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Windows sealed shut to prevent mold growth

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Students question being on lockdown for their health

Nearly half of the over 1,000 Lake Forest College residential students were welcomed back to college this fall with a last-minute notice that their windows had been sealed shut, a precaution College administrators claim is needed to stop the growth of mold and mildew in air-conditioned student housing on campus.

On August 6, 2019, with mold and mildew appearing in student housing, Director of Residence Life Stacey Oliver-Sikorski sent a campus-wide email explaining that all windows in air-conditioned residence halls would be sealed shut as, “even partially open windows allow too much moist external air to enter the buildings, leading to potential microbial growth.

According to the Centers for Disease Control website, mold can cause “nasal stuffiness, throat irritation, coughing or wheezing, eye irritation, or, in some cases, skin irritation.”

As longer periods of warmer temperatures and higher humidity become more constant, Lake Forest College and other colleges across the country are grappling with mold and mildew growth in their residence halls. Schools like the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Indiana University have been forced to evacuate entire residence halls affected by mold growth, leaving college administration to brand the situation the result of “a new climatic normal,” notes a 2018 Chronicle of Higher Education article.

The resulting mold growth from a combination of open windows and running air conditioners is a problem that Lake Forest College first attempted to combat in August 2017 by installing two-inch window stops in dorm rooms. “It became apparent after rainy days and hot, humid weather, but it was very apparent prior to the College move in the Fall of ‘18,” Siebert said. “We had approximately 20 work order requests concerning mold/mildew-like investigations.”

“Mold in residence halls is not a new thing or a uniquely Lake Forest College problem,” Siebert said. “The College had to weigh the consequences, both in health effects and cost, of continuing to allow windows to be opened and found that we had no choice but to permanently seal them.”

Not all Lake Forest students agree. Moore Hall resident Sarah Coffman ’21 of Oak Lawn shared her concerns over the College’s decision during a recent interview with Stentor staff.

“It is disappointing that we aren’t able to enjoy the fresh air in our rooms while the weather is nice, since we spend so much of the year with our windows closed already,” Coffman said. “Residence Life should have either kept students in the loop about the issue rather than emailing last-minute after they nailed all of the windows shut, and I most definitely think the school should have considered an alternative option.”

However, other students such as Deerpath resident Colin Russell ’22 of Mount Prospect, hold different opinions.

“If mold is going to be reduced, I have no problem with the windows being permanently closed,” Russell said.

Agreeing with Russell, Nollen resident Britt Dahlin ’21 of Libertyville had a similar sentiment.

“Not opening windows when our air conditioning is in use will help prevent mold, which can harm students’ health. If you need fresh air, you can go outside,” Dahlin said.

Siebert reminded students that their actions play a vital role in combating the mold problem.

“Mold needs moisture and food. I have seen moldy-mildewy growth in a humid room where someone appeared to have accidentally sprayed a Coke can across the wall . . .” Siebert said. “The growth mimicked the outline of the ‘spray.’ Being conscious of your environment’s humidity and cleanliness is a good place to start.”

Oliver-Sikorski’s recent email encouraged students “to turn the air conditioning down but not off entirely. It’s important to have some cool air circulating in your room at all times.”
Meet the 2019 Editorial Staff of The Stentor!

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The Stentor is the student newspaper of Lake Forest College. Articles can be categorized as either Opinions, Chive, A&E, Sports, News, and Features. Each section is unique to its topic, but all sections are inspired to inform Foresters of what’s taking place right in their backyard.

The Opinions editor guarantees for all voices to count. Need coverage on last night’s soccer team victory? The Sports editor runs faster than the wind to document Forester athletics. In order to shine a spotlight on today’s pop culture masterpieces, the A&E editor keeps a creative, keen eye on anything that screams art and entertainment. To provoke solemn, satirical laughs, the Chive editor gathers inspiration from contemporary news and blends it with her own worldview to produce something proudful and relevant. To deliver facts and truths, the News editor tirelessly communicates with College faculty, staff, and students to ensure that the public is kept in the loop about the most pressing issues on campus. To top it off, the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, and Associate Editor make sure that deadlines are met, articles are written, and projects are completed—all as smoothly as can be. The Stentor team does not just have one leader, because every contributor is a leader in nature and traits. It takes a team of leaders to publish an issue that will enlighten Foresters about ongoing events at the College. And of course, The Stentor team is never exclusive. We invite any and all Foresters to contribute to the newspaper in any capacity from designing layout to writing to creating story ideas. All are welcome always!

Now, let’s introduce your Fall 2019 Editorial Board.

Emily Mosher ‘21
Sports Editor

Hometown: Glen Ellyn, IL
Areas of Study: Double Major in Business Marketing & Self-Designed Major in Journalism; Minor in Digital Media & Design
Campus Involvement: Tri Delta, Ultimate Frisbee, Varsity Volleyball

What drives Emily to be the Sports Editor of The Stentor?
Emily wrote that “being a woman in the sports industry is on the rise, but still stigmatized. I like to represent women in sports and show people what an impact a woman can have and bring new opinions to the sports world.”

Natalie Briggs ‘21
The Chive Editor

Hometown: Aurora, OH
Areas of Study: Major in English and French; Minor in International Relations
Campus Involvement: VirtualSpace

What’s Natalie excited about for the Fall season? VirtualReality Fright Night!

Emma Overton ‘22
Managing Editor/News Editor

Hometown: Kankakee, IL
Areas of Study: Double Major in Environmental Studies & Politics; Minor in Legal Studies
Campus Involvement: Vice President of LEAP, Editor of InterText, Richter Scholar Summer 2019, currently running for Student Government for Class of 2022 (please vote!)

What are Emma’s plans after graduating from Lake Forest College?
Apply for law school at Northwestern and other surrounding schools. Seeking to specialize in environmental law in order to protect endangered species and abate pollution.

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Associate Editor

Hometown: Grayslake, IL
Areas of Study: Major in History; Minor in Economics
Campus Involvement: SAAC member of History, Writing Center Tutor (Spring 2019), Dean’s List 2019, Center for Chicago Researcher (Summer 2019), Legal Immigration Intern at Zuma Law, Studying (attempting to) for Law School Admissions Test

What am I most excited about for Fall?
HALLOWEEN, HAUNTED HOUSES, FRIGHT NIGHTS, PUMPKINS, COLORFUL LEAVES, SWEATER WEATHER. … As you can tell, autumn is my favorite season.

Maryam Javed ‘21
Opinions Editor

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Areas of Study: Double Major in Politics & English; Minor in Islamic World Studies
Campus Involvement: SAAC member of Islamic World Studies, juggling a part-time job & commuting, hopes to participate in Greek Life

What motivates Maryam to contribute as the Opinions Editor?
Maryam stated that, “Providing awareness to certain issues across the country and the world to students at our college motivates [her]. As a writer in the opinions section, [she] also believes it is important to use [her] voice to express how [she] feels.”

Sangjun Hornewer ‘20
Editor-in-Chief

Hometown: Garnee, IL
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Campus Involvement: Women’s Varsity Soccer, Writing Center tutor, Gummere Fellow, & Senior 25

Why is Sangjun passionate about contributing to The Stentor?
Sangjun believes that we are “surrounded by media in our everyday lives” and this is what prompted her to join the team during her sophomore year. Since then, she has cultivated her writing, editing, and interviewing skills.

In a statement, Sangjun said that “during [her] last semester at Lake Forest College, [she is] looking forward to excelling in academics and athletics while continuing to improve and develop involvement with The Stentor.”

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Efforts to modernize campus start with Brown Hall

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Renovations attempt to mirror newer dormitories

Changes are on the horizon for one of Lake Forest’s most iconic structures—Young Hall.

Following on the heels of the Lillard Science Center’s renovation, Pepper Construction Company, the same construction group that has worked with the College’s other facilities improvement projects, is expected to break ground on the project around spring break next year.

“[Pepper] said it would take about two weeks to get stuff set up to demolish the old Visual Communications building and then they would start digging in April,” explains Lake Forest College Vice President of Finance and Planning Lori Sundberg, who is overseeing the project.

“We’re saying a 12-month project. So in theory, the building will be ready before the end of the school year in 2021. That would be good so faculty can move into their offices before they leave for the summer,” Sundberg said.

The renovation to Young Hall—soon to be renamed Brown Hall—will include a complete overhaul to the interior of the building, which will include expanded faculty and classroom environments as well as a three-story addition to the back of the structure.

With the last renovation to the building occurring in the 1980s (adding the elevator, among other minor changes), Young Hall’s interior has not undergone any significant alteration since it was constructed back in 1878.

“The renovation in the 1980s didn’t fundamentally change the size or the nature of the classrooms in the building, or for that matter any other significant architectural feature. So think about a 140-year-old building, and think about if how classes were taught 140 years ago is the same way they’re taught now. I think the answer is no,” said Lake Forest College President Stephen Schutt.

“Classrooms will be expanded and reorganized. There will be several larger classrooms to facilitate larger groups of students—for about 30 to 40 students, there will be central air conditioning and heating throughout the entire complex, and there will be technology installed all through the complex, as well. It’ll allow a way for you and other students to customarily study and engage in classes in a way you can’t right now in that building,” Schutt said.

In addition, there will be several lounge areas set aside for students. “What we’re very aware of with students are areas to sit … to be used for studying or talking outside of class … there will be several of those,” said Sundberg, noting how little room there currently is in the building for students who might want to find a quiet place to study or talk outside of class.

There also will be a large conference room added to the new complex, allowing a kitchen space for catering as well as a porch that will allow visitors to have a full view of the campus lawn. “It will all be one unified facility so you can walk floor by floor from one side to another. It won’t feel like one original building and an addition. It will feel like one project,” Schutt said.

The Career Advancement Center will also find its new home in the renovated Brown Hall, moving from Buchanan Hall on South Campus. The move to Middle Campus will allow students and faculty easier access to the area and allow for better central networking.

The project will cost an estimated $19 million, funded in its entirety through donations. The name for the new facility, Brown Hall, comes from College Trustee William Brown and his wife who have acted as primary donors for the project.

“A number of donors have stepped forward to provide support … the leading person in that regard is our Trustee Bill Brown and his wife who have made a lead gift for the project of $9 million,” Schutt said.

As of yet, the entirety of the renovation project has yet to be funded.

 Talks to begin work on Young Hall have been ongoing for a number of years, says President Schutt. “We have been contemplating the renovation and expansion of Brown Hall for probably half a dozen years … I first had a conversation with the Board of Trustees about it at least four or five years ago,” he said, adding that the recent procurement of the primary donor allows plans to ultimately begin to break ground next semester.

With all the significant changes to the building, the original facade, which faces Sheridan Road, shall remain otherwise unchanged. All the expansion will occur on the back and inside of the building, preserving the original, historical face of the College.

“I would hope for another 140 years,” Schutt said.

While the Brown Hall renovation remains the primary project for the College looking into the immediate future, administrators are already planning the next steps to take in improving and modernizing the campus.

“One thing that is pretty clear to me is that we need to develop a short-term and long-term residence hall improvement plan, as well,” Schutt said.

“We have 10 residence halls on campus and they sort of run the gambit of old to new or newer and a number of them need simple full-scale renovations. But, also, we need to think about how students live today, what student residential preferences are, and plan for the long term in a way that will deliver those preferences.”

The residence hall plan “is a big project for me and Dean Connor this year,” Sundberg said.

“We’re going to be putting together the information the trustees need for master planning for the facilities.”

While the plans remain in the works for now, the likes of Blackstone, Harlan, and Lois halls could very well be the next College facilities to get a facelift in the coming years as part of the ongoing campus revitalization efforts.

Meet the staff (cont.)

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A&E Campus Events Calendar

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Welcome to the start of a brand new year, Foresters! The start of a new school year means that brand new events, such as plays, concerts, art gallery openings, and more will soon be happening around campus. It can be tough to stay on top of all of the exciting events coming up in the near future, so for convenience, below is a list of just a few upcoming events that you won’t want to miss out on! Please note that this is in no way a comprehensive list. With many clubs and organizations just getting started for the year, you can definitely expect more events to show up soon, so keep an eye out on social media and my.involvement for more!

**September:**
20: WMXM presents Nnamdi Ogbonnaya and Rap Ferreira
21: Garrick Players 24 Hour Playfest
26: “Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am” Movie Viewing
26: Heroine(e) Movie Viewing

**October:**
1: Samantha Iby Reading
5: Durand Gallery Opening Reception
4: Band Concert
5: Homecoming Bonfire, Snacks, and Music
8: Christina Pugh Poetry Reading
16: Kevin Coval Reading

**November:**
8-9 & 14-16: Fall Play: Machinal

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**It Chapter 2 Review**

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Much like any novel, It Chapter 2 is hoping to recapture the same magic from the first chapter—It (2017)—but, instead, ends up being one book you wish you could put down.

This is not to say the film is entirely a wash, as it boasts many commendable aspects, but It Chapter 2 fails to recapture the same feeling of tight consistent storytelling and character that was present in its predecessor.

Like the previous film, It Chapter 2’s greatest strengths lie in its characters, the titular “Loser’s Club” as they reunite once again to take on the demonic clown Pennywise and try to stop his schemes to terrorize Derry. All the lead actors comprising the returning circle of close-knit friends are able to bring their A-game. In particular, Finn Wolfhard as the comic of the group and James McAvoy as Bill Denbrough, who at times displays riveting desperation as he attempts to stop children from meeting a cruel fate at the hands of the entity “It.” Speaking of, Bill Skarsgård once again brings the menace back in spades for the iconic clown—shining in those subdued moments where he comes face-to-face with our heroes.

Another aspect of praise is the cinematography work by director Andy Muschietti and cinematographer Checco Varese. The film is rife with many creative transitions that are sure to be a treat for many audiences, such as one particular moment when the camera pans up to the starry night sky and slowly zooms in hopefully gets to shine in future projects.

The cracks begin to appear with just about every other aspect of the film. One aspect I praised of It (2017) was its choice to split into two separate parts, one focusing on the Loser’s Club as kids and the other as adults—as that was a trap the original miniseries fell into that dragged the entire thing down. The hope was that there would be proper time to really flush out the group dynamics and slowly build over the course of each film a plan to stop Pennywise. Unfortunately, that is something scary, and then they leave. This repeats for every character in the Loser’s Club, thus consuming the bulk of the film and making it seem like many mini-movies stitched together loosely until they finally reconnect just in time for the film’s climax.

Much of Pennywise’s original menace is missing as well, and that is in part due to the use of CGI, or computer-generated imagery. In the previous film, the clown’s more bombastic displays were few and far between, being mostly practical and more subdued in the background. In this film, however, you see Pennywise just standing out in the open very early in the film, reducing his presence, but you also have more bombastic displays with a goofy Paul Bunyan statue chasing a kid through a park. While sure to delight some with the over-the-top absurdity, it’s moments like that which betray the overall horror premise of the film—as this seems far less of a horror film as it is some amalgamation of various different genres and is never able to fully commit to one. Though, in fairness, when It Chapter 2 does commit to the horror, you’ll be on the edge of your seat.

There are numerous other issues with the film, ranging from awkward and semi-confounding editing choices that leave the viewer semi-confused as to what’s currently happening on screen; characters like Mike Hanlon and Henry Bowers, who are almost complete footnotes in the story; to the ending feeling rather unearned after all the meandering preamble up to that point, etc.

The sall issues are too numerous to mention here, but It Chapter 2 experiences a death by a thousand cuts; it’s many problems holding it back from truly being able to stand on equal ground to the previous and by far better film while at the fate of being remembered as an “ok” sequel to a superior first entry. Sadly, this is one “book” that failed to fully stick the landing.

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**Legend of Zelda Game Review**

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This one’s for you, Zelda fans out there! Back in February this year, Nintendo announced that they would be releasing a remake of their original Game Boy game, The Legend of Zelda: Link’s Awakening! The day to receive a copy is sooner than you think! This time, instead of it being a slightly graphical improvement like Twilight Princess and The Wind Waker for the WiiU, Link’s Awakening is getting a huge makeover with its new home console, the Switch.

Both characters and environments of the game are to be reenvisioned with a new bubbly, clay-like animation that has people excited, especially if they are coming from the low-res original 8-bit game. For others, they were saddened to see a “toy-styled animation” that is strikingly different from the original art style. Regardless of where people stand, this game is definitely something everyone should take a look at, if they are an old fan of The Legend of Zelda series or if they’re new.

The story starts you off playing as Link, our hero of all the games, who has washed ashore on a mysterious island with strange and colorful inhabitants. To find a way off Koholint Island, Link must look for magical instruments across dungeons, forests, domains and eventually awaken the great Wind Fish. You’ll skirmish a variety of enemies as you dominate numerous dungeons revealing secrets of the island. You’ll also encounter enemies from the Super Mario Universe and meet with NPC’s who will aid Link on his adventure.

You’ll be able to create your own dungeons in the game’s new Chamber Dungeon. Eventually new amiibo for the game will be released that will be tap-compatible to earn more Chambers and additional Chambers throughout the game in updated mini-games, such as the river rapids, trendy game, and fishing.

Feel ready for a new adventure? You’ll be able to purchase the game Friday, September 20, 2019. Happy trails and Godspeed on your quest to find the Wind Fish.

Also, look forward to the upcoming Animal Crossing: New Horizons in March!
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Ten Points to...

JUUL vapor exhaled with final breath takes the edge off dying

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Chilling in the doctor’s office last Thursday night, Jonathan Snorl coughed weakly, snuck his frill hand under the robin’s-egg-blue flannel blanket covering his body, and reached for his pocket. Stuffing it with hand to his mid-wrist, John’s digits fingered systematically for a moment, looking for his vape. Finding their mark, his phalanges delicately pulsed the sleek gray object and Jonathan pulled his hand back up to the surface for a breath of fresh air, but a sudden knock at the door had him scrambling to put his hand right back.

“May I come in?” the woman behind the door asked with a gravelly voice.


“Thank you.”

The door creaked open without urgency and a middle-aged woman with bristle red hair lumbered into the room surrounded by smoke, puffing a cigarette. A panicked look on the boy’s face told him all she needed to know: “Son, show me what’s in your JUUL.”

“None,” she replied, glancing at his JUUL. “Was it...?”

“The vaping? Yeah. So what.”

“I figured as much.”

“Clean.” She stated matter-of-factly. “Tell me, was it worth it?”

“Hell yeah, man. Really?”

“Yeah. Dude I love Cool Mint, it’s not like I didn’t know there were risks. It’s just SO GOOD, I figured, like, YOLO. Right?”

“I can... I can hit your JUUL?” she asked, her voice wavering with uncertainty. “She never tried anything like this before, but... It must be amazing. It has to be. And smoking causes WAY more deaths every year than vaping ever did.”

“They went on like this for a while, the doctor inconsiderately taking a few more hits in the process, withering away John’s last minutes until he had none left—indeed, only a few seconds of life did he have remaining when his property was finally relinquished to him for one last sick cloud. He exhaled it as graciously as he could, happy to die by the hand of the person he loved for, and closed his eyes, no longer able to hold the JUUL in his fist for he could no longer make one.

As a current Lois/CY resident, people always tell me there are going to be bugs and that it's the ‘worst dorm.’ Yes, I realize it doesn't have air conditioning, but who needs frigid air blasting in their face at 6 a.m. or a scaling season at 11 p.m.? Personally, I enjoy greenery, the quiet, and the very open ability to windows. I think of the residents here as both Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. While studious and mostly introverted, the residents are very warm. People are from all over the globe, and cooking is a huge part of bonding. Not only do we have baked cookies and scented air fresheners, we have perfumed soap and amazing residents.

Although I may be biased towards my favorite, I do appreciate all of the houses here at Hogwarts—err, Lake Forest College. I have yet to find a Moaning Myrtle in a bathroom, find my Patronus here, but the gothic architecture of Hotchkiss, Durand, Blackstone, and Harlan nostalgically remind me of childhood. I know I could have put more Harry Potter puns throughout this, but I wouldn’t want to accidentally cast a stunning spell on anyone... I solemnly swear that I am up to (no) good.

Esther Kim
Trump enacts national ban on vaping

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“Vaping has become a very big business, as I understand it, a giant business in a very short period of time. But we can’t allow people to get sick and we can’t have our youth be so affected,” President Donald Trump said at the Oval Office. Recently, the Trump administration announced that they are planning to place a national ban on flavored e-cigarettes in an effort to deter youth from using them. The ban would mostly be on flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine pods. Hundreds of individuals, especially minors, have been contracting lethal lung illnesses, and some are even dying as a result of heavy e-cigarette use. Some states have even taken drastic actions to prevent youth from obtaining flavored e-cigarettes. Michigan was the first state to do so.

Supporters of this national ban argue that the attractive e-cigarette flavors on the market, such as mango, fruit, and mint, are what captivate and entice young people to use them in the first place. It also gained significant popularity among youth due to the discrete nature of the device and its uncanny resemblance to a USB port. One can easily keep it in a backpack such as JUUL are skyrocketing among young people. The amount of nicotine in a JUUL pod is equivalent to that of one pack of cigarettes, which is dangerously alarming. This is usually on the box of every

Against mandatory buybacks: feel-good policies don’t cut it in the real world

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The defining moment of the latest Democratic debate was when Beto O’Rourke (D-TX) said, “Hell yes, we’re going to take our AR-15 your AK-47.” One popular slogan in American gun culture is “come and take it,” which translates to “come and take them.” The US won’t beat New Zealand’s compliance rate with a buyback program. The US has a much stronger gun culture that will be more resistant to giving up their guns. The US won’t beat New Zealand’s compliance rate with a buyback program. The result is that the weapons US wants to take them off the streets, there will be millions of AR-15s on the streets.

In the US, such a program would be even harder to pull off. NSSE, the firearms industry trade association, said that in 2018 there were over 16 million “modern sporting rifles,” which is the category the AR-15 is in. The US won’t beat New Zealand’s compliance rate with a buyback program. The US has a much stronger gun culture that will be more resistant to giving up their guns. A popular slogan in American gun culture is “Molon Labe,” which translates to “come and take them.” The slogan comes from King Leonidas I of Sparta after Xerxes I of Persia asked the Spartans to give up their weapons. The people with that attitude are not just going to turn in their guns. To truly “take those guns off the streets,” there would have to be millions of raids across the country. If those raids don’t happen, there will still be millions of AR-15s on the streets.

A “mandatory buyback” is a feel-good policy that will not produce results. There are far too many AR-15s in the US to take them off the streets. The result is that the weapons taken are currently in the hands of the people least likely to commit crimes with them. The mandatory aspect of the proposal is likely to be largely unenforced, but it will alienate the millions of Americans who currently own the weapon. This policy won’t work; it is miscalculated to mislead the average American and will be seen as ineffectual in the 2020 campaign if it were to be on the platform. Its intention is bold and commendable, but it won’t achieve its goal and it isn’t worth pursuing.
**Zerilli first woman football player**

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**LFC football welcomes first woman in program**

First-year kicker Anna Zerilli ’23, a Massachusetts native, started kicking when she was in seventh grade. Zerilli never saw herself ever playing football, but in about seventh grade when me and my dad were playing catch... I started to kick the football to him and he was like "oh my God, you’re pretty good at this!"

Zerilli’s cousin was a kicker in high school and was able to put her in contact with his kicking coach in seventh grade. She was then coached in seventh and eighth grade as a kicker, eventually trying out for the high school team, which she made and was able to play JV until sophomore year.

Zerilli’s hometown high school didn’t have football, but she was able to travel to the town over and play for them while still going to school at her original high school. The team dynamic was more difficult, as Zerilli couldn’t go to school with her team. She likes the relationships she has with her teammates better here at Lake Forest.

“Since I didn’t go to school with my teammates since my school didn’t have football, I was basically playing with a bunch of strangers because like... So I get to go to school with them and get to hang out with them afterwards and get to know them,” Zerilli said.

Zerilli is still recovering from tearing her ACL about nine months ago but is happy with her placement at Lake Forest. She transferred high schools twice in order to play.

“I like it a lot. It’s definitely better than all of the teams I’ve played on because I switched high schools twice so this is like my third football team. Junior year academic-wise I wasn’t doing so good at my high school so I started looking into boarding schools and I ended up doing a year in Hanover, New Hampshire and I didn’t actually get to play football there because I tore my ACL in preseason after getting tackled,” Zerilli said.

Zerilli said it was odd being the only woman on an all-men’s team back in high school but now in college it is more normal and she is better adjusted.

“It was definitely weird at first especially being a freshman in high school and being the only girl, because I was still [not used to playing with guys.] I got used to it after awhile,” Zerilli said.

After tearing her ACL, Zerilli reflects that she usually feels bigger on the field.

“Sometimes I forget I am [small] too. Yeah, I feel like if I was bigger I’d me more intimidating or something but whatever,” Zerilli said.

Zerilli is very excited for the season. She looks forward to seeing what the team does.

“We’re doing really good. It’s really exciting. We’re setting our expectations for the season,” Zerilli said.

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**Fanatics sees more participation**

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**Supergroup on campus strives for inclusivity**

The Fanatics are a supergroup on campus that sets up events and themes for various sporting events. Senior Anna Denslow ’20, the social media coordinator, and senior Jacque Rogers ’20, the president, gave The Stentor some insight into the inner-workings of Fanatics.

“Fanatics is the super group on campus so we’re kind of like the super fans that go around to different sporting events and try and go to cheer on their fellow foresters,” Rogers said. For $60, you receive a four-year membership with the Fanatics, as well as an additional fifth year after graduation in the fan club. The fan club is the booster club, which Slaats said was one of the best components of the membership.

“So, with the one time fee you get two tee shirts, a long sleeve, a blanket... entrance to all of these different half-time games, free pizza, all of these events. That’s a really cool perk to be a part of, since the fan club is post graduation,” Rogers said.

With this fee, you also get free entry into post-season contests, like Midwest Conference tournaments and NCAA tournament games. However, the Fanatics have been focused on being more inclusive of non-athletes as of late.

“There’s often times a lot of different groups of people, so right now, it’s like a lot of sports teams will bring their whole team and come support an event. We’re also working on getting a bunch of different types of people. So, whether that’s sororities and fraternities, because they’re a huge base of people. It’s a good thing to bring everyone together,” Rogers said.

The idea behind this inclusivity is that everyone is a Forester and the goal of the club is to get the biggest turnout to support the team, therefore hoping to get all of campus involved. Denslow explains that one of the most successful events they had was the ‘red out’ at one of the volleyball matches last fall.

“For example, for volleyball we’ll do the red out in the fall and compared to our other home games, the red out will get the stands packed with students. It’s so high energy and it’s so fun to have everyone there. Most of our events have a pretty good turnout,” Denslow said.

Slaats agreed that the red out was the most successful, as well as adding that it can be tough for the Fanatics to figure out what nights work best for large events.

“The red out was one of our best ones I think. We really packed the stands. On top of that, I think it’s dependent on the day of the week. We try and get feedback on what days work best so usually Friday nights are typically the best as opposed to a weekday or a Saturday. We just want to encourage people to become Fanatics!” Rogers said.

The incentives to get fans to games may include free ice cream or a shoot out to get free pizza or gift cards. But the main goal of the Fanatics is to gain support for fellow Foresters! Follow the Fanatics on Instagram @ForesterFanatic for announcements and to see what events are coming up next!

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**Upcoming Home Games**

SEPTEMBER 20

Volleyball vs Benedictine @ 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

Men’s Soccer vs North Central @ 2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28

Women’s Soccer vs Grinnell @ 11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 29

Women’s Tennis vs Beloit @ 10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 5

Football vs Knox @ 2:00 p.m.

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Is athleticism favored over character?

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In lieu of Antonio Brown’s success despite allegations

“Every Catch from Antonio Brown’s Patriots debut” … “Antonio Brown makes impressive touchdown catch from Tom Brady” … The headlines are chock-full of talk about Brown’s recent debut on the New England Patriots. However, no one’s talking about the rape allegations that came out less than a week ago.

Brown was let go from the Oakland Raiders after they were fed up with his conduct. He was then picked up by the Patriots on a $15 million contract. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said he fully supported Brown joining the team. Brady also posted an Instagram story, shouting out Brown and his offensive line: “Just getting started.” Brown’s teammates shouted him out and said he was “a tremendous asset” after this debut against the Miami Dolphins on September 15.

Brown’s ex-personal trainer, Brittany Taylor, said in a civil lawsuit that he assaulted her several times in her position as his trainer. He abused his position of power and took advantage of Taylor, according to the lawsuit. These aren’t the only allegations to come out about Brown. A definitive timeline is put together in a New York Post article by Joshua Rhett Miller. The allegations Miller outlines go beyond rape and sexual misconduct; they also delve into league violations.

In January 2017, Brown streamed the Steelers’ post-game celebration, a league violation costing Brown a cool $10,000. In October 2018, Brown allegedly threw furniture off his 14-story balcony in Florida, barely missing a 22-month old boy, according to another civil lawsuit.

In November 2018, Brown was cited for reckless driving and speeding over 100 mph—just hours before the Steelers faced off against the Carolina Panthers. In February 2019, the mother of one of his children told police that Brown pushed her to the ground when she was in his way while he was attempting to close the front door. This was also allegedly investigated by officials, not ending in arrest.

Stefano Tedeschi, a celebrity chef, sued Brown for $38,521 over an unpaid tab, according to TMZ. Brown contested the allegations. In July 2019, Brown signed a contract with a guaranteed payout of $30 million and showed up to the Raiders’ training camp in a hot air balloon. He then was unable to practice, due to frostbite he acquired in France.

In August 2019, Brown’s former personal trainer sued him for $7,194 in unpaid services. Brown’s attorney assured TMZ that “his trainer was paid in full. On September 4, Brown posted a letter from the Oakland general manager, Mike Mayock, notifying Brown that he owed $35,000 in fines for missed practices.

Three days later, the Raiders decided to drop Brown for conduct, even though this was after Brown demanded his release from the Raiders. Most recently, Brown signed his $15 million contract with the Patriots. On September 10, Taylor alleged the rape and sexual misconduct violations.

This brings up the true question: is success as an athletic favor over personal character?

It makes you wonder what Brown can’t get away with. A quote from TMZ came out after the win against the Dolphins, stating: “Antonio Brown has taken the field for the Patriots, and so far … he’s doing pretty damn well, having made several catches and helping his new team score first against the Dolphins.”

Why isn’t there more coverage on the allegations? Highlight videos and articles about his great performance came out in multitudes. We see this a lot in professional athletics. Whether it’s the NBA with the allegations about Kobe Bryant or the domestic violence issues in the Major Leagues. Bryant is still idolized as one of the best players of all time. Teams rarely drop players based on allegations. It’s usually a few game suspension. For example, the Toronto Blue Jays closer, Rob Osuna, was suspended for 75 games after being charged with one count of assault.

As we know, history frequently repeats itself. The Patriots should watch Brown’s conduct in these next few crucial months and ensure he does not act out again.

Football — On Saturday, Sept. 14, the football team faced off against Grinnell College in a home game themed Heroes Day. The Foresters won 44-0. Freshman AJ Jackson ’23 scored twice, reaching the end zone on an 82-yard catch and run. Freshman Caedon Thomas ’23 scored a touchdown as well. First-year Armani Brown ’23 scored the final touchdown for the Foresters, finishing the matchup with 55 rushing yards. Lake Forest now sits 2-0 on the season, with their next game on September 28 at 1 p.m. at the University of Chicago.

Women’s soccer — The women’s soccer team faced off against Milwaukee School of Engineering on September 14. The women fell 3-2. On September 15, the women saw victory against Saint Mary’s College. The Foresters won 2-0, with a 1-0 shutout for the weekend, allowing 23 scored a touchdown as well. First-year Armani Brown ’23 scored the final touchdown for the Foresters, finishing the matchup with 55 rushing yards. Lake Forest now sits 2-0 on the season, with their next game on September 28 at 1 p.m. at the University of Chicago.

Volleyball — On September 13 and 14, the Foresters competed in the Wheaton College Marilyn Scribner Invite. The women went 2-1 at the tournament, leaving their overall record at 6-6. First-year Izzi Vinjevac ’23 had 50 digs on the weekend, losing to Dominican University in three sets, 25-20, 28-26, and 25-9. The Foresters beat North Central in three sets, winning 25-18, 25-23, 25-17. Finally, the women beat Aurora University in three sets, final scores of 25-22, 26-24 and 25-16. The Foresters play on September 20 against Benedictine University at 7:00 p.m.

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Men’s soccer — On Friday, September 13, the men lost to California Lutheran University 2-1 in a narrow miss. Sophomore Erik Truitt ’22 scored the Foresters’ only goal. On Sunday, September 15 the Foresters played at Occidental College. The team fell 1-0 in the final. Occidental overnighted Lake Forest by 15-11 and their overall record is now 2-2-1. The men will face off against Aurora University on September 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Women’s tennis — The tennis team faced off against Carroll College and Grinnell College on September 14. The Foresters won 9-0 versus Cornell, then lost 6-3 versus Cornell. Junior Emma Wang ’21 was the first to finish in singles and junior Grace Gould ’21 followed at #6. The women are now 7-1 overall, being 4-1 in the Midwest Conference overall. The women will compete in the ITA Regional Tournament on Thursday, September 19 through Sunday, September 22.