

ABE'S LIST: Worst V-Day Gifts

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20. An MLA book
19. An egg
18. A pregnancy test
17. A broken mirror
16. Deodorant
15. A fingernail
14. A Hanson CD
13. A stapler with three staples
12. A kidney
11. A massaging toilet seat
10. Cupid's dirty diaper
9. Kitten eyeballs
8. Karma
7. A jar with a fart in it
6. Mail-order groom
5. A chimpanzee (given recent events)
4. A dog collar
3. A living poodle (a dead poodle is a fine V-Day gift)
2. Weight loss pills
1. Syphilis

Needed: Orientation leaders

Being an orientation leader at Lincoln College gives you the opportunity to make a direct and instant impact on the lives of new students. You'll be instrumental in making their transition a success. It's an honor and privilege to be selected for this position.

Application Requirements:

- Complete and submit all required application items.
- Applicant must be returning for the 2009-2010 academic school year.
- Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be in good social standing.
- Provide one letter of recommendation from a faculty member, staff or administrator at Lincoln College.
- Submit a typed 300-500 word essay describing why you would like to be an orientation leader.

General Duties:

- Assist and guide new students through Orientation and Week of Welcome activities and programs.
- Act as a mentor and campus liaison.

Pick up in Admissions or Student Services.

Get ready, get set...get transferred!

Has the time come to leave Lincoln College for another school? Fret not. This handy-dandy guide to transferring should make your last few months here easier

WRITTEN BY MADISON BARLOW & AMBER WILSON

Hey sophomores! It's almost spring, which means in a few short months it will be time to say farewell to Lincoln College. These two years have flown by and it's hard to believe that graduation is in a mere two months. So, if you haven't done so already, get your transcripts ready and apply, apply, apply!

Transferring can be very stressful, but don't panic. Our investigations uncovered some important information to help you along the way. Michelle Bauer, LC's director of transition services, gave us some important guidelines to remember to make the transferring experience as smooth as possible.

First, Bauer said to "have an idea of a major so that your advisor, or myself, can help you choose a school that's going to take your elective credits into that major." It's not a big deal if you don't know for sure what you want your major to be, but having a general idea will ease your stress.

Preferably, students need to start applying to schools between October and December of their sophomore year. Oops, but you missed the December deadline! There's still hope. "Don't panic if you don't [apply by December] because final application dates aren't until April or May," Bauer said.

However, although a college may still accept your application as late as April and May, that doesn't mean you'll be accepted into your major. If you wait too long, there's a good chance that the major of your choice will be full. "You can't guarantee you're going to get in [if you apply later] and, more importantly, you're on a smaller list to

guarantee you'll get into your major." Sometimes applying late can cause you to be in college longer than anticipated in order to complete your major and receive your bachelor's degree.

All a school usually needs when you apply is your application filled out, your application fee (if you have one) and your transcripts from Lincoln College. Most schools don't need your high school transcripts or ACT scores if you graduate with an associate's degree. Do NOT send a letter of recommendation unless the school you're applying to asks for one (or more). Otherwise, admissions people will just have to deal with extra pieces of paper, which is a hassle. For a list of transfer requirements at a four-year college or university, just look on a school's Web site.

Also, the sooner you apply, the sooner you can file for FASFA, which means the sooner you'll know how much money you'll be getting. If you have more than one school in mind, this could help decide which school is best for you.

Some of you may wonder how the adjustment will be going from Lincoln College to a university. Well, we aren't going to lie, the adjustment will be hard. "Statistical evidence shows that the transition from Lincoln College to a larger institution is very difficult," said



Bauer is available to help ease your transition to another school.

Bauer. There are three primary reasons for this: Lincoln College somewhat spoils us with the attention from professors and advisors; the college offers free tutoring; and LC is a smaller campus and we receive one-on-one time with teachers.

If you go to a university undecided, you're more likely to have problems, but if you go in with confidence and know what you want to do, you shouldn't have any problems and you'll be more likely to succeed. "Are you ready to be a student? Are you ready to go to a new school and experience a new type of college? It is really a personal choice," said Bauer. She also believes that our students are most likely to adjust and succeed at a smaller university – such as Eastern Illinois or Western Illinois – which are smaller than, say, the University of Illinois.

You've probably heard students say something about the grading at Lincoln College being "easier than high school" or "not preparing you for a larger university," but don't worry, this isn't true (see article on page 3). Students have to be given a basic idea of what college is like during their freshman year and most classes are going to be "intro" classes because of this reason. This is how it is at every four-year institution. So, you're

actually receiving the same education at Lincoln College as you would be getting at a larger university (just on a smaller scale). True, after your sophomore year you'll be taking classes that are required for your major. You may at times find this more difficult than "intro" classes here at LC, but then again you might find classes easier since the classes you'll be taking are ones that interest you and lead into your future.

You might be wondering which school is best for you, or what schools most Lincoln College transfers attend. Illinois State, Western Illinois, Eastern Illinois and the University of Illinois at Springfield are the most popular universities for transfers from Lincoln College. Lincoln College sends very few transfers to the University of Illinois in Urbana, the University of Illinois in Chicago and Northern Illinois University. Private schools that LC sends a large majority of students to are North Central, Bradley and Illinois College. In 2008, Lincoln College sent transfer students to 45 different schools.

If you have any more questions about transferring or need assistance with the process in any way, visit your Lincoln College Web site or contact Michelle Bauer.



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LC Q&A: Paul Gleason



Gleason is LC's link to the Oval Office.

WRITTEN BY VICTORIA SIMMONS AND TERRY WELLS

THE EMANCIPATOR: What was Obama's inauguration like?

PAUL GLEASON: This one was the largest inauguration, with 180,000 people there. I left on January 14 at 11 a.m. and arrived late in Chicago at 3 p.m. I then travelled all night to D.C. President Obama is the first African-American president and he's bringing people together; it was the most important day in history.

E: How close of a spot did you have?

PG: The same spot for the last four years; I sat in the orange section.

E: Which inauguration was your favorite?

PG: Each one is unique and different, like the Nixon election was the age of the long hairs running around yelling, "Hell no, we won't go." There were college students against the Vietnam War.

The Clinton inauguration was very expensive because it was like Hollywood, and it was Clinton's

first term.

Carter's inauguration was an ice storm, and the National Guard was out with picks clearing up the ice.

For Reagan's inauguration it was very cold outside and a lot of the events were cancelled.

During Bush Sr.'s inauguration it was 30 degrees outside, and I was invited to the White House where I met and had the opportunity to talk to Barbara Bush.

Bush Jr.'s inauguration was very expensive but just a basic ball.

Obama's inauguration was memorable because not one police arrest was made; it seemed like one big happy family.

E: Which inauguration was the most inspirational?

PG: I think Obama's inauguration brought people together. The Obama election and inauguration is the realization of Martin Luther King's dream. It's not the end of the dream, but a big step toward social equality.

E: Have you ever met a president?

PG: I paid for Gerald Ford's meal

and continued to keep in contact with him over the years.

E: How was Obama's speech compared to other presidents' speeches?

PG: I liked his manner of presentation; he presented in such a way that most Americans could understand it. He was opening up to our adversaries by promoting dialogue. The speech made people feel good about themselves. Those who don't have much felt good.

E: What procedures did you have to go through to attend this inauguration?

PG: I booked a hotel room and had to book the train ticket in advanced. There was not much security at the train station, but there was a lot of security at the hotels and at the inauguration.

E: What keeps you attending these inaugurations?

PG: Being a part of the history, the people I meet and the experiences I have.

Wilson named academic vice president at LC



Martha Wilson, our new VP.

PRESS RELEASE PROVIDED BY JEAN ANN MILLER

Martha Wilson, Ph.D., was recently appointed as the academic vice president of Lincoln College-Lincoln. Wilson, who will begin her duties July 1, currently serves as the associate vice president for academic affairs at Macon State College in Georgia.

"We are very pleased to have someone with Dr. Wilson's background in higher education join Lincoln College," said LC president John Hutchinson. "I am con-

fident that she will provide superb leadership to the academic side of the house and I know the entire Lincoln College community will join me in welcoming Dr. Wilson to Lincoln College."

Wilson brings over 30 years of teaching and administrative experience to Lincoln College. During her tenure at Macon State College, her accomplishments included accreditation and reaccreditation, assessment, program development, faculty development and service to Phi Theta Kappa, the national lower division academic honorary society. In 1999, she was recognized as a distinguished regional coordinator by the international Phi Theta Kappa organization. She has over 30 publications and presentations in the fields of American literature and higher education administration.

Wilson is looking forward to the new opportunity. "I am extremely happy to be joining the leadership team at Lincoln College. I am intrigued and inspired by its history, mission and its people. I eagerly await the many opportunities the position offers," she said. "I look forward to working closely with the faculty, staff and students to help create a future that we can all be very proud of."

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The Emancipator welcomes letters from its readers. If you wish to comment on an article in this newspaper, e-mail The Emancipator at emancipator@lincoln-college.edu. Please include your name and phone number.

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Slow Internet on campus burdensome to many LC students



Some might say that this creature is faster than LC's Internet.

WRITTEN BY MICHAEL DEWITT

Watch the new race at Lincoln College: three slugs pulling a brick a city block versus the college's Internet provider. Personally, I'm putting my money on the slugs; remember, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

How many of you have jumped online, left to do your laundry, went to your friend's room to watch a movie, walked on over to the Student Center to play a game or two of Ping-Pong, then slumbered back to your room...and you still weren't logged on to Facebook?

And if you think that's slow, try downloading porn! Remember back in the day when you had to swim across the river, run through the woods and go back into the cave with a flashlight to look at porn? Well, maybe it's just me, but I refuse to go back to those days. As a student body we must revolt.

Whether you're downloading music, a movie or God forbid trying to do a homework assignment, the slow Internet service is an issue that must be addressed. With MyLynx becoming the primary source of turning in homework, a working Internet provider would

be rather useful. No teacher wants to hear worn-out excuses from students who don't turn in their assignments. Sometimes we, the students, are blamed for being procrastinators; however, asking for a decent working Internet in 2009 isn't an unreasonable request.

Instead of simply insulting the school's Internet provider (no matter how easy that may be), I'm a solution-oriented guy. Here's an idea: the school removes the bandwidth restriction on the Internet. Basically, the restriction slows

the second floor is downloading a movie? I don't! How many people care if the Internet is moving slowly to prevent anyone from downloading a movie or music? That question will probably receive a bigger response.

Another solution would be to purchase a T3 Internet connection. This would be like comparing your grandma to Jessica Alba. I think you get my point. This would probably be the most efficient solution, yet the most expensive. Simply removing the bandwidth restriction would be much less expensive.

Either course of action would be able to provide a solution for the frustrating Internet problem on our campus.

These solutions should all be considered. If there's a better solution the school is working on that I haven't mentioned, then by all means do it! I'm just getting tired of watching that stupid

little hour glass on my monitor for an hour. Without the Internet all the computer is good for is Minesweeper and Solitaire.

Hopefully, in a little while, this problem will be taken care of. But, as of now, I said it before and I'll say it again: my money is on the slugs.



down the Internet to make it more difficult (and make it take longer) to download a movie, music and things of that nature. It's like a big pipe with water flowing out of it. The bandwidth restriction is like a filter, which slows down the flow in hopes of catching impurities, but the impurities aren't important. Who cares if Joe Schmoo on



This girl is on the road to success.

Is LC too easy? Only if you work to make it so

WRITTEN BY JARED BECKER & CRAIG HALL

Founded in 1865 and named after one of the greatest presidents in the history of the United States stands Lincoln College, a two-year institution that's a starting point for young Americans who are looking for a place to start in life after high school. LC gives students opportunities to move on and achieve at a higher level of education by offering free tutoring and one-on-one sessions with professors. Other colleges would just laugh if you mentioned free tutoring or having conversations with the professors about grades, because at four-year colleges the setting is certainly not as intimate as it is here at LC.

Opportunities? Yes. But here's the big question: Does Lincoln College adequately prepare students for the move to a four-year school? Some students here say LC is a pushover and that the classes are too easy or equivalent to high school classes; that the college doesn't even come close to the real experiences of a college classroom or environment. Students who have gone on to a four-year college have mixed feelings about this institution. Chris Lanhum, a 2008 LC graduate, thinks the school might have been a tad easy, but he was academically prepared when he moved on to his four-year

school. "Yes, [Lincoln College] was an easy school, but I have no problems here at Culver-Stockton because I have good study habits and many people that go to Lincoln tend to slack off and not put any effort into what they have to do," he said. "[Lincoln College] is good for people that don't know what they want to do with their life yet. Lincoln is a good place to get your feet on the ground and get a good start."

A bit easy but a good starting point? Surely there's more to our fine school than that. "Lincoln is a very successful institution at being able to work with students and offer extra tutoring sessions if needed in the library," said Tina Nutt, LC's vice president of academic affairs. But, she said, "the main responsibility for a student here is to GO TO CLASS! And, of course, take advantage of all the opportunities here."

Basically, you, the student, determine your career at LC. If you attend class and work, more than likely you'll benefit from your two years here. If not, well, that's on you. Our guess is that, if you work hard and study, it might seem easy because, quite simply, you're prepared. And that goes for any college, not just LC. But if you miss class and fail to study, you'll be on an easy ride to Dropoutville.

Film Review: 'Friday the 13th'

Jason's back in Crystal Lake after visiting Manhattan and space



LOOK BEHIND YOU!

WRITTEN BY EMILY TOZZINI

Finally, after years without the masked maniac, the movie has come that we've all been waiting for: the remake of "Friday the 13th." Director Marcus Nispel does an excellent job with this film. A fresh cast of actors and actresses gives the movie a new feel (as does Jason actually running... but that's another story). The sickly twisted plot sends chills through the audience.

For anyone who doesn't know the plot of "Friday the 13th," here is the short of it: Jason was a little boy when he went to summer camp and drowned (or so everyone thought) due to the negligence of the camp counselors. Jason's mom goes psychotic and decides she needs revenge. She does so by killing all but one camp counselor.

What everyone doesn't know is that Jason returns from the lake that he supposedly drowned in and decides to kill anyone who crosses his path and enters the old Crystal Lake campgrounds.

Years after watching a terrified counselor behead his mother, Jason Voorhees is all grown up and living each day for his next kill. When a group of college students visits a family lake house to spend their weekend hooking up and partying not too far from where the old summer camp is, their worlds get rocked.

I was building this movie up to being the best thing I have ever seen, and honestly it wasn't all I had hoped for, at least in a few areas. Though having a new cast full of hot bodies and faces that have never been deemed "famous" added to the excitement,

the movie could have been portrayed much more realistically if the director had added some actors and actresses with some real talent (but perhaps that's the point; it's NOT about good acting but good scares). There's A LOT of nudity that serves no real purpose, but today in 2009, there's no such horror movie without a pair of boobs flashing.

Nudity and suspect actors aside, the movie perfectly balances horror and suspense. As Jason quietly preys on his next victim to torture, the audience never knows what's coming next. This new incarnation of Jason will most certainly keep you peering through your fingers in terror.

GRADE: B+

Future release spotlight: 'Watchmen' and 'The Last House on the Left'

March 6 - "Watchmen"



Plot summary: A complex, multi-layered mystery adventure, "Watchmen" is set in an alternate 1985 America in which costumed superheroes are part of the fabric of everyday society, and the "Doomsday Clock" - which charts the USA's tension with the Soviet Union - is permanently set at five minutes to midnight. When one of his former colleagues is murdered, the washed-up but no less determined masked vigilante Rorschach sets out to uncover a plot to kill and discredit all past and present superheroes. As he reconnects with his former crime-fighting legion - a ragtag group of retired superheroes, only one of whom has true powers - Rorschach glimpses a wide-ranging and disturbing conspiracy with links to their shared past and catastrophic consequences for the future. Their mission is to watch over humanity...but who is watching the Watchmen?

March 13 - "The Last House on the Left"



Plot Summary: Masters of horror Wes Craven and Sean Cunningham revisit their landmark film that launched Craven's directing career and influenced decades of horror films to follow: "The Last House on the Left." Bringing one of the most notorious thrillers of all time to a new generation, they produce the story that explores how far two ordinary people will go to exact revenge on the sociopaths who harmed their child.

The night she arrives at the remote Collingwood lakehouse, Mari (Sara Paxton) and her friend are kidnapped by a prison escapee and his crew. Terrified and left for dead, Mari's only hope is to make it back to parents John and Emma (Tony Goldwyn and Monica Potter). Unfortunately, her attackers unknowingly seek shelter at the one place she could be safe. And when her family learns the horrifying story, they will make three strangers curse the day they came to "The Last House on the Left."