Come fall 2013, there may be a new campus gathering spot for students. This October, Chris Way, founder of the Lake Forest College Monument Committee, will meet with College Trustees to present formal proposals for the new campus monument. This past summer, two final monument designs were selected from a total of 48 proposals submitted by students and an alumnus. The students whose designs are under final consideration are Kate Landberg '13 and alumnus Leslie Hartman. The winning plan and campus location are yet to be determined. Way hopes to display the four plans in a common area on campus in order to provide students with the opportunity to share their input and provide valuable feedback.

Way wants to hear what students have to say. The monument, what Way hopes to be a main gathering spot for students, will be thought of as a piece that “came from the students, for the students.” The designs are student-created, partial funding comes from students, and student feedback will help determine the winning monument design and campus location.

This includes a place to hold class outdoors, possibly an additional step in matriculation, a space for student discussions, and a location for friends to meet. Way’s inspiration for a school monument came about the summer after his freshman year. This was the summer after the sudden passing of beloved professor Ron Miller in May 2011. Way explained, “When Ron Miller passed away...there were a lot of students upset.” Mainly because they did not hear of the news from an official source in a timely manner. Some people found out via Facebook.

Way brainstormed a solution to prevent further communication break down in times of major campus events. “I took the concepts of grief and mourning and community. The idea came to my mind that we should create a monument on our campus that can serve as a central rallying location for all of the student body in times of celebration and desperation,” he said.

While the monument is not intended to be a memorial to Ron Miller, it is his passing that sparked the idea. Keep a look out for further monument news and the opportunity to voice thoughts. Any questions or comments regarding the monument selection and the official Monument Committee may be directed to Chris Way at wayc@lakeforest.edu.
On Sunday Sept. 16, 2012 Lambda Chi Alpha hosted their first annual Watermelon Bash. This event replaced Pumpkin Smash. All proceeds were donated to the North American Food Drive to go along with the food theme for this school year. Photos courtesy of Maggie DeVries ’16.

Video game system in the MSC

Lake Forest College has opted out of putting arcade-style video games in the Mohr Student Center, and replaced them with a four-monitor console station. Students can now head over to Boomer’s Den and hand in their I.D. in exchange for controllers and games. Two Xbox 360s, a Nintendo Wii, and one Sony Playstation 3 can now be played on four flat screen TVs.

The switch to consoles offers many benefits. With three different gaming systems, students can play their favorite console. There are about 10 different games for each type of console, offering students much more variety. Online playing capabilities could be made available in the future. It was costly to rent the arcade games and replace them each year. The school saved money by purchasing the new consoles, games, and TVs. The switch is also a, “step towards the future,” says J.J. Conoscenti ’13.

This week in LFC history...

In the September 16, 2004 issue of The Stentor there was an article on a fire that took place in Gregory Hall. It was most likely caused by a cord being stuck between a dresser and a wall.

Lake Forest College: Crime Log

You can check the campus crime log on the Lake Forest College website. Public Safety can always be reached at (847) 735-5555.
Why diversity is important

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The word “diversity” has been tossed around so much it has almost lost its meaning. Most know it is something they should care about. They know it is something people should strive for—or so they are told. But what does it really mean?

Alex Roman ‘16 said, “A mixture of different perspectives coming together as one.”

Others choose to relate the term to concrete examples: Crystal Wang ‘16 said, “Right now, I have all kinds of food, that’s diversity… If I just have vegetarian pizza, that’s not diverse.”

Surprisingly, despite the repeated usage of the word “diversity” across the educational system, each student has different ideas regarding the term’s meaning. Is diversity about perspectives? Choices? Maybe both.

Leslie Turner, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercultural Relations, insists that “diversity is a multifaceted word. For me, diversity captures all of the possible ways we can experience life that can be filtered through a myriad of sociological markers, i.e. processes, belief systems, race, socioeconomic status, family structure, sexuality, region of origin, physical ability, etc.” So even the term “diversity” can be diverse, depending on who is defining it.

However, the definition of “diversity” doesn’t explain its value. The Office of Intercultural Relations “works to promote intercultural dialogue, understanding, and respect among the many cultural identities represented within our diverse community,” according to the Lake Forest College website. The office sponsors many events, including the upcoming Global Fest, which aims to build community, raise awareness about global issues, and celebrate various cultures on campus. Clearly, the college believes diversity is worth the time, money, and effort to promote. Why does it matter?

Self-awareness and awareness of others go hand in hand. The better one understands the global community, the better one knows his/her place in that community and thus how he/she can efficiently work and live in such an environment, furnishing personal and professional lives. Turner agrees.

“Knowing yourself well and being willing to connect to the experiences of others will advance your life in ways you never thought possible.” An appreciation of diversity will additionally lead to better career skills. In the modern working environment, it is expected that an employee can work efficiently in groups. Knowledge of each other’s experiences and culture can help everyone problem-solve more effectively. Turner said, “Embracing diversity and all that it means signifies innovation, creativity, compassion and openness—all qualities necessary to be successful personally and professionally in the twenty-first century.”

At college, learning these skills is essential. Understanding the importance of diversity and learning how to embrace it will push each student to become a responsible citizen of the global community.

Diversity is a concept many people talk about, but few seem to understand. It’s not just about the concentration of minority groups in a given organization, or how many rural vs. urban students attend a high school. Diversity is about recognizing these differences and relating them to one’s self. Diversity is about embracing these differences and accepting their existence. Diversity is about realizing how to utilize these differences in working towards making the world a better place.
Black beauty: Accepting the skin I’m in

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Beauty has always been subjective favoring one someone over the other. What is beauty? According to the documentary Beauty Mark, beauty is defined as a combination of qualities that pleases the senses and mark is defined as a distinctive trait or characteristic or a lasting impression (Beauty Mark).

However, according to society, beauty has been defined in conjunction with the European standard of beauty. The beauty standard is now and has been for a while, blonde and straight hair, blue eyes, a thin body frame, and white skin. Not only does society and people support and strive for this beauty standard, but the media also prefers and encourages this standard of beauty to be accomplished by everyone.

But, if there is one standard of beauty, then why are there so many different and unique looking people in the world? For example, we can take a look at Miss America contests. They say beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, yet we are so competitively when it comes to beauty because there is no real definition of beauty. Beauty competitions create tensions among girls allowing one girl to win the competition being crowned and therefore deemed the most beautiful of them all.

Competitions like these make all of the other girls that did not win the competition feel less confident in themselves wondering what flaws they had that prevented them from winning.

The Western view on beauty that the closer to White is more beautiful is becoming the new standard, and that standard is very prominent among the Black community. We cannot be White, but the closer that we can get to it, then the better off that we will be. This is basically what the beauty standards are telling us.

Females in this day and age strive for beauty as close to white-ness as possible. This is evident in an art exhibit that was displayed from July through October of 2009, there was an exhibit titled “We Come with the Beautiful Things Expanding the Walls” in The Studio Museum in Harlem.

One particular photo included in this exhibit is titled Take The Body, Take The Mind. It studies the fascination that Black women have with beauty. The photo is of a Black girl sitting on the side of a pure white bathtub filled half way with water along with water still running into the tub. Only the girl’s legs are visible in the picture and she is of a darker skin complexion. Sitting next to the girl on the side of the tub is a bottle of Clorox bleach.

One is able to assume or infer this girl’s next actions. She is most likely about to pour the bleach into the tub, get into the tub, and bleach her skin so that she can change her skin tone and complexion so that it is lighter. Doing this will allow the girl to fit the preferred standard of beauty in society which is based upon the European standard of beauty that includes white skin.

Women have a hard time with appearance due to America having such a great focus on beauty and how one looks. Especially though, women of color have a difficult time defining their beauty because obviously they are not white, and cannot fit the European standard of beauty. However, with America being as judgmental and accepting to such a great extent, African American women cannot create their own standard of beauty because it will not fit the preferred standard of beauty. So the solution is to try to change to fit the standard.

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Opinions

Movie: Cabin in the Woods

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Horror movies now are usually either very bad or good, but lately they have all been extremely violent. In fact, the violence has gotten so out of control that many critics began to say that the violence is taking on a new genre called “torture porn.”

I am not a fan of these movies usually because they involve over the top gore with little or no story to follow, thus negating the whole film. Also, horror films tend to re-cycle the ideas of better horror movies in an attempt to make the movie creative and scary. “The Cabin in the Woods” takes the idea of clichés from classic horror films, adds some good humor, and winks at the audience all at the same time.

It takes the usual group of college students: the athletic Greg (Chris Hemsworth), the stoner Marty (Fran Kranz), the nerd Holden (Jesse Williams), the provocative Jules (Anna Hutchison) who is Curt’s girlfriend, and the ordinary and clear headed girl Dana (Kristen Connolly).

All of them pile into Curt’s RV to go to a remote cabin in the middle of the woods for spring break. They meet an old gas station attendant along the way that warns them that going to the cabin is a bad idea, but they decide to keep moving.

At the same time the movie is another story going on underground. Now before you read anymore I am warning you that I will be giving away a minor spoiler that is revealed in the first 15 minutes of the film.

The underground air is where hundreds of scientists, technicians, and guards are assembled to “create” the monsters and horrors the students will encounter. They are not cheating, but they manipulate elements to get the story and death moving quickly. Everything in the movie has a purpose and works out well when the story is finally revealed.

Without giving away anymore, I must say that “The Cabin in the Woods” is probably one of the best horror films I have seen in years. It does this by embedding humor to the character clichés, having a well thought out story, not relying on gore for scares, and twists that change the story throughout the movie. I was surprised that the film was this exciting, scary, and most of all creative. What is even more surprising is that the movie was filmed in early 2009, but was delayed from release due to MGM’s bankruptcy. The film was actually made more than a year earlier that Chris Hemsworth’s mega hit “Thor”.

The film was directed by “Covelpherd” writer Drew Goddard and written by Goddard and Joss Whedon. It is amazing the Whedon has made two hit films this year, ("The Avengers" and this) but it makes sense once you consider his credits (created Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Firefly). It is also really to see an example of a well-constructed horror film. Grade: A

Crazy kart rider. best game ever

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You have heard about the crazy racing game “Kart Rider”? If you are interested in racing games, you would have heard of or played this game before. Still, many other people don’t know about “Kart Rider”.

I want to mention how extremely exciting and fun “Kart Rider” is. The speed modes before, during, and after the game make the experience intensely interesting and enjoyable.

In “Kart Rider”, there is item mode and speed mode. Speed mode’s three points are most popular with players. Before mentioning the three points of speed mode, I will briefly explain more about speed mode. It is a mode that enjoys speed. This means that players control their cars using boosters they make. To control the cars, players use direction keys and use the boost button for drift. Players make boosters by drifting their cars a lot. The player’s boosting speed crucially affects the result of the race.

At first, it is hard to drift without bumping into the track wall. The more you practice drifting, the more you get used to the drift.

Before you race with other players, you choose game characters, kart(s), pets, and other accessories such as sunglasses, bands, and balloons.

Just a tip: to enjoy speed mode, you should choose the appropriate cars for racing in speed mode. Good cars for speed mode should be fast, make boosters well through drift, and have stable handling. Having cars that meet these requirements can be bought with cash. It may be wasteful, in the long term it is really useful and beneficial. You can use the car you buy without any time limit.

Also, cars for racing in speed mode should be appropriate for the player. Each player has their own unique satisfaction. Choosing cars based on satisfaction is important in racing.

Cars are classified with 4-wheel cars and 2-wheel cars. 4-wheel cars are heavier than 2-wheel cars, but make more stable handling. Also, booster is emitted for long time. On the other hand, 2-wheel cars are lighter than 4-wheel cars, but makes booster easier. Also, booster is emitted for short time.

I recommend the 4-wheel car called ‘Saber HT’ and the 2-wheel car called ‘Recky HT SE’. I usually buy cars when the cars have limited goods or have extremely high performance. I bought ‘Saber HT’ for extremely high-performance and ‘Recky HT SE’ for high-performance and limited goods. They have longer booster emission, more stable handling, and made the booster gauge faster. They are most popular cars in “Kart Rider” now.

It is also really fun to decorate game characters and cars before racing. There are many cute game characters. There is a character called ‘Bazzi’ who is most popular, but to use the character, you should pay cash consistently. ‘Bazzi’ has a time limit.

I use the character called ‘Dao’ who has no time limit. There are also sunglasses, bands, clothes, balloons, aurora, car plotter activation kits and more. Decorating game characters is fun. What I think people should buy is car plotter activation zero spanners and more. These make game more fun. I will mention why later. For now, I know why make racing more enjoyable in the next paper. To be continued...
Woman detained for attitude

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Earlier this month, a woman was prevented from boarding a plane at the Houston airport allegedly due to her attitude with one of the TSA agents. She was originally stopped because she was attempting to bring a bottle of water on the plane with her. Instead of letting the agents test the water, as they were doing with everyone else’s water, she hastily drank it before going through security. Agents, including Louis Godeaux, then detained her until she missed her flight. The woman then pulled out her phone, subtly hiding it by her side and began to film the following argument between her and Godeaux. The dialogue between them is below and the video can also be found on YouTube.

Woman: Do you think that I honestly a threat?
Godeaux: No but with your attitude...
Woman: Let me get this straight. This is retaliatory for my attitude. This is not making the airlines safer. It’s retaliatory. This is not making the air honestly a threat?

The title of the video on YouTube “TSA agent admits detaining people is not really about airline safety”. I have a few problems with this. First of all, that was not at all an admission and further, that is quite a stretch of a sentence with Godeaux having only said but 11 words in the 22 second video. When this story first came across my lap, I was outraged just reading the title. Had they really taken things this far? However, after research, I believe there is a proper way to objectively look at this situation. Ever since September 11, the rules of the airlines have drastically changed. For instance, gone are the days where you can bring any size bottle of shampoo you want with you on the plane, or accompany someone anywhere to their gate. Security has cracked down and these have been the rules that have been in place for quite some time. It is known, or rather by now should be known, that you cannot bring outside liquids or food through the security line. This is why all the eating establishments are located on the OTHER side of security. They don’t know what is in that water or cupcake you are trying to bring with you but they do know what they are serving on the other side and it sure isn’t poisoned. Here is how I see it: as an out of state college student, I have done an extensive amount of traveling by airplane. Basically, the rules aren’t there just so you can test them and see what you can get away with.

The rules are in place to keep us safe and the airlines are in fact doing just that. Yes, I agree that some of the rules seem ridiculous and the ‘random’ checks don’t seem all that random anymore. This is also not to say that I have not had my share of annoyances with some of the agents. Some of them can be quite rude and I indeed agree that it was a complete invasion of privacy with the new scanners that can see everything...

including those embarrassing underwearyou’re wearing. This, however, is a different encounter. If you don’t know the rules by now, they are obviously posted in numerous signs before you enter security, as well as monotonously spoken over the intercom as you are waiting in line. It would have been simple enough for this woman to down her water before entering security. It’s not like they are taking her wedding ring or a favorite book...it is a bottle of water. Or just toss it, wait your turn to go through and purchase another bottle for the plane. It is common sense people. Follow the rules, kill them with kindness, and just get through the line so that we can all get home on time.

After this dispute, the woman was able to hop the next flight...with an upgrade mind you. She then uploaded the story and her video to YouTube stating that “everyday people are detained for punitive reasons” and that “passengers should have rights and TSA agents should know that there are consequences for intimidation and bullying”. Sor- rily lady, but you do have rights and it seems to me from your story that you already knew the rules ahead of time. Instead of following them, you tested them, sneakily took a video to attempt to prove something, posted it on the Internet and called that con- sequence. Sounds to me like a bad case of déjà vu Mondays.

I think the best solution here would be for everyone to take this as a lesson for future travel adventure. Don’t try and hide things in your bag (she stated she usually does this), make sure everything isISO or un- der, and please don’t try and be self-righteous with the TSA agents. You are entitled to your opinions but get through the line, post it on your blog and let bygones be bygones.

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Rumors about rules

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Rumors truly are a beautiful thing – they can either spread news that was already intended to be spread, or they can spread lies. Earlier in this school year there were reportedly numerous rumors that Public Safety and the RA’s in the residence halls would be enforcing “new” rules, these rumors have been proven to be nothing more than rumors. The only new policies that have been put in place for the new school year are the new parking permit policies, aside from that nothing has been added, coming directly from the head of Pub- lic Safety, Rick Cohen. They went on to show some data that proved that the violations that have been handed out by Public Safety is about half of what it was last year around this time, proving that the rules are not what have changed, more so the students.

In my interview with Rick Cohen it was revealed that Public Safety will not be enforcing any new rules for the coming school year, they have theirs set in place. As well, they have not been enforcing these rules any stricter than already had been before. From theushed whispers and murmurs of the student body you would think there would be some kind of rebellion taking place to overthrow Public Safety and all of their rules. But in reality there is nothing to really complain about, when the current rules have always been in place, and nothing has re- ally changed drastically in the new school year. The only thing that may have seemed different is the amount of people on one specific violation, although there are less the amount of people per violation is up in the 10-15 range. Therefore, causing more students to get in arms over their violations.
Student Government Election results 2012-2013 school year

Class of 2016: Kimiko Fujiooka Guillermo, Nick Banks, Edward Shivers and Andrew Loutfi

Class of 2015: Sam Herrmann, Katherine Bentley, and Stefan Zaharinov

Class of 2014: Josh Shriver, Sonam Deki, and Jana Hengstler

Class of 2013: Sarah Brune

Commuters: Alex Roman and Elizabeth Mescher

Deerpath Hall: Thomas Estruth

Lois Hall: Lisa Ledvora

Blackstone Hall: Chris Way

Nollen Hall: Drew Thompson-Toler

McClure Hall: Kassandra Morfin

College Council: Ivaylo Valchev and JJ Conoscenti

College Life Committee: Andy Palmer, Chris Way and Lexie Zaas

Campus Sustainability Committee: Marisa Miller

#Forester Problems

The excitement of a new residence hall comes paired with the noise of building it.

Directory photos... Was this before or after my freshman 15?!

The Deerpath gym is gone... I actually have to exercise to go workout now.

Bugs finding refuge inside... I didn’t know my roommates would have 6 legs...

Cover your mouth when you cough! You’ve already infected half the campus.

Deerpath and Blackstone are so hot, they’re on fire! No, really. The place is on fire.

Four-legged dumpster divers. Don’t be attacked by the raccoons.

Girls on middle campus quad, scream louder. We need to know how drunk you are at 5 a.m.

“Every time I go to Boom-er’s after 10, my conscience screams ‘Freshman 15!’” @ aandrevvs

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What happened to pumpkin smash?

Mailroom makeover

Presidential election updates

The theater department will be writing their own show

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Women’s Soccer Has Double Win

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Women’s Soccer got off to an amazing start this weekend at Lake Forest College starting with a game against Grinnell College on Saturday and Cornell College on Sunday. Both of these games were the beginning of conference play the women’s soccer team.

The lady foresters got off to a great start against Grinnell when freshman Holly Lesperance scored the first and only goal of the entire game in the first eight minutes. Senior goalkeeper Bri Schlebing also had a great game by having her first shutout of the season and the 11th of her career. After this win the women were 3-4-0 overall and 2-0-0 in Conference play. After both of these wins this weekend Grinnell fans have high hopes for the soccer team this year and hope that they live up to all the hype and expectations this year.

M Moran scored the third goal of the game and Lesperance scored another goal for her sixth goal of the year. Junior Courtenay Raymond scored the last goal of the first half. After an all second half the women’s soccer team ended with a win 5-0.

After yesterday’s win the team is not at 4-4-0 overall and 2-0-0 in Conference play. After both of these wins this weekend forster fans have high hopes for the soccer team this year and hope that they live up to all the hype and expectations this year.

Interviews with a Coach and a Champion

Q&A with Heather Noll
Head Volleyball Coach

Stentor: What made you want to join the Forester’s athletic staff?

Noll: The sense of community on this staff is like none I have ever experienced. All of our coaches care about how every team is doing and knows the athletes on teams other than their own. This goes beyond athletics with the general campus community as well. It was what stood out to me the most after my interview.

Q&A with Melika Celebic
Athlete of the Week September 6th Tennis

Stentor: What were your goals/expectations going into the matches this weekend (9/8/12)?

Celebic: The tennis team was 5-0 before this weekend’s matches and we all wanted to go 9-0 which meant giving 100% for the team. We lost only one match and won three of them, but most importantly we have not lost any conference matches. Everyone on the team worked really hard for this record and we hope to continue winning next weekend against Grinnell and Carroll.

Q&A with Jeff Noll
Head Tennis Coach

Celebic: This weekend was a very intense weekend for the tennis team. We avenged one of our losses from last year to Beloit and beat Cornell, a team that just joined our conference this year. It was amazing to see all the energy and intensity on the courts. Everyone was concentrated on winning for the team and it is such a great pleasure to be a part of this amazing team. I invite everyone to come and support us on Saturday when we play one of the most important matches of the season against Grinnell.