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Campus removal of safety feature

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A lack of communication is causing fear and confusion among students.

LVC's campus safety and board have decided to phase out a staple safety feature, the blue light call boxes. These boxes have been on campus since 1988 and have received updates over the years. They offer a way to receive assistance without a cell phone.

The purpose of these boxes is to be able to notify campus safety if a student feels unsafe on campus. They can be seen from any spot on campus and have provided a sense of safety for LVC students and families for decades.

"After initially hearing of the blue light removals on campus, I was quite concerned," Samantha Miller, senior, said. "Having the emergency blue lights around campus gives students an extra layer of security and protection."

In 2021, the most recent year on record, more than 23,400 criminal incidents were reported on college campuses throughout the United States, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Educational settings have drawn high levels of violence in recent decades.

"This is only week five of this school year, but it already has been the scariest," Hailey Trump, senior, said. "There have been multiple people

(both students and non-students) who have been harassing students and making people feel extremely unsafe. I no longer feel safe walking outside of my dorm alone, especially at night. So, when I heard that the blue lights will be removed my fear heightened even more."

LVC is going entirely digital in its emergency response program with an app called OmniAlert, which the college has used for multiple years as a broad alert system. The new app will allow students to add an emergency contact and have the option to call campus safety. This is a beneficial service for students who always have access to a cell phone.

It is easy to take cell phones for granted at this point, where almost

everyone has one. However, assuming that every single person has one is dangerous. Cell phones have many flaws, such as spotty reception, batteries dying and simply the time it can take to unlock and open an app. These issues could make an already bad situation worse.

"If I drop my phone in the time of an emergency, there will be no way for me to get help," Trump said. "The blue lights are not only for our safety, but also meant to scare off the attacker. Now there is nothing that will do that."

If students are planning on parking their car and their cell phone

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LVC's new director of service

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Learn about Emma Cartwright, the new director of service and community engagement here at LVC.

Cartwright began their time at LVC in April. Before starting at LVC, they received a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's in education policy and social analysis, with an emphasis on politics and education.

After earning their degrees, Cartwright worked as a school social worker for a rural high school in North Carolina. Then, Cartwright made the switch to working as a director of service and community engagement at a community college, also in North Carolina.

After both careers, Cartwright landed themselves here at LVC. Upon their switch to LVC, Cartwright immersed themselves in the campus culture, and got to know everything the Valley has to offer. They also expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to work on a smaller campus and to build close knit connections with various organizations on campus.

"I'm just hoping that I am able to develop partnerships with Greek life and other student organizations who want to make a big impact," Cartwright said. "One of the benefits of being at a smaller school is making those impacts."

For those looking to get involved with service, there are many

opportunities planned this semester.

Throughout the week of Oct. 13, there will be various events hosted to highlight the importance of civic engagement. One of the highlighted events is a voter registration table, which will happen throughout the week.

If students are looking for a different service activity that is not already listed on Redbook, Cartwright has many other opportunities and is always willing to work with students and organizations for different service events. Those interested can reach out to them via email at cartwrigh@lvc.edu.



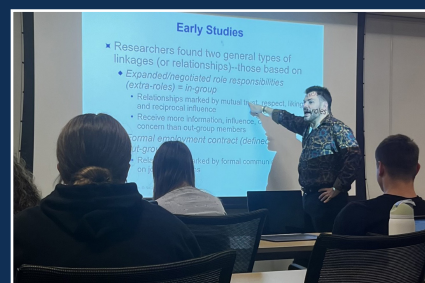
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Java Jams

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Having fun with live music and refreshments is commonplace at one of LVC's monthly events.

Java Jams, formerly known as Patio Jams, are musical performances that occur on the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. These events, located at the Allen Theatre and on the Mund patio, have become a standard part of the social calendar for LVC students.

"It's been an experience that's been hard to replicate," Jared Downward, a senior music performance major, said.

Downward, like other musicians on campus, has performed in multiple Java Jams over his four years at LVC. From playing with the bands Burning Daylight, Token Female and Divorced

Dads, he has seen the events increase in popularity firsthand.

In its existence, Java Jams have become a tool for musicians to showcase their talent, with genres such as rock, pop and jazz being put in the forefront so far. It has also created an inviting environment for students to enjoy while listening to their classmates perform.

"I enjoy going to Patio Jams to watch my friends play and have an opportunity to listen to live music," Emilie Thibeault, a fifth-year speech-language pathology major, said. "That's not something you can always do."

The next Java Jam will be held at the Allen Theatre in November. The performer has not yet been announced.

LVC rebrands digiCOM

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LVC's digital communications department has decided to undergo a name change and corresponding rebranding for this academic year and the department's future.

The major is now known as digital media, as the faculty looks to realign their education towards emerging technologies and various internet media. The curriculum will remain the same, with six concentrations detailing various

aspects of today's digital media landscape.

"I think the switch will be beneficial because it will attract more people who want to explore the vast media landscape," Chris Langsdorf, sophomore digital media major, said.

The name change aims to highlight the College's commitment to its current and future students. The department's social media will now reflect the digital media title and the College's website has already been updated.

Allen Theatre and Salamander Bookstore Café

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Annville's beloved Allen Theatre and Backstage Café is entering a new era as new ownership takes over.

The Allen Theatre is a classic, single screen cinema and stage that has been running since the early 1900s when it was known as the "Hippodrome." Throughout the years, the theatre went through many changes and new management, and it eventually shut its doors in the 1980s.

In 1992, Skip Hicks purchased the theatre and renovated the cinema entirely into what Annville residents know it as today, the Allen Theatre. After successful management under Hicks, the theater was sold in 2018 to Edward and Susan Felty who continued Hicks' legacy until 2024.

Now, Michael Cantor, professional magician and longtime bookstore owner, and his partner Cindy Vejar, LVC's program director and associate professor of clinical mental health counseling, have purchased the iconic landmark. The couple has merged their passions for books, music and cinema by moving their used bookstore, Salamander Books and Music, into the theatre's adjacent café where they sell quality used books, vinyl, CDs and music gear. The newly combined businesses are now known as the Allen Theatre and Salamander Bookstore Café.

The combination of the theatre's historical charm and the bookstore café's social appeal creates a vibrant hub for locals and students to hang out and socialize.



Photo by: Lyndsey Snyder

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is dead, President MacLaren advises students to go to campus safety and ask them for escort if one's cell phone is dead or if one is feeling unsafe.

Going completely digital excludes people in these situations. When there is an emergency, there may not be much time to pull out a cell phone. The blue lights have always been a reassurance that if something happened, someone could press the button and alert authorities to the area without having to stand around and talk into the box. However, that is apparently not the case.

"Sadly, suppose you were having a medical emergency and could not communicate. In that case, emergency dispatchers pass it off as a false alarm and relay it to the officers as non-emergency due to the hundreds of pranks or fake incidents a year," Brian Boyer, supervisor of

campus safety, said.

If students were unaware of the vetting process for responses for the boxes, they would not know if they pressed the button, someone may not come.

In the first 'Fireside Chat' of the semester with President MacLaren, students were informed that the blue lights currently in disrepair will come down first. However, there was no answer on which ones are currently broken. The functioning ones will remain until they are no longer operable.

"As they begin to remove [the blue lights], I think there needs to be better communication to students on how to activate the OmniAlert app and use its services," Miller said.

Per Dean Bob Mikus, students will be kept in the loop regarding when and which boxes are being removed.

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Dynamic mental health-related organization comes to LVC

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A new club connected to an organization focused on recognizing the mental health of student-athletes has come to LVC.

The club, an accredited non-profit organization called "The Hidden Opponent," was started by Lyla Arfanella, a sophomore volleyball player, who has been long inspired by the organization's founder, Victoria Browne. Like Browne, Arfanella wanted to create a comforting place for student-athletes.

"The Hidden Opponent (THO) prioritizes the mental health of student-athletes and allows them to create a community that makes them feel allowed and accepted to struggle with and discuss their mental health," Arfanella said.

She was also motivated to start the club when she noticed both her high school and college teammates walking away from volleyball

following mental health struggles.

"Because of that, I wanted to create a viable resource for student-athletes to ensure they can keep playing the sport they love," she said.

To date, THO has attracted 200 followers on Instagram, and monthly meetings are currently being planned. The organization hopes to build awareness of its mission to the campus community and will do so by having various mental health recognitions at sporting events throughout the academic year.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, corresponding with World Mental Health Awareness Day, THO will have a table set up with information in the Allen W. Mund College Center. Students are invited to stop by to find out how they can get involved and make a difference to stop the stigma surrounding mental health.

New sports marketing course added to business department

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LVC's business department launched a new sports marketing course for marketing majors and minors this semester.

Adjunct professor Todd VanderWoude is teaching the sports marketing course that is being offered this semester.

VanderWoude originally grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and has been a resident of Harrisburg for 37 years. He is currently employed as the executive director for the Harrisburg Downtown Improvement District and was involved in the business management for Minor League Baseball for 24 years.

"I always had an interest in competing on the field and once I realized that my playing days

were limited, I looked for other avenues to stay involved in sports," VanderWoude said. "So, I ended up getting my master's degree in sport management and was very fortunate to work in Minor League Baseball for many years to see how important marketing is to the off-field success of sports teams, win or lose."

In the sports marketing course, students can expect to learn about the principles of marketing and how it plays a role in the unique and ever-changing world of sports. In addition, students will focus on the importance of having an emphasis on the customer in relation to sports teams and sports products, such as understanding, responding, engaging, satisfying,

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Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m.

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New integrative class

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LVC has launched a new leadership integrative class this semester, led by Todd Snovel, a seasoned professional with more than 15 years of experience in government, higher education and non-profit sectors.

This innovative course provides students with a dynamic, hands-on approach to developing leadership skills while helping them align those skills with their personal and professional goals.

Snovel's course is designed to offer students an in-depth exploration of leadership concepts, theories and practices. In addition, case studies, simulations and real-life applications are utilized to provide practical leadership experience. Students are also asked to reflect on their own leadership journeys, considering their future leadership style going forward.

"We study not only the

theoretical perspectives of leadership, but also practical identifiers for how leaders solve problems, initiate action and are enthusiastic adopters of positive change in an increasingly interconnected and fragile world," Snovel said.

LVC's introduction of this course comes at a critical time when the demand for effective leadership across various industries is growing. The class offers students the opportunity to shape their leadership development and apply it in any professional or organizational setting they may encounter, be it in business, education, non-profit or other fields.

For anyone looking to create a lasting impact in their career and community, the leadership integrative class, which will be offered this spring, is a must.



Photo by: Hannah Kohr

Chasing championships: How fresh faces are elevating women's lacrosse

GRACE MARCHESE '26
STAFF WRITER

After falling short in the MAC Freedom championship game against Stevens Institute of Technology last season, the women's lacrosse team is determined to return in the upcoming 2025 season.

A key part of the Dutchmen's comeback is their new junior goalie, Gigi Ditsky. Ditsky transferred from the Division I lacrosse program at Eastern Michigan University, and she is raising the standards of the team's game to a whole new level.

"After my head coach announced she was leaving in August, I realized that I only have two years left to play lacrosse in college and wanted something different for my career," Ditsky said. "I knew that I wanted to go to a school with a close community, strong education and a lacrosse program I could make an immediate impact on, and LVC was that place."

The team has just begun its 2024 fall season, but Ditsky, like the rest of the team, has her sights set high for

the spring.

"My goal for the spring is to help lead the team back to the conference tournament and walk away as MAC champions," she said. "The team has a ton of potential, and the girls are all hungry to get to work and be the best we can."

Junior defender Allison Keeney had nothing but praise for the goalie.

"Gigi is an amazing asset to the team and has already brought so much positive energy and supportive feedback, not to mention her undeniable skill level," Keeney said. "With this, she has increased our level of play at LVC, and I'm so excited about this addition to our defense."

The Dutchmen will compete in a fall playday at Widener University on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and they will host an alumni game on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 a.m. during homecoming weekend.

Sinfonia hosts open music rehearsals

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One organization on campus is ready to strike a chord with potential members.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a men's social fraternity that aims to advance music in America. This semester, Sinfonia will host music rehearsals for those interested in singing. All are welcome to join rehearsals, even those with little choral experience.

"Sinfonia is a very welcoming environment," Elliott Johnson, a junior audio music production

major, said. "I had a lot of help and assistance learning how to do most of the singing when I joined."

The Iota Kappa chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia consists of both music majors and non-music majors, with many pursuing careers as music educators, actuaries and psychologists after graduation.

Sinfonia will host open music rehearsals throughout the fall semester on Fridays at 7 p.m. in Blair 23.

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and serving the customer.

"My hope is that students will gain a better understanding of sports that fans do not see, which is the importance of marketing's contribution to the overall team's financial success," VanderWoude said. "Customer service is a major

part of our sports experience to keep fans returning to games again and again."

For more information about the sports marketing course and when it will be offered again, please reach out to an academic advisor or a faculty member in the business department.

HOMECOMING AT THE VALLEY OCTOBER 11-13

SPORTING EVENTS (SATURDAY, OCT. 12)

9:30 a.m. – Men's Lacrosse Alumni Game, Arnold Field,

10 a.m. – Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game, Marching Band Practice Field

1 p.m. – Football vs. Delaware Valley University, Arnold Field

1 p.m. – Women's Soccer vs. Arcadia University, Herbert Field

1 p.m. – Men's Soccer Alumni Game, Soccer Practice Field

4 p.m. – Men's Soccer vs. Arcadia University, Herbert Field

6 p.m. – Women's Field Hockey vs. Misericordia University, Arnold Field

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Women's basketball preview

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With the fall semester underway, some of LVC's most competitive teams are starting their seasons soon, specifically women's basketball.

The Lady Dutchmen are looking to improve on their positive record from last year where they posted a 15-11 record while being 9-5 in conference. The team's record earned LVC a spot in the MAC Freedom playoffs.

After splitting the regular season with Arcadia University and winning the final regular season game by 26 points, the teams met again for the third time in a season. Unfortunately,

the game ended in heartbreak for the Dutchmen as Arcadia won by one point with a final score of 52-53.

This year, the Lady Dutchmen will try to improve on that 15-11 record, make it further into the MAC Playoffs and make an NCAA playoff appearance. The team starts its season on Saturday, Nov. 9, and will play Neumann University at home. They will then travel to Boston for the EC Tip-Off Classic for two days.

The team begins conference play on Wednesday, Jan. 8, against Stevens Institute of Technology.