



# Soccer slump stopped

# Gift grows ag dept.



**Dimitrije Antonijevic takes a shot on goal during the second half of Loggers vs. Heartland Community College.**  
Photo by Niko Robledo/ Co-Editor

## Loggers produce a victory after pervious season of losses

**By Dylan Surprenant**  
**Lamp staff**

Last year's soccer season was a major heart-ache. The team ended the winless season 0-15. But Friday, Aug. 31, was a sign of a turning point for the Loggers with an early win in the game against Scott Community College from Davenport, Iowa.

Dimitrije Antonijevic, a sophomore midfielder for the Loggers, said he thinks that the team is not only different but much better than last year's team.

"We all have the same mindset and the same goal," Antonijevic said. "It's like a small family. Coach always backs us up and makes sure that we fulfill our goals not only on the field but in the classroom as well."

The second game of the season against the Scott Community College Eagles appeared as if the Loggers weren't going to see a goal happen until late in the game.

However, towards the end of the first half, Connor Novy, a freshman forward, took advantage of some sloppy defense by the Eagles and notched the first goal of the afternoon for the Loggers,

putting them up 1-0.

Jose Torres, freshman forward, added a key goal to put the Loggers up 2-0 at 12 minutes into the second half.

A late goal by Torres helped ice the game and give Lincoln Land its first win on the young season and delivered to the Eagles its first loss of the season.

"Everyone has stepped up a lot," Antonijevic said of this year's team. "There has been a lot more ambition, and a lot more determination on the soccer field."

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**By Nicole Sheley**  
**Lamp staff**

Last spring, Charles and Irene Kreher donated \$18 million to Lincoln Land's agriculture program. The Krehers, who were farmers for more than 20 years, had no

children upon which to bestow an inheritance; this contributed to their decision to donate their life savings to Lincoln Land.

The farming couple was passionate about both agriculture and education, so they donated to numerous charities during their lifetimes that benefited local children and agriculture. After their passing, their 18 million dollar donation was put into the agriculture program's trust fund.

The trust was designated to be used for improvements to the program such as purchasing new equipment, increasing recruitment efforts, and acquiring a new crop research plot.

The interest that the department receives on the donation pays for the program specialists, recruiters, new scholarships and agriculture student travel fees. The Agriculture Department has also purchased a 15-passenger bus to transport students to field trips and contests.

The trust directs Lincoln Land to implement an educational program on the Kreher's farm, where agriculture students will help with the Spring planting. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to operate new, exciting machinery that is available to the department because of the Krehers' donation.

Next year, the department will conduct student designed research plots at the Krehers' farm and at the 50 acres that it manages here on campus. The department is also developing educational programs and assistance for elementary and high school agriculture programs in the district, as well as adult programming outside the classroom.

## Welcome back loggers

**By Kaitlyn Lange**  
**Lamp staff**

Crowding the front sidewalk, both old and new students passed a white table loaded with snacks and "swag bags." All of it was set up August 23 as part of Welcome Week.

Welcome Week aims to engage students in campus life, said Jacob Deters, the student engagement coordinator.

Other events that week included Loggerpalooza, Coffee With a Cop, Spirit Day and Meet Your SGA (Student Government Association).

The Thursday event was LAB Kickoff, hosted by the Loggers Activity Board. Besides the fruit roll-ups and free soda, there were footballs and Frisbees in the grass for students to take a break and enjoy.

Felipe Buenrostro was in the grass kicking a soccer ball that afternoon.

He grabbed the ball in hopes that more students would join him on the lawn.

The 18-year-old is attending his first year at Lincoln Land to study international business and global leadership.

"I feel like Lincoln Land needs to engage in more student activities. Most students are too shut off," Buenrostro said.

Other students agreed.

"I wish the school would find a way to get in touch with new students to let them know about events like this," commented John Wooten before grabbing a football to toss around before class with a fellow basketball teammate.

Wooten said he is enjoying his time and activities that the college offers. This campus feels like home, and he said he's happy to have the Welcome Week activities.

Students stopping by later in the day were greeted by Vanessa Robnett, a psychology major. The 33-year-old Loggers Activity Board member kept her post by the table, telling students about the school and it's events while tempting them with swag bags if they joined in the games.

LAB is responsible for putting together many events at Lincoln Land, including homecoming and Zombie Prom.

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**Felipe Buenrostro smiles as he enjoys Loggerpalooza.** Photo by Niko Robledo/Co-Editor

## Students walk through 'Open Door'

**By Theo Kennon III**  
**Lamp staff**

When Michael Phelon started in 2016, he was busy setting up a new program to help African-American male students succeed in college.

The fervor of his job has not relented as the Lincoln Land Community College's Open Door Mentorship Program has become a statewide and national model for workforce training. It was honored in 2017 by the Illinois Community College Board.

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# Lack of books creates tough start for students

By Editorial Board

The beginning of the school year is an exhilarating time at Lincoln Land. Students arrive after a much too short summer break, and the hallways begin to bustle with nervous and excited energy.

However, this semester, many students were not able to immediately begin learning as they did not have their textbooks and other materials that were required for courses. The Lincoln Land bookstore opened as usual, but many students reported they did not get their books on time, despite having placed their orders well before classes started.

"It's frustrating when you start the year without some of your books," Freshman Amanda Zuckworth stated. "It starts the year on a bad note when I can't begin studying at the start of classes."

After speaking to multiple students, it seemed

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especially unnerving for freshman students who hadn't experienced having to buy their books before.

Andrew Blaylock, the director of campus services and who oversees the bookstore, said: "Each semester, we do have to manage some challenges based on changes in class schedules, publisher availability and students coming in for books just prior to or after the start of classes. This semester was not any better or worse than

previous semesters with handfuls of challenges to overcome."

While we understand the enormity of ordering and finding books for the 7,020 students currently enrolled at LLCC, it is essential that students are getting the materials and textbooks that they need in adequate time.

The bookstore could be helped if we all remember we play a role in these troubles. Professors need to realize that a last-minute book change can be inconvenient to students and the bookstore, and students need to realize that enrolling late causes planning troubles throughout the college.

Next semester, we hope the bookstore can have more books on hand, and we hope professors and students can plan ahead so that the bookstore (and all college officials) can be prepared for the start of the year.



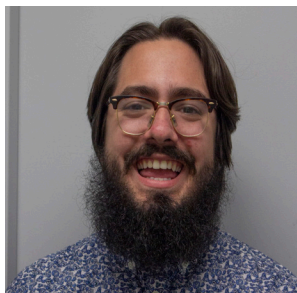
## Co-Editors prepare for year

By Niko Robledo  
Co-Editor

Hello everyone, welcome back to LLCC. I hope your summer wasn't terrible.

Last year, I learned a lot as Editor of Photography, and I had the honor to work with Zach Aiello who taught me a lot about keeping my cool under pressure and how to produce a paper efficiently.

In the coming semesters, Meredith and I will be running off of the simple principles of effective journalism: Honesty and transparency. At the same time, I want The Lamp to



provide a voice for the students, as we listen to and report their concerns. We always aim for a clear representation of the facts, this doesn't mean that we will not mess up from time to time.

So, I ask you all to call us out when we make mistakes, because we want to stay as honest and transparent as we expect our institution to be.

I want to thank you for picking up this copy of The Lamp. We genuinely enjoy creating it, so I hope you genuinely enjoy reading it.

By Meredith Howard  
Co-Editor

Welcome to all new and returning students, faculty and staff. My goal for The Lamp this academic year is to continue to improve upon our reporting process and maximize the potential of our talented



staff members. All of our staff have unique abilities and interests and I plan to tap into them.

Zach Aiello, Niko Robledo and our adviser Tim McKenzie helped me develop my journalism skills last semester, and I

hope to continue my own growth as an aspiring writer while helping our staff to do the same. I believe the public's opinion is best represented when the media is diverse and reporters are allowed to clearly express the beliefs of others and report on issues about which they care.

## Roberts honored

By Meredith Howard  
Co-Editor

SPRINGFIELD--Lincoln Land Community College honored John Roberts' retirement by dedicating a bench and planting a tree in his name on June 4.

As the college's longest-serving employee and faculty member in the college's history, Roberts has touched the hearts of many through his teaching and his service-oriented personality.

Roberts spent 48 years teaching history at Lincoln Land.

When asked about his retirement plans, Roberts remarked about the members of the Springfield community who he sees as struggling and his eagerness to help.

"Maybe I could play a role," he said. "I was raised that way; you owe something to society." Roberts also expressed his desire to continue personal growth post-retirement. "Even not teaching anymore, I'm still reading. ... I want to keep alive in that regard. How do I compensate for not being in the classroom? That would be the biggest challenge..."

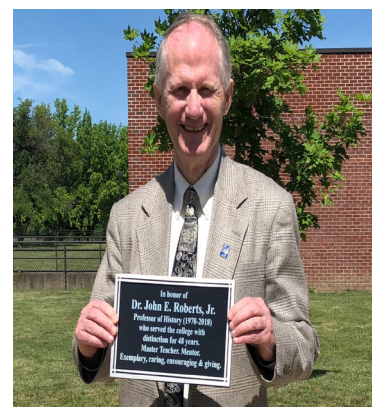
Along with the ever present opportunities for growth, Roberts will also miss the Lincoln Land community.

He shared about catching up with a former colleague who taught at the college back in 1971.

"We had a wonderful time reminiscing about what it was like to be on the old campus."

Roberts has impacted thousands of students during his career at Lincoln Land, and will continue to benefit the local community by furthering his goal to help people in need.

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# Services brought to campus

## Mobile facility offers STD, pregnancy testing

By Madison Mings  
Lamp staff

Are you a woman that is having thoughts about your pregnancy decisions and have no idea where to go, who to trust, or who to talk to? First Step Women's Center here in Springfield is just the right place to go.

First Step Women's Center is a safe, caring place for women making difficult pregnancy decisions. What they offer for women is lab quality pregnancy testing, ultrasound, STD testing and treatment (for women), options consultation, as well as community referrals.

Debbie Shultz is the Founder and Executive Director of First Step Women's Center. They have two locations: 104 North Grand Ave, Springfield (one block from Shop N' Save) and they have



a Mobile Medical Unit, which offers services throughout the community. Their North Grand location has been offering vital services for 10 years, since October 2008.

I asked Shultz if the center and mobile medical unit provide the same services or are they different on locations, she replied and said "Both locations offer pregnancy testing and ultrasound. Our Mobile Medical Unit offers STD Testing for any

female, even if she does not request pregnancy testing, while the North Grand location includes STD testing as part of the services package."

Women can get in contact with the center by scheduling an appointment. The number to the center is 217-523-0100 and can visit their website [www.FirstStepWomensCenter.org](http://www.FirstStepWomensCenter.org) or Google or Facebook message them. For all other inquiries, call 217-523-0102. All services are NO COST to the patient and confidential.

First Step Women's Center will be having their Mobile Medical Unit offering services on LLCC campus in October. Shultz wants to leave a message for women, "It is important that women are well-informed before they make a pregnancy decision, as well as have trusted, professional resources that are easily accessible. Our desire is to empower women with accurate medical information, in a compassionate, non-judgement environment."

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# Peers offer tutoring

## Help also offered via Blackboard

By Meredith Howard  
Co-Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- Falling behind in a course or two? Need some personalized help with the concepts you are struggling with? Lincoln Land Community College offers free one-on-one peer tutoring services in the Center for Academic Success.

Students can schedule a tutoring appointment at the CAS in the lower level of Sangamon, below the library, or by calling the CAS office at 217-786-2396. Appointments may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance.

Peer tutoring is available in many courses, and each session is one hour long.

A student may schedule up to eight hours of tutoring per week.

Students who want to be tutors must have earned an A in each course they wish to tutor, ensuring that they are well equipped to answer questions from their peers. LLCC peer tutors are also required to complete training sessions and obtain certification through the CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) to tutor students.

Lincoln Land prepares their tutors well for their positions, providing tutees with a beneficial learning experience.

If you find yourself on a time crunch on a Sunday when the CAS is closed, you can utilize free online tutoring available through your Blackboard account. Just log in to your Blackboard account and click the "BrainfuseHelpNow" button.

Tutoring is also available for currently enrolled LLCC students who plan to retake the Accuplacer test.

There are many benefits to working with a peer tutor. They may seem more approachable than a professor who has been an expert in his or her field for years. Sometimes it helps to hear the same information from a different person with a different perspective than you are used to hearing in your regular classroom.

Peer tutors can assist with not only course content, but also necessary study skills.

By getting help with specific course content and acquiring and honing classroom study skills, the goal is to enable students to learn independently. This will increase their chances of success in both their current and future courses.

What are some signs that you may benefit from meeting with a tutor? According to the LLCC site, if you have failed the course previously, have attended class for two or more weeks and still don't understand the material, don't meet your goals for your test scores, or have trouble completing assignments, tutoring might be a good idea for you.

Tutors can help with note-taking skills, test-taking confidence, and course content, and tutoring services can be valuable to almost any student.

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# Illinois turns 200 years old

## Area full of history as we mark milestone

By Teresa Brummett  
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Established for Native Americans by Fathers Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet, Illinois will soon be celebrating its 200th Bicentennial. Illinois officially became the 21st state founded on Dec 3, 1818, after adopting a constitution on Aug. 26, 1818.

Today, the state has a population of 12.8 million and an area of 57,915 square miles. Being in the midwestern region of the United States it's the sixth most populous U. S. state. And is the 25th largest state in terms of land area.

With all the prominent things Illinois has to offer, one of the first things that people recognize is Abraham Lincoln. And a slogan that is often used is "Land of Lincoln". Lincoln wasn't only the 16th President of the United States. He loved Springfield and made Illinois a big part of his own life.

Lincoln met Mary Todd here, and they married Nov. 4, 1842. They later had children Robert, Tad, William and Edward, who were all born here in Springfield.

You can visit their burial site at 1500 Monument Ave. Inside you will find the resting places of Abraham, Mary Todd, Tad, William and Edward. Robert who was the Lincoln's first-born son served on Ulysses S. Grant's staff as Captain in the Union Army and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

On Oct. 14, 2004 the Abraham Lincoln Library open. And then a few months later on April 19, 2005 the Presidential Museum opened. Located at 212 N. Sixth St.

The museum has several things to peak one's interest. There's a section that appears to be the log cabin where Lincoln grew up. It gives you look as to how he lived. There is a forensic study, what are they wearing, the story of the Civil War in four minutes. Lincoln's presidential campaign of 1860, the whispering gallery, and an illusion corridor about the Emancipation Proclamation.

Between both buildings besides the library and museum there is an



**New Salem offers visitors a chance to learn more about President Abraham Lincoln's life in Illinois. It is one of many historical sites in the area for those wanting to look back on Illinois milestones as the state turns 200 years old on Dec. 3.**

archive of Lincoln memorabilia. It stores documents, 12 million books and 47,000 artifacts. There's also a theater presentation, which is 50 percent larger than any other presidential theater. Which adds to the 200,000 square foot complex.

Lincoln's famous inaugural farewell address was actually done right here in Springfield. And you can visit the building where it all happened. The building has had some renovations done. Where the building is split between the depot and the other a law firm. Lincoln said his goodbyes to the citizens of Springfield a farewell by his words "I bid you an affectionate farewell" on Feb. 11, 1861, as he was preparing for his journey to Washington, D.C. The depot stands on 930 E. Monroe St.

Then if you want to take a nice 20-minute drive out of Springfield there's the New Salem State Historic Site. Located just off Illinois Route 123 in Petersburg. In the year of 1831, Lincoln at the age of 22 years old arrived at New Salem settlement on a wooden flatboat. New Salem was a newer settlement and had only been a village for three years. Of course, Lincoln didn't stay too long. He stayed on at the village for a total of six years.

There is more at New Salem than the village. They have a concession stand where one can get several different types of food. A gift shop to buy that Lincoln memorabilia. There are day camps for kids. And Theater in the Park, where plays are available for all who want to watch. You could have a picnic in the nice shaded area, where there are tables and a small park are located. Or you could just walk around New Salem. You get to see how people back in Lincoln's time lived. Blacksmith's are on hand to show you a little bit about the trade. Here you get to step foot in cabin where you can watch men and woman do the work that was so a part of their lives back then.

In Springfield and surrounding areas there are several events planned to celebrate Illinois's 200th birthday. A man by the name of Fritz Klein has acted/portrayed Abraham Lincoln from 1981 and still today. He walks around and talks to people Lincoln. Sharing whatever type of information about Lincoln that he can.

Klein spends a lot of his time downtown at 427 S. Seventh St., which is where Lincoln's home still stands. Lincoln and his family spent their time at this house from 1844 to 1861. He and his family lived

there until he left to prepare for his presidency.

There are several things that make Illinois special. President Lincoln and his history aren't the only connection to it. Actor and former U.S. President Ronald Reagan was born in Illinois.

Besides that, there are 123 state parks. And who doesn't love to visit and enjoy a fun state park?

When you think back to the Native Americans being the first to settle in Illinois. It makes a person wonder how it got its name. A French explorer by the name of Robert Cavelier Sieur De La Salle. Chose to name Illinois from the Indian word meaning men or warriors. And perhaps referring to members of the Illinois tribe.

But, it's been said that Illinois was named from the Native American name

"Tribe of Superior men".

So, the next time you want to enjoy a good time. Visit one of these great places. Because Abe Lincoln wasn't just our 16th president, he loved Springfield, and Illinois. And we should all be proud and go out and celebrate Illinois' birthday!

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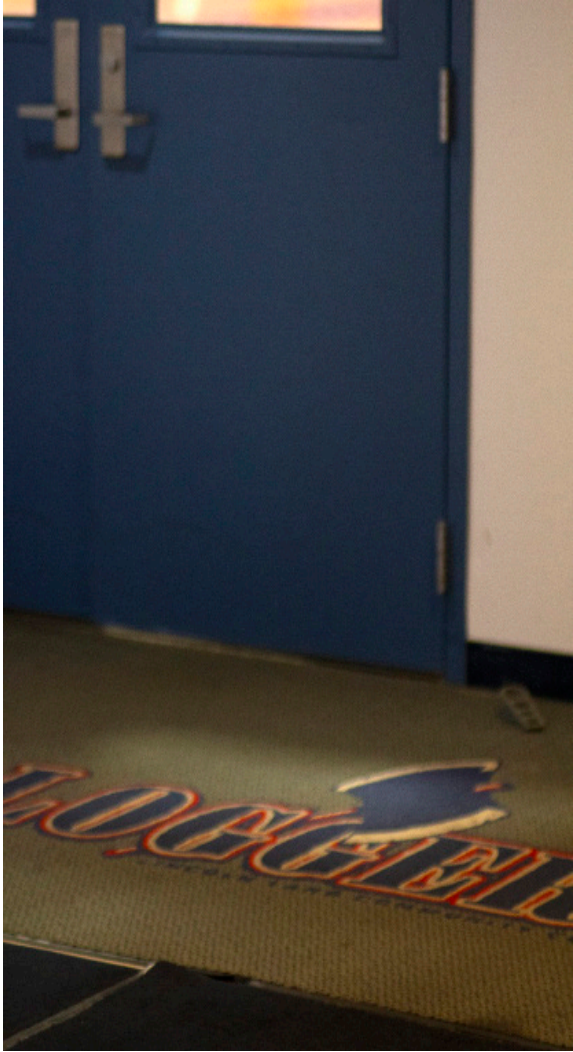
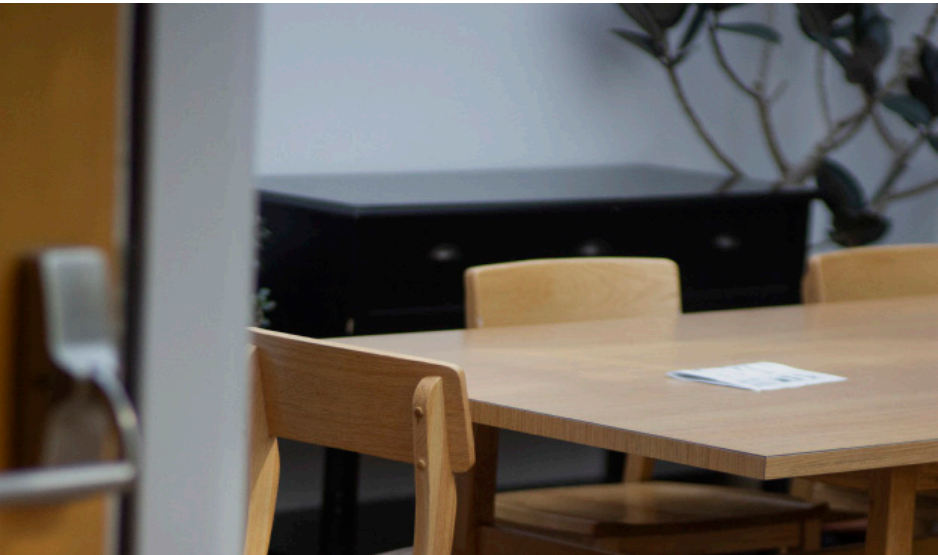
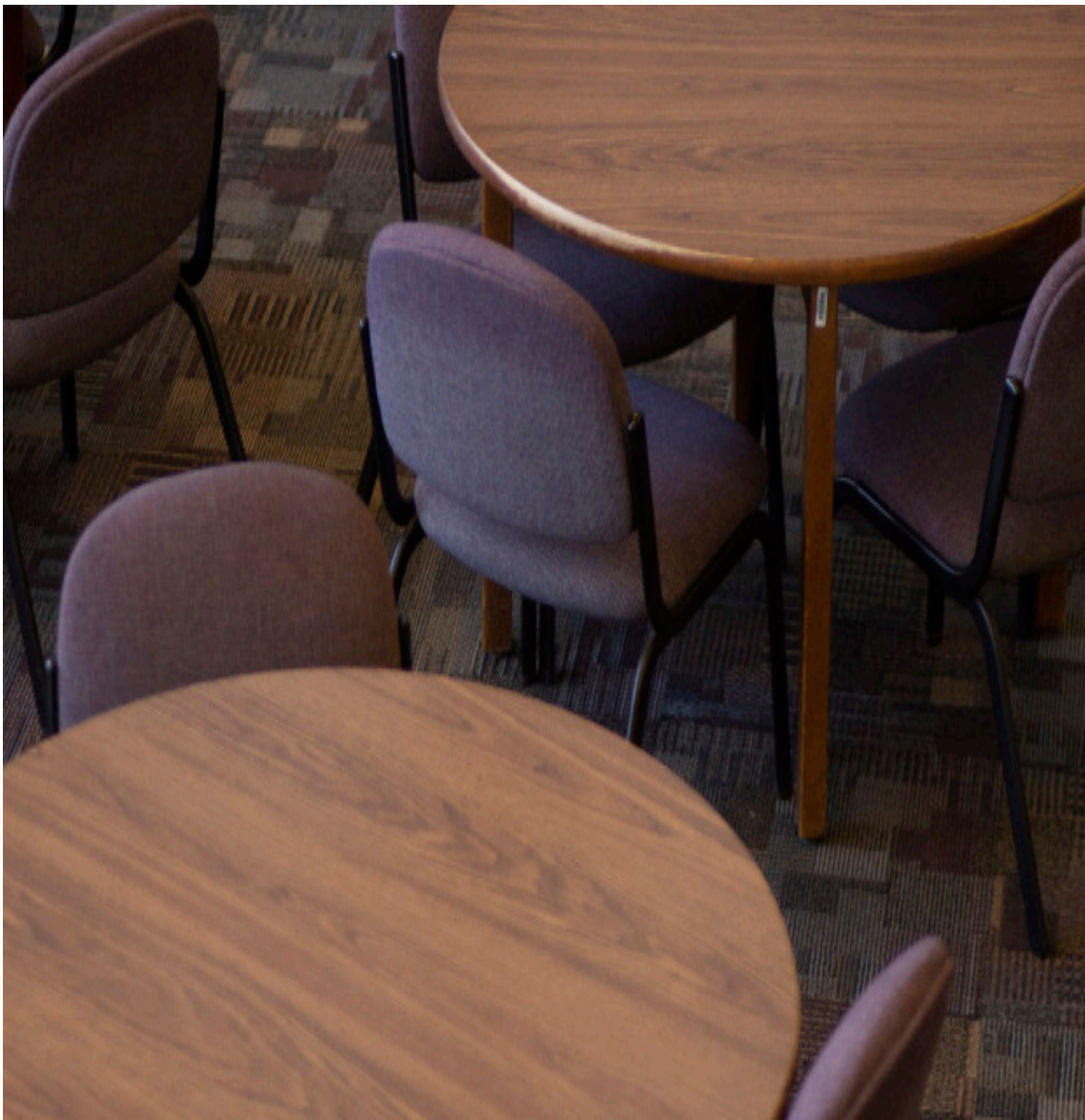
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Gerald Fischman



John McNamara



Rebecca Smith



Rob Hiaasen



Wendi Winters

# Remembering Annapolis

**Lamp honors five newspaper employees killed for reporting the news**

By Meredith Howard ■ Lamp Co-Editor

The Lamp conducted a phone interview about the Capital Gazette shooting and the media's current opinion on journalism with Sasha Ingber, a reporter on NPR's breaking news desk.

On June 28, five employees of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland, were shot and killed by a man angry with past coverage by the newspaper. This story affects many journalists who have on multiple times heard complaints about their work, often by people who act aggressively and threateningly.

**What was your initial reaction when you heard about the attack on the Capital Gazette?**

Sasha Ingber: "I was sitting at NPR when I found out about the incident, and it was surprising and incredibly sad to think about people who were working in the same industry as myself, whose lives were forever changed."

**Have you ever personally been threatened by anybody who wasn't happy with something you published?**

Ingber: "I've received some negative emails, and certainly been criticized, but no one has ever threatened me personally for the work that I've done. There have been times where I have been on assignment and I have been called 'fake news', but I never really had to fear for my life, as a journalist while reporting in the United States."

**Has there ever been an article that you were cautious to publish because of fear of backlash?**

Ingber: "Well, I think that any time you publish something, you have to be skeptical of the information that you're getting, and make sure that you really know what you're about to publish...at the end of the day you have to feel that it's worth it to put out whatever it is that you're writing. I think that some stories can be more sensitive than others, but maybe that's because you know that it's an incredibly controversial issue. Because I have written for mostly national publications, in a way, my job is easier because I'm writing about people who aren't necessarily in my community, and people who are already public figures. So they wouldn't necessarily be angry at me, whereas the journalists at the Capital who were attacked had written a negative article about someone who took issue with it in the community."

**Has the attack on the Capital Gazette made you more wary to anger people by**

**writing something controversial?**

Ingber: "I think that it's important to remember why journalists get into this industry, we do it because we care about bringing awareness toward what's going on in the world, in our country, in our states, on a local level, so if we let ourselves be dominated by fear, then we can't really do the job. I wouldn't let fear stop me from writing whatever needs to be written. And I feel like a lot of other journalists that I know, a lot of my friends who are also journalists, none of us would stop ourselves, we wouldn't self censor because we know that that does a disservice to journalism."

**How do you think the public currently views the media?**

Ingber: "I can't say that I know the numbers, if people trust journalism more now or if they're more skeptical, but I do feel a sentiment, some sort of general atmosphere where certain media outlets are being targeted and called fake news when they are reporting information that has grounding in reality. And it's a strange feeling, because I think that journalism is so important to democracy, and if you look at countries where there is no free press, countries like Turkey, countries like Russia, Venezuela, Iran, part of the problem is that people don't have access to true, reliable information. So to hear people repeat these opinions of how so much of what is said is fake, it's disheartening."

**Do you have any other comments to make?**

"I try to go in with a fresh mind when I report on something, and I try to find the right sources to speak to, the people who know most about the topic at hand, and I try to have facts and documentation to really bolster whatever it is that I'm reporting; I'm not going in with an agenda. I think it's important that people understand that we aren't going in with a theory, we're trying to understand what happened and then report on that. I appreciate journalists who do their job. I was reading today that the United States is now one of the most dangerous countries for journalists, and that's because of the Capital Gazette shooting. It's incredibly sad to think about that, as another person who's from the United States, I think that it doesn't seem like we would be on par with Afghanistan or Syria. And it's incredibly important to keep journalism alive."

**Gerald Fischman, 61, editorial page editor**

Gerald Fischman, 61, was the Editorial Page Editor for the Capital Gazette. Gerald shared his witty and insightful editorials with the Annapolis community for over 25 years.

Gerald was said to be meticulous in his work, but political editorials were not his only love. He wrote this poem to his wife, Erica Fischman, on the last Valentine's they will spend with each other:

"I love you each day, honey, from the moment that I wake. And I'm going to keep on loving you until the last breath that I take." Erica read a selec-

tion of her husband's love poetry at his funeral that was held at the Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney.

Annapolis political figures also paid homage to this respected writer, commending his great knowledge of small town politics.

Gerald recently earned two honors from the Maryland-D.C. Press Association. One was for an editorial he wrote about censorship at City Council meetings, and the other was about a noose found at a Crofton school.

**John McNamara, 56, sports reporter**

John McNamara's ashes were spread at Nationals Park in Washington D.C. according to the wishes he shared with his wife, Andrea Chamblee. Chamblee shared her doubts about how realistic this dream was. "I was dumbstruck, I thought they couldn't possibly do it."

McNamara, 56, was a lifetime sports fan and sports writer who worked at the Capital Gazette for more than 20 years.

In addition to granting his request, Nationals Park

also honored the fan with a name plate and flowers in the press box in the stadium.

Dave Johnson, Senior Sports Director at Washington's Top News (WTOP) remembered an interview that McNamara conducted with him about his job at WTOP; "Through his inquisitive and sensitive questioning, McNamara did a wonderful job of telling my story. The article was more about why I do what I do, instead of what I do." Johnson was familiar with McNamara in various capacities.

**Rebecca Smith, 34, sales assistant**

Rebecca Smith was recently hired as an advertising sales assistant at the Capital Gazette. Her family mourns her death intensely; she was only 34 years old when she was killed in the Annapolis attack. Smith's uncle remembers her as "a good kid (who) never got into trouble."

A survivor of endometriosis, Smith was a resilient young woman. Eleni Stylianou, Smith's colleague, says she considered Smith to be a close friend. "She was always so sweet and willing to help."

She was a loving future stepmother to her fiancé's daughter." Smith was engaged to Dwayne Poling, and Poling made a heart-wrenching social media post after learning of his fiancée's death. "This can't be real... I will ALWAYS love you, no matter what. As you used to tell me "You are my human." No one ever put up with or attempted to make me a better person like you did. I will love you forever... To the moon and back. I love you more... Til we meet again beautiful, til we meet again."

**Wendi Winters, 65, community beat reporter**

Wendi Winters charged an armed assailant during the Annapolis attack. She screamed in his face while running at him with a trash can and recycling bin.

The shooter killed Winters, a Special Publications Editor for the Gazette, but she is now hailed as a hero by the six survivors of the shooting.

Winters had attended a training session about active shootings at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis that she was an avid member of only

a few weeks prior to her death.

As a mother of four, Winters was said to be an incredibly compassionate woman who would fight tooth and nail for what she believed in.

Winters was a dedicated volunteer at the Annapolis Church, and one of her regular commitments was organizing their bi-annual blood drive. The Church will hold the inaugural Wendi Winters Memorial Blood Drive on September 15th at a local middle school.

**Rob Hiaasen, 59, assistant editor and Sunday columnist**

Rob Hiaasen, 59, assistant editor and Sunday columnist at the Capital Gazette, was remembered by his wife as "a giant, not just in stature but in character".

Rob was shot to death during the attack on the Gazette. Multiple family members have released statements lamenting his death and commemorating his legacy.

Rob started writing for the Gazette in 2010, and spent 8 years mentoring younger reporters and writing humorous stories that tugged at the heartstrings of

his readers.

Carl Hiaasen, Rob's brother, writes for the Miami Herald, and he had this to say about his brother's death: "I am devastated and heartsick to confirm the loss of my wonderful brother Rob today in the mass shooting in the newsroom at the Annapolis Capital Gazette...he spent his whole gifted career as a journalist, and he believed profoundly in the craft and mission of serving the public's right to know the news."



## Phelon Continued from Page 1

In 2018, his office is now full of past and present students seeking him out for advice.

Open Door increases LLCC African-American men's career related education, experience, and training to the needs of future employers. Phelon is not just a tutor or a counselor, but someone students feel they can talk to and lean on.

Ollric Manthelot, UIS computer science student and LLCC graduate stopped by for Phelon's advice. Manthelot was selected for the 2018 LLCC homecoming court by faculty, staff and student body because of his involvement with the college. However, this was not always the case.

"I came to Lincoln Land in August 2015," Manthelot said, "Before I met Mr. Phelon, I was not involved in the college. I was not involved in the activities here. I was more about work-school-home-work-school-and-home."

For Manthelot, once the Open Door program started in the fall of 2016, the change was great. The program was put together through Phelon's partnership with The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. About 20-30 African-American male LLCC students are given key access to internships in accounting, IT, medical fields, STEM related fields, and other career pathways in the Springfield area.

"Since I got involved in the Open Door weekly meetings, I was able to grow my network, meet new people," Manthelot said.

Manthelot wishes that his current

school, UIS, had a community outreach program like Open Door. Manthelot was having trouble getting a book for class, a feature offered by Open Door Mentorship.

"It's not just all about books," Phelon reminded. Phelon set the mission of the Open Door program is to positively impact African-American men attending and graduating at LLCC. As such, it offers academic, career and social/emotional support for those willing to walk through the door.

"I'm big on, it's not who you know, but who knows you," Phelon stated. Phelon wants students to take advantage of LLCC's services and build up their social capital in the community. "My great goal is to document what we are doing this year. To show the progress of the young students. To really see areas where they can grow on and develop more. I have big plans for this year."

Demetrius Young, a LLCC theater major, appears at Phelon's office door as well. Young fits well into the demographic the program was designed to benefit: African-American men who are the first in their family to attend college.

"Open Door has helped me link up with people who I can really connect with and network with, people who offer good internships," Young said. "Mr. Mike stays on top of me for my classes and everything else, He'll make sure I stay successful and become the man I need to be."

For more information, or to be involved in Open Door, visit [www.llcc.edu/open-door-program](http://www.llcc.edu/open-door-program) or call 217-786-3689. Email Michael Phelon at [michael.phelon@llcc.edu](mailto:michael.phelon@llcc.edu)

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**Jack Madin running down the field during Loggers vs. Scott Community College.**

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Antonijevic went all-conference last year.

"It was nice to go all conference. However I would have much rather seen success on the field with (my) teammates," he said.

Antonijevic said he thinks this year's team will have a lot more success.

The Loggers are currently 1-3

for the season after the conference opening game against Heartland Community College from Normal, in which the team lost by two points. The score was 3-5.

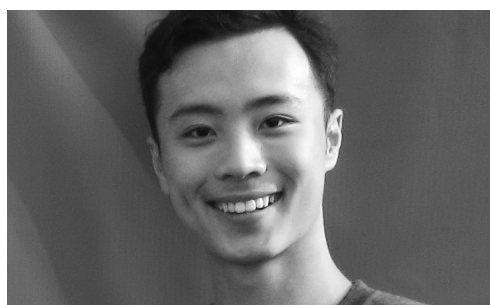
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# Composition on decomposition

By Ryan Zarrillo  
Lamp staff

Artist Kyle Anderson kept drawing the faces of old men. For some reason, his mind was preoccupied with that image, he said.

It wasn't until much later he realized the reason for the fascination. Anderson said his focus was borne out of the realization that his brother would never grow old.

The 27-year-old artist's work fills the James S. Murray Gallery in Menard Hall in a show titled, "Decompose." The work will remain on display until Sept. 13.

Anderson explained at the Thursday, Aug. 30, opening that his brother has Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy, an inability to relax one's voluntary muscles.

Anderson explains in writing outside the display about his family and brother who have dealt with the debilitating disease. The exhibit also contained poems for each piece to provide additional information about a particular ceramic piece.

Anderson, who got his degree in drawing and ceramics, uses both of those skills for the pieces on display.

"That's what I was using to get these emotions out and this is kind of a culmination of two years of that," he said in his opening speech to a room of

art enthusiasts.

On one side of the room, there is a mural with ceramics that start with birth and end with death. Everyone at the show was raving about that display in which each work of art becomes progressively becomes more decomposed.

The decomposition is done in an exaggerated fashion, to display the "cycle of life" for someone with Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy, Anderson said.

"The wall of life and death is just so profound because it shows the various aspects of life, death and everything in between," said Devontay Van, 20, who is majoring in art.

Anderson, who graduated from Greenville University, described the mural as the lead actor and the remaining pieces as the supporting actors that help the story.

Leslie Stalter, art professor at LLCC, said the glaze Anderson used was phenomenal and enjoyed the darker pieces.

Stalter said Anderson's expertise as an artist really helped tell the story.

Many of the students and artists asked questions about his methods to produce the effects, and Stalter also noted an organic quality to the ceramics.

An organic quality that can only tell such a story of perseverance, as in the case of Anderson.



"One with the earth" by Kyle Anderson

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"Wind Walker" by Kyle Anderson



"Composure" by Kyle Anderson



A collection of bowls and a sculpted face by Kyle Anderson