Adopt a seat in the Silverthorne Theatre!
Why does bullying exist? How does it ever seem like a good idea to anyone to belittle another person, make them feel small and miserable just to make yourself feel better?

This is on my mind this week because of TV. Recently I have been watching “Gossip Girl”, and right now I am watching a movie called “Cyberbully”. In a society filled with technology, sometimes life is easier, but sometimes, like with cyberbullying, technology just helps bad situations get worse. It doesn’t end in high school; bullies grow up and go to workplaces or become parents where they continue to bully.

In a perfect world, there would not be bullies. However, the world is not perfect. I would like to encourage my readers to follow the mantra of one of my favorite books.

“We believe in ordinary acts of bravery, in the courage that drives one person to stand up for another.”

If you see someone being bullied, please, do something about it and for those of you that are parents please encourage your kids to do something about it. Teach them to Stand up to the bully, comfort the bullied, and tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

Lindsey Keatts

It’s that time of year.

Time to get registered that is. As crazy as it may seem, we are already into the middle of November, and it is time to start planning for spring semester. Many of you are probably thinking about how this semester isn’t even finished yet; that it’s too soon to think about classes for the spring, but the time has come and here we are.

If you haven’t met with your advisor yet, get on it! They are more than willing to answer your questions and help you out. My advisors have always been a great help to me. Also, if you haven’t used the new WarriorWeb program, Student Planning, I suggest you give it a try. It is extremely useful to see what classes you have taken and what you still need to take. You can tentatively plan your entire college career online. It’s a great, helpful tool, and if you are an enthusiastic planner like me, you will love it.

Have a wonderful week students. Get stuff done!

Dallas Callahan

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Adopt a Seat in the newly renovated Silverthorne Theatre

Lewis-Clark State College press release

Lewis-Clark State College’s Silverthorne Theatre is undergoing some much needed renovation, which is scheduled to be completed by early in the spring semester. Although much of the funding is already taken care of, there is still a need to raise money to upgrade the theater’s lighting and curtains.

Now anyone can contribute to the project and have their name be forever part of this historic theater by adopting one of the seats. Seats can be adopted for $200.00. When you adopt a seat, a name plate will be placed on it. You will also be invited to be a guest at one of the first productions in the newly renovated theater. The 1940’s Radio Hour by Walton Jones will be presented at the Silverthorne upon completion of the upgrades, with performances March 25 - 29, 2015.

LCSC is asking supporters to consider adopting a seat for themselves and a seat for a friend or family member. Your seat is waiting for you!

For more information please go to http://www.lcsc.edu/giving/programs/silverthorne/, contact the College Advancement Office at 208.792.2458, or email College Advancement Development Coordinator Alexcia Jordan at asjordan@lcsc.edu

LCSC’s Diouf named Frontier Conference Player of the Week

Lewis-Clark State College Press Release

Lewis-Clark State College sophomore Erick Diouf was named the Frontier Conference Men’s Basketball Player of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

Diouf, a forward from Dakar, Senegal, helped the Warriors improve to 50 with an 89-70 win over Whitman College at the Activity Center on Sunday. He scored 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting and added seven rebounds and a season-high five blocks.

The 6-foot-8 transfer from Kilgore College also played well in the Warriors’ 75-57 exhibition loss at the University of Idaho on Friday, tallying a game-high 13 points to go with six boards.

Diouf leads the Warriors so far this season with 15.8 points and seven rebounds per game.

Lewis-Clark State hosts the Clearwater River Casino & Resort Invitational on Friday and Saturday. The event will feature two games per day with LCSC facing the College of Idaho on Friday at 7 p.m. and Portland Bible College on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Registration time!

by Moriah Hale
of The Pathfinder

Advanced registration has finally come and with it a new program in which students can choose their classes.

The new Student Planning program found on WarriorWeb is now available. While last year the program was just a side note in the registration process, LCSC is working towards implementing it as the only form in which to go through. Through the Advising and Career Counseling Center, a few workshops have been set up for students to learn how to use the new Student Planning program.

There were three workshops this semester: October 28, November 5, and November 10. For those who attended either of these, they gained further insight in how to use the program. The instructors went through the process of using the course catalog, included on the web page, and how to add classes to the schedule. The Plan & Schedule area shows the classes scheduled and even puts them on a calendar so students can see what times the classes take place. This can be helpful if there are any overlaps.

The instructors even went through the benefits of this program, in that students can see their progress towards their degree, they can see what classes they have already taken, and what they haven’t taken yet. The Student Planning website also has a link to a student’s unofficial transcript, and test summary, which shows admissions tests taken. The program also lets you know if a class has a prerequisite and where to find the specific class.

While the old way is still available this time, students should work their way into figuring out how to use the Student Planning program, as it will soon be the only way. For any questions please contact Debra Lybyer at the Career & Advising Center in Reid Centennial Hall room 208, or call 208-792-2313, or email her at dlybyer@lcsc.edu.

Class offers unique oppurtunities

The Hells Canyon Institute is still accepting applications for Spring 2015. Hells Canyon Institute students take the HUM 351 class throughout the spring semester and then spend the week of Spring Break in field school in Hells Canyon. During the field school, students take boat excursions to sites in the canyon and stay at Garden Creek Ranch. The course satisfies the upper division core requirement or can be taken as an elective. It is an excellent opportunity for students to work across disciplines to learn about Hells Canyon. Students who wish to register for the class should bring a completed application with the $50 application fee to the Humanities Division office in SPH 111A. The application fee will be returned to any student who is not accepted into the class. Applications may be obtained in the Humanities Division office or by contacting Marlowe Daly-Galeano at hmdalygaleano@lcsc.edu or 792-2529. Questions should be directed to hmdalygaleano@lcsc.edu.

24th Annual Pride of Clarkston Fine Arts Department & Color Guard CRAFT FAIR
November 15, 2014 9:00am-3:00pm
Clarkston High School
401 Chestnut • Clarkston
• 4 areas for shopping- 2 gyms, main hallways & auditorium bldg.
• Admission $1 or a can of food for the Asotin County Food Bank
• Over 180 booths in our one day shopping mall
• Concessions available

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By Kaleena Chamberlin
of the Pathfinder

• Previous talk on the idea of a free legal clinic for LCSC students resumed. The clinic will allow students to receive free legal advice via appoints they schedule through Vice President of Student Affairs Andy Hanson. Two things remain needed from the college. The first is a resolution from ASLCSC stating that the support and need exists. The second is identifying attorneys that would like to volunteer their services.

• LCSC as well as any other institution abides by Title 9 which deals with sexual harassment and misconduct. While LC has had little trouble with such instances we might have to starting offering training classes in safety. An example would be walking to one’s car alone in the dark. LCSC has been asked to be the lead group in this event.

• Dr. Hanson would like to assure students about the email he sent campus wide on Halloween reminding students to be safe and to call security if they could not secure a ride. Hanson insists that it was purely a safety measure with no punitive consequences involved.

• Bill 14-F016 and 14-F017 were untabled and passed to approve the 2015 election code and calendar 10th revision as proposed by the election board.

• Bill 14-F030 approved the spending of $4824.82 for the matching of funds and grant requests of clubs and orgs. The breakdown of the matching funds is as follows: Diesel Club $250, International Programs $225, Spanish Club $231.28, SOSW-CDA $250, Phi Alpha $250 Justice Studies $250, OELA $207, Social Sciences $250. The following are grants that are being given, not matched: Geology Club $346 and Silverthorne Theater Group $2,684.54.

• Bill 14-F031 was proposed for the spending of up to $1,000 for the purchase of food, non-alcoholic beverages, decorations, marketing, facilities, prizes and shoe rental for a fall bowling event held by ASLCSC’s Coeur d’Alene branch. The event, if approved will take place on Dec 6th at Sunset Bowling Lane. All faculty, staff and students will be allowed to participate. The bill has been tabled until further discussion with CDA’s representative Chair Person Gummerson.

• Bill 14-F032 approved the spending of $400 on flag hanger equipment to complete a pride committee project. These monies will come from the General Account. As previously mentioned this will place flags featuring the new interlocking LC logo on all lamp posts on campus.

• Bill 15-F033 appointed Tyler Latimer as an ASLCSC Technical Senator.

• ASLCSC would like to remind students to participate in LCSC Cares and bring un wanted non-perishable foods, mainly cans, and goods, for example coats, to participating locations on campus. One can be found in the library and another near the piano in the SUB.

Senator Summary
Meeting held Nov. 4, 2014

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By Dallas Callahan
of the Pathfinder

A little comedy is good for the soul.

CAH graciously hosted the play, “The Dog in the Manger” as the Silverthorne Theatre is being renovated. LCSC students performed the play last week for four consecutive nights.

Actors were eager to entertain the audience, and the costumes, donated by the University of Idaho, matched their enthusiasm. Student, Dean Mo, was particularly entertaining, playing the part of Fabio, and was both energetic and amusing as he flipped the strands of his long black-haired wig throughout various scenes.

The play, originally by Lope de Vega, was adapted by David Johnston, and directed by Jeff Peterson. LCSC students appeared to be having a good time playing the parts, and were very in-character throughout the performance.

The next theater event appearing at CAH is the “Old Fashioned Christmas Sing-Along”, on Dec. 11.
LCSC women rise to No. 4 in final XC poll

Lewis-Clark State College press release

Fresh off a win at the Frontier Conference/North Star Championships, the Lewis-Clark State College women’s cross country team jumped to No. 4 when the national office released the final regular-season edition of the NAIA Coaches’ Top 25 Poll on Sunday.

The LCSC men, who placed second at the same meet, checked in at No. 14.

Extending their string of consecutive appearances in the rankings to 133 polls, the Warrior women, who were seventh a week ago, collected 519 points to secure a spot in the top 10 for the third straight week. This is their highest ranking since landing in the same slot in 2014.

As they have all season, British Columbia and Oklahoma City once again topped the polls.

The Thunderbird women were a unanimous choice for No. 1 after tallying all 21 first-place votes while the Star men received 19 of 22 available first-place votes.

This week’s professor profile spotlight is on Amy H. Page, LCSC’s Secondary Education Coordinator and Idaho Region 2 Math Director.

Amy Page is from Hickory, North Carolina, leaving her with an accent unfamiliar around these parts. Before coming to the LC Valley, she taught at Mitchell College at Statesville, NC.

Amy was the Quality Enhancement Plan Coordinator there. She helped with college accreditation and taught college professors on how to connect their teaching with the real world.

Amy first heard of LCSC through internet searches as she looked for a new logo for her own school. She said she was looking for one that had to do with connecting learning to life. Of course our school continued to pop up. Curious, she checked out the LCSC job listings and discovered an opening she couldn’t say no to.

Here at LCSC she continues her connecting learning to life motif as she teaches instructional strategies, math methods for secondary teaching, and an internship course for student teaching. In 2014 she was given the LCSC Foundation Award, and she also secured fund to advance math education in the state of Idaho to provide professional development opportunities for teachers.

From a young age, Amy loved the idea of teaching when she grew up. She would play school with a chalkboard and old textbooks she received from her aunt. As a teacher, Amy loves helping people discover that light bulb moment in their education.

Amy is an outdoors person and likes to hike with her husband and dog, snowshoe, walk her dog, work in the garden, and travel. She also dabbles in scenic photography.

If you ever see Amy Page around campus, don’t hesitate to say hi. She is located in Spalding Hall, tucked away on the second floor in room 276.
**Book Review**

“Outlander” is a real page turner

by Moriah Hale
of The Pathfinder

![Diana Gabaldon](photo courtesy of Dell Publishing)

The year is 1945 and the end of World War II has finally come to an end.

After a five year separation, Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, and her husband Frank are ready to reconnect. What better place than the Scottish Highlands, an area somewhat less touched by the physical horrors of the war, and the place in which Claire and Frank had been married shortly before the war began.

In an innocent search for an intriguing flower, Claire walks through a standing stone at Craigh na Dun, one of the ancient stone circles that dot the British Isle. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an outlander—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding Highland clans in the year of Our Lord…1743.

Like many of the books I have read this past year, “Outlander” by Diana Gabaldon, was discovered because of the recent creation of a TV series based on Gabaldon’s books. The many reviews I noticed filling my Pinterest page, caught my interest. I had to check the book out. I was not disappointed.

This story has both adventure and romance, with a touch of magic, that works together to create Gabaldon’s world of intrigue. The characters are believable, and I found myself unable to put the book down. Something that I appreciated about Gabaldon’s writing is the use of Scottish dialect in the dialog. This addition really gave flavor to the story, where otherwise, I believe the story would have suffered for lack of the realistic touch.

“Outlander” is a more adult novel than my usual books, but nothing in the range of Fifty Shades. Still, I believe most can appreciate this book. If you don’t mind some descriptive language (Claire has a bit of a foul mouth), and gory scenes, than this is the book for you. It was definitely a page turner, and I am excited to get Gabaldon’s next book.

By Amanda Hindberg
of the Pathfinder

**Movie Review**

“Maleficent” Is Not Your Average Fairytale

It’s pretty typical to think of a princess as needing a prince to make her happy, but in this new take on Sleeping Beauty, that couldn’t be farther from the truth.

The newly released “Maleficent” is from the viewpoint of the villain, Maleficent herself. I have learned that Maleficent is not really as evil as the original “Sleeping Beauty” made her out to be. She is real and experiences true emotions, just like any other person.

The movie starts with Maleficent as a young fairy who lives in the Moors, secluded from any human contact. She is free to be herself without any judgment from humans, who cannot understand or appreciate her great power. She has enormous wings that can carry her for miles and she is loved by everyone. Maleficent meets a young human boy, Stefan, and falls in love, but is soon betrayed by him when he decapitates her wings to become King. Stefan, coincidentally, has a baby girl – Aurora – whom we all know as Sleeping Beauty, and whom Maleficent casts a dreadful curse on.

The film was directed by Robert Stromberg, who has been involved in many major projects, including “Avatar” and Tim Burton’s “Alice in Wonderland”, which explains the similarities between the films. This is the first film Stromberg has directed.

“Maleficent” received both positive and negative reviews from critics. Most of the positive reviews were praising Angelina Jolie for her impeccable performance as Maleficent. What I found amazing in the film was that Aurora, after falling into a death-like sleep, as wished by Maleficent, was not saved by a prince, but by a mother’s love. Now, it is not a typical mother-daughter relationship because Maleficent becomes like a mother for Aurora. Maleficent initially hates Aurora, but is soon drawn in and loves her like a daughter and regrets the curse she has cast on Aurora. At this point, it is much too late to take back the curse.

I also found it interesting that there were many metaphors in the movie that are influential and relevant in today’s society. The scene in which Maleficent’s wings are stolen by Stefan represents a young woman who has been sexually abused by someone she trusted, which I think is a very important and relevant topic. The one thing she cared about most has been brutally ripped away from her.

If you are interested in a different view of the classic “Sleeping Beauty”, then I would highly recommend this movie. There is a perfect mix of comedy, love, and romanticism. It has shown me that there can be an even more powerful relationship than a man’s love – that is a mother’s love.

By Amanda Hindberg
of the Pathfinder

**2nd Annual LCSC Cares!**

**Food & Toy Drive**

**October 17-December 12**

**Warrior**

Wednesday hosts the semesterly Alumni T-shirt Swap

*Photo courtesy of Dallas Callahan*
Movie Review
Is this an advertisement?

By Chase Murphy
of the Pathfinder

To me, nothing in a movie feels cheesier than super obvious product placement. From the shameless Converse plug in “I Robot”, to the “Transformers” films that feel more like commercials for Mountain Dew and General Motors than actual movies, some directors don’t seem to care much about subtlety. Some don’t have to.

In “POM Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold”, Morgan Spurlock takes viewers into the world of not just product placement in the media, but into the world of advertising in general. The idea behind this documentary is to make a movie about product placement that is completely funded by product placement.

The documentary begins with Morgan desperately trying to find sponsors for his movie. He meets with advertising and branding agencies, and faces a lot of rejection before finally landing a sponsor. Throughout the film he interviews famous directors like Quentin Tarantino and Peter Berg and we find out how the Hollywood big-shots deal with advertising. As he picks up more and more sponsors, he begins to feel the restraint of the legality issues that come with product placement and, like everything Morgan Spurlock does, he deals with it in a very unique way.

As far as documentaries go, this one is pretty light compared to some of the more controversial ones I’ve seen. Rather than trying to persuade the viewer on an important issue, this one seeks to educate and entertain. It is fast paced and even pretty funny at times. Morgan is engaging as always and does a good job explaining the process of funding a film with product placement.

For students in graphic design, communications, or business and advertising, this movie would act almost like a masterclass in advertising. I would also recommend this movie to anyone looking for an entertaining and educational documentary.

Community Action Partnership continues fighting poverty

By Amanda Hindberg
of the Pathfinder

It’s that time of year again. The Christmas movies are already on television, the Halloween decorations are 80% off, and the local Community Action Partnership in Lewiston is working hard for low-income families, disabled individuals, and senior citizens.

Community Action Partnership provides a large amount of services, including Community and Home Support, Childcare, Parent/Child Education, Energy Assistance, Nutrition Services, and Weatherization, to name just a few.

Community Action Partnership was started in 1964 by Lyndon Johnson during the war on poverty attempts to help fix the growing poverty issue in the country. Now, it has grown tremendously and started a Head Start program that has now branched off and is very successful.

“Community Action Partnership is always looking for volunteers to help out. “They can help with packing boxes of food, handing out food, cooking meals for people taking classes, and more,” Titus says. Volunteers also serve on the Board of Directors, which also includes members and individuals who are low income. Titus says “about one-third of those on the Board of Directors are low-income” and they are able to help decide how to fix poverty issues.

Community Action Partnership is working hard to help families and people of all ages live more comfortably and happily.
Warriors push back on Missionaries’ pressure and take the win

Staff Report

Lewis-Clark State men’s basketball team triumphed 89-70 over Whitman College at the Activity Center on Sunday.

This nonconference victory bumped the Warriors’ record to 5-0. Sophomores Jacob Wiley and Erick Diouf combined for 48 points and 13 rebounds to pace the game. The game served as an exhibition for Whitman, an NCAA Division III school from Walla Walla, Wash., that spent the entire game pushing tempo and applying full-court defensive pressure.

“It was a pretty wild affair, as we knew it would be,” LCSC coach Brandon Rinta said. “Their style of play is extremely up-tempo. You never like to play against this style — and it’s even scarier earlier in the season — but our guys handled it well.”

The Warriors countered the Missionaries’ relentless pressure with steady, crisp ball movement, which allowed them to seize control of the game early. The Warriors registered 14 assists on their 22 first-half field goals. Freshman point guard Trea Thomas doled out five assists in the opening period and led all players with seven total.

“I told our guys I was really impressed with their unselfishness,” Rinta said. “Against a team like this, sometimes it’s easy to settle for quick 3s.”

A 14-2 flurry within the game’s first eight minutes gave the Warriors a double-digit lead, which ballooned to a 59-36 advantage by halftime. The opening half included a handful of emphatic, and sometimes acrobatic, dunks by Wiley and Diouf.

In the first half alone, LCSC’s dynamic inside duo combined to make 15 of 18 shots for 36 points. Their teammates were just as accurate, with the Warriors drilling 66 percent of their shot attempts in the first 20 minutes.

Wiley, who is 6-foot-6, finished with a game-high 27 points on 11-of-14 field goals to go with six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block. The 6-foot-8 Diouf added 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting to go with seven boards and five blocks.

The Warriors play again Friday at 7 p.m., when they host the College of Idaho in the Clearwater River Casino Invite. That two-day tournament also features a game against Portland Bible College on Saturday at 6 p.m.

CEC (Counsel for Exceptional Children) is holding a soup sale every Wednesday through March 5 from 11:30 - 1:30 in Spaulding Hall. For $5 you get a bowl of soup, roll and cookie. The money is being raised to send members to San Diego for the National Conference in April.
Strong first half not enough to lift Warriors over Vandals

The Vandals, playing their second exhibition game of the season, responded by scoring eight of the next 10 points to pull within three. The Warriors answered, though, extending their lead back to seven, at 23-16, following a strong finish inside by Erik Diouf.

Despite constant double-teams from the Idaho defense, Diouf, a 6-foot-8 forward from Senegal, finished with 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting. The sophomore also pulled down six rebounds in 22 minutes of action.

“They were doubling hard in the first half and then squeezing hard on our posts in the second,” Rinta said of the Vandals. “It was really good to get some good game-speed looks at that because I think that’s what people are going to do with Erick and our bigs all season.”

Even though LC State held Idaho to 31-percent shooting through the first 20 minutes, the Vandals closed the half with a 13-6 spurt. The Vandals pulled level at 29-all on a layup by Sekou Wiggs and took a three-point lead into halftime when Connor Hill drilled a 3-pointer with eight seconds left. Sekou and Hill led the Vandals with 13 points apiece.

The Vandals produced an 80 burst early in the second half to increase the margin to 12 before Gavrin Kaufman nailed a 3-pointer, his second of the game, to slice LCSC’s deficit to nine with 12:39 remaining. But the Warriors could never pull any closer to the Vandals, who shot 51 percent after halftime.

Even though the Warriors shot better than 40 percent for the game, they attempted 17 fewer shots than Idaho. That discrepancy was due, in part, to the Vandals.coaching the Warriors into 20 turnovers.

The Vandals also hurt LCSC on the glass, coralling 14 offensive rebounds that resulted in 21 second-chance points. Overall, though, the Warriors grabbed just four fewer rebounds (38-34) than Idaho.

“I would have really liked to limit their offensive rebounds a little bit more, but that’s one of the things we take pride in,” Rinta said. “We wanted to compete with them on the glass, and I think we did that.”

Nick Emerson led the Warriors with seven rebounds while 5-foot-11 guard Cammie Lewis added five boards and Jacob Wiley pulled down four to go with 12 points. Kaufman also finished with 12 points for the Warriors.

The absence of Bagby and Thomas, meanwhile, allowed some other players, namely Rich Tesmer and Chris Ashanti, to gain some valuable experience. The junior guards both played 12-plus minutes in their first action of the season.

“I think it was good to give other guys good looks and solid opportunities that maybe they would not have gotten otherwise,” Rinta said. “Would I have liked to have (Bagby and Thomas) out there? Absolutely, they are a big part of what we do. We missed them, but I think that some other guys were able to step up.”

The Warriors return to regular-season action Sunday, when they host another NCAA school, Whitman College, which competes at the Division III level.

Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. at the Activity Center.

Warrior men earn at-large berth to Nationals

They had to wait a few extra days, but the Lewis-Clark State men ultimately earned a berth into the 2014 NAIA Cross Country National Championships. The Warriors received an at-large bid when the national office announced the event field Monday afternoon.

The national meet takes place Nov. 22 at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan., and will also include the fourth-ranked LCSC women, who received an automatic bid to the event after winning the Frontier Conference/North Star Championships three days ago. This marks the 14th consecutive year the Warrior women have qualified for Nationals.

The Warrior men had to wait for an at-large selection after placing second at that same meet. But a relatively high ranking — the Warriors checked in at No. 14 in the final Top 25 poll — and top-five finishes at each of their meets this fall was enough for them to receive one of the 13 at-large bids to the 36-team field. This will be the Warriors’ 19th straight appearance at Nationals.

“We are obviously very excited to be returning to Nationals again as a combined program,” Collins said. “Both teams set individual team goals at the beginning of the year, but they also set a goal of getting one of the combined team trophies that go to the best programs that have both men’s and women’s teams in the field.

We still have a shot at that.”

The women’s 5-kilometer championship takes place at 8:30 a.m. PST on Friday, Nov. 22, with the men’s 8K race to follow at 9:45 a.m. PST. The following links provide a full list of qualifying men’s and women’s teams as well as individual male and female qualifiers.
**Sports Commentary by Taylor Marshall**

The NBA season has begun. Here comes a bevy of emphatic dunks, alley-oops and long-range three pointers from the best players on the planet. Here comes a daunting four round playoff series that in the end will crown another champion.

So which teams are in position to hoist the crown?

Arguably the biggest story of the NBA offseason was Lebron James and Kevin Love heading to Cleveland to team up with Kyrie Irving. This move instantly makes the Cavaliers a favorite to win the championship. James is the best player in the world, Kevin Love is a beast on the boards and at 6’10” his ability to shoot the three ball is deadly. Combine that with Irving’s playmaking and scoring and this team is going to be a force.

The San Antonio Spurs who are the reigning champs returned all of their vital players and added talented rookies and a few veteran bench players. With their brand of unselfish team basketball you have to figure the Spurs will be in the mix again this season.

Derrick Rose is back for the Chicago Bulls and their starting five can match up with anyone. Adding Pau Gasol and rookie forward Doug McDermott will give the Bulls versatility and tall forwards who can stretch the floor with outside shooting.

Taj Gibson and Joakim Noah are athletic rim protectors and this could be the best defense in the NBA.

Houston has a duo of all-stars with Dwight Howard and James Harden, along with Patrick Beverly and a good cast of role players, and look to have a great season. Many experts have picked the Rockets to win it.

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**LCSC volleyball holds off Westminster**

The Lewis-Clark State College volleyball team swept a Westminster rally to claim an important Frontier Conference victory Thursday night. Scores were 25-17, 25-15, 25-21.

With the win, the Warriors improve to 16-8 overall and 10-3 in conference. They have won eight of their last nine matches and to Thursday’s result, have secured the No. 2 seed for the Frontier Conference tournament.

“We pulled it out and I’m thankful for the win,” LCSC coach LaToya Harris said. “I had a feeling it would be a battle and I think it speaks volumes that we can be in that situation and still win it.”

LC State started strong, turning a pair of early kills by Desiree Nielson into an 8-3 advantage. The Griffins (10-16, 4-9) responded, though, by scoring 10 of the next 12 points before junior setter Robyn Schirmer halted the run with another kill for LCSC.

Westminster did manage to extend its lead to six before the Warriors eventually rallied to knot the score at 24-all. They claimed the game following a Griffin service error, one of five in the set, and a kill by junior outside hitter Trenesha Doyle.

LCSC dominated the second game, building an early nine-point cushion and forcing the Griffins to call two timeouts during the surge. The Warriors, who led by as much as 10, hit .238 during the set.

The Warriors seemed well on their way to a sweep after building a 20-15 lead in the third set. But thanks to strong play from Alexis Aalona, who finished the match with 15 kills, the Griffins closed the game with a 10-2 salvo.

The Griffins carried that momentum into the fourth set, racing to a 5-0 lead. Their cushion only grew as the game went on because the Warriors, who finished with a negative hitting percentage and committed 14 errors, could never establish any rhythm.

The Warriors finally regained their composure in the decisive set. They scored six of the first eight points and led by as much as seven. Doyle sparked the turnaround, tallying four of her 11 kills in the game. The Warriors hit .296 in the set, their highest percentage of the match, and forced eight sideouts in nine opportunities.

“I don’t know what it is, but we play well when our backs are against the wall,” Harris said. “It forces us to wake up. This team just seems to play well under pressure.”

While Doyle continued her strong play of late, Marissa Verduci likely furnished the best performance by a Warrior. The junior right-side hitter finished with a match-high 16 kills, 13 digs and three service aces.

“Marissa was playing very smart and she was in such a great flow,” Harris said. “It was just so much fun to watch her play like I know she can.”

Harris also praised Nielson’s ability to control the net. The senior middle blocker finished with 11 kills, seven total blocks and a .364 hitting percentage, while Schirmer doled out 44 assists to go with 14 digs.

The Warriors close out the regular season on Saturday when they travel to Dillon, Mont., to face Montana Western. First serve is set for 1 p.m. Pacific.

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**Warriors wrap up regular season with sweep of Western**

“This is exciting for her to finish the season that way and with confidence,” Harris said of Strong. “She had an awesome match and she’s ready to start the postseason.”

The Warriors, now 17-8 overall and 11-3 in the Frontier Conference, have won eight of their last nine matches and seem to be peaking at just the right time with the league tournament coming up on Friday and Saturday in Butte, Mont.

LCSC will be the No. 2 seed and will open tournament play against No. 7 MSU-Northern (7-19, 3-10). The Warriors will need to get past the Skylights and then win two more matches to clinch the tournament title and the automatic berth to nationals that comes with it. Last year the Warriors fell to Rocky Mountain in the semifinals and the Bears (26-2, 14-0) will be the favorite again this year as they’re ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Montana Western (11-15, 3-11), held to a hitting percentage of negative .203, couldn’t find a hole in LCSC’s defense on Saturday. Just three of Western’s players finished with positive hitting marks. Emily Erickson led the team with six kills.

Robyn Schirmer topped the Warriors with 30 assists, while digs were spread evenly among Rylee Hickman (15), Marissa Verduci (14), and Russia Robinson (13). JasLea Jose added a couple solo blocks.

“We had four players who hit pretty well, but our defense is what really allowed us to win in three,” said Harris. “It was fun to watch.”

The Warriors received votes in last week’s NAIA poll, but because they stand outside of the top 25 their chance of receiving an at-large bid to nationals is not great. Their surest path of advancing to the NAIA tournament for the first time since 2011 will be to win the Frontier tournament title, a feat Harris believes her team is quite capable of.

“It comes down to us not worrying about the score and just bringing a competitive effort,” she said. “This is what the whole season stands for.”

The Warriors defeated MSU-Northern in both meetings this year, sweeping the first match at home and then pulling out a narrow 3-2 win on the road.

“Northern is always that team that can take a team out of their offense because they’re aggressive with their defense,” said Harris. “We played them well at home, they played well at their home, and now it’s going to be a neutral location so we’ll see who steps up.”
Warrior women claim title, berth to Nationals

Lewis-Clark State College press release

Paced by a quintet of top-10 finishes, the Lewis-Clark State College women’s cross country team collected the Frontier Conference/North Star Athletic Association Championship on Friday at Amend Park.

The seventh-ranked Warriors edged Carroll College by three points to claim the team title for the second consecutive year. The triumph also means the Warriors secured an automatic bid the national meet in Kansas in two weeks.

“We know we have another race this season, which is a great thing,” LCSC coach Mike Collins said. “Now we've got to get our mind set on Kansas and get ready for that course.”

The LCSC men, meanwhile, finished second at Friday’s meet, which included five schools from the Frontier Conference and four from the North Star. Despite not capturing an automatic berth to Nationals — that went to Carroll, which topped LCSC by 15 points — the Warriors, ranked No. 13 in the latest NAIA poll, will likely receive an at-large bid.

“I think we've done enough to qualify for Nationals,” Collins said. “We've raced well all year and we've beat ranked teams throughout the year.”

Even though Amend Park is a mostly flat, grassy course, windy conditions were a significant factor Friday. Collins said the wind, which reached 30 miles per hour at times, forced teams to take a tactical approach and run as a pack.

The LCSC women did this especially well, making sure to keep their gaps incredibly tight. In fact, all of the Warriors’ top-five placers finished the 5-kilometer course within 26 seconds of each other.

“Running as a pack was the key — that made all the difference,” Collins said. “The girls did a great job of keeping their gaps small. It was probably the best we've done, 1-5, all year.”

Rachel Cundy furnished the best result by an LCSC runner, placing second with a time of 18:39.76. Katrina Nolan (18:57.18), Nicole Dillavou (19:03.00) and Katie Strong (19:03.49) placed eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively, for the Warriors.

Every runner that placed in the top 10 earned All-Conference honors, and the Warriors needed each of those efforts to claim the team title. They finished with 32 points, just three ahead of Carroll.

The LCSC men finished with 37 points in the team standings, 15 behind Carroll, after placing four runners in the top 10. The Warriors’ highest finisher was junior Cody Larson, who ran the 8K course in 25:56.46 to place second. Larson finished slightly more than a second behind medalist David Thor of Carroll, who finished with a time of 25:55.39.

Pauric McLaughlin (26:29.02), Nehemiah Barrett (26:31.69) and Stephen Broadhurst (26:32.17) placed sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively, for the Warriors.

“The wind played a critical role, especially in the men’s race,” Collins said. “Teams were packing it up and we needed to hang in there as a group just a little bit longer. We knew it would come down to us and Carroll — we were the top two teams in the field — and Carroll just out-kicked us at the end.”

Even though the Warrior men did not claim the automatic team bid to the national meet, all of the aforementioned runners earned individual berths. The top four runners who finish in the top 15, and are not members of national-qualifying teams, advance to Nationals. That meet takes place at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan., on Nov. 22.

In addition to the nine LCSC runners who earned All-Conference honors thanks to their top-10 finishes, the Warriors also bagged some other hardware at Friday’s meet. Collins collected Coach of the Year honors from both the Frontier Conference and the Unaffiliated Group while Barrett and Ariel Jensen were LCS’s Champions of Character recipients.

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Golden State, Portland, New Orleans and the Washington Wizards are extremely talented and athletic. But all four teams are very young and inexperienced and are going to have to grow up in a hurry if they wish to make a run.

The Oklahoma City Thunder have big problems right now with Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and Reggie Evans all injured and missing games right now. But when those players get healthy this team is going to be scary.

Last season was a great one and this season will be just as good if not better. We could see Cleveland meshing and being unstoppable, we could see the old veteran Spurs team continue their dominance or we could see an under-the-radar team come up and win the title. Tune this season and see what happens.
Major: Elementary education
Year: Senior
“I like the stores that are closing on Thanksgiving and letting their families go home.”

Katie Strong

Laura Wilson
Position: SUB Administrative assistant
“I think it sucks. People have to work and not be able to spend time with their family.”

Aaron Wickizer
Major: Graphic design
Year: Junior
“I work retail, so I have mixed feelings. I would have to say I don’t really like working on Thanksgiving, but maybe if the stores were only open half a day it would be better? Not anyone has a family, so some people will volunteer to work on that day.”

Beth Paul
Major: Nursing
Year: Freshman
“I don’t like it! Thanksgiving is meant to be spent with family and cherishing the time together!”

Hannah Roach
Major: Biology
Year: Freshman
“I personally don’t go shopping for Black Friday; I think it is a time for people to be with their family.”