What Happened to the Caf staff?

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As Lake Forest College students began returning from their fall break, rumors and speculations of the departure of eight ARAMARK employees began spreading. Was ARAMARK being audited, were workers fired because they were making too much money, or was it an anonymous caller that brought into question the legality of employees working at LFC? As President Stephen Schutt confirmed in his letter to the Lake Forest College Community published on MyForester on Monday, October 19th, it was an anonymous call to ARAMARK’s national hotline that began it all.

Because ARAMARK is a national company that supplies food services to colleges and business around the country, they are required to respond to anything that may be said in a call to the hotline. When an anonymous caller called in and reported that some ARAMARK employees at Lake Forest College (some were even identified by name) did not have legal papers to work in the United States, action had to be taken. If the call was not investigated, criminal charges could be put against ARAMARK.

Who the anonymous caller was is really a big concern to students and faculty at LFC. Some speculate it had to be someone on the inside of ARAMARK, as they would be the most likely to have access to the information, but others are not ready to say that.

“I think it [the anonymous caller] could vary from an angry student...or it could be someone from the community,” guessed Latinos Unidos President Jaime Perez. “I would like to think it’s someone from outside the college, though.”

Food Service Director at LFC, Jason Micenko, was not informed of the call until the end of the week of October 5th, when representatives from ARAMARK Corporation informed him. The next step was bringing in a bilingual human resources specialist to help conduct interviews with the employees.

The eight employees found to not have documents to legally work in America have left ARAMARK and with that, LFC. They are being paid all the wages they are owed, any accumulated vacation benefits, and are being given an additional month’s pay.

Latinos Unidos is currently asking for donations that will be divided amongst the eight employees and their families. Any donation is welcomed and appreciated, and those interested in donating are asked to contact Vicky Ano, Co-Public Relations of Latinos Unidos. Her contact information can be found in the sidebar entitled “Now What?”

“The workers that left were upset, but I think they knew that they had been caught,” Micenko said. The workers may have been working with fake documents, documents they borrowed from friends, or they may have been hired before immigration rules in the U.S. became as strict as they currently are.

Everyone on campus seems upset by the situation and loss of the employees. Students on campus and even commuting students are often heard talking about missing their favorite ARAMARK faces. Professors have also raised concern to Micenko.

“I know the rest of the [ARAMARK] staff was upset, too,” Micenko said. “They’re such a tight knit group.”

“A lot of people knew these folks and are understandably saddened by their departure and are concerned about what happened to them, as I think we all are,” Schutt commented.

Micenko informed The Stentor that some of the departed employees had second jobs that they are still working at, but are unsure of what the rest of the employees are doing.

Micenko, who has worked with ARAMARK for nine years, has never heard of anything of this nature happening within the corporation, nor does he believe he would be informed of ARAMARK, as a corporation, doing anything to prevent a situation like this from happening in the future.

At LFC though, ARAMARK is looking toward the future. They are in the process of hiring new employees, but are coming across some unexpected problems.

“I know we’ve had some struggles. We’ve had some great applications, but we’ve also had some people who didn’t...”
Quality is really the people in the past,” Micenko said. “I’ve never had problems hiring Joe. That’s been surprising to me. and they were just your normal community.

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“A lot of the guys were excited about wearing pink socks because we like looking good,” said Waldman. “And it’s representing a good cause.”

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Spent any late nights in the library lately? After you read this, you might want to rethink pulling that all-nighter...

Although seemingly harmless and modern, our library has a dark past. In 1964, when the Donnelley and Lee library was first built, Emily, daughter of English Professor Harold Hutcheson, wandered into the unfinished building. Perhaps lost, she found herself in the second floor. All we know today is that she fell down the elevator shaft and drowned in the water at the bottom. The elevator malfunctioned from that day, and people reported sightings of a little girl around the area. In 2003, when the library was renovated and expanded, the elevator was reconstructed. It still malfunctions. Coincidence? We think not...

I was in the library watching a movie in one of the viewing rooms...I saw out of the corner of my eye someone peering through the round window in the door...the girl had very pale, green eyes that were quite scary...I will never forget the eyes that the little girl had.

-- Jon Gudmundsson '07

Chris Moon and his 50-student crew disappeared into a pitch-black Glen Rowan around midnight, as the other students waited anxiously for their return. Around 1:15 a.m., the 50 entered the chapel – many visibly shaken and searching for their friends to discuss what had happened. Moon then shared audio clips, photos, and his personal opinions.

AUDIO: While indecipherable to some, audio provided startling evidence as to what lurks in the uppermost corners of the house. Moon’s played for the crowd a voice saying “I was killed...I was killed.” This was followed by a student asking “What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?” to which an unknown spirit replied, “Kill her.” Other anomalies occurred, many involving the infamous Telephone of the Dead.

Multiple students reported being able to hear Moon’s Spirit Technician, Tyler, come loud and clear through the device. When asking if various loved ones were present, several students received confirmations via the device of those loved ones. Graham Sell, ‘12, said “Towards the end, when we asked how many spirits there were...people started asking for family members, and I asked if George and Ruth Sell were there, and we got a ‘Yes.’ It wasn’t Tyler’s voice, it was my grandfather’s.” Not all conversation was pleasant, however. The group reported talking to a religious “Bible-man” that seemed angry that the students were in Glen Rowan. All in all, Tyler reported a range of spirits present, numbering from 12 to 20.

PICTURES: Many saw the bright flash of a camera spark during Moon’s presentation, but most were unaware that these pictures would later surface as further evidence of spirits on campus. Moon showed countless pictures where little glowing dots, or “orbs”, filled the open space of the chapel. Of various shapes and sizes, the orbs appeared in nearly all the pictures, as well as in the pictures some of the group took at Glen Rowan.

CONCLUSIONS: When asked what kind of “haunted rating,” Moon would give the school, he replied, “On a haunted scale of 1-10...I give [Lake Forest College] an 8.” Moon’s rating opens up doors to all sorts of
Lois has been associated with women since its construction in 1898. In the early 20th century, when women were still considered children until the age of twenty-one, Lois served as the cage of convention. Lois residents were forced to sign in and out and were constantly watched by house mothers who acted on behalf of their parents. The professors even tried, and failed, to abolish sororities. In reaction to this oppression, the women in Lois started acting up – they sneaked out at night to carry out mischievous deeds. In fact, as Arthur Miller says, they started having “inconveniences of the blessed kind.” Keeping in line with patriarchal laws and handling the rapid growth in hormonal activity must have been difficult for these early residents. In fact, their unsettled spirits are said to roam the halls of the historic building. Third-floor residents, beware! For inside the locked attics may live oppressed spirits...

Alumni Tim State ’93 came to work at Lake Forest in 2004. Upon his arrival, he lived on the third floor of Glen Rowan for four months. During this period, State himself had an odd encounter in the Glen Rowan House.

“It was a fall Saturday morning...I woke up and decided to watch a movie,” State began, “but soon I began hearing these loud noises...like someone was moving dressers or tables.” State then proceeded to walk down the staircase nearest his room, in order to glance out a window that overlooked the parking lot. State didn’t see anything, and returned to his room. Soon, the noise continued. State once more headed for the staircase and, upon getting to the second floor, realized he “wouldn’t be able to hear the banging noise coming from the first floor on the third floor,” meaning that “the noise had to be coming from the second floor.” State checked around and saw that everything was in its place, and went back to his room.

Upon hearing the banging noise for the third time, State then went downstairs once more, and discovered that it was just a large tree banging against a window, and no traces of any spirits were in sight. “A lot of people seem to think [Glen Rowan] is haunted, but if it is, it’s nothing to be afraid of,” State said.

Lilly and Arthur coming to see the house they never truly got to enjoy.

Most reports detail bearable, benign disturbances – but sometimes, even good ghosts go bad. It was reported in Lake Forest College Hauntings, by alumni Heather Halle, that at one point in time a Delta Chi consultant stayed at Glen Rowan while visiting campus. Without explanation, he urgently phoned a Delta Chi member to come pick him up immediately, and refused to spend any further time in Glen Rowan.

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Special thanks, too, to Arthur Miller & Tim State ’93 for their help in this feature.
A response to the Aramark “departures”

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Lake Forest College lost eight members of its family early last week. They officially called them “departures,” and while the wording does reflect that they are no longer here, it also dehumanizes them.

We lost eight hard workers. We lost eight smiling faces. We lost eight friends. We lost eight people that quietly worked for years to earn the respect of those around them and to possibly secure the chance to obtain their dreams.

But all that was eliminated in an instant by the malice and selfish act of one individual.

Most of the people here are upset by what transpired, although not entirely surprised. They just take note that someone new is making their food and move on. However, some have used it as a call to arms and are seeking to mobilize in support of the forcibly removed workers. While I respect their efforts, I must also concede that anything they do will likely fail or soon be abandoned.

What worries me is not the well-acustomed apathy with which the college has met the situation, but rather the reactions of a select few individuals. Some people on campus have not only welcomed the departure of the lost eight, but even cherished it. These are the party-line political radicals of our generation.

While both sides of the political spectrum are guilty of blindly citing statistics and hindering free thought, I cannot possibly support any party that serves to not only rely on archaic beliefs for its foundation, but also executes those beliefs as to reduce the quality of life for those around them.

It is for this reason that I am tendering my resignation as Treasurer of College Republicans on this campus. It would be easy to continue to nod politely and perpetuate the current situation, but it would come at the cost of self-expression. Life is not black-and-white, and politics does not fall neatly into red and blue.

My resignation is a quiet protest against the immoral changes we have allowed to infect this campus and degrade a once-proud political tradition. We have become powerless against the onslaught of vocal radicals and the damage they impart. A single phone call ruined the lives of eight families and our best retort is to continue as we did before: without a heart.

-Stuart Pearlman
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The antipathy of the LFC community has been severely exaggerated

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Often one of the biggest things we hear about on campus is the lack of community. Activities are lacking in participation, sport events don’t draw large crowds, and there is the general perception of an apathetic student body. This idea, while somewhat accurate, does not point to a lack of community on campus; rather it indicates the areas where community has not developed. Lake Forest does have a thriving, and growing, campus community.

Over fall break I was hiking back home in Colorado and walked past a guy wearing a Lake Forest College soccer shirt. It took me a second to remember I was over a thousand miles from Lake Forest and how odd such a meeting was. I struck up a conversation and met the dad of a freshman here on campus. I even recognized his daughter’s name though I had never met her.

Our size makes it impossible to avoid a community. Even though I had never met this guy I felt a connection with someone because of this school. Students know each other well and campus events unite the community. At the Ghost Hunter event this past weekend, I realized how close knit of a community we are. I recognized half of the people there and it gave me a feeling of belonging; collectively we were spending a Saturday night together.

Our small size gives us an advantage over big schools. We get to know each other very well. Doubt that we have community? Next time you are walking along and recognize someone you have never hung out with, you’ll see we do. Our bonds of community can extend well beyond our friends; there are plenty of people who I have rarely spoken with that I feel that bond of community with.

Yes, we do lack in participation from time to time. Sure campus apathy is present, but these are problems different from a lack of community, and are not inherent to Lake Forest. Talking to friends at CU Boulder, a school ten times our size, they were amazed that an event I held the other week attracted over a hundred people. At their school event participation is the same, if not less than here.

Nonetheless let’s build our community. Next time you are waiting in Boomer’s, or the mailroom, introduce yourself to whoever is there. Just shake their hand, say hi, and ask them where they are from. You may never hang out with them, never party with them, even never hook up with them. But you will see them at events, in the caf, in class, and on the paths. Just a smile, here and there, will reinforce our community and remind all of us what it means to be a Forester.

Another look at drugs on campus

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When I was a member of my highschool’s drug awareness program, I believed that drugs, and the people who did drugs, were all bad, all the time. I was in full support of the War on Drugs and its harsh consequences: If you do something wrong, you pay the price. Simple logic.

After over two years of college and half a semester of social psychology, however, that logic is no longer so simple. I am still a substance free student, but interactions with many of my peers have caused me to rethink my stance on drug policy, specifically in terms of marijuana. I don’t know if I’m willing to promote its legalization, but I’m all for the decriminalization of marijuana; just because I choose not to smoke doesn’t mean that those who do are bad people.

In this sense, I agree with Students for Sensible Drug Policy—punishments for using marijuana are far too harsh, and the War on Drugs has made no significant progress in reducing drug use; those who don’t use drugs aren’t likely to start and those who do use them are just more motivated to not get caught.

Unfortunately, that’s the only sensible statement that I gathered from SSDP’s mission. The problem with the War on Drugs is that it takes an extreme view on a complicated issue, namely that those who do drugs should be punished harshly. The legalization and decriminalization of marijuana is not a dichotomous issue and is clearly not an issue that is easily solved.

However, SSDP, or at least the way that it was presented in the article, also seems to take a simplistic approach to a complicated issue. Many issues come into play with legalization—human rights, politics, moral issues—yet the article’s main points focused on either basic statistics or issues of inconvenience, all of which were stated angrily and defensively, and neither of which are likely to gather support for SSDP.

In addition, the article fails to acknowledge pot’s potential health risks. Granted, nicotine and alcohol (both legal substances) can be more damaging than weed, but marijuana is still not without its health complications, a fact that should not be ignored or disregarded.

Significant social, political, and economic issues are only solved through well-reasoned discussions that take both sides into consideration. If SSDP were to take this route, instead of relying solely on statistics and radical statements, they might find more of the support they’ve been looking for.
Hope and beauty: Learning from Chicago's homeless

The pavement which divided Lower Wacker from Upper Wacker separated two opposing worlds. I had stood on the Upper level, the surface, just a week before but the thought of what was underground had never crossed my mind. In fact, the realization that there was a depth or basement to downtown Chicago had completely passed by me then. It didn’t know.

At that moment, I lay sprawled in the grass with the sun and blue sky overhead. It was one of those days that caused everyone to go outside just to see the sky’s expanse, but I wasn’t really noticing the absence of clouds. My mind was wandering to the people I had just met, who weren’t lying in the sunlight at all.

For I had just walked through Lower Wacker with two others, Hannah and James, simply to give a few people down on their luck some lunches. We meandered through what seemed the basement of downtown Chicago. It was dark and dreary, and from that place you couldn’t tell that the sun was shining above. It didn’t mean the sun wasn’t out of course, but you certainly wouldn’t have known it if you hadn’t been on the surface pavement that morning. Yet down below, many people considered that basement their only shelter.

We handed meals to a wife and husband who put the lunch sacks into a wheeled suitcase which held their sole possessions. The wife told us of a desire to leave Chicago, because she believed there was nothing for them there. I gazed at the cardboard boxes lying on the concrete which had made their bed; I could see why she felt that way.

But as she talked a little more, I was surprised at the hope evident in her voice as she talked of church and the plans she was still making for her future. The hope she held astounded me, and as we joined hands and prayed with the couple, their gratitude was evident.

In fact, each person we met that morning seemed happy to talk with us, some not even wanting the food we offered—they just wanted to converse. We were passing out the sandwiches, hoping to make an impact. I hope that as we prayed, talked and shared with them, we did.

But what truly amazed me was the impact they had on my life. To meet people we group as “the homeless,” those I only read about in the newspaper or on the news, was awakening. To hold the hands or give a hug to a person I would have before only known as a figure of the growing number of destitute in Chicago wasn’t something I could forget.

Each person we had encountered had told us a story of their own life. But though each story had been so different, each one had thus far ended in the same place: the basement of Chicago.

We were there with TRU, and in that one day we were trying to bring some light into that basement. But the people I talked to truly brought light into my own life. I suddenly saw the vanity of what I worried about on a daily basis. These people were just happy to be eating a meal and having a conversation, while I was stressing out about the upcoming midterm or paper assignment.

A bad grade would have seemed the end of the world to me then, but the people I saw there were finding hope in the little blessings they found each day. Just to sleep in peace at night was a blessing to them. Therefore, I suddenly saw the vanity of what I had been in a frightful situation while flying. I am afraid of flying because before I fly, I consistently recall news articles about random engine failures and movies about terrorist threats or random explosions. Final Destination kept me off planes for about a year.

I am reminded of flying because my fear of crashing in a plane resembles some fears about sexual assault. Please note that I am hyperbolizing: There are significantly more sexual assaults (about 100 for every 100,000 women) than plane crashes (about 1 in every 14 million or so). Nevertheless, the media and movies constantly depict the nature of sexual assault as frequently committed, random, and repugnant violence. These crimes, however, are not as random and morbid as often conceived. Hence, I am concerned with the ways in which college-age people view the quantity and nature of rape and violent sexual crimes against women and men. I am also concerned with the necessity and extremely aggressive character of these self-defense classes like Girls Fight Back.

I acknowledge the unfortunate abundance of sex crimes against people (specifically women) in the U.S., and that I do not denounce the existence of Girls Fight Back or any women’s self-defense class. I understand that, sadly, these crimes are common and that people must know how to defend themselves. Even if people only train themselves for precautionary measures, it is (regrettably) a necessary practice. Also, please note that I argue in the case of women typically applies to men and to all other forms of sexual assault, for all forms of rape are an issue.

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“Maybe,” I thought, “I too should be willing to wake up each day and just be thankful for a peaceful night’s sleep, and then even when I pull up the blinds in my dorm and see rain, realize that beauty is still there.”

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When self-defense becomes offensive

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It’s about time to write a serious article. I have a large and serious topic, but I do not think that I have the time necessary to give it justice. Last Thursday, I attended Girls Fight Back, a short seminar in which the presenter discussed the necessity of women’s self-defense and demonstrated a few violent defense moves. The discussion and defensive moves that the presenter taught reminded me of my fear of flying in planes.

I am not afraid of flying because I know someone who has been in a plane crash or because I have been in a frightful situation while flying. I am afraid of flying because before I fly, I consistently recall news articles about random engine failures and movies about terrorist threats or random explosions. Final Destination kept me off planes for about a year.

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The presenter showed the audience how to use a high heel to disassociate the testicles from an attacker’s body and how to use that same heel to stab him in the eye and ‘jiggle it around’ (direct quotation). No one wants to be a victim of a sex crime and, in a time of panic, a person will do nearly anything to survive. But should these self-defense classes for women advocate aggressive and violent behavior towards men? Yes, you want to inhibit your attacker from injuring you in any way, but do you also want to be convicted of a violent crime, or (more personally) would you permanently injure someone who attempts to injure you?

While two wrongs might save your life, do two wrongs make it right when you may have other options? Also, a large number of these forcible rapes occur between people of close association; 2/3 rapists know their victims. So, would you use these violent techniques against a purported friend or a family member?

Although knowing violent, precautionary methods for saving your own life is necessary under extreme conditions, less violent means for avoiding and preventing rape are more worthy of our time. I strongly encourage anyone that attends these self-defense classes to focus less on violent language and technique. These methods that primarily focus on the dismembering of the penis or testicles are not necessary.

Thus, people attempting to subdue the occurrence of rape in the U.S. should focus their attention on prescriptive methods. Here, I wish that I could offer some specific prescriptive, educational means for the prevention of sexual violence, but there are not that many. There are a few such as the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program of Arizona, but these programs are scarce. I encourage those interested in this subject to look into the educational means of prevention rather than the violent methods of self-defense classes.
Women’s Soccer Kicks the Season off with Success

The 2009 season has proven to be a successful one for the Women's Soccer team, with yet more action to come. The playoff-bound Foresters have posted a 10-6 record up to this point and hold a 5-2 mark in the Midwest Conference. Led by Head Coach T.R. Bell in his 13th season at the reins, the Foresters are on a four-game winning streak with two regular season games left to play. The season began somewhat slowly with the team splitting their first ten games, but their recent four-game winning streak has elevated them to the level they need to be at in order to be successful in the postseason. "We have a nice mix of veterans and young players on this team that are really starting to come together and play like a cohesive unit," Coach Bell stated.

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