

THE LUMP

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Paper stolen from stand

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SPRINGFIELD - A few weeks ago, I entered the school as I normally do. I had some extra time, and decided to make sure no one touched the newspapers I had so carefully placed in their little racks. When I checked the first stand, I admit, a little tear formed in my left eye. I thought for sure it was just an allergy thing, but my thoughts were taken over with pure emotion. For you see, on that stand, someone actually took a paper.

Never in my life have I been the victim of a robbery, unless you count that time some hobo scammed me out of \$60 in the Wal-Mart parking lot. I thought LLCC was full of decent people, who all shared some sort of morals and ethics. I was absolutely crushed. I fell to my knees, and wept bitterly.

After I regained my composure, I passed out and was unconscious for seventeen days. When I woke up, I decided something had to be done.

Without consulting my adviser, anyone in Student Life, or even the President, I am enacting a series of rules effective April 1, 2017.

The student newspaper is meant to be read, but it is not yours. They are all mine. They are my preciouses.

Anyone caught remembering a story from the newspaper will be expelled from the campus and fined a large monetary sum for copyright infringement. Again, you can read the stories, but you are not allowed to copy them; even if it's a "habit," or "involuntary." There is no excuse for breaking the law.

The student paper is to be kept clean and neat. Any fingerprints found on any papers will be back-traced to their original owners. Their car will be "accidentally" destroyed, their families will disown them, and they will be forced to watch the Mighty Duck movies until they think they're all funny.

Discussion of the paper is forbidden. The only time this rule can be overlooked is if the two parties initiate the "secrete salute," which

only I know. If you want to learn the secret salute, don't bother trying: it's a secret.

All school computers will contain archives of all previous editions since the paper's inception. If one wishes to access the archives, simply wave a magnet over the harddrive to pull the files to the surface of the computer. Then, delete "system32.exe". Finally, laugh as hard as you can. Make sure you maintain eye contact with someone across the room when you do this, so they know you are accessing the Student Newspaper archives.

I hope these changes are received with open arms and general enthusiasm. Hopefully, you can all see my side of the argument. If you think these new rules are too "harsh" or "unfair," please leave a complaint in the blue bin with the white arrows outside the Student Newspaper office.

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Center for academic failure opens on campus



Failure is the future for some students

By Logan McHenry
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SPRINGFIELD - In honor of Lincoln Land Community College's 50-year anniversary, the college will be adding a Center for Academic Failure to help students quit school and move on with their lives. The committee voted unanimously to allow this department to join the campus in a meeting Friday night. The department will be open to all

students starting April 1. It will be located near the Advising and Counseling room and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We want to give the students who don't like school and think it's a waste of time to have help with dropping out and find an alternative way to live their lives," said Ms. Take, who is going to be heading the Center of Academic Failure.

"Getting all A's and B's is not the most important thing in the world," explained Take. "We want to let students know that failing classes is OK and it is completely normal."

Adding this department will help students with a variety of things. Each staff member will assure that

each student gets plenty of help in their path to dismissing themselves from the academic world.

For example, maybe your drug-dealing business is booming right now, and you are making solid money dealing weed and cocaine to other people. Why should you have to attend school for that?

How about those video games that are taking you forever to finish? Not going to school will give you more time to complete these games and move on to other ones.

One student, Mike Lavergne, wants to go to the Center for Academic Failure for advice and share his reasons for seeking help: "Why should I need a degree? People think

that employers care about those when they don't. I don't need a piece of paper to tell me and others that I know what I'm doing."

"It's better than just dropping all of your classes and not showing up for the rest of the time," says David Foster, a sophomore at LLCC. "They sit down with you and help you through the process and help give you tips on what to do next and what other options there are."

Some people like school and know exactly what they want to do in life. They know what type of degree they need and what they must do to achieve it. Others, however, know what they are capable of and do not want to waste four or more years of

their lives.

"School isn't for everyone, and I definitely fall in that category," says Lavergne. "I want to explore my options in the real world and show people that extra years of schooling is unnecessary."

"Everyone has their different reasons for not going to college," says Take. "Whatever the reason, we are here to help."

Anyone that is trying to pursue a way out of school should come down to the Center for Academic Failure and talk to our expert staff members.

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Dogs earn you an 'A'

By Karlee Thompson
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Lincoln Land faculty will now determine final grades based on the "cuteness" and behavior of your dog. Cats are not allowed in this final determination of grades.

Also, dogs are now allowed -- and encouraged -- to attend classes.

While academic success is still encouraged and preferred, the ultimate deciding factor is going to be based on your dog, said Sara Poodle, director of LLCC student outreach. Studies have shown that dogs are proven to increase focus and reduce anxiety of students. Lincoln Land is crossing their fingers that this research proves true in aiding students in boosting grades, attendance and academic improvement.

"If a student's dog shows up to class everyday, the student will have better attendance and a better participation grade," Poodle said.

"Instead of teachers using extra credit to boost your grade, you can use your dog. Less work and more

fun for everyone. At the end of the semester, the instructors will base your final grade on the 'cuteness' of your dog."



Students will get discounts on the adoption fees, and the hope is more dogs will find homes.

"Friends helping friends, a dog gets a home and you have a shot at an A," Poodle said. "If you don't have a dog or can't have a dog you're still responsible for relying on your brain to get good grades."

Dogs will be allowed in all classrooms regardless of what your professors tell students. This is a better chance for you to bond with the dog, as well as professors to bond with the dogs.

Since this new proposal, Lincoln Land staff has been pondering the idea of offering an introduction to veterinary class. Veterinary services would be offered to students' dogs at a "low cost."

Rules and regulations are still in the works. But Lincoln Land hopes that this encourages students to come to class as well as raise their GPAs.

Pet adoptions will be available at the beginning of each semester.

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College says grab a bottle, bottoms up

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SPRINGFIELD—Lincoln Land Community College will now allow drinking on campus.

The Board of Trustees approved Friday the decision to allow alcohol consumption on campus by students and teachers.

Vending machines will be repurposed to dispense alcohol in each commons area, along with outside of each classroom. The machines will be stocked with popular name brands, such as Bud Light, Corona, Hennessy, Jack Daniels, Blue Moon, and Vodka.

Along with the liquor machines, there will be a regular vending machine for students to mix their drinks. Some teachers expressed plans to offer extra credit to students who can mix the best drink.

The board has decided to pass this rule, due to students being overwhelmed, said Al Cohol, director of on-campus alcohol sales. They feel as if the alcohol will loosen the students up and help their brains let go.

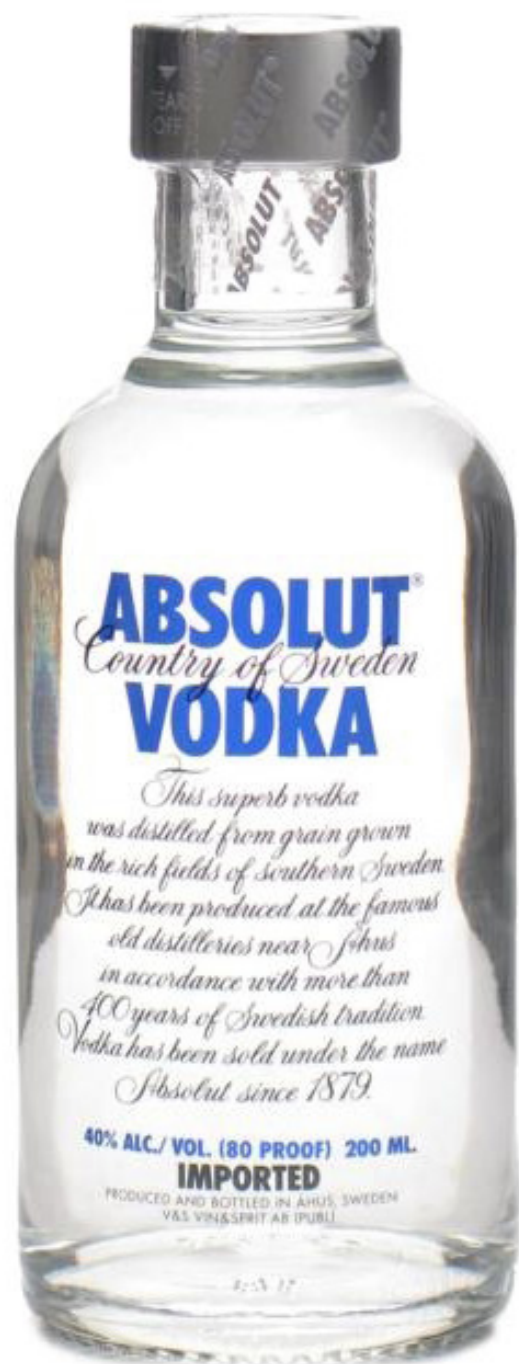
"Students will have free flowing thoughts and be able to answer with their true thoughts," Cohol said.

The decision was a contentious one for the board. Some board members expressed concerns that it would be disruptive and troublesome, while several members of the board thought that a judgement-free environment would increase the students' learning.

The new rule went into effect April 1.

Students are encouraged to bring alcohol and drink up — the more the merrier.

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Bookstore gives full refund

By Madison Mings
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SPRINGFIELD—As the semester nears its end, book buyback week is quickly approaching — a time when students return expensive books to the bookstore only to receive \$15 for each one.

But students have something to look forward to this year. The bookstore managers met and have decided to refund the full cost of books for students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

"We feel horrible when we only give students \$30 back when they tell us the book they bought was a total of \$130," said Nadia Book, a worker in the store. "We are happy we made the decision to give back the full amount starting this year. Giving it to students with a 3.0 GPA or higher just seemed fair to us. It will teach the students to do better with their work so they can be refunded for the books they spent a lot of money on."

Students were happy to hear about the change.

"I am relieved to be hearing that we are able to be getting the full amount back," said Tu Morrow, a sophomore at LLCC. "Last year I got only \$15 back, how was I supposed to save up money to bribe politicians, or feed my donkeys?"

Morrow said she had a 3.7 GPA, so she knows she will qualify.

"I will be receiving \$628.13 which makes me so happy," she said.

Another student freshmen, Stan Dupp said "Having the full amount is just a great thing to hear for a college student with a good close enough GPA. It will help me with so much. It's a great idea. I have a 3.3 GPA but working on it to be much better."

Some students do not meet the GPA requirement, but they are hopeful that they will be able to take advantage. They said it will motivate them to do better.

"I will have to celebrate it next year because I am at a 2.7 GPA right now," said sophomore Aly Gater.

She added: "With the full amount, I can put it to good use of concert tickets. I'm struggling with a lot of responsibilities and without the MAP Grant, I haven't been to a concert in two years so the full amount idea is so cool. It's lit!"

The bookstore is making students happy but what about the professors?

"It sounds like a good thing going for LLCC, the college students deserve their money back for the books with a good GPA, and so they have money also for next semester," said Art Major, professor of painting.

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Shuttle service arriving to LLCC

By Madison Mings
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SPRINGFIELD — Are you tired of being late to class because your parking spot is all the way by Logan Hall or the Workforce Center? Have no worry because LLCC is offering a new valet with a shuttle bus, starting April 1.

The valet and shuttle bus is finally here, and it has been a secret project for over two years.

“LLCC is always about helping students, staff and professors,” said Howie Cheatam, spokesman for the college. They wanted to make it easier to get around the parking lot for students and staff.

There will be a shuttle bus for each lot, if you don’t trust someone taking your car at the front of the parking lot. Riders can simply text where they are, and the bus will pick them up.

The valet will be waiting to drive your vehicles to the parking spots for you, and it will be free. They have hired enough workers to take on so many people at the college. The provider will be Illinois College/ Universities Parking (I.C.U.P.)

“We know how students, staff and professors feel with trying to find spaces to park and that takes time,” said Robin Banks, the owner of I.C.U.P. “So I thought one night at 3 a.m. what if the students go to class on time and other people find the space for them and then drive them to their building where their classes are.”

I.C.U.P. opened three years ago.

“We are so excited to have I.C.U.P. with LLCC,” Cheatam said. “It is a great idea to help get to classes and teaching on time. I know it took one student three 3 hours to find a space and missed a class. This will help big time.”

Some students really like the shuttle bus idea.

“I will definitely enjoy a transport bus to take me to my classes to make it a lot easier for me to arrive on time. Plus, when it rains, it’s no fun walking in the parking lot all the way to my class,” said Rusty Dorr, a Lincoln Land sophomore.

Another student at Lincoln Land, Paige Turner, says she will be using the valet parking.

“I love how they made it free. April 1 cannot come soon enough,” Turner said. “I can drop my car off and then after class come back then leave instead of trying to find a parking spot in that maze.”

For more information on the Illinois College/ Universities Parking, call its main office in South Dakota.

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Is your car low on blinker fluid?

By Teresa Brummett
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So many times, you’re driving along and then you realize that the person directly in front of you is turning, but, you didn’t see a blinker. Well, I can tell you exactly what’s just happened. It’s because that driver in front of you probably ran out of blinker fluid.

But, there’s some good news on the way. Automakers have announced that in the fall 2017 they will roll out a brand-new, heavy-duty, long-lasting type of blinker fluid that is updated for your personal vehicle.

Automakers have received hundreds of thousands of letters from drivers who are noticing that there are a lot of people out there on the roads that are low, or completely out of fluid. It’s making it very dangerous on the roads for those driving behind them.

So, car manufacturers have designed brand-new fluid to last twice as long, and it will be specially

formulated for certain year and model of vehicles.

This new and improved fluid has an oil-based gel, blended at a temperature of 350 degrees. So, that in case your vehicle overheats, the blinkers will still work. And it will you a lot of time since drivers won’t be filling that fluid even half as much as you used to.

The fluid is ooey and gooey. Almost to the consistency of hair gel, so refilling every other month won’t be a problem. Automakers have discussed the cost and although it’s not set in stone they are saying that they are positive that the bottles will be under \$10. CEO Ren Stimpe said they want to make sure people can afford the fluid, so a reasonable price is mandatory.

But, they also are surprising those of you who have a vehicle from the years 2000 to present by giving out a free bottle of this amazing fluid. Drivers must go back to where they purchased their vehicles, to get a prepaid postcard to mail back to The L.A.Z.Y. D.R.I.V.E.R. Co. within two months.

This blinker fluid, called Hit or Miss, was created in Silicon Valley, Calif., out of used breast implants. But users will finally be aware that the driver in front of them is turning because their blinkers will be working.

The fun part about this new and improved blinker fluid is that the automakers are trying to give those of you who forget to refill those compartments to fill them by coloring the fluid. That’s right the blinker fluid will come in a variety of colors, at no extra charge. Because, this color will last so long you’ll know when you need to refill when that color fades away...your empty. Every color of the rainbow will be available for purchase.

So no more hit or misses on getting those blinkers to work. With this new and improved blinker fluid, you’ll never have to worry about hitting the car in front of you ever again.

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LLCC enters the matrix

By Madison Mings
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SPRINGFIELD — There will be no more on-campus classes for Lincoln Land Community College. All classes will be transitioned to an online-only curriculum starting April 1.

The reason for this because Gov. Bruce Rauner wants to turn LLCC into a bigger museum exhibit.

There was a college board meeting on March 25, at which the members talked about eliminating the campus and turning it into an art exhibit.

“We had UIS and LLCC in mind, but the debate only took 10 minutes

to decide on Lincoln Land Community College,” said Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, “what with it being its 50th year anniversary, and all.”

Students who aren’t familiar with online classes will be in for a big change. The advisers have put together easy step videos to follow on Blackboard.

“It is my first year, and I haven’t taking an online class,” said freshman Holly Dayin. “I wanted to get the feel of coming onto a campus for college. I don’t understand why the campus is changing to an art exhibit. Hopefully, I will do well with the

online classes.”

While some are hesitant, others are excited.

“I am ready for this all classes online,” said freshman Harrison Fire. “I don’t have to get up early for a class, and I don’t have to use a lot of gas. I will miss the campus though, but the exhibit seems cool.”

One student I talked to is thinking of protesting the idea of having all classes be online.

“Online classes are nice depending what they are, but if you don’t have a way to access it, that is unfair,” said sophomore Ella Vader. “It doesn’t

sound like a good idea to me, so I am protesting the idea.”

Lincoln Land will be having a party celebrating the few memories it’s had with students, staff, and professors before the campus shuts down, and the college changes to all classes online. There will be a photo booth, bookstore swag and the famous Lincoln Land Community College popcorn. Cost of admission will be two semesters worth of tuition to pay for the upcoming exhibit costs.

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Happy April Fool’s Day

Whoopi reveals herself as predator



By Jacob Schmedeke

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HOLLYWOOD -- Whoopi Gold-
berg is done being Hollywood's
little secret.
Goldberg held a news conference
in stunning fashion -- as Hol-
lywood's Predator! In a startling
move she strolled out as the Preda-
tor and spoke in her native tongue
for about five minutes.
The press were confused, as were
so many of Goldberg's friends and
coworkers. Her agent and husband
tried to call her while security at-
tempted to get whoever was in the
Predator suit out of there! Before
it came to blows Whoopi morphed
back into her human form stunning
everyone.
There were screams of horror and
looks of pure astonishment from
the crowd. Whoopi just sat there
for a few minutes for the people
to gather themselves. Once people
calmed down she had this to say.
"For many years I hid myself
in Hollywood. When I could no
longer hide myself they gave me an
escape. The Predator movies were
a way for me to let loose and be
myself. Not just me but my entire
family. They allowed all of us to
shoot on the movies," Goldberg
said.
The Predator franchise started
back in 1987 with Arnold Schwar-
zenegger and Carl Weathers. It was
a huge success. They followed it
up with Predators 2 in 1990 with
Danny Glover. After the second
movie Whoopi was unhappy with
the treatment of her family, feared
being exposed and refused to shoot
any more movies.
"After the second movie it was
even harder to conceal my identity.
In fact, Danny Glover discovered
who I actually was during the
shooting of that movie back in
1990," admitted Goldberg. She
continued to say that Glover was
actually not in shock but was very
fascinated instead. She convinced
him never to say anything and
then swore she would never shoot
another Predator movie in fear of
being exposed.
Fourteen years later, Goldberg
and her family of extraterrestrials
found themselves back in Holly-
wood shooting another movie.
"I didn't want to do either of the
Alien vs. Predator movies, but my
family needed the work and the
money," Goldberg said. "Conceal-
ing your identity as a human does
not feel good, it hurts, it feels like
you're holding in what you humans
call a sneeze followed by a massive
headache. I will no longer do any
Predator movie or have my family
exploited by Hollywood. I am also
done hiding who I really am. So, I
am quitting the View and from now
on my family and I will be living
off the grid. I have had good times
and bad here in Hollywood but
they have come to an end."
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