

By Janette Stewart
Lamp writer

SPRINGFIELD -- Saleana Moore, a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College, has become the first minority female to be sworn into office as the student trustee for the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees.

As student trustee, Moore acts as a liaison between SGA and Board of Trustees, a group of eight members, seven elected from the college district and the eighth being appointed by the students of the college. The board members represent residents of the college district and make many of the



decisions regarding campus, such as policies and which programs to add and fund.

Moore is already a visible figure at Lincoln Land as president of the Black Student Union, secretary of Computer Science Academy, member of Student Government Association, active with TRiO and Student United Way.

Moore said she hopes students will

know who she is, so that they can speak to her and she can help them. Together with the other members of SGA, Moore hopes students know what SGA is and how they can help their constituents.

Her first semester she had the normal student hesitations of if she enjoyed the campus or if college was where she wanted to be, she said her friendship with the former student trustee Brandon Lewis pushed her into being more social, going to different clubs and, eventually, finding her comfort zone and taking leadership roles on a new campus.

Moore enjoys the people she has met at various meetings and conventions

for her new position.

Moore said she is striving to push boundaries and wants to help shape our campus to being more student involved.

While she is adjusting to her position with the new school year, Moore urged all students to say hello and voice their opinions.

Right now, Moore is working to make her year stand out by adding more organizations, and helping groups and clubs work closer together to bring out more togetherness and diversity amongst students.

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Central Illinois helps Texas

By Jacob Fisher
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SPRINGFIELD --Hurricane Harvey slammed into a portion of Southeast Texas on Aug. 25. As America sent prayers to Houston, many cities, including Springfield, are sending more than prayers.

On Sept. 1, Central Illinois' Midwest Broadcasting and Sinclair Broadcasting raised more than \$70,000 in a 12-hour day.

"Earlier today, we had a 3-year-old girl bring her piggy bank down to donate," said Joe Crain, WICS-TV Morning Meteorologist.

While currency was a big part that day, Central Illinois donated supplies -- toilet paper, food and water -- to fill half of a large box truck.

Sinclair and Midwest Broadcasting aren't the only groups giving help to Houston. The Spaulding Police Department brought in a semi-trailer for the Hurricane Harvey victims.

"At this point, we got two 26-foot box trucks that are totally loaded and halfway point on this trailer," said Jeff Balding, a Spaulding Police Department.

Spaulding continued to collect for Hurricane Harvey victims through the weekend and headed for the 'Lone Star State' on Sept. 5.

As America today is a divided country, it does take a tragedy to bring America back together to help Americans out.

"The response we seen from our community," Balding said. "We are going in the right direction."

From one village to another, many communities are coming together. Chatham is sending help to Texas, and Chatham's Midwest Mission Distribution Center continues to receive goods from local citizens.

"We don't have an actual number, I am going to guess close to \$30,000 in monetary donations," said Cindy Chase, the office manager. "And then we have over \$5,000 in supplies donated."

Chase added: "A woman came in this morning that she thought, 'It's what America needed to pull us back together and show us who we are as a country.'"

Americans down in Houston are depending on citizens throughout the United States to come through.

"We are at our best, when we are at our worst," Chase said of Americans helping each other out in the aftermath of the storm.

However, America will not be finished with Houston. Hurricane Irma just passed through Florida, hitting as Category 4 hurricane.

As Midwest Mission Distribution Center looks to help both victims of Harvey and Irma, Chase tells us, "Our donors are open-hearted, and they always want to help."

Midwest Mission Distribution Center looks forward to seeing donations grow as Irma rips through the 'Sunshine State.'

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Destiny sequel improves on game

By Jack Pugh
Lamp writer

The 'light' is here.

Destiny 2 is finally out to play, and here is some early feedback and reviews on the original Destiny and Destiny 2.

GameStop did do, somewhat of, a midnight release, where they released Destiny 2 a few hours earlier than its Sept 6 scheduled debut. If it was pre-ordered online by console, Destiny 2 was set to release an hour after the GameStop event.

GameStop in Taylorville had about half of the people who pre-ordered it show up for the 10 p.m. Sept. 5 release, employee Tye Wilson said. However, the number of pre-orders was not available.

"Just like any sequel to a movie, any sequel (to a video game) should be better and expand upon what is already there," Wilson said.

Anyone who watches a movie or plays a game should feel this way, it should feel like a continuation and help tie original up loose ends while expanding on the original story.

Purchasing a game can be a hard decision, especially when coming to a



sequel. This should help those gamers who are on the fence about whether or not they want to purchase it.

There is a lot of risks when buying a new game, especially a sequel to a game. Is the game worth the money and time? Is it going to have a good story base or focus on the online features? And is it going to be a pay to win? These come to mind when buying a 'grind' intensive, First-Person Shooter (FPS), and Mass Multiplayer Online (MMO) game.

Essentially for those who have yet to play Destiny and wanted to hop on Destiny 2, there is really nothing to catch up on. Many people agree, that it

was based on raids, basically hard boss battles with good loot. There is a subtle story to the original Destiny, but it was based on collectibles or cards that you had to read online in order to get the subtle story. It was largely based on the grinding for better loot.

"Grinding of the game needs to be less and more like the Diablo series," said Alex Weitzel, a fellow student.

Grinding is the time it takes to acquire new equipment in the game, and that effort to get the upgrades essentially decreases the game's intensity as one work to upgrade to new, more powerful weapons or armor.

The game immediately starts off

throwing the main character into a chaotic firefight where a well known landmark from the original game is under attack. It's utter chaos with cool abilities from any one of the three classes especially from the first game (Titan, Hunter and Warlock). So unlike the first one, Destiny 2 already starts with a story.

The game is roughly filled with eight or so hours of campaign and story related quests. A much needed improvement compared to the first.

"The story was a tremendous improvement from the first game, improving on the telling on our side, and it included the side of the enemy," said Logan Veit, a Destiny gaming veteran. "Everything else felt really good and not too grindy as they introduced a system that would allow you to constantly gain power instead of relying on end game loot systems."

Destiny 2 is easier to level up one's class and obtain newer and better weapons than in the first game. It essentially lightened the grinding feeling of this game.

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Black Sheep on the verge of closure

By Niko Robledo
Lamp writer

SPRINGFIELD -- The Black Sheep Cafe may be forced to close its doors if the community does not come together to support it, owners said.

The venue has faced a drop in attendance in recent years, leaving it difficult to keep the doors open.

"In terms of show attendance, finances, and overall support right now, Black Sheep is doing very bad," stated Brian Galecki, co-owner of the Black Sheep and Dumb Records, in an Aug. 22 Facebook post. "We are not sure at this point how much longer we are going to be able to keep our doors open."

Galecki co-owns the venue with Clare Frachey, Drew Kodrich and BJ Pearce.

The Black Sheep has provided people of all ages a space to enjoy live music since September 2005. So when he announced the possibility of closing its doors, Galecki was clear that the owners do not want to resort to starting a GoFundMe or a Kickstarter page to raise funds.

"It's super awesome that people want to support us financially. We totally are receptive to that, but if they are throwing money to an empty

Saturday, Sept. 16: Stick People (CD Release), Bottom Bracket (CD Release), Kate Laine, Prowess.

Saturday, Sept. 23: Brandon Austin (CD Release), HILGY, Jermaine Bollinger.

Friday, Sept. 29: Livin' Thing, Capitol Offense, Old Fox Road, 'Water Tower, Water Terror.'

Saturday, Sept. 30: Hallow Point Eyes From Above, Robot Army, Kryosis.

Monday, October 2: Looming (album release), Screaming Females, Street Eaters, Choir Vandals.

*All shows start at 7 P.M.

room, basically, it's going to be fruitless in the end," Frachey said.

In the 12 years that the Black Sheep has been open, it has seen multiple generations of music lovers come and go. But recently, it has seen a drop in the presence of youth, specifically high school and college-aged patrons.

"We always have gotten, it seems more or less in the past, high school-aged kids to come in and start to make the space their own, they start to take the reins. That's just something that is definitely lacking right now," Frachey said.

"I think that when Black Sheep first started in 2005, the Internet was around of course, it was 12 years ago. It was much closer to the 90s, the big punk wave was a lot closer too then. It was much more of the norm to be

going to shows for a lot of the youth. That's what I remember doing in middle school and high school. I just don't think as many of the youth are starting bands, and that is something they should want to be doing."

Galecki added
Even with possible closure on the horizon, the Black Sheep plans on conducting business as usual. They have a lineup of shows extending to November 2017, including an anniversary show on Sept. 16, the annual Band Lotto coming in November and Looming with the Screaming Females on Oct. 2.

Galecki expects a sell out for the Oct. 2 show.

"Looming is a band from here that is probably our biggest hometown export right now," he said. "It's what

we are looking for but, more of what we are struggling with is the average show here. With all this attention we're getting right now a concern of ours is that so many people are going to go to this one big show and not really pay attention to anything else we have going on."

While the Black Sheep may be in need of help, vinyl has become a re-emerging market in 2017, and Galecki is more than thankful for that.

When asked if a Black Sheep closure would affect the status of Dumb Records, he said: "I'm going to ahead and say 'No.' Even though the Black Sheep is doing poor in attendance that does not mean that Dumb Records and the recording studio is doing bad. This past record store day was the biggest day we have ever had inside Dumb Records! I wish I could devote more time to the record store. Keeping things balanced is tough when one thing is struggling."

For those wanting to support the Black Sheep, the owners said the best way is to come out to a show. A list of the Black Sheep's shows can be found at the venue's website www.blacksheepspringfield.com.

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Where is it?

Identify the location of these photos on Lincoln Lands's campus. Give us a description (building name, floor, etc.)

Anyone who can identify all 12 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Entries should be submitted in an email to lamp@llcc.edu. All submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2.







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A CONSTITUTION DAY PRESENTATION

by Drs. Chris McDonald
and John Vinzant,
professors of political science
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Athletic versus academics

Students must decide if playing for fun or career

By Tanner Haas
Lamp writer

Collegiate athletes face several obstacles in their day-to-day lives. Whether it's preparing for a tough opponent on the floor or preparing for a test in math class the next day. These athletes have their athletic abilities tested every game and many of them are not quite good enough to make it to the next level. That is why it is so important for them to be successful not only in the sport they play, but also in the classroom. Some student athletes, however, will put academics aside to focus on sports. This can be a very risky move as most students who play sports in high school will not play in college, and an even smaller percentage of those players will get to play their sport successfully. In 2010, the NCAA did a study to see what percentage of their athletes made it to the pro level. They found that basketball was the hardest sport to go pro in. The study showed that only 2.9 percent of male students who played in high school continued playing in college, and only 1.3 percent of all NCAA athletes made it pro. LLCC Men's Head Basketball Coach, Chad Jones, said he emphasizes the importance of academics to his players and commented on what it is like to have the opportunity to be a mentor to these young athletes. One thing that he does to ensure both academic and athletic success is to stress to his athletes that school work comes first, Jones said. This is something a lot of coaches, not only at the high school level, but also at the collegiate levels, have been focusing on with their players. John Urschel was once an offensive line for the Baltimore Ravens but he also was a doctoral candidate at MIT School of Engineering. Urschel has said that his focus on academics during college lead to his success. Student athletes need to focus on their school work more, Urschel said, because of the low chances they have of being able to play their sport professionally. Urschel has since retired from the NFL and has moved all his focus to his next two years of school work at MIT. Athletes who focus on academics as well as the athletic abilities are more likely to be successful if the don't make it pro than those who do not. This is also why most school have eligibility programs that require their athletes to maintain a certain GPA in order to be able participate in sports. This kind of focus will be the key in establishing the importance of school work not only for this years athletes, but also those coming up and preparing to move on to the next level.

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Moving to college sports

Lincoln Land athletes adapt to new level of play

By Leanna Churchill
Lamp writer

SPRINGFIELD – Every year many high school athletics are faced with a question of whether to continue their athletic careers or not. Lincoln Land provides a place for those athletes to continue their athletic careers in order to either just to play for a few more years or move on to another athletic program. The LLCC athletic program has about 100 student athletes participating in 5 sports. Those sports include both a men's and women's basketball teams, softball, baseball, volleyball and men's soccer. A few Lincoln Land athletes shared their reasons for coming to LLCC and some thoughts on the differences they have discovered between high school athletics and now.

Jonathon Walder

Walder was a basketball and baseball player at Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School until his graduation in 2016. He is now an outfielder on the baseball team here at Lincoln Land. Walder chose to play baseball here at Lincoln Land because it is "known to be an elite program that plays at a high level" and he wanted to be a part of program like that. "The level of intensity that we are expected to play at and the speed of the game," he says is the biggest difference between high school and college baseball. Along with that he mentioned that he has had "trouble adjusting to the change in velocity on the offensive side."

Ella Nelson

Nelson is currently a Logger basketball and



Ella Nelson

softball player but also played volleyball in high school at Bismarck - Henning, where she graduated in 2016. Nelson is a forward on the basketball team and an outfielder on the softball team. "The environment is welcoming and friendly," she says of why she chose to continue athletics at Lincoln Land. She has found out that college sports are a bigger commitment and along with that comes the challenges. "I've had to learn how to manage time properly," she says of the biggest challenge she in the beginning. "LLCC is only a two-year school, so I only get

my amazing team for two years instead of four," Nelson says of something she misses about high school athletics. On the flip side of that Nelson says her favorite part of athletics at Lincoln Land is, "my teams and coaches, we're a family."

JoColby Boston

Boston played basketball at Argenta-Oreana High School and is continuing with basketball at Lincoln Land. Boston says he has discovered a few differences between high school and athletics now. "Definitely the speed of the game, but also, I've realized that I'm nowhere near good enough to where I want to be," he says. Some students will choose to attend Lincoln Land because of the athletic program but Boston chose the athletic program because of the academics. "I chose here not for the basketball, but more so academics. I felt I would be taken care of and pushed to open my mind more." "Taking my books more seriously and staying focused on my goals," Boston says, has been a challenge he has faced in the transition from high school to college. "I love competition. I want to be in a gym with people that are going to push me and make me better," he says of playing with a new team. There is something about high school Boston does miss, "I miss not playing with friends." "The responsibly and growing up you have to do. I want to be my own man and grow up," he says of his favorite part of college so far. As for the future, "I'm looking forward to the good times, but also the tuff times so that I can get better and separate myself from the pack," says Boston.

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Sims added: "K-pop is Korean pop but there's also other styles of music under it. For example, there's K-hip hop, K- reggae, and K-R&B that we dance to. But we also dance to American music." This group is very interesting that they are not only dancing to Korean music, but also covering dances from their music videos, said Dance Club adviser/coach Amy Flynn. It's like

"a band covering music from Justin Bieber, except they're covering dancers." While some dances are "covers," others are choreographed by members. The purpose of the dance club is "to promote dance and culture in a fun and interactive way. Express Your Seoul is the style of dance reflection pop and hip hop," Sims said. These dances are really upbeat and fast with an animated look to them. "I love how diverse our club is and how everyone gets along so well like family. We have many different

cultures represented in our club: Hindu, Chinese, African-American and Caucasian," Sims said. The club started during the spring 2017 semester. Its next performance is Oct. 4 at the Multicultural Fest and then again Campus Visit Day on Oct. 9, during both the morning and evening sessions. They will also sell cake pops and soda pops from 10 a.m. to noon Oct .12 in the A.Lincoln Commons to aid in the All in For Harvey campaign. The club practices 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday in the

A.Lincoln Commons. Members would like to perform at halftime during the women's and men's basketball games, Sims said. No prior dance experience is needed to join. They really are just down to dance and be surrounded by unique individuals, Sims said. If you're interested in joining, contact coach Amy Flynn at amy.flynn@llcc.edu or Sims at nsims@llcc.edu. Shyanne Shymansky can be reached at lamp@llcc.edu.

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conditions that won't impede their learning experience. LLCC is not in this alone though as many other community colleges around Illinois are also joining together in the effort. The Illinois Community College System Foundation is leading the efforts by advising all community colleges to seek out any form of donations from students and faculty members in our community. These donations in part will then be sent to the Texas Community College System. If you would like to donate or help in any way, you can drop off a monetary donation to the Student Life Office on the main campus. For those students or faculty not on the main campus you can approach your

LLCC Outreach Centers in Jacksonville, Beardstown, Taylorville, or the Litchfield campus. Any checks need to be made out to the Illinois Community College Foundation System. Fundraising events including the Black Student Union's Jean day on Sept. 21 will help support the victims of Harvey, with other campus wide events planned. The Student Government Association is also asking student clubs and organizations to donate any fundraising funds to the effort. Any donation from a fundraiser, up to \$500, will be reimbursed to the club by SGA. With the relief efforts beginning now we the students, the faculty, and staff send our prayers and best wishes out to all the victims that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Zach Aiello can be reached at lamp@llcc.edu.





The Lamp Rocks

The Lamp staff

It's become a popular hobby locally for people to paint rocks and hide them in parks and other places. People find them and share pictures to Facebook pages.

The Lamp thought it would be fun to do that, too. So, the staff painted about 30 rocks and hid them around

LLCC's campus. If you find one, take a picture and post it to The Lamp's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lamp.newspaper.

We will take all of the photos posted on our page, and we will do a drawing for a \$25 gift card to either Subway or LLCC's bookstore. We will do the drawing on Oct. 2, so make sure to post it before then to be in the contest.

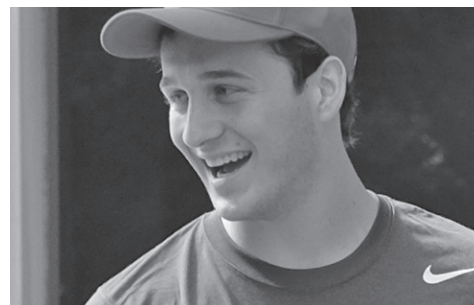


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