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From the Editor

This week during I got pushed head first into teaching. It started with a text at 5:30 am from the teacher I am working with. “I’m sick. I won’t be in today. Good luck.” And that’s when the panic started. I’ve never taught half these kids. Half of them don’t even know my name and only vaguely recognize me as that girl who sits in the back of the classroom and grades their stuff. I am not prepared for the content. I don’t know how to do this.

So I got to school, and you know what? It was fine. Better than fine in fact. I did well. I did exactly what the experienced teacher would have done if she was there. I didn’t have anyone to lean on, but it worked out fine.

Looking back, I am glad for this sink or swim experience. Sometimes we get so comfortable with our crutches that we don’t comprehend our own abilities. Now I know for sure that I can really be a teacher, and I am enjoying the newfound confidence in my abilities.

Lindsey Keatts

I love watching peoples’ excitement.

Yesterday was a big day for sports fans, as I’m sure you all know. Super Bowl XLIX was an exciting game to watch, even if you aren’t really that interested in football. I watched the game with my boyfriend’s family, and they were definitely grouped with the 12th man. All were rooting for the Seahawks, all except for my boyfriend who is a diehard Patriots fan.

He was given a very hard time from family members all around, in a good natured manner of course, and he had to cheer silently for his team to win. Whenever the Patriots scored, he would jump up excitedly and quickly exit the room. It was quite comical.

I was pretty happy for him when his team won, especially since Monday was his birthday. He couldn’t have asked for a better present.

Dallas Callahan

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Greek Victory: Shifting the Balance of Power Back to the People in the European Union

VICTORY! Is what most Greeks were screaming on January 25th after Alexis Tsipras and Syriza claimed the Greek parliament, losing just three seats which was an unprecedented victory for Syriza, a coalition of the Greek Radical Left. The party is composed of a well-rounded group of fed up Greeks including: Marxists, Social Democrats, Anti-Euro’s, and Greens; basically the opposing side to the political elites and the bourgeoisie: the far-right rich fat cats who refuse to pay taxes, crippling Greece in the past two decades, letting 50% of their countrymen fall into extreme poverty, strife, and all around unrest. Why is this important for the greater European Union? Let me explain.

The European Union is pretty much ran and controlled by the Troika (European Commission, European Central Bank, and the International Monetary Fund). These powers have set up deep claims in the EU, deriving even more power with an uncontrolled EU wide monetary policy (the amount of money the large banks are willing to loan to individual EU member countries) that promised prosperity. This policy promised every EU member country a credit rating that was equal to the top producing member country (this would be like giving an LCSC student Donald Trump’s credit rating, and if you had the Trump’s credit rating you could finance the Sears Tower). So, what happened is that Greece and other EU member countries used the low credit rating to receive loans that helped them strengthen and build their countries’ economies and social programs (jobs), a plan that seemed ok... in a perfect world. But, the simple truth is that we don’t live in a perfect world.

In 2008 the great recession of our times hit. I will not go into to many details on the matter, but the mortgage crisis that started in the United States matriculated into the EU, crashing their super credit rating, destroying member state economies that had now accumulated so much debt (remember your Sears tower) that paying back even a small percentage was impossible because they owed so much. So, what did the Banks do? They kept loaning the EU member states money, because at this point the only way they could keep crashing member states from crashing the Euro and the EU was to keep throwing money at them (imaging building jobs and employing a hundred million people, and suddenly all the money to sustain the growth disappears). From this point the Banks devised a plan: “Austerity Measures” that would help member countries repay the outstanding debt that was forced upon them; another measure that could only work in a perfect world.

Austerity means cutting government spending, reducing borrowing, and paying back higher percentages of debt to the banks. These plans can work, but at the price of social spending, reducing the amount of money the government can insulate the people and country with.

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No more free tax help for students on campus

by Lillian Ragan
of The Pathfinder

Up until recently LCSC offered a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) class to students. This VITA class not only gave the students a chance to practice the skills they learned in the classroom but gave students, staff, faculty and community members the chance to get help with their tax return. The students, supervised by Professor Randy Eriksen, were all upper division business students who had passed through the first section of tax law.

This year, due to constraints on the time of faculty, this class is no longer being offered. Have no fear, there is still hope! Any student, staff, or faculty member still seeking help with their tax return can still receive assistance. Help is available, free of charge, by appointment. Call the Accounting Tutor at 208-792-2835 to set up an appointment to get help with your 2014 tax return. If you feel like trying to tackle your return yourself, the library has a limited selection of forms and a tax help guide. Forms like this can also be found at the Lewiston public library and the post office. Filing online and requesting forms online is also an option.

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Well, at this point we make a full circle back to Greece who by 2009 had already been wading neck deep in debt because of the bourgeois fat cats who WILL NOT pay taxes, and the political elites who PROTECT their way of life; leaving the countries problems to fall on the people, who are suffering.

Enter Greece’s newest and youngest Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and the Radical Left Coalition Syriza, the hero to the suffering Greek people. Tsipras is actually similar to many of us at LCSC. He grew up very modestly, attended a state funded university, and chooses to live in the midst of the problem with the people who have been hit the hardest; all while attending to his two sons along with his domestic partner. Tsipras and cabinet are now in battle with the EU to rid of Greek austerity and maybe even the Troika once and for all. The last week has been nothing but negotiations, rhetoric, and statecraft, leaving the EU commission frustrated to say the least.

These are exciting times for the people who are suffering in the EU. They too are finding a hero in Tsipras and the Radical Left. Many left facing member countries in the European South who have been negatively affected by the Troika and austerity are watching Syriza very closely. If Tsipras can hold the Radical Left together in the endeavor against austerity we may see more Left coalitions banding the people together in a common goal: The end of austerity and the end of the Troika.

-Kristopher B. Rawson
Authors Note: February 21, 2015: Heidi Hughes and I, Kristopher B. Rawson, will be representing LCSC and Greece in the West Coast Model EU Simulation/Competition. Heidi will be playing the role of Greek Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos, while I will be playing the role of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. We will be tackling issues related to Fighting Youth Unemployment and Finding a Common Foreign and Security Policy: Towards a More Effective Crisis Response System.

Spanish club chili fiesta

by Dallas Callahan
of The Pathfinder

Feeling chilly? LCSC Spanish club took great measures to get people warmed up with their annual chili cook off on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Based in the SUB Solarium, the chili cook off gathered a variety of students, most of whom were Spanish club members and some non-members.

Photo courtesy of Dallas Callahan

The other two entrants were Spanish professor, Julie Bezerides, and the Spanish club president, Michael, whom club members fondly refer to as Miguel. Bezerides’s chili was a nice traditional dish with an abundance of beans and corn. Miguel’s was a spicy mixture of smoky flavors with beef, peppers, and beans.

Though the gathering was intimate, it was a success. The Spanish club would like to invite everyone to come for another chance to get heated up by hosting its annual Salsa y Salsa event, coming later this semester.

Photo courtesy of Dallas Callahan

The Pathfinder is hiring!

We are looking for several students to write for us for the upcoming semester. We need people to write reviews, opinions, cover campus events, and write about campus sports. If you are interested, please stop by SUB 201 or send an email to thepathfinder@lcmail.lcsc.edu
by Kaleena Chamberlin of The Pathfinder

Sullivan traveled while there and went to Bali for 10 days and Australia and Thailand for 3. Her favorite location of all would have to be Lake Biwa, with literally translates as “Lake Lake.”

She made some good friends and she got to study the Japanese language.

“I had an opportunity to teach in another country. I learned about yourself and about the culture. I learned to love sushi. The stuff you get here is nothing like being right there, having sushi in Japan. It’s otherworldly.”

Following her stint in Japan Sullivan returned to the area and enrolled in a masters program at the University of Idaho. After spending some time in Fayetteville Arkansas she came back to the Northwest to Pullman Washington to start her PhD program at Washington State University.

While working on her program one of her former professors called and said that they needed someone to teach English 090. Sullivan accepted the job.

“It’s kinda like a dream. I always wanted to come back here and teach,” Sullivan said.

She started as an adjunct faculty member and was then hired as a lecturer and after that interviewed for the assistant professor’s position. Most of the time that she had been working here she had also been working as the Writing Center Coordinator and now she is the director.

“That too has kinda come full circle. I was hired as one of the first tutors by Mary Flores.”

Sullivan just bought an old 1900 house in Genesee and is working on restoring it. “It’s something I’ve always wanted to do. I’m trying to do as much work on it as I can by myself. It’s frustrating and it’s expensive but it’s fun and it will be nice not to have to drive so far.”

She also performs in the LCSC choir as a first soprano and she spends a lot of time reading. Sullivan is currently reading Edward O. Wilson’s “The Social Conquest of Earth.” She also occasionally watches movies and after having taught some film classes at WSU she has never been able to watch them the same since.

“I love teaching,” Sullivan said, “I didn’t think I would enjoy teaching writing as much as I do literature, but I really do love both. I plan to be teaching here until I fall down dead.”
Video Game Review

“Don’t Starve”

by Freddie Means
of The Pathfinder

You will freeze to death, get mauled, burned and, most certainly, starve in Klei’s “Don’t Starve.” Nearly everything in this game is trying to kill you: weather, hunger, animals, fires - even ghosts. You’ll find that there is no tutorial and if you don’t figure out how to build a fire by the end of your first night, you will die.

“Don’t Starve” is an top-down survival game with “roguelike” mechanics; this means perma-death. A decision to eat the last of your food could mean the end of your character if you’re unlucky enough and that will result in you returning to the character screen (followed by several sighs). “Don’t Starve” is great fun once you begin to figure out the crafting system and can be quite rewarding. I will note, however, that once you’ve sunk several hours into the game and then die, there’s a good chance you won’t play the game for some time.

Progression in the game is a bit odd – you can either attempt to just survive or complete the game’s quests. I use the term quest loosely since there is really no way discernible plot or structure to them (though I haven’t yet managed to find and beat all of them). If you decide to forgo the quests, then “progress” (the game goes on until you die) is measured by the time that has passed along with changes in seasons. These changes in season bring their own set of challenges, particularly winter – you will definitely freeze to death during your first winter in the game.

If you enjoy exploring in games or like survival games, then check out “Don’t Starve.” Though the game has a steep learning curve, reading a short starter guide will make your time with the game a lot more enjoyable.

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Student Spotlight

Featuring Hannah Maus

by Taylor Marshall
of The Pathfinder

Have you ever wanted to do something wild and spontaneous? Do something selfless that helps others? Well, there is a great new organization that can help you fulfill both.

Based out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bike & Build is a non-profit organization that conducts cross-country bicycle trips that benefit affordable housing groups. Participants ride across the country stopping in various towns to help build houses for those in need.

The org. has ridden in 12 different seasons, raised $5.1 million, logged 185,000 miles, and has, 2,250 plus young adults riding advocating the affordable housing crisis in the U.S. They have ten different routes that span the country and ride with the slogan, “pedaling for affordable housing”.

Hannah Maus is a senior here at LC who will graduate in May with a degree in Biology. She is a native of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Hannah hopes to get a job as a physical therapist. She is taking a year off after this semester and will participate in the Bike & Build cause this summer. ‘I’ve wanted to do this since I was a sophomore in High school, the year off seemed like the perfect opportunity,’”Maus stated.

Maus will be the second person from Idaho to participate in the trek. She will ride on the central route that will start in Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 24 and will end in Cannon Beach, Oregon on Aug. 4. Her group will consist of around thirty riders, a safety/help van, and two sweeper riders that will ride behind the group to help take care of injuries, flat tires, etc. The group has a daily riding schedule and a mapped out route.

They will bike for two or three days, stay somewhere and help build for a day or two and then ride to the next building destination. The riders will spend their nights in churches, YMCA’s and will even camp out on the lawns of various residents.

Maus has “mixed emotions” about the journey, citing excitement and nerves. Her church back home in Idaho Falls has housed Bike & Build riders for the past seven years, so she’s had first hand experience and has seen the riders in action. Maus’s group will ride through her hometown and will no doubt receive a nice homecoming with her family and friends in attendance. Her church and family are the biggest part of her support group.

The main focus of Bike & Build is to provide help for those who are less fortunate, working with Habitat for Humanity and other organizations to help those in need making our country a better place.

Riders have to fully commit if they want to take part in this, needing to raise $4,500, which the first $1,000 goes to purchasing the bike.

“You must have passion for both biking and volunteer work,” Maus said.

Interested parties can contact Bike & Build at (267)-331-8488. Justin Villere is the Director of Operations. Brendan Newman and Natalie Serle are the Program Directors. If you see Hannah on campus wish her luck on her upcoming journey.
Lewiston Civic Theatre opens new play

by Samantha White
of The Pathfinder

February 4, 2015
The Pathfinder

The Lewiston Civic Theatre’s current musical, The Wedding Singer, is the story of a popular wedding singer who is left at his own wedding.

After his bad luck, he takes it upon himself to make every wedding as terrible as his was. However, that all changes when he falls in love with a beautiful bride to be and has to put on the show of a lifetime to win her heart.

Though the show had its shaky moments, the character of Robbie Hart, played by Taylor Richardson, gives the audience hope. It is the ‘80’s and Robbie Hart is a popular wedding singer engaged to Linda (Staci Rode). Julia Sullivan (Olivia Kennedy) is a waitress who happens to cater to the same weddings that Robbie performs at, and after Robbie’s fiancé calls things off he discovers that the waitress who has always been there is capturing his attention in a new way.

Through hilariously depressing songs like “Somebody Kill Me” and “Come out of the Dumpster,” the two find love just in time to break up with their significant others. With a seemingly weak love connection on-stage, Richardson’s character keeps the show afloat. Richardson has a voice not only saves the play from becoming mundane, but keeps the audience awake. With the opening song “It’s Your Wedding Day” Richardson quickly proves himself worthy of his role. The actor and the character are indivisible as Robbie deals with being left at the altar, attempting to accept his single status and he begins working for Julia’s fiancé.

Aside from Robbie, Julia’s best friend Holly (Becci Tank) also has quite a voice, as she demonstrates with “Pop” and “Right in Front of Your Eyes.” Tank, though not the lead, also helps the show move along nicely.

The Wedding Singer is not my favorite play of the Civic Theatre’s, but with Taylor Richardson and Becci Tank’s performances as well as their voices, the rest of the awkward scenes and shaky moments can be quickly forgiven.

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Jenny Scott is a necessary fixture in the Business division here at LCSC. Professor Scott teaches Foundations of Management Theory, Leadership, Organizational Behavior, Public Relations.

Ms. Scott grew up in three small towns in Eastern Washington. Prior to relocating to the LC Valley in 2007, she and her husband lived on Camano Island, Washington. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration and Finance at Gonzaga University, and she also earned her Master degree in Organization Leadership from same school.

She has always been drawn to and felt a connection with the college campus setting and sense of community that it represents. She began thinking about teaching at the college level shortly after she finished her undergraduate studies and was working “in the real world”.

She is a professor who is fully dedicated to teaching students. She has been worked in various roles and types of work environments for 13 years, which has provided many opportunities to enhance and enrich class lecture. She journeyed through consumer finance and lending to product development and project management in non-profit management and municipal leadership to consult and facilitate, and finally she has decided to teach her experiences at LCSC.

She said, “It is a great privilege to share, encourage, and promote learning and application amongst college students.” Her mission as a professor is to cultivate an environment that serves and enables others to learn, grow and lead. Comprehensive and well-rounded course work, along with real world applications, is provided with enthusiasm and versatility.

Her core values in teaching include: respecting, accountability, freedom and creativity, community, and achievement. At the end of interview, Scott had some last minute advice for students as well. “Be fully present and it’s more about being than about doing.”
LC State men 12th in national track and field rankings

Lewis-Clark State College
press release

The Lewis-Clark State College men rated 12th when the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association released the season’s first edition of the NAIA National Team Computer Rankings on Wednesday.

The Warriors, who opened their season with a pair of meets on the Palouse this past weekend, earned 90.64 points in the rankings. They join No. 24 Carroll College as the only Frontier Conference schools in the rankings.

Indiana Tech, which won the national championship last season, claimed the top spot in the men’s rankings. The Fort Wayne school garnered 504.11 points, easily outdistancing No. 2 Doane of Nebraska, which collected 288.51 points.

The rankings are not a traditional poll, as no voting actually occurs. Instead, point totals for teams are determined using an algorithm that calculates two factors, an athlete’s place on the descending-order list and an athlete’s separation bonus. The separation bonus gives weight to athletes whose performances are either within a small margin of the top spots in the field or abundantly better than the rest of the field.

The Warriors have three meets remaining in the indoor season before nationals, which take place the first week of March in Ohio. Their next meet, the Cougar Indoor, takes place Feb. 6-7 at Washington State University.

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Warriors fall to Bulldogs on the road

Lewis-Clark State College
press release

During the game’s initial moments, when teams often establish the tone of a contest, Lewis-Clark State seemed more than capable of pilfering a key decision on the road. But that first impression, however brilliant, proved too difficult to sustain.

Despite building an early double-digit lead, the Warriors suffered a 90-74 loss to 18th-ranked Montana Western on Thursday night in a Frontier Conference men’s basketball showdown.

“We did get off to a good start, but we just couldn’t maintain it,” LCSC coach Brandon Rinta said. “They are a good team with great players who are well-coached. But tonight wasn’t necessarily an X’s and O’s thing, they just played better than we did.”

Thanks to some solid shooting from the outside — LCSC hit three early 3-pointers and made seven of its first 17 shots — the Warriors built a 10-point cushion, 22-12, within the game’s first eight minutes. But then the shots stopped falling.

The Warriors made just four of their next 19 shots and went into halftime facing a seven-point deficit. Their touch didn’t improve much after intermission, either. They shot only 32 percent for the game and went 10-for-39 from behind the arc.

Turnovers compounded the Warriors’ troubles. They gave the ball away 17 times, resulting in 25 points for Montana Western. Rinta credited the Bulldogs for creating some of those miscues — they finished with 13 steals — but also noted many were unforced errors.

The combination resulted in the Warriors’ largest loss of the season, dropping them to 17-5 overall and 4-2 in the FC.

 Montana Western erased LCSC’s early advantage with a 17-4 salvo. Dexter Williams Jr. did most of the damage for the Bulldogs during that run, and throughout the game for the matter. The 6-foot-4 junior finished with a game-high 26 points and 11 rebounds.

“He’s very active and very good off the bounce,” Rinta said. “He’s an undersized forward who is incredibly quick and athletic. He was very good tonight.”

Stephen McCall added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulldogs, who shot 47 percent for the game. That figure was boosted by a 14-27 effort in the second half, when they built a 19-point cushion.

The Warriors did battle back and even had five chances to cut the deficit to single digits. But they turned the ball over on three of those possessions and missed the front end of two 1-and-1 opportunities.

“I did believe this group was going to fight and find a way to crawl back into the game,” Rinta said. “But we just had untimely turnovers and those missed opportunities at the free throw line. That was just too much to overcome.”

LC State did eventually pull to within nine points, at 64-55, when Rich Tesmer turned an offensive rebound into a bucket with 8:59 left. But the Bulldogs answered with a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession and missed the front end of two 1-and-1 opportunities.

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No conference in the country boasts more teams in the Top 25 than the Frontier, which has five schools in the rankings. Westminster stayed at No. 4 for a second straight week while Montana State-Northern, Carroll College and Great Falls are ranked 10th, 19th and 22nd, respectively. LC State and those four schools have a combined 81-18 record so far this season.

Freed-Hardeman of Tennessee topped the poll for the fifth consecutive week, tallying nine of 10 available first-place votes and 250 points overall. Defending national champion Oklahoma City came in second after seizing the other first-place vote and 242 points.

The Warriors hit the road for a pair of games this week, the first coming Thursday at 4:30 p.m. PST at Montana Western. Then, they travel to Salt Lake City for a tilt with Westminster. That game, too, starts at 4:30 p.m. Both contests will air on 950 KOZE-AM.

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Long-range barrage pushes Warriors past Montana Western

The Warriors then hit treys on their next two possessions to take a 20-19 advantage into the media timeout. They connected on six of their 13 long-range attempts in the first half.

Montana Western responded with its own five-point burst for a 24-20 lead with 8:57 left in the first half. Sierra Highagle, a former Lapwai High teammate of LCSC sophomore Natahnee Spencer, jump-started the run with a 3.

The Warriors, however, had another answer. After pulling to within three, at 26-23, they scored 10 straight points and ultimately took a 37-28 lead into halftime. Orlandi led the Warriors’ first-half effort with 11 points, six coming on treys.

LC State expanded its lead to double digits in the second half with a torrent of early 3-pointers. Orlandi, Kelli Rice and Spencer all drilled shots from behind the arc in the first four minutes, giving the Warriors a 14-point cushion.

The Warriors, who shot 55 percent overall, led by as much as 17 in the second half. They made all but three of their 10 3-point attempts after halftime.

But thanks to 16 offensive rebounds, Montana Western did pull within seven, at 67-60, with two minutes left in the game. Kaye Bignell led the Bulldog charge with 20 points while Kaci Matthyes added 19 points and 11 rebounds.

The Warriors quashed the Bulldogs’ hopes for a comeback when Brooke Litalien responded, naturally, with a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down to push the margin back to double digits. Litalien, one of three Warriors in double figures, finished with 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

NOTES — LCSC freshman Brittany Tackett played 4 minutes, 48 seconds, marking her first action since Nov. 21. She had missed the previous 15 games with a back injury.

Shorthanded Warriors routed by No. 4 Westminster

Their execution was outstanding,” said LCSC head coach Brian Orr, now in his 14th season. “But I’m completely embarrassed by how we played. We weren’t good on the offensive end and we weren’t good on the defensive end, and that was probably the most upsetting thing. We gave up way too many open looks.”

Westminster took full advantage of just about every opportunity it had, hitting 35-of-57 attempts including 14-of-21 shots from the outside (67 percent).

The Griffins took the wind out of LC’s sails early on by going 9-for-12 from beyond the arc in the first half. This led to an insurmountable 46-22 lead at halftime.

To make matters worse, the Warriors were without two key members of the team in junior post Hannah Byerly (out three to four weeks with a leg injury) and starting guard Brooke Litalien who came down with the flu. It might not have changed the final result, but Byerly’s help on the glass and Litalien’s defense would have been nice to have.

“Brooke has been one of our best perimeter defenders all year, so losing our best perimeter defender didn’t help,” Orr said. “It kind of put a cloud over our practice today and our shoot-around. We weren’t ready. From the opening bell we weren’t ready.”

Thanks to 24 assists, Westminster had five players score in double digits. Tia Pappas, who ranks second in the nation in 3-point percentage (.473), and Mika Pinner led with 17 points apiece. Pappas was 4-for-4 from long range, while Pinner was 5-for-5.

“They took advantage of our failure to stay on the perimeter shooters,” said Orr. “It’s a bad loss. We know they’re a top five team, but when you get beat by this much it’s a bad loss.”

The Warriors, who were outrebounded 48-21, shot 26 percent from the field, going 3-for-16 from 3-point territory. Caelyn Orlandi and Tanis Fuller led with 10 points each.

Orr said one of the only bright spots on the night was that freshman Brittany Tackett, who had missed 15 games with a back injury, was able to contribute in 12 minutes on the floor. She also play five minutes in Thursday’s win over Montana Western.

The loss, followed by a long 10-hour bus trip back to Lewiston, brings a somber end to a relatively strong first half of conference play for Lewis-Clark State. The Warriors now dig in for the final seven games of Frontier action, five of which will come at home. On Thursday they’ll host No. 10 MSU-Northern, followed by No. 22 Great Falls on Saturday.

“We can’t change how we played tonight, but we can better prepare for next time around,” Orr said. “We’ve got to take care of business at home. If we just take care of business at home and pick up a couple wins on the road we’ll be in the fight, we’ll be in the hunt.”
LCSC tennis teams ranked in preseason Top 25

Lewis-Clark State College Press Release

Both of Lewis-Clark State College’s tennis teams appeared in the Coaches’ Top 25 when the NAIA released the preseason edition of the poll Tuesday. The women checked in at No. 17 while the men tied for 19th.

The Warrior women, who received 140 points from voters, are coming off a season in which they advanced to the national tournament for the third consecutive year. They went 5-17, although 13 of those matches came against NCAA Division I schools, and finished the 2014 season ranked 18th.

LCSC is just one four schools from Western states ranked in the women’s Top 25. The other three teams all hail from California, including No. 10 Concordia, the highest-rated squad among the bunch.

The LC State men, who earned 120 points in Tuesday’s poll, went 5-11 last season and just missed a berth to nationals. They advanced to the championship match of the National Qualifying Tournament and ended the year ranked 23rd.

Only five schools from the West, including LCSC, appear in the men’s rankings. Like the women’s poll, all of the other representatives come from the state of California, including fourth-ranked Vanguard.

After claiming the men’s and women’s national championships a season ago, Georgia Gwinnett topped both polls. The Grizzlies men, who went 21-0 last year, received every first-place votes, as did the Georgia Gwinnett women, who won 18 of their 22 matches last season.

The Warrior women are 0-3 so far this season, with all three losses coming to NCAA D1 schools. Their next match is Saturday, when they host Portland State University at the LCSC Tennis Center. The LC State men (1-1) next play on Feb. 7, when they host Whitman College.

Sports Commentary

Patriots take the Super Bowl

by Taylor Marshall of The Pathfinder

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Instead Wilson took the snap dropped back and threw a quick dart that was intercepted by New England’s Malcolm Butler sending the Patriots players bounding for joy across the field and left the Seahawks wondering why their running back did not touch the ball.

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ESPN’s Sal Paolantonio called the game, “the second best game in NFL history”.

As I watched the game come to an end, (keep in mind I was the only Patriots fan in a house full of angry Seahawks fans frothing at the mouth) I felt vindication. Vindication for Tom Brady the greatest quarterback of all time and vindication for my beloved Patriots organization. The team that had lost their last two super bowls and had been dealing with constant scrutiny and speculation.

Most fans will say that Seattle blew the game and the Patriots were gifted a championship but I don’t see it that way. Tom Brady shredded a defense that at times called itself the greatest of all time. Tom Brady torched Kam Chancellor, Earl Thomas and the “Legion of Boom”; quite frankly, he took the “boom” out of that defense.

Besides the two throws that ended up being picked by Seattle’s Jeremy Lane and Bobby Wagner, Brady did not miss. His throws were constantly on the money and kept the Seattle defense off balance all night long.

He literally threw his team to the super bowl title, he carried them all game setting multiple records along the way including most career super bowl TD passes. Down by ten in the fourth quarter Brady and the Pats needed to go on back to back TD drives against the vaunted Seahawk defense. He never faltered and steadily led his team down the field twice throwing for two scores in the quarter to give the Patriots a 28-24 lead and an eventual win.

This game was a legacy game for both squads. For the Patriots it is their fourth championship, and their sixth super bowl appearance in the last fourteen years. For their quarterback he now has his fourth ring tying him for most all time by a QB with Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw.

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For the Seahawks it is nothing to be down about. The team came within 2 yds of winning a second straight super bowl. Russell Wilson and this team will no doubt be back in this game somewhere in the near future and their legacy is far from over.

Being a Patriots fan for the last fifteen years has been a tale of two halves. The first half of my fandom career was filled with heartbreak and tough to watch so this championship feels deserved and puts a level of closure on this teams legacy thus far.

Seahawks fans, especially the one or two year old fans have not had much of anything to be sad about. We’ll see if that Seattle bandwagon gets a little lighter after the Hawks are finally dethroned.

Not often do we see two teams as even as this in the super bowl. Both coaches executed masterful game plans even with Pete Carroll’s questionable call. These were clearly the two best teams in the league and if they squared off again I’m not so sure that the Hawks would not get the win.

LCSC women’s tennis edged by Portland State

Lewis-Clark State College press release

The 17th-ranked Lewis-Clark State College women’s tennis team nearly came up with an upset win over NCAA Division I Portland State University on Saturday afternoon at the LCSC Tennis Center, falling by a narrow margin of 4-3.

The Warriors (0-4) split singles action with the Vikings 3-3, but it wasn’t quite enough as PSU had swept doubles.

Sagung Putri Dwinta, a freshman from Jakarta, Indonesia, earned a very impressive win in singles for LC State, taking the No. 1 match 6-4, 6-2. Fellow Jakarta product Lauren Lang won her contest at No. 4 (6-2, 46-64), as did Meridian, Idaho, native Hannah Uhlenkot at No. 5 (7-5).

LCSC’s next match will come against Whitman College, its first non-Division I opponent this year, on Sunday, Feb. 8, in Lewiston.

NAIA presents Larson with national honor

Lewis-Clark State College press release

Cody Larson continues to earn kudos for his performances from this past weekend. This time, the praise is of the national variety.

The NAIA named the Lewis-Clark State junior the National Indoor Track Athlete of the Week on Wednesday. The honor comes just two days after Larson earned the same weekly award from the Frontier Conference.

Competing for the first time this season, Larson won both of the events he entered this past weekend. He took first place in the 3,000 meters at the Idaho State University.

Larson and the Warriors still have three meets remaining before nationals. Their next competition, the Cougar Indoor, takes place Feb. 6-7 at Washington State University.

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Word on the Street

Where would you most like to visit?

Damien Ketcherside
Major: Science secondary education
Year: Freshman
“Nice, France because it’s beautiful. It’s right next to the ocean. It’s pretty clean, unlike Paris.”

Jonah Knudson
Major: Communications
Year: Freshman
“I’d probably want to go to the United Kingdom. I think it would be really cool. A lot of cool bands come from there.”

Taylor Louse
Major: Kinesiology
Year: Junior
“Australia because I’ve always wanted to go. It’s my dream vacation spot.”

Michelle Rhodes
Major: Criminal justice
Year: Sophomore
“I’d really like to visit the west coast - Newport, Oregon or Seattle, Washington. - because I like nature.”

Audrey Grogan
Major: Kinesiology
Year: Sophomore
“Ireland to see the Cliffs of Moher. My last name is Irish and I’ve always wanted to go visit.”