**Ignite sophomore retreat makes debut this fall**

*The first-ever free retreat for second-year students will take place at Lake Geneva, Wisc.*

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This fall break, fifty sophomore students at Lake Forest College will have the opportunity to participate in the inaugural year of Ignite, a retreat specifically designed for the personal growth and development of second year students.

The retreat will be taking place at the George Williams campus of Aurora University in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Ignite was specifically designed for sophomores. Sophomore year is typically when many students are making important decisions around declaring a major, determining internship opportunities, narrowing career goals, and choosing what clubs and organizations they want to invest their time in, according to Bill Dlugokinski, Director of the Gates Center.

The hope is that the retreat will help sophomores with these important decisions by providing them with an experience where they can get away from campus, have resources available to them to assist with decision-making, and also be in an environment that allows for reflection.

“The retreat will consist of speakers, workshops, outdoor team course activities, small group discussions, and individual reflections all centered around the theme of students narrowing their interests,” Dlugokinski explained. “The retreat is designed so that students will come away from the weekend with a plan for achieving their academic, career, and involvement goals.”

Assistant Director of the Career Advancement Center, Dee Dee Dolan, has been one of the Lake Forest College staff members working on the development of Ignite and will be leading students in the Career Advancement Center’s component of the retreat.

“Both self-knowledge and reflection are critical to making big life decisions and pursuing important goals,” Dolan stated.

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**New changes, visions come to Residence Life this year**

Andrew Pollan, newly hired Director of Residence Life, discusses ideas of how to better connect with students.

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Dean Pollom, the College’s new Director of Residence Life, shares his views on this year’s changes in the Office of Residence Life.

Some of these changes include new Residence Directors, chances for students to voice their feedback or ask questions about Residence Life in town hall style meetings, and the development of a new online housing application thanks to Associate Director of Residence Life Stacy Oliver and the Library and Information Technology department.

“I hope to engage with students more in the planning and dialogue about future changes because, in the end, it affects the students living on campus most readily. I want for students to have a sense of ownership…[in] the process of planning,” stated the new Dean when asked about changes he hopes to implement.

Aside from the town hall style meetings, students will have the chance to submit an online community assessment to provide feedback to help Residence Life plan for the future.

In addition, Dean Pollom would like to work with Residence Hall Senators each month to create an active communication network between students and Residence Life.

All of these opportunities will provide chances for students to be heard.

“Change cannot be made by one singular department or person.”

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“I can only create a dialogue and champion a cause—there are so many other partners necessary on campus for change to occur and to actually have long-term success,” emphasizes Dean Pollom.

While Residence Life works to help students reach a level of comfort, safety, and high opportunity for success, many other offices on campus must also work with students to create effective change.

Students have already begun to express both celebrations and challenges they have faced with Residence Life.

A second year student who wished to stay anonymous stated, “I hope that Residence Life will be more accommodating to students’ needs on campus.

For example, during Winter Break, Residence Life should listen to students’ concerns about housing and where they can sleep.”

Dean Pollom invites students to share their feedback honestly and freely. Without knowing what the students are thinking and feeling, Residence Life has a harder time deciding what changes would optimize a student’s satisfaction from living on campus.

“Opportunity” is the one word Dean Pollom believes will describe the Office of Residence Life this year.

Students have opportunities to voice their opinions about Residence Life to an eagerly awaiting staff.

Residence Life staff have the opportunity to take these compliments and criticisms and transform them into new programs.

Dean Pollom wants students to know that they have the chance to offer their opinions, to create change, and to draw inspiration for programs that can make the Lake Forest College campus an even greater place to live.

In addition to the upcoming town hall meetings, he is also available via email and has walk-in office hours.

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Study abroad opportunities are now ‘a click away’

Ashley Sinclair reshapes the way to apply to off-campus programs.

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Ashley Sinclair, the Director of Off Campus Programs, developed a new tool that provides easier access to information regarding studying abroad. The tool divides interests through “tags” in the Lake Forest College’s official website. This will allow students to search for opportunities from Lake Forest, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, or outside providers across all disciplines depending on major, minor, or program concentration. Information about voluntary service, independent research, or internships with details about costs and scholarships is also available.

Arsh Shah, who went to the Beijing program in China, acknowledged that the previous way of applying was “too complicated” because it contained “too many steps.” The complicated process, Arsh says, “took longer than [he] would have expected.” Perhaps that was the reason why so many students were discouraged to apply to off-campus programs.

Sinclair has developed a new and more convenient application system to help students. This new application system generates automatic emails to the offices of Financial Aid, Off Campus Programs, Dean of Students, and advisors so that students will no longer have to run all over campus. The new application has also benefited faculty members by speeding up the process of helping their students complete study abroad forms. Faculty can now have an easier time working with their student and focus more on student goals as opposed to focusing on the details of too much paperwork.

Sinclair expects for more students to experience study abroad programs as it complements “part of a whole new experience from academic and life perspectives” and as the process of applying has become much easier.

The program finder is located in the College’s official website under ‘off-campus programs,’ and the application is found in my.lakeforest under the ‘Student’ tab.
Off-Campus and Global Opportunities Fair
Mohr Student Center  Thurs, Oct 9th 11 a.m-1 p.m.

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- Granada
- In the Loop
- New Zealand
- Paris

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What you should know about the new terrorist group known as ISIS

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The modern world is no longer safe. The seemingly constant threat of terrorism is a burden, but things have gotten much worse. ISIS, or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria is also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is an organization built on terror that threatens the safety of the Middle East. They have the ability to grow into a much larger organization that, in actuality, could threaten the western world. ISIS was originally a splinter cell of al Qaeda, a different terrorist cell located in Pakistan that ran its course in July, 2012. ISIS is currently holed up in the melting pot that is the Middle East, more specifically in Raqqa, Syria. ISIS has the ability to establish itself in Syria because it is a weak state, with porous borders and low levels of sovereignty and legitimacy and a weak military. The Assad-led government actually somewhat condoned ISIS’ establishment, as there is a devastating civil war raging currently, and ISIS finds itself on the opposing side of the Syrian rebels.

These circumstances gave ISIS the opportunity to find a place to ground itself. ISIS, in short, is a radical terrorist group, with its main goal being to create an Islamic state across the Sunni areas of Iraq and Syria. So far, ISIS has been extremely successful. Until 2013, it was a weak organization, but freed hundreds of members from Iraqi prisons to gain strength in numbers, and has been continuing to gain new members ever since. As of two weeks ago, the CIA estimates there are 31,500 members of ISIS. ISIS also has acquired about 30 percent of northern Iraq, which until now was mainly constructed of Kurdish settlements, towns, and cities.

And by acquired, I mean ransacked and pillaged towns and villages, and raped and/or killed anyone who does not agree to follow their ideals. They are a brutal and ruthless organization, and have been known to bury women and children alive, as well as torture, abuse, and behead anyone who stands in their way. So far, millions of Iraqi and Syrian citizens have been displaced, fleeing the impending onslaught of the militant group. ISIS has been successful in recruiting, and somewhat in spreading Islam, although those millions who are fleeing are clearly not adhering to ISIS’ ideology.

Regardless, ISIS is advancing its will, and has plenty of resources to do it. ISIS is being armed not only from Iran, but ironically from America, but indirectly. This is because during Operation Iraqi Freedom, America armed the Iraqi forces, but they were easily defeated by ISIS, and their weapons relinquished. The Iraqi forces were trained, but they could not match the power and, frankly, the lunacy of ISIS to progress itself in the Middle East.

Furthermore, ISIS has captured multiple oil fields in Iraq and mainly Syria, including al-Omar, the country’s largest, which is capable of producing 75,000 barrels of oil daily. Lastly, ISIS is not poor. The U.S. does not negotiate with terrorists, but the European Union does. ISIS has many citizens of the EU held captive, and has already received millions of dollars for their safe return.

As leader of the free world, there has been pressure on Obama from Republican members of Congress, as well as citizens from across the country, to do something to help these unfortunate Iraqi and Syrian citizens.

On August 8th, American fighters began bombing territories captured previously by ISIS, and just on Monday, September 23rd, American began its assault in Syria.

This bombing is being focused on the ISIS stronghold, located in Raqqa, Syria. So far, substantial progress has been made to repress ISIS advancement, including one major victory at the Haditha Dam. This dam is the second largest in Iraq, and provides water to millions upon millions of Iraqi citizens located west and south of the dam. The U.S. successfully assaulted ISIS-held positions, and were able to help the Iraqi security forces maintain control of the dam. If ISIS had captured the dam, they not only could have starved citizens of water, but they could have flood nearby villages, and used the dam to obtain further monetary resources due to country’s lucrative water electricity business.

In short, ISIS is dangerous, not only because of its manpower, but also its radical ideology.

ISIS is constantly a threat, because how does one quash an ideology? One can take away weapons and men, but not an idea. With over 31,000 people sharing the same ideology, spreading it only becomes easier as more members join. As the months progress, we will just have to wait and see how Obama and the state department handles ISIS. It is a safe bet to say that bombing will continue, especially because Obama is sturdily set in his stance that no ground forces will be used to combat ISIS. One can only hope that this force will be defeated, and as quickly as possible.

Intruder of the White House raises concerns on national security

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One of the most famous residences in the United States, the White House itself, was the victim of an intruder on the evening of September 19th. Even though the White House has long been a high security area, the intruder was able to run a full 70 yards, opening a door, and step inside before he was intercepted by the Secret Service.

According to Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary, the intruder was Omar Gonzalez, a 42-year-old Iraq War veteran who PTSD, Gonzales was able to scale the north fence and sprint inside the north portico before being stopped by any agents.

Fortunately for the plethora of security officers guarding the White House that day, President Obama was at Camp David and left shortly before the intrusion occurred. Still, this does not excuse the shocking mistake that the agents tasked with guarding the White House have made.

While the White House staff and the Secret Service agents were lucky that Gonzalez did not attempt to pull a gun while invading upon the White House, he was in possession of 800 rounds of ammunition in his car. According to an affidavit, he had a knife with a 3 1/2 inch serrated blade concealed in his pants. In addition, In July, he was caught in Virginia with several guns and a map of the White House.

It is noted that as a result of the incident on Friday, the security of the White House has expanded already. A review of the incident is currently underway and Director of the Secret Service Julia Pierson of the Secret Service has ordered immediate precautions including increased numbers of patrol officers near the White House to aid surveillance and a makeshift fence along the north lawn have come about as a response to what happened. According to an anonymous official after the incident occurred, Gonzalez has been known to the Secret Service agency for an extended period of time now. Since his arrest in July, he has been interviewed by the Secret Service over about the map of the White House, and has been stopped on August 25 by the Secret Service while carrying a camping hatchet near the south lawn.

While these events may be enough logically to raise serious suspicions about Gonzalez, the Secret Service does not have the power to randomly commit people without solid evidence and reasoning.

The problem is an issue between fundamental order and freedom, and the solution can only come through extensive dissecting of the proper way to meet this situation in the future without being too passive or too repressive. The Secret Service should use this intrusion as an opportunity to implement serious changes in its security measures.
Summer renovation creates new space for art in Durand

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The newest addition to the Lake Forest College Durand Art Institute was built in the hopes of enriching classroom experience, for individual and personal use necessity, and as a way of considering the college’s donated artwork.

Lake Forest College has received artwork since the 1950s and according to Rebecca Goldberg, the gallery director at the institute, there has been an immense overload.

Due to the generous donation of $60,000 from the Liebes Family, in honor of Gail K. Liebes ’53, the college was able to install a storage unit in which students can view and work with pieces of artwork. The area is spacious as well as organized.

The unit was, according to Goldberg, “a giant step forward in so many ways.” The addition addressed the need for students to be able to view the artwork given to the school. The unit was also a way in which to enrich classroom experience.

Samantha Neise, a senior at Lake Forest College, has worked diligently in the process of opening up the unit for student use, such as organizing the pieces of artwork and making the space useful and accessible for students.

Neise states that the new unit offers the ability to move around “freely without the risk of knocking anything over or damaging an artwork and its frame.”

Students studying art are given a space where they are able to view the pieces of artwork in person rather than on a projection screen in a classroom. Students can get familiar with a piece of artwork and its history in person.

Neise illustrates the importance of allowing the students to learn to appreciate art’s “aesthetics and historical value by actually handling them and looking closely”.

Although the main use of the space is to enrich the student teaching environment, the storage unit also provides a way to increase organization in the Institute.

The overload of artwork donations was one of the college’s biggest concerns when it came to storage space. The Art Institute was in desperate need of a space where the worry of damaging the art, and thus the need for confining art pieces to faculty member areas, would not be an issue.

According to Neise, the original environment in which the art pieces were being stored was not “ideal and absolutely did damage to the works in the collection”, but with the new space, the lighting and the “cleaner atmosphere will definitely help to preserve the art for the future.”

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Laika innovates in latest animation The Boxtrolls

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It’s time to get excited; Laika Studios is about to plunge us into the world of The Boxtrolls. The new film, which came out on September 26th, tells the story of an orphaned boy named Eggs, who is raised underneath the streets of Cheesebridge by an odd race of scavenging creatures called boxtrolls.

Over the past couple of years, The Boxtrolls was tirelessly handcrafted and rendered by Laika studios, the stop motion animation company responsible for two technically and aesthetically impressive works, Coraline and Paranorman.

The studio has revolutionized the art of stop motion by using modern tools like 3D printing, extensive green screen utilization, and complex magnetic systems in puppets.

Because of Laika’s tendency towards unique, quirky, spooky stories, and passion for putting out work that stands apart from other companies, the studio’s newest film was much anticipated.

To understand the true gravity of the production effort involved in stop motion animation, let’s take a look at some of the facts provided by Laika’s website from their last film, Paranorman:

Paranorman is the first stop-motion movie to utilize a 3D Color Printer to create replacement faces for its puppets. Over 31,000 individual face parts were printed for the production.

The Town Hall Archives sequence encompassed two full sets/stages with over 20,000 miniature cast books, over 5,000 paper items (workpaper, maps, files, et al.), and over 400 hand-folded file boxes.

The “ghost reveal shot,” in which we see Norman walking through Blithe Hollow and interacting with its ghosts, required 28 visual effects artists’ work for over 2 years.

You may be thinking, why go through all this trouble? Why make tiny, entirely functional lamps for one scene when you could digitally render it?

In Laika’s case, the creators wanted to tell a different story, with a different look and feel.

Laika is pushing the boundaries of the medium even further with new techniques. Their engineering staff carves the avenues of stop motion effects by building rigs that can be moved so minutely that a perfect frame-by-frame illusion is made.

They have created mesmerizing fire effects by shining orange light through ripped up cloth and using a rig to run a pane of rippled glass over it, that, when photographed and sequenced, makes dynamic flames.

Laika is innovation in many simple, genius ways.

With all of this in mind, we can wait excitedly for The Boxtrolls not only for its unique character designs, promising story, and tender creator’s care, but for the true display of human ingenuity that manifests in this film.
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Will there a come a time when tragic events in our nation’s history cease to be remembered? Here on campus, that seems like a reality. The incoming freshman class is likely to be the youngest group of students who clearly remembers the events of September 11, 2001. Current high school students were just a few years old and those in junior high will be taught through history books and anecdotal testimonies from their parents. Like any large-scale tragedy, whether it’s Pearl Harbor or the Sandy Hook Shooting, the images and memories from that day will stick with those who experienced it forever.

But for generations now and to come, my fear is that those same memories that are so vital to moving forward as a nation will fade and even disappear. Of course we will not forget that the 9/11 attacks occurred or that it changed the course of history forever, but will we take the time to reflect and actually remember the tragic events that happened that day?

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We all received an email asking to participate in the candlelight vigil and have a discussion about the “tragedy” that occurred in the summer. If this one isolated incident brings students and faculty together like it did, what is the justification for doing nothing about a tragedy that has had even greater effects?

The length of time that has passed since 2001 does not mean that we should show any less reverence for family and friends lost on that day. The way we remember will and should be different from the way it was right after, but to dismiss this event like it did, what is the justification for the College refusing to commemorate the tragedy 13 years ago with some sort of a memorial service or even placing the flag at half-staff?

As diverse as this campus is, we are all mature enough to remember and grieve together for one day. As with any politically charged issue, we should want to find a way to be respectful of all involved. But being so fearful that commemorating 9/11 becomes completely non-existent pushes us in the opposite direction of where we should be heading.

And to say that the school should stay out of issues like this and let student organizations handle it is to go against much of what the school has done in the few short weeks we have been back. We need to learn and instill that what happened that day matters and it is everyone’s job to take part in that process.

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Women to hold more voting power in coming election

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Recent polling data have shown that women hold the most voting power in the nation. With this being an election year, many candidates for the U.S. Senate are looking to strengthen their appeal among those key women voters. Even in the last presidential election women were shown to hold the most power among eligible voters. This lead both candidates (Barack Obama and Mitt Romney) to change their methods of appealing to women voters. Democrats, who currently control the Senate, understand that in order to continue holding this power they must work harder to appeal to these key voters.

Past political behavior in America has shown that men are more likely to vote Republican and women to vote Democrat. This election will likely be no different. Some of the closest races around our nation have been focusing their campaigns solely on winning these key votes.

To help attract women voters, many campaigns are focusing on a larger scope of hot topics like economic issues, Medicare and Social Security, ending the gender pay gap, and ensuring that contraceptives are readily available and fully covered.

Some campaigns are even discussing the right to an abortion in certain states – making it clear that their efforts are to focus on topics that they believe are important to women.

To the Republicans, it seems that democratic efforts are mildly in vain as the bigger gap for the Democrats is actually among male votes, although Democrats readily admit that winning female voters is a complex issue.

Republicans tell a different tale citing that the main focus of Democratic campaigns is on young single women and women of color. Polls show that married women and women over the age of 50 more often than not vote for Republican candidates.

And while there is a difference in how individual candidates run their campaigns, there will always be debate on whether women and men are as polarized as the media portrays on policy issues.

This coming election will prove to be a close race for both parties, with women holding the winning votes in many states.
Forest Men’s Soccer Team faced their first opponent in Midwest College. The game was characterized by four Lake Forest College goals to shutout the Red Hawks. Leading scorer, Dylan Hartman ’16 scored two goals at mere two and half minutes into the first half with an assist from Timmy Mourikes ’16.

The second goal of the day occurred six minutes later when Elyas Ingram ’18 beat out a Ripon defender and passed the ball to girakristu ’16 for his first goal of the game and of the year. Hartman continued to dominate the field with his second goal occurring seconds later. Making the score 3-0. Fernando Figueroia ’17 scored his first goal of the season and the game winning goal beating out the Red Hawks in a 4-0 victory.

On September 23rd, the Foresters traveled to North Central College. The Foresters were barely edged out by the Cardinals as they fell 3-2. Within the first minute of the game North Central scored, and again twenty minutes later, leading the game 2-0.

The first goal of the contest for Lake Forest was set up by Cesar Sandoval ’18 and tapped in by Seton Trostle ’18. This goal marked the freshman’s first career score with a little more than five minutes left to play in the first half of the game. Senior Hugh Watanabe ’15 was able to tie the game with 16:12 remaining, as both teams scrambled for the lead.

North Central edged the Foresters in the last moments of the game at 86:40. The matchup was the team’s fifth one-goal loss in the last six games. The Forester’s season overall record is currently 2-6-0.

The team will battle for their comeback in the upcoming Midwest Conference events. The Foresters will be playing against Lawrence University where Lake Forest College will battle to become 2-0-0 in Midwest Conference Play.

Kristen Whitney makes program history at the Calvin College’s Knight Invitational

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On September 13th, Kristen Whitney ‘17 completed Calvin College’s Knight Invitational course in 19:07.7 and placed 20th out of 292 runners in the race.

Her time ranks third in program history behind the 18:57 posted by Katie Snowden in 2005.

At the September 20th Gill Dodds Invitational hosted in Wheaton, Ill, Whitney ran a 6-kilometer time of 23:32, which ranked 26th in the field of 212 runners and fourth in the program’s all-time rankings.

She has been a staple to the Lake Forest Cross-Country team’s recent success and a highly admired captain by her fellow teammates. Whitney attributes her success to a healthy mixture of sleeping well, eating right, and putting in a summer of intense training.

Besides being an extremely accomplished athlete, Whitney also has a passion for climbing trees. One could suppose that she’s just as fast vertically as she is horizontally.

Lake Forest College men’s soccer team end weekend with a win and defeat

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On September 20th, the Lake Forest Men’s Soccer Team faced their first opponent in Midwest Conference play against Ripon College.

The Saturday morning matchup was characterized by four Lake Forest College goals to shutout the Red Hawks. Leading scorer, Dylan Hartman ’16 scored two goals at a mere two and half minutes into the first half with an assist from Timmy Mourikes ’16.

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Q&A: Get to know your captains...

John Preston (#13)- Linebacker

What is your favorite NFL team? New England Patriots.
What is your major? History Major, Education Minor
Where are you from? Sanbornton, N.H.
What is one pre-game habit that you have? I have many…one is having one of my coaches hold my cross during the game.
What is something that people may not know about you? I hope to coach football someday.
What do you attribute your success to, on and off the football field? Leadership
Who is your role model? Coach Nikolich
Nickname? Preston
What is your best memory thus far at Lake Forest? Winning the MWC Championship.

Bryan Feltman (#63)- Offensive Lineman

What is your favorite NFL team? San Francisco 49ers.
What is your major? English Literature Major Educational Studies Minor
Where are you from? Chicago
What is one pre-game habit that you have? Taking a nap.
What is your favorite meal in the cafeteria? Reuben's Omelets.
What do you attribute to your success on and off the football field? Being able to focus under pressure.
Who is your role model? My dad.
Do you have any special/unusual talents? Frog and turtle catching.
Best memory thus far at Lake Forest? 2012 MWC Champions
Biggest pet peeve? Unnecessarily shortened words when people are talking.

Lake Forest College Football has a strong group of leaders pushing the team to become more successful on and off the field. This year, that group consists of four senior captains, Joey Kropp ’15, Bryan Feltman ’15, John Preston ’15, and Ramel Samuel 15’. During their time at Lake Forest, they have not only helped the football team win a Midwest Conference Championship, but they have also received national recognition for their accomplishments. These include Kropp’s nomination for the 2014 Allstate and American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. This honor is awarded to players that are highly involved in community service and stand out for their leadership amongst their peers.

Kropp was recognized as an individual who is actively involved and committed to charitable work while maintaining high academic standards. Additionally, in July, Preston received the USA Football Network 2014 All-America award based on his outstanding achievements on the field, including being a First Team All-Midwest Conference selection in 2013.

Given the large success of the program over the past couple of years, it is certain that the captains of the Lake Forest College team have had an important part in the team’s accomplishments.

Although these senior captains are well known for their success on the field, below some further information about two of these captains, John Preston and Bryan Feltman.