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LA’s “When the Machine Stops” Wins Regional One Act Competition



The cast of “The Machine Stops” accepting their Regional One Act Trophy at Medomak Valley High School on March 11, 2023.

By Amelia Rice ‘26
On March 11th, LA’s production of “When the Machine Stops” won the Regional Competition for the Maine One Act Festival. For the first time since 2019, LA is participating in the Maine

One Act Festival, put on by the Maine Principals Association. “When the Machine Stops” received the highest score out of nine plays at the festival including both Class A and Class B schools, and they qualified for the state competition. LA will

be one of nine participating schools in the Maine One Act Competition, which takes place later in March.

“When the Machine Stops” is based on a short story written by E.M. Forster and initially published in 1909. Griff Braley is the director of this production. The cast consists of twenty-one students, and the tech crew consists of three. A lot of the staging, light, music, and acting components were student-led.

Sophomore Sophia Scott led and arranged the majority of musical components, both live and recorded. The cast began working on the play in December. The initial process included making some changes to the play so it could run in the time allotted for the competition, forty minutes. The basic rules of the competition

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Multiple Floods Displace Classes



Local firefighters responded to the call when a burst pipe led to major flooding in Hall House on February 5, 2023.

By Amelia Rice ‘26
On Thursday, January 26th, the History Wing, the Health Center, and the basement rooms below all sustained severe water damage from flooding.

The cause of the flooding was a failed roof drain in the History Wing. With the combination of melting snow and rain that morning, there was an excess of

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Turkey Rocked by Earthquakes

International Students Want to Help

By Arsen Mikaelyan ‘25
At a community meeting on Friday, March 3, Eren Aybas ‘24 and Ralph Zoorob ‘23 presented an update on the earthquake that tragically struck Turkey earlier last month. Both are international students at LA, and Eren—as well as much of his family—is from Turkey.

On February 6, a series of powerful earthquakes with magnitudes as high as 7.4 ratings rocked the country of Turkey. They mostly affected the cities Pazarcik, Nurdagi, and Islahiye. Over 47,000 people were killed and many more were injured. The quakes lasted for several minutes, shaking

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Eren Aybas (right), a junior from Turkey, and Ralph Zoorob (left), a senior from Lebanon, gave a presentation to the Lincoln Academy community about the damage inflicted by the February 6 earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria.

Robotics Heartbreak at States



Joseph Levsque ‘25, Katherine Aitken ‘23, and Grady Burns ‘23 during a match with Bangor.

By Connor Parson ‘24
After half a year of work, the LA Robotics Club’s season has ended. Starting in September, the club had been working every week to develop machines and programs to compete. The

club sent two teams to regional competitions in January and February. Both teams moved on to the state competition, and it all came to a head in South Portland on Saturday the 25th. The two teams were captained

by seniors Henry Maddox and Grady Burns. Both have been members since their freshman year. The teams spent the two weeks since Regionals to make important changes and catch

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Library Transition: Goodbye Nick, Hello Andrew



Nick Menice served as a Kieve-Wavus Educator for one year and assistant librarian for just under two years.

By Torren Nehrboos ‘26
Following his resignation, on February 17th, 2023, Nick Menice spent his last day at Lincoln Academy as the Library’s Education Technician. The day before February break marked Mr. Menice’s last day at Lincoln Academy, however it also marked the beginning of his new job as the Director of Youth and Adult Programs at the Bath YMCA. While leaving the LA library was a tough decision, Mr. Menice was eager and excited for the

notable opportunity to work at the Y. You can visit him down in Bath anytime. Mr. Menice was a positive influence to the student body and made a large impact on many who studied in the library during a study hall, stopped by to pick out a book, or just wanted to chat. Jacob Masters, a senior at Lincoln Academy, was interviewed on the impact of Mr. Menice’s presence. Masters, being one of whom

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Opinions & Letters

Remembering the News



By Connor Parson '24

Every day, we are bombarded with news from all angles. From looking at a news app, a random reel on Instagram, the nightly news on the TV, or Mr. O'Mahoney asking why you haven't been following current events, we are given a lot of news. And we are forgetting a lot of it.

Take for instance, the Chinese Spy Balloon. During the end of January, that story was everywhere. Fears America might be going to war with China, accusing the President of being weak, and people joking about the start of World War III were all over the internet and TV. Two months since the incident ended, and humanity has collectively forgotten about it. All the panic and the yelling has transitioned to the next big thing.

This isn't the first time this has happened. Before the Spy Balloon, it was a string of repeated mass shootings. Before that, it was America's debt being too high. The War In Ukraine is still happening, but coverage on it is much less than in early 2022. Covid-19 was the biggest news story of early 2020, but it left the spotlight once the Black Lives Matter protests and the 2020 election took the scene. Stories, regardless of

their importance to the average person, get thrown into the wastebasket of history as soon as something flashier shows up.

That applies even to Lincoln Academy. As significant as the floods were and still are (see the part of Hall House that is barricaded off), Winter Carnival happening one week later effectively ended the discussion surrounding the damage. The human brain is just not capable of remembering everything going on. Students just focus on their next homework assignment, or their next sports game. It's hard to care about something as far away from where you are as a weather balloon from China found in Montana.

This isn't a call to action for all of us to collectively remember everything. That is impossible, and very pointless if you want to accomplish anything. Rather, a call to remember the news stories that actually did and do matter, to the entire world and to you. Covid-19 still is everywhere. The issues the Black Lives Matter protests spotlighted still are not fixed. The planet is still getting hotter. There is still a war in Ukraine going on. The water damage in Hall House is still being fixed.

Connor Parson '24 is a member of the Talon Staff.

Cunningham's Conspiracies: Dread Pirate Dixie Bull

By Felix Cunningham '26

Hall House has been closed for a few weeks now due to "burst pipes", but what if I told you that these "burst pipes" are a coverup for something much more devious.

First, let me tell you the story of Dixie Bull. Dixie Bull was an English sea captain who traded furs throughout New England until his morals changed and he decided to become a pirate. He began raiding trading posts and shipping companies all over Maine in the 1630s. He eventually led a raid on Pemaquid where he took a haul of furs and other goods worth almost \$12,000 in today's dollars. This raid earned him



the nickname "The Dread Pirate", and he disappeared along with his treasure.

To this day his treasure

The Case Against Springing Forward

By Amelia Rice '26

Every year as we approach the second Sunday of March, a cold sense of dread enters my very heart. The dreaded Spring Daylight Savings Time approaches. The next week, I blunder through my days drinking copious amounts of coffee with a profound sense of utter sleepiness. Before I delve deeper into the mellow drama of Spring Daylight Savings Time, let us begin with the history of it.

Daylight Savings Time first took place in the U.S. in 1918, although it was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin in a 1784 article to the Journal de Paris. It was created to conserve energy during WWI. Initially, it was supposed to be enacted for seven



months, however, it ended up becoming permanent.

Considering that it has been over one hundred years since WWI, and the U.S. has many other sources of light and energy, it is long overdue to abolish Daylight Savings Time. The earth's natural trajectory allows for more sunlight in spring and summer, and it doesn't make sense to speed something up

that will naturally occur already.

Springing ahead disrupts natural circadian rhythms, making people sleepy in the morning, and wide awake in the evening. The week after DST, there is a much greater risk of vehicular accidents

as well because of tiredness. Heart attacks and strokes are also more likely to occur during the weeks after DST.

When considering the many negative consequences of DST, it is clear that the extra hour of daylight is not worth the trouble it causes.

Amelia Rice '26 doesn't enjoy springing ahead, however, she does enjoy an extra excuse to drink coffee.

The Talon welcomes letters from readers!

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News

Floods *cont'd* from p. 1



The first flood in the history wing was caused by a rooftop drain failure.

water and nowhere for it to go. School was canceled at around 7:00 AM, but not before a few buses had arrived. These buses promptly turned around and brought students back to their homes.

After the damage was assessed by the custodial staff, roof contractor, and Servpro, repairs began promptly. School reopened the next day with several schedule and classroom changes. Mr. O'Mahoney, Ms. Penrose, Ms. Halm, and Ms.

Brewer taught their classes in different rooms. The Health Center was relocated to the dorms in Kiah Bailey Hall.

There were other changes to daily life at LA as well. The Social Studies wing was completely blocked off from foot traffic, so alternate routes were taken to get to classes. Upperclassmen could miss first or last-period study halls, with privileges or parental permission. FLBs directed by the impacted teachers took place



The second flood of 2023, in Hall House, was caused by a sprinkler pipe that froze and burst.

in other locations including the dining commons and classrooms. Most study halls were relocated so classrooms were free for other classes.

For the first week after the flood, classroom assignments were announced every day and sometimes varied. The next week, temporary classrooms were assigned to the affected teachers.

Another severe flood overwhelmed Lincoln Academy on February 6, this time in Hall House. A pipe that supplied water to the sprinkler system froze and burst, damaging several classroom floors and walls. The water also damaged heating, fire detection,

ventilation, and elevator systems.

School was canceled the following Monday and Tuesday because of a lack of available classrooms. Once repairs to the History Wing were completed on February 8, all students and staff returned to campus. The affected teacher's classes were moved to other locations across campus and all study halls were moved to the gymnasium.

This flood caused yet more disruptions to daily life at LA. The library and library annex were off-limits for study halls because both areas were used as classrooms. Students in all grades were able to miss first or last-period study halls. All FLBs

and community meeting were canceled, and the entire week was early release. Passing periods in between classes doubled, giving students additional time to locate their classes.

Torren Nehrboss '26 said, "since I have Spanish class, advisory, and a study hall in the Hall House, my schedule has been turned around quite a bit since the flood. My study hall and advisory were initially moved to the gym and my Spanish class was moved to Mr. Hauptmann's room. Now my Spanish class and my advisory are in the former Student Union in the basement."

Despite the effects of the flooding, LA still held Winter Carnival the following week, and the schedule, (besides location changes) returned to normal.

After February Vacation, previously disrupted spaces are now returning to their normal use. All study halls returned to their usual locations, the library reopened for study hall usage, the third floor of the Hall House was reopened, and the basement of the Hall House was reopened. Other locations in the Hall House still remain closed, and the library annex is still being used for classes. Study hall attendance is back to being mandatory, besides senior privileges.

While the various floods have been quite disruptive to the normal schedule, thanks to the efforts of many, LA is slowly but surely returning to normal.

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any issues.

The State competition is split into two parts, the qualifying round and the elimination round. During the qualifying round, the teams go up against other teams in randomly determined matchups. Wins and losses are then tallied to determine seeding going into the elimination round. During elimination rounds, a sudden death bracket is used to determine the matchups. The top two teams at the end of the bracket move on to the world championship.

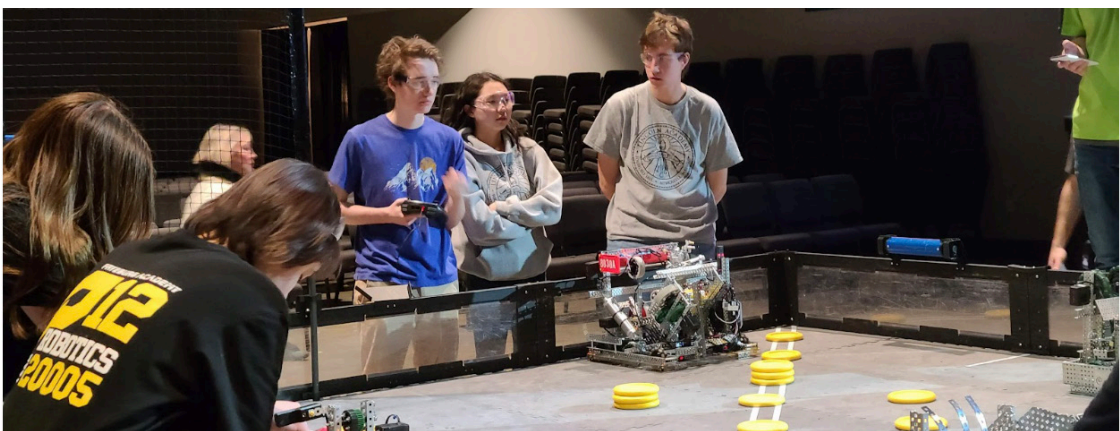
Maddox's team swept through qualifiers. Ending with six wins, no losses, and one tie, being seeded second. Burns' team was a little more unlucky. They used a special, camera aiming-system that unfortunately was interfered with by the lights used in the arena. Many matches ended up coming down to one point differences. They were seeded thirty-eighth.

Tragedy struck in the first round of elimination. Maddox's team was eliminated due to a disqualification. A misaimed shot resulted in a projectile

going out of the arena and violating the rule against parts of a robot exiting the arena. Despite the fact his team scored enough points to win, it didn't matter in the face of the rules. Things didn't fare much better for Burns' team. The highly seeded team they went against made quick work of them.

And with that, the season is over for both teams. But this isn't the end of the LA robotics program. While seniors Henry Maddox, Grady Burns, and Katherine Aitken will be leaving this year, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen of the club are already planning the next season. The competition for 2023-2024 gets announced in late April, and the club is planning on using the next two months to make experimental prototypes and other projects that time normally wouldn't allow. Congratulations to the team and good luck to all its members!

Connor Parson '24 is a member of the Talon staff and LA Robotics Team and just realized the rest of this team is going to read this article.



Henry Maddox '23, Dana Lee '24, and Connor Parson '24 setting up for their next match with Fryeburg.

Earthquake *cont'd* from p. 1

buildings, causing landslides, and damaging water sources as well as electric lines. Even though the earthquake struck last month, people today are still living in tents and homemade shelters. Many have moved away from their destroyed homes, and don't know when they are going to come back.

Eren reported that his family is safe; however, many of his friends from different cities have been affected by the tragedy. At a recent community meeting,

he stood up alongside fellow residential student Ralph to share all of this information with the Lincoln Academy community. At the end of the presentation, Eren and Ralph called for an organized effort to help those in need. His idea is to raise money for the Doctor Without Borders organization, which provides medical support to areas affected by natural disasters or conflicts, and send help to his home country. "If everyone

gives \$1," Eren explained to the crowd at a community meeting, "we can raise more than \$500. If everyone gives \$2 we can raise more than \$1000."

You can make donations in your advisory groups or at the front desk. Let's show that Eren is not alone in this tragic moment and support our friends as we always do!

Arsen Mikaelyan '25 is a member of the Talon staff and lives in the dorm.

2023 Winter Carnival

Making Memories at Winter Carnival 2023

By Helen Duffy '26

The 2023 Winter Carnival ran from February 13 to February 17. Filled with high spirits and large displays of school spirit, there were many smiles.

The seniors won by 100 points over the sophomores. They were followed by the juniors, and the freshmen came in last. The seniors put up a great show with their karaoke performance.

The costumes from Wednesday's dress up day lead to some disruption during musical chairs. Although there were many crashes and impromptu pig piles in the Quiz Bowl, no one came out injured.

Many parents were made fun of on Soccer Mom and Barbecue Dad Day. Much confusion ensued after Ms. Collins was cloned by other math teachers on Wednesday.

On the hottest day of the week, the LA Community

dressed up for a Maine Wintah. The faculty Volleyball team proved a tough opponent for the second place senior team. Ms. Anderson showed off her killer spike and left the gym in awe. This memorable week will remain in the minds of the LA Community for a good long time.

Helen Duffy thoroughly enjoyed her first Winter Carnival.



The class of 2026 experiencing Winter Carnival for the first time.

Monday: Soccer Moms & BBQ Dads on the Obstacle Course



Michaela Lacrosse '23 and Zac Poland '23, are ready to grill and chill



Jake Masters '23 and Liam Card '23 pose for an excellent family photo



Reese Nelson '26 jump ropes to victory.



Elle Stevens '23 represents the Seniors in the Obstacle Course.

Tuesday: Valentines Day & Quiz Bowl



Mr. Mess and Mrs. Mess celebrate Valentine's Day.



Abby Holladay '23, Maddie Ward '24, and Abby St. Cyr '23 take a shake break.



Greg Demeritt '26 & Trey Tibbetts '26 pose while subtly advertising the freshman coin slam.



Freshmen, Sophie Drum, Francis McGonigle Dow, Reese Nelson, Julia Deitrick, Bailey Brewer, Neptune Martin, and Amelia Starbird, are very festive for Valentine's Day!



Mr. O'Mahoney, Mrs. Sawyer, and Mrs. Duffy judge the mighty and honorable sport that is Quiz Bowl.



Are we playing Twister or Quiz Bowl? No one really can tell at this point.



Mr. Manahan calmly observes the chaos of Quiz Bowl.

2023 Winter Carnival

Wednesday: Character Day & Musical Chairs



Maddie Kallin '24, and Audrey Hufnagel '24 are very speedy.



Kayla Cruz '24, Mitchell Strauss '24, and Sophia Scott '25...Or shall we say, Enid Sinclair, Tyler Galpin, Wednesday Addams.



It appears that the math teachers have discovered how to clone...



Round and round they go... where they'll stop, nobody knows!



The freshman team for Musical Chairs.



Ms. Anderson is ready to direct musical chairs with some faith, trust, and a little pixie dust, (and coffee).



Students battle it out in an intense game of musical chairs.



Sophomores celebrate after Lillian Brooks '25 wins musical chairs winning Sophomores 400 faculty shield points.

Thursday: Playing Volleyball in the Maine Wintah



Seniors Bella Herring, Aowyn Burbank, and Ralph Zoorob pose with Mr. Page for Maine Wintah day.



Freshmen Torren Nehrboss, Julia Deitrick, Amelia Starbird, and Greg Demeritt are ready for snow!



Owen Card '26 goes airborne for the freshman team.



Maddie Ward '24, Abby Holladay '23, Gabby Vincentsen '23, and Abby St. Cyr are ready for the Maine Outdoors.



Violet Bailey '24 serves during the junior vs. freshman volleyball game.



Ralph Zoorob '23 spikes for the senior volleyball team.

2023 Winter Carnival

Friday: Black & White, Boys Basketball Sendoff, Dodgeball, Class Karaoke, Tug of War, & More!



Eliot O'Mahoney '24, Nick Russ '24, Audrey Hufnagel '24, Maddie Kallin '24, and Liam Card '23 represent LAXC in black & white



Natalie Kaler '24, Baylie Anastasio '24, and Abby Kopp '24 make a pyramid for Black & White day.



Mitchell Dusoe '23 and Ms. Tucker strike a pose.



Mr. Page leads the LA cheers to send the boys basketball team off to their playoff game against Spruce Mountain at the Portland Expo.



Senior Alicia Elis prepares to throw a dodgeball.



Nicky Archer '23 picks off half of his team's opponents singlehandedly, sealing a senior victory in dodgeball.



Hamilton Pierpan '26 effectively dodges a ball during dodgeball.



The sophomores pull for tug-of-war glory, but end up placing fourth.



The freshman tug-of-war victory over the sophomores played a critical role in the senior Winter Carnival win.



Juniors at work in the tug of war.



The sophomores excellent entry in the Class Karaoke included an impressive rendition of the worm by Talin Lowe '25, securing their second place finish in that event.



The seniors pulled a fast one and turned out the lights during their karaoke verse of "Party in the USA." The judges responded favorably to the stunt and granted them the win.



In a show of school unity after Winter Carnival results were announced, sophomore Arsen Mikaelyn, senior Ashton Seiders, and junior Annie Peaslee dance together in a final celebratory Winter Carnival mosh pit. New tradition, anyone?

Final 2023 Winter Carnival Scores:	<u>Seniors:</u>	<u>Sophomores:</u>	<u>Juniors:</u>	<u>Freshmen:</u>
	4200	4100	3400	2300

LA Staff Profile

Meet Ms. Wright, New English Teacher



By Cecil Rittall '25
Here at Lincoln Academy, Ms. Wright is an English teacher and a dorm parent. She always enjoyed learning and has always wanted to be a teacher. In fact, she only applied to one college since she knew being a teacher was what she wanted, and the University of Maine had the best program in the state for it.
This is Ms. Wright's 11th year teaching, and she's been to a couple different schools. First, she started her career at an independent school that was similar to Lincoln, then she spent 3 years at a very big public school but wanted to go back to a smaller one.
Eventually, she ended up at Lincoln Academy, "I like the school culture here a lot more. There's a great sense of community here, and the community is wonderfully diverse in so many ways. I love living and working in a place with Maine kids and students

from all around the world."
Before becoming a teacher, she attended the University of Maine in Farmington where she got both her bachelor's degree and master's degrees. Her bachelor's was in secondary education with a concentration in english, and master's in educational leadership. She wrote her thesis about the impact of student-staffed writing centers.
Ms. Wright was born in Chicago but only lived there until she was 7. When she was 7 she moved to Colorado, where she spent her life there until 8th grade. Her family came over to Maine when she was in highschool. Once she graduated she decided to stay in Maine, even though she was unhappy when she originally moved here. The two things she is looking forward to seeing are the one acts and the spring play as well as more music and art events.
Ms. Wright loves knitting, sewing and playing video games. She also adores Jurassic park, as in her opinion it has everything: action, adventure, romance, humor, and horror. "The special effects still stand up so many years later, which makes it even better. It's also very quotable," she said.
Her favorite character from fiction is Data from Star Trek, as he is "a great way to explore what it means to be human." Ms. Wright says her spirit animal is a dog, since she is either really energetic and happy or wants to just chill on the couch, no in-between. If you ever have a class with Ms. Wright, make sure to push your chair in when the class ends, as students not pushing in chairs when they leave is one of her pet peeves.
On a final note, her dog, Huck, loves making new friends, so say hi to them if you see them walking on campus.
Cecil Rittall '25 is a second-year member of the Talon staff.

Faculty Shield Points & Winter Carnival Final Standings

By Julia Deitrick '26
Rumor on the block is that the seniors won Winter Carnival... but how much do certain activities at LA contribute to winning that final overall spot? Faculty Shield Points are one thing at LA that exist, but are kind of mysterious to both students and faculty.
According to the Faculty Shield master himself, Mr. Page, every trimester each class gets points based on sport participation, which is worth 400, 300, 200, and 100 points, continuous honor roll, community meeting, and faculty black and white (25 points). These points are added to points earned through competition during Winter Carnival, Homecoming, and the Faculty Shield Exam.
Mr. Page's faculty shield exam happens during the third trimester. The exam has 100 questions about what has happened at LA so far this year, and counts as much as Winter Carnival and Homecoming, so keep an eye out for when that might be!
Homecoming and Winter Carnival, and the Faculty Shield Exam each count for 800 (first

place), 600 (second place), 400 (third place), and 200 (fourth place) points, respectively.
Now, a drumroll for the final Winter Carnival Faculty shield point leaderboard for the entire year so far: in first place the seniors with 4200 points; in second place the sophomores with 4100 points; in third place the juniors with 3400 points; and in last place; the freshmen with 2300 points.
Julia Deitrick '26 has enjoyed her first Lincoln Academy Winter Carnival, and is already excited for next year!



Seniors celebrate the dodgeball victory that was necessary to put them in first place over a surging sophomore Winter Carnival performance.

26th Annual Booster Auction Nets \$15K



LA Parent and Booster volunteer Jean Duncan in the recliner she purchased at the Booster auction



Head of School Jeff Burroughs purchased a dozen of Paula Roberts' famous donuts for \$100--a new record.

By Julia Deitrick '26
The 26th annual LA Boosters Auction was held on March 11, 2023.
Mr. Page once again organized this year's annual Boosters Auction with help from hard working Booster volunteers.
The LA Boosters raise funds to support not only sports teams, but also other school-related activities such as band, choir, and even this newspaper.
In 2020 and 2021 the Boosters Auction was canceled due to Covid. But the traditional event returned last year, in March of 2022. The Booster auction is one of the biggest fundraisers for the boosters all year long.
This year's event had a great turnout! Items up for auction included everything from quilts, to donuts, to baskets and more. Paula Roberts' famous donuts broke the yearly and sold for \$100 dollars a dozen, beating last year's record of \$90 per dozen.
The final earnings from this event topped \$15,000 dollars, funds that will help support an underground electrical line going to the snack shack by the turf, athletic teams for the upcoming season, and other student clubs and groups.
Keep an eye out for next year's auction--it's an event you won't want to miss!
Julia Deitrick had the opportunity to work as a runner during the auction along with other students from LA. She is excited for what will come for future auctions.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports Teams 2022-23

Varsity Girls Basketball



Back row from left to right: Grace Ward, Lexie Houghton, Kadence Rogers, Jill Chadwick, Natalie Kaler, Allison St. Cyr. Front row from left to right: Mariam DeLisle, Scarlett O'Brien, Maggie Thompson, Reegan Dunican, Ally Poole, Kennedie Anderson, Manager Makenna Dunstan. Not Pictured: Coach Kevin Feltis and Assistant Coach Kaitlyn Feltis.

Varsity Boys Basketball



Back row from left to right: EJ Hunt, Chase Coffin, Sam Chapman, Tyson Ball, AJ Giberson, Aidyn Herring, Drew Hunt, Braxton Crockett. Front row from left to right: Coach Ryan Ball, Tucker Stiles, Casey Duncan, Jake Masters, Jack Duncan, Gabe Hagar, Lucas Houghton, Manager Mason Benner. Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Nate Masters.

JV Girls Basketball



Back row from left to right: Grace Ward, Margaret Thomson, Amelia -Starbird, Coach Amanda Barbour. Front row from left to right: Natalie Crooker, Lexie Houghton, Avalee Brightman-Uhl, Allison St. Cyr, Kadence Rogers, Manager Makenna Dunstan.

JV Boys Basketball



Back row from left to right: Joshua Ward, Otto Schoenthal, Steven Ober, Abraham Guilford, Chase Coffin, Aidyn Herring, Michael Mitchell, Shawn McFarland, Front row from left to right: Jacob Hedrick, James Wyman-Benner, Roan Donaghy, Aaron Giberson, Paul Leeman, Bruno Silguero Hernandez, Wyatt Simmons, and Simon Fraser.

Cheer



Back row from left to right: Cheyanne Cave, Michaela Lacrosse, Madison Hanna,, Coach Danielle Feltis,, Ciara Stokes, Brenda Beckers, Sarah Prior. Front row from left to right: Jennifer Campbell, Dean Tegerero, Harmony Clifford.

Swim



Arien Herald, Veli (Eren) Aybas, Setthapan (Prompt) Nonthasoot, Luca Tomasi, Flora Angyal, Nicholas Young, Helen Duffy, Michal Maciejewicz, Maja Wolfgang, Julian Deliso, Misha Oppenhoff, Maggie Sawyer, Owen Card, Z Zimmerman, Jayden Brown, Amara Johnderson, Lila Neptune-Benner, and Coach Nori Lund Not Pictured: Giulio Abbate, Mara Abbott, Arveragus Eddyblouin, Kiera Grant, Ashley Nixon, Olivia Nixon, Ella Seymour.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports Teams 2022-23

Indoor Track

Wrestling



Back row from left to right: Coach Essie Martin, Harrison Thompson, Liam Card, Jordan Anderson, Connor McFarland, David Winchenbach, Logan Arzate, Alison Roberts, Freya Drum, Nathanael Clark, Coach Taylor Holmes, Coach Olivia Richmond. Third row from left to right: Coach Garrett Martin, Adrian Quinn, Noah Arbuckle, Dylan Burmeister, Mya Bessey, Violet Bailey, Alicia Flis, Emma Castonia, Will Clark, Jonas Stepanauskas, Huckleberry Huber-Rees. Second row from left to right: Coach Andrew Jonash, Noah Billings, Keiran Roopchand, Jean Hunt, Audrey Hufnagel, Madeline Kallin, Adeline Hall (homeschool), Torren Nehrboss, Marley Neptune-Benner, Gavin Peck. Front row from left to right: Eliot O'Mahoney, Conor Glasier, Nicholas Russ, CJ Savastano, Jhordaynia Ebanks, Neptune Martin, Kaydence Raymond, Mercy Buchwalder, Tessa McNamara, Jasper New. Not pictured: Eliza Wood-Orff, Connor Parson, Willis Colby IV.



From left to right: Zachary Hanna, Eric Richmond,, Keegan Bond, Blake Gamage, Jayden Lafrenaye, Adam St. Cyr, Garrett Marshall, Coach St. Cyr. Not Pictured: Zachary Poland, and Cole Workman.

Winter Sports Seasons End on a High Note

By Dylan Burmeister '25 and Maggie Thompson '26

Boys Basketball

The team's record for the 2023 season was 13-5 in KVACs, while they finished as the 6th seed in Southern Class B. They finished the season with a loss to Yarmouth at the Semi-Finals, 50-54. Coach Ryan Ball was selected as KVAC Coach of the Year.

This was their most successful season in many years. The last time they made it to the semi-finals was 2016. "I think I'm most proud of the sense of community that it feels like we brought back and how full we could make every gym we played in," said Tucker Stiles '24. "Our defense won us some tough games, as well as our confidence in shooting team-wide. Our communication improved throughout the season as we figured out each of our roles."

"It's great to see all the hard work put in by the players and the coaching staff," said Mr. Page. "It's a team we knew would get us to the tournaments."

Girls Basketball

The varsity girls team finished with a record of 5-11 for the 2023 season. This year's team was young, with only one senior on the roster. "Last year, the team had four seniors, meaning that the majority of the starting lineup was leaving," explained

Maggie Thompson '26. "While this year it was a young group of girls, it means we will have more time to grow together," she added. "I think the key to a successful basketball team is knowing your teammates—their strengths and weaknesses—and we are working on getting to know each other."

"I think we improved on our passes and our shooting has gotten better throughout the year. Although it can be tough at times we always seem to communicate, whether it's about how the game went or just communicating on the court," said junior Ally Poole. "I'm proud of our sportsmanship," she added. "Even if we lost a game we wouldn't usually let that bring us down. We would get right back into the gym the next day and work on our skills. Our last game came out strong and we ended with a strong win over Belfast."

The girls were also awarded the Good Sportsmanship Award for the Class B South region, the first time the LA girls basketball team had won the award.

Indoor Track

Both the girls' and boys' indoor track teams had a successful end to the season. The girls placed 2nd at the KVAC Championships held February 10 at Bowdoin, while the boys finished 4th. LA had many athletes place at KVACs, including Audrey Hufnagel '24 (1st-1 & 2 mile), Maddy Kallin '24 (2nd-1 & 2

mile), Dylan Burmeister '25 (3rd-1 & 2 mile, 2nd-800), Adeline Hall '24 (6th-800), and Tessa McNamara '25 (7th-800, 7th-2 mile). The 4x200, with Kaydence Raymond '25, Adeline Hall '24, Alicia Flis '23, and Mercy Buchwalder '26 placed 4th; and the LA girls were the 4x800 KVAC champions with Mya Bessey '24, Tessa McNamara '25, Audrey Hufnagel '24, and Adeline Hall '24 running. Liam Card '23 won the mile and placed 3rd in the 800. In the 2 mile, Eliot O'Mahoney '24 raced to a first-place finish and Nick Russ '24 placed 5th. David Winchenbach '25 placed 2nd in the 55 hurdles and 5th in the triple jump. Gavin Peck '24 placed 7th in the shot put. Connor McFarland '23 placed 5th in the long jump and 3rd in the triple jump. The boys 4x200 sprinted to a runner-up finish, with Gavin Peck '24, Liam Card '23, Jonas Stepanauskas '24, and Jordan Anderson '25 running. Conor Glasier '24, CJ Savastano '24, Will Clark '24, and Huck Huber-Rees '26 raced to a 4th-place finish in the 4x800 relay. z

The team was also triumphant at the state championship meet, held on February 20 at Bates College. David Winchenbach '25 placed 8th in the 55 hurdles, while both the 4x800 (Conor Glasier '24, Nick Russ '24, Will Clark '24, and Eliot O'Mahoney '24) and 4x200 (Gavin Peck '24, Liam Card '23, Jonas Stepanauskas '24, and Jordan Anderson '25) relay teams placed 7th. On the girls

side, Audrey Hufnagel '24 placed 5th in the mile and 3rd in the 2 mile. Maddy Kallin '24 placed 7th in both the mile and the 2 mile. Dylan Burmeister '25 placed 8th in the 2 mile. Additionally, the girls 4x800 relay raced to a 1st-place finish, with Maddy Kallin '24, Tessa McNamara '25, Dylan Burmeister '25, and Adeline Hall '24 running a leg. When asked about the season, Eliot O'Mahoney '24 said that "we came, we saw, and we conquered."

Swim

"It felt good to experience personal progress," said Z Zimmerman '25 of this winter's swim team, "and it felt even better to watch my teammates improve and achieve the different goals we all worked so hard to reach." Piper Carleton '24, Lila Neptune-Benner '25, Z Zimmerman '25, Julian Deliso '26, Owen Card '26, Eren Aybas '24, and Jayden Brown '25 competed at the state meet held at Colby College on February 21-22. Amara Johnderson '25 reflected on the season as a whole: "I think we improved a lot over the year, from people who had just started getting the hang of swimming in competitions to people who had been swimming for years—everyone was improving their times."

Wrestling

Lincoln Academy had two wrestlers win KVAC championship titles this year. Adam St. Cyr '25 won the 120 weight class, while Jayden Lafrenaye '24 won the 152 weight class. Cole Workman '25 placed 4th in the 126 weight class. At the Class B state meet, St. Cyr was the runner-up in the 120 weight class and Lafrenaye placed third in the 152 weight class. St. Cyr said that "for the team, the season went very well. I was happy with how we came together as a team and competed very well throughout the season."

Cheer

The cheer team competed at several competitions this season, including KVACs, Regionals, and States. "The team's culture this year was very positive and fun," said Michaela LaCrosse '23. "We were all so comfortable with each other, and we all clicked really well. Competitively speaking, the team did great. Every time we competed, the team always tried to reach a higher score than the last. Everyone was willing to fix a problem within themselves or their stunt group to improve for our next competition, and our hard work really paid off."



Winter Sports

Boys Basketball Gets Epic Win to Reach Semis



Junior Tucker Stiles tied up the quarter final game against Spruce Mountain to send the game into overtime. The Eagles went on to win by 10 points.

At an exciting quarterfinal game on February 17, played at the Portland Expo against Spruce Mountain, the LA boys basketball team won 65-55 in an overtime thriller.

Early fouls proved troublesome for the Eagles, and both seniors, Jake Masters and Jack Duncan, fouled out by the end of regulation play.

The game was close throughout, with Spruce Mountain holding a six-point lead with three minutes to play. LA answered with seven straight points, but lost the lead again with only seconds remaining.

Junior Tucker Stiles was fouled at the buzzer, and sunk two clutch freethrows with only .001 seconds on the clock to tie the game and send it into overtime.

This was the boys basketball team's first trip to the semifinals since 2016, and hundreds of LA fans traveled to the Portland Expo, to fill the Eagle fan section. Every fan was on their feet for most of the last quarter and all of the four-minute overtime.

Junior Gabe Hagar opened overtime with a three-point bucket that foretold LA's end-

of-game domination, even with their two seniors on the bench. The Eagles went on to a 16-6 run in overtime and a 10 point victory in the game.

Hagar was the high scorer in the quarter final game with 23 points. He said that the team was ready for the pressure because, "we had been in that position before throughout the season, and the group of guys we had on the floor has a lot of chemistry together. So even though we didn't have the leadership that [the seniors] bring, the five of us that were out there had enough chemistry that it worked out."

"Our team showed that same grit thate whole season," said boys basketball KVCAC Coach of the Year Ryan Ball. "We really had to pull together in the final three minutes of the game against Spruce. "We were given an unreal opportunity when Tucker got fouled," said junior Braxton Crockett. "and after he hit the two freethrows, we felt like we couldn't lose."

Even though the team went on to lose the regional semifinal to Yarmouth, Hagar, Crockett, and Ball consider that game to be one of the best of the season.

"Last year Yarmouth beat us 56-16," said Hagar, "so this year we lost 54-50, and we had plenty of opportunities that we didn't capitalize on."

"It also proves why Ryan [Ball] deserves to be Coach of the Year," said Crockett. "We went to the tournament with pretty much the same starting team as last year," and played dramatically better.

With only two seniors graduating, Ball and his players are optimistic for next year. "We are returning 12 varsity players for next year--that doesn't happen often."

Dylan Burmeister '25 is a member of the Talon staff.



Senior Jake Masters in his last game as an LA Eagle.

4x800 Relay Wins State Champs, Competes at New Englands



Adeline Hall (homeschool '24) crosses the finish line as her relay teammates (Dylan Burmeister '25, Maddy Kallin '24, and Tessa McNamara '25) celebrate.

By Audrey Hufnagel '24
From breaking the school record and winning KVCACs, to becoming state champions and going to New Englands, the girls' 4x800 relay squad had a historic 2023 season. The relay team broke the school record earlier in the season with a time of 10:36 before going on to claim the KVCAC title.

In the 4x800 relay each of four runners run 800 meters, which is half a mile or four laps around an indoor track. Maddy Kallin '24, Tessa McNamara '25, Dylan Burmeister '25, and Adeline Hall (homeschooled) ran the relay at States, where they had the fastest seed time in Class B.

With a state championship title and a trip to New Englands on the line, nerves and expectations were high. Everything went smoothly for the first two legs, with the girls fighting hard to keep the Greeley team off their tail, but a race official pushed Lincoln's third runner onto the line one lap early, resulting in the

disqualification of the team for running one lap too few.

It wasn't until Lincoln's final runner crossed the finish line with a commanding first place finish that the team realized what had happened. Having gained and lost the state championship within a matter of seconds, the team was very upset.

Because the disqualification was the result of an error on the part of an official, Coach Martin successfully appealed the decision, giving the team another chance to race. Several other teams had also been disqualified due to the official's error, though only Greeley chose to race again.

With less than an hour and much emotional turmoil between the first and second races, the girls were exhausted by the time they got to the start line for the second time.

Despite having already run the grueling event once, they managed to beat the time of Freeport, the top team in the first race by several seconds,

securing the state title and a trip to New Englands.

"Getting disqualified at first was really disappointing. We were all pretty angry. But when we ran again and won, it was all the more satisfying. Winning as a relay team made it more special because we shared this goal we had for the whole season and, then when we got there, we did it together," said Maddy Kallin '24.

"I couldn't be more proud of our girls 4x800 squad. They showed tremendous grit in overcoming adversity not of their making to become the first LA State Champs in this event. To have to re-run one of the hardest races on the track 25 minutes after thinking you had won it the first time, only to be disqualified due to an official's error, revealed how strong these four athletes are mentally and physically. In the end, they left no doubt about their standing as champions," said Coach Garrett Martin.

New Englands took place on Saturday, March 4th at the Reggie Lewis Track in Boston. The 4x800 team raced against the best teams in New Englands, as well as getting to watch some of the top runners in the region.

"Going to New Englands was an incredible experience. Having the opportunity to race on such a famous track with so many other talented athletes was something I'll remember forever," said Dylan Burmeister '25.

Audrey Hufnagel '24 is on the Talon staff and was a member of the KVCAC Champion and school record breaking 4x800 teams and the #1 fan of the 4x800 squad at States and New Englands.

Three Wrestle at States, St. Cyr Goes to New Englands

Two LA wrestlers, junior Jayden Lafrenaye (152 pound weight class) and sophomore Adam St. Cyr (120 pound weight class) were KVCAC champions in their respective weight classes this season. Sophomore Cole Workman (126 pound weight class) placed fourth at KVCACs.

At the State meet, Adam St. Cyr place second and Jayden LaFrenaye placed third. Junior Eric Richmond, who was an alternate for the State meet and wrestled at the last minute, also wrestled at the meet.

As State Runner Up, St. Cyr qualified for the New England meet.

"I've been competing at big events for a while, so [New Englands] wasn't much different," St. Cyr said, "but it was a little overwhelming and there were a lot more people than most matches in Maine,"



Sophomore Adam St. Cyr placed second in the 120 pound weight class at the State Wrestling meet.

Performing Arts

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include; five minutes to set up the set, forty minutes to run the play, and five minutes to remove the set. If any of this goes over the time limit, points are immediately deducted.

“When the Machine Stops” is a science fiction story that takes place in a futuristic society. In the story, everyone lives underground, and relies entirely on a machine that provides everything they need to live. The machine is revered and the entire existence of humanity relies on it. There is very little human interaction, and technology is the primary thing used to communicate with friends and family. It is illegal to doubt or question the machine. The machine takes the place of any real art, music, literature, religion, love, etc. This play follows the story of this machine, and a young man, Kuno, who begins to question the reliance everyone has on it. He communicates his ideas with his mother Vashti as well. Then, at one point the machine simply stops, and the story tells what

happens when it does.

This play is primarily an ensemble piece with lead actors playing; Kuno (Benno Hennig ‘24), Kuno’s Voice (Elias Bassett ‘25), Vashti (Anna Lupien ‘25), Vashti’s Voice (Sophia Scott ‘25), and two narrators (Mitchell Straus ‘24 and Aowyn Burbank ‘23). Most ensemble costumes are identical gray jumpsuits, with gray hats. The lighting is primarily blue, and white, both with cool tones. Actors hold hand-held lights, and lights on the stage also illuminate them. Leads and specific characters wear bright colors and the effect among all the gray is visually very enchanting. The ensemble vocalizes the sound of the machine throughout the majority of the play, creating a never-wavering hum. When it stops, the silence is breathtaking and creates an amazing effect.

Many cast and crew members won awards during the regional competition. Three actors won acting awards; Anna Lupien ‘25, Elias Bassett ‘25, and Benno Hennig ‘24. Tech crew members

AJ Shepherd ‘23 and Annalise Garnett ‘24 won awards for sound and lighting. Aowyn Burbank ‘23 won an award for movement. Lastly, Calvin Percy ‘25 won an award for stage management.

It suffices to say that the cast, crew, and director are excited by this victory, and look forward to the state competition. The state competition will take place March 24th - 25th at Fairfield High School. Cast member Trey Tibbetts ‘26 says; “I’m proud of our group. Our main goal was to achieve unity throughout the cast and I really believe we reached that goal during regionals.”

A second public performance of “When the Machine Stops” took place on Wednesday, March 22, when the community was invited to see this award-winning play in our home theater.

Amelia Rice is a freshman member of the Talon Editorial team.



The cast of the 2023 One Act play “The Machine Stops.” Back row from left: Trey Tibbetts, Mariana Janik, Nathaniel Hufnagel, Lila Drewes, Aowyn Burbank, Mitchell Straus, Mica Houghton, Felix Cunningham, Gavin Parson, AJ Shepard, Calvin Percy, Annalise Garnett. Middle row from left: Kayla Cruz, Sophia Scott, Anna Lupien, Benno Hennig, Elias Bassett, Taylin Lowe, Giulia Geirola, Joseph Levesque. Front row from left: Anderson Pierpan, Jacqueline Pelletier, Harper Shepard, Jason Long.



A scene from “The Machine Stops.”

Performing Artists “Sing for their Supper” at Java & Jams

Amelia Rice ‘26 and Audrey Hufnagel ‘24

On Thursday, February 9th, the Lincoln Academy music department hosted a coffee house fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to New York City.

Not only did students raise \$4,070 dollars for the trip, they also had the chance to perform solo and small ensemble pieces they prepared, from original songs to instrumental duets to an eight person band playing “Under African Skies” by Paul Simon. Many people turned up to support the musicians at the fundraiser, which took place from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Poe Theatre with coffee and baked goods provided.

“This event brought the community together to support Lincoln Academy’s performers. It was a great opportunity for Lincoln students to showcase their work—something that they don’t have many opportunities



(From Left) Trey Tibbetts ‘26, Harrison Pierpan ‘23, Kayla Cruz ‘24, Sophia Scott ‘25, Marianna Janik ‘25, Mitchell Strauss ‘24, Benno Henning ‘24, and Anderson Pierpan ‘26 perform at Java and Jams.

to do,” said Kayla Cruz ‘24, a member of Linconaires who performed at and helped organize Java and Jams.

The proceeds are going to fund the Linconaires’ and

Wind Ensemble’s trip to New York City to perform at the New York Heritage Festival from March 30th to April 2nd for the first time since before the pandemic. At the festival, the



(From left) Jonas Stepanauskus ‘24, Ms. Anderson, Aiden Jacobs ‘23, Izzy Peterson ‘23, Isaac Thompson ‘23, Ms. Matta, Liam Card ‘23, and Nathan Zimmerman ‘23 perform “Under African Skies” by Paul Simon at Java and Jams.

ensembles get the opportunity to play several pieces in front of a panel of judges and to hear other high school bands from around the country. The trip also includes the chance to see

the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, a Broadway show and a performance by the first all women’s jazz ensemble DIVA.

Amelia Rice and Audrey Hufnagel are on the Talon staff.

LA Musicians Attend District III Honors Festival



The Mixed Choir at the 2023 District III Music Festival.

By Audrey Hufnagel ‘24

Thirty Lincoln Academy students attended the District III Festival at Mount Ararat school on January 27th and 28th. Students participated in the band or one of the two choirs: treble choir and mixed choir.

After auditioning in the fall, students who are accepted into the district’s festival have the opportunity to attend the two-day festival where participants get to work with a guest conductor and prepare

a number of pieces that are performed at the concert on Saturday.

“The students put in a substantial amount of work outside of school rehearsal time, first to prepare challenging audition music and then to prepare the repertoire for the festival itself. It’s such an invaluable experience for the students to be able to work at such a high level with the top musicians in the district,” said Ms. Anderson, the choir teacher at LA.

District III includes schools from Belfast to Freeport, so participants get the opportunity to meet musicians from other schools in the area. “It was really fun getting to work with and meet musicians from other schools and it was cool to be able to put on a concert in two days,” said Maddy Kallin ‘24, who has played flute in the district band since 6th grade.

Audrey Hufnagel ‘24 is a member of Talon Staff and also played flute in districts.

Students of the Month

January 2023 Students of the Month



Back row from left: Dante Maskell '23, Eliot O'Mahoney '24. Front row from left: Kaiden Abbott '25, Maggie Thompson '26.

By Helen Duffy '26 and Amelia Rice '26

The January Students of the Month were announced on March 3rd. They were: senior Dante Maskell, junior Eliot O'Mahoney, sophomore Kaiden Abbott, and freshman Maggie Thompson.

Dante's nomination said that "Dante is one of the finest, kindest young people we have known. He contributes generously to others in need. Just by being himself, he adds positivity and good will to any class or group activity. He is a friendly and polite presence at Reny's almost every weekend and often during the week. Before he graduates, we feel we need to acknowledge this

honest, hard-working, and fine young person."

Eliot's nomination said "Eliot ran cross country for the first time as a junior, and ended the season as one of LA's top two runners, including finishing first for the Eagles at the State XC meet. He is equally successful in indoor track, and also is just a really nice kid."

Sophomore Kaiden Abbott's nomination said that "Kaiden is a highly respectful and thoughtful person to staff and peers. He puts 100% effort into any task he does. He is a curious learner who is willing to stretch, think outside the box, take risks, and humbly accept failure. He maintains Honor Roll, is a leader in his service-based learning class helping out his community, and he is

praised by many customers for his work everyday after school at Colby and Gale."

Finally, Maggie Thompson's nomination said that "Maggie is an excellent athlete on both the cross country and basketball teams, as well as a serious student who works hard in her classes. She is a very responsible and mature presence and often seems much older than a freshman. Exceptional both in the classroom and in extracurriculars, she is well-spoken, mature, kind, and helpful. Her maturity and drive are far beyond her years and her contributions to LA are already impressive as a freshman."

Congratulations to all the January Students of the Month.

Helen Duffy and Amelia Rice are freshmen on the Talon staff.

Readers ask: How do we get a Snow Day at LA?

By Freya Drum '26

On January fifth, students at LA had their first snow/ice day of the year. There have been several snow days (plus four flood days) since then. When a storm threatens, students refresh their snow day calculator with expectancy, wishing for an extension courtesy of Mother Nature. The Talon investigation team wants to know: what constitutes a snow day, and how does that decision get made by Mr. Burroughs?

According to our Head of School, several factors go into the decision of whether or not to miss school because of severe weather conditions. First and foremost, the weather needs

to be bad enough that the roads to and from Lincoln are too unsafe to drive on. With the combination of icy roads and unplowed snow, student driver safety becomes a concern.

Another factor is other local schools. While LA doesn't have to follow AOS 93 exactly in regards to snow days, their decisions do have an impact on LA's decision. Mr. Burroughs will communicate with other schools about the forecast and their thinking about canceling or delaying school. This is in



part so middle and elementary school students won't be left alone without their older siblings or parents on a snow day.

The question often asked by students and parents is, will we ever go virtual for snow days at Lincoln Academy?

Mr. Burroughs is inclined against turning snow days into virtual school days. He himself grew up in Vermont and believes that "students deserve to have a snow day." He understands the fun and magic of

an unexpected break from school in the snow. It's a day where kids can be kids and get a day off from school, relax and sleep in. In other words, in Mr. Burroughs view, there isn't much of a chance that Lincoln would go virtual for snow days.

However, teachers have faced difficulties due to school being canceled so often this winter. Since most of our snow days have fallen on B days this year, some teachers have had their B day sections fall behind in the work they need to accomplish during second trimester. Ms. Penrose said, "it was difficult keeping the world history classes together when we had so few B days." She also stated that "with so many breaks it will probably make March a very rough month, because it will seem really long."

Freya Drum is a freshman on the Talon Staff.

TALON POLL: WINTER CARNIVAL DRESS UP DAYS

By Harrison Thompson '26

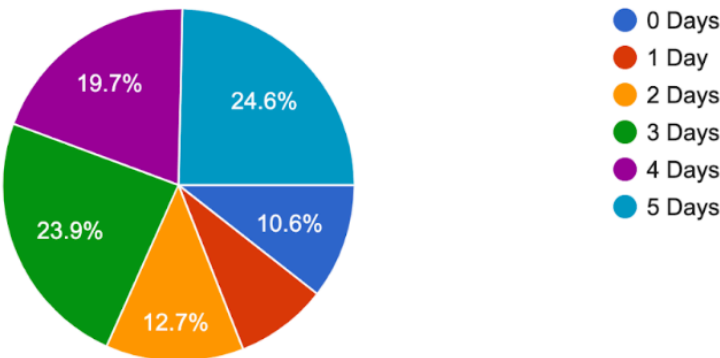
Proving that LA students know how to celebrate Winter Carnival, the largest number of respondents to this Talon poll said they dressed up all five days at this year's Winter Carnival! That is a remarkable show of class spirit.

Character Day was the most well-liked day with 45 of 142 people claiming it was their favorite dress up day.

Harrison Thompson is a freshman member of the Talon staff.

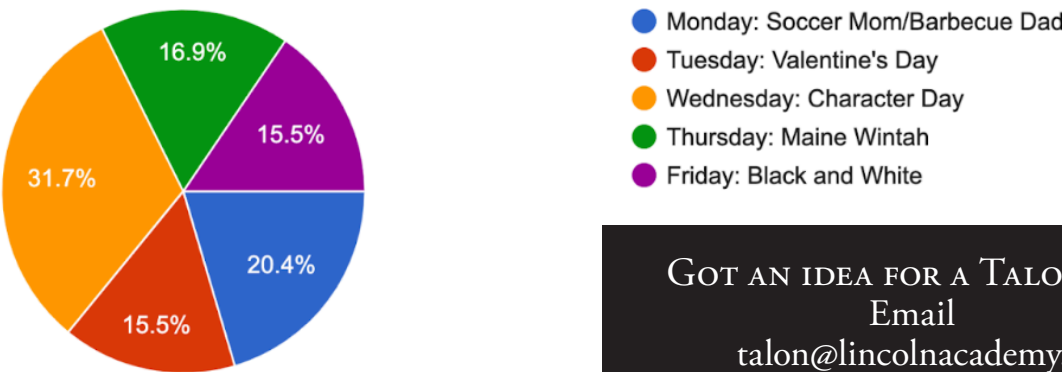
How many days did you dress up for winter carnival?

142 responses



Which dress up day was your favorite?

142 responses



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Student Council News

Readers Ask: What is the Difference Between Student Council & Class Officers?

By Helen Duffy '26

Elections for Class Officers and Student Council begin this month. The differences between these two groups is sometimes confusing for the general LA population.

Class Officers include class president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Each class gets to elect one person for each role in addition to two Student Council representatives. The class president attends both Student Council and Class Officer meetings and helps communicate between the two groups.

All of these positions will be voted on before April break.

The main goal of Class Officers is to raise money and organize events for their class. Mr. Abbott, Dean of Students, says “from freshman to senior year, there is a process of raising money through class activities to raise enough money so that cap and gown, yearbook and senior t-shirt can be paid for. We try to offset these costs as much as possible for senior families.” Classes use fundraising tactics

from karaoke to bake sales to Booster Donations to meet their goal.

One important role of junior class officers is to organize prom. Traditionally juniors make prom happen, choosing the theme and location, decorating, etc.. Then the next year, as seniors, students can relax and enjoy a prom organized by someone else. Organizing prom requires time, effort, and funds, and is generally the main focus for class officers during junior year.

Student Council works to take the input of students and faculty to make students’ lives at Lincoln more enjoyable or easier. Student Council is led by the Student Body President, who is elected by the entire student body rather than just their own class.

Freshman Class President Greg Demeritt says, “Student Council discusses different issues that the student body is facing, and we come up with a plan on how these issues can be addressed and solved.” Issues Student Council has addressed

this year include dress code, food in the dining commons, and raising money for earthquake relief in Turkey, as well as their annual responsibility of choosing dress up themes and activities for Homecoming and Winter Carnival.

Homecoming and Winter Carnival are designed for the enjoyment of the students, but do not bring in funding for Student Council. Student Council may occasionally run fundraisers but that is not their main focus.

Although both are elected by their classmates, the differences ensure complete representation of all students. Bella Herring, the 2022-23 student body president, says “The easiest way to differentiate it is that the Student Council is focused on the school as a whole and Class Officers is focused on the class itself.”

Helen Duffy is not on Student Council herself, but she did enjoy Freshman Karaoke Night organized by her class officers.

Spring 2023 Election Timeline:

- March 20:** Student Body President (SBP) Candidacy forms available
- March 29:** SBP Candidate Forms due
- March 31:** SBP speeches in Community Meeting; ballots emailed to students after meeting, SBP voting opens
- April 6:** SBP voting closes
- April 7:** SBP winner announced. Student Council and Class Officer elections announced. Candidacy forms available.
- April 14:** Candidacy forms due for Student Council and Class Officers
- Week of April 24:** Speeches at class meetings for Student Council and Class Officers
- April 28:** Ballots emailed to students and voting opens.
- May 4:** Voting closes
- May 5:** Student Council Reps and Class Officers Announced

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to see how Mr. Jonash will proceed as the new Library's Education Technician.

Following Mr. Menice's departure, Andrew Jonash took over the position as the Library's Education Technician. In an interview with Mr. Jonash, he remarked that, “I have been really enjoying my new position in the library.” Mr. Jonash also alluded to the independence of the library's educational aspect: “it has been a pleasure getting to spend time in such a student centered space where studiousness may come in many different forms.”

spent valuable time with Mr. Menice in the library, remarked that, “Nick leaving definitely affected the student body,” but most importantly, “he had a big influence and was a role model to a lot of people.” Masters also believes that, “Nick will be missed, but I think collectively we are all happy for him with his new job.”

Although Mr. Menice will be remembered for his importance as a role model to some of our student body, we are happy for his new opportunity and eager

In addition to the aspects of Mr. Jonash's new job, the new Library Technician made a point to recognize the transition into his new job: “students and faculty of Lincoln Academy have been so warm and welcoming to me, and I am grateful to have landed in this wonderful community.”

Torren Nehrbooss is a ninth grader who writes for the Talon.

Answers to Talon Trivia

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| 1. Chicago | 6. 24 |
| 2. Reggie Lewis Track in Boston | 7. Henry Maddox, Grady Burns and Katherine Aitken |
| 3. 16.9% | 8. 2300 |
| 4. 1632 | 9. Destroy their nests |
| 5. February 6 | |

Health Corner

For a more comfortable summer, get ahead of browntail now



Above left: brown tail moth nests in an oak tree. Center: browntail moth caterpillars. Right: adult browntail moths.

By Helen Duffy '26

As far as invasive species go, the browntail moth caterpillars are very well known and incredibly annoying.

These moths are native to Europe. They were introduced to the US accidentally in the 1890's and spread from New Brunswick to Connecticut.

Like the majority of moths, browntails start their life as caterpillars and then develop into moths. These caterpillars have hairs that irritate the skin

and make a person develop a rash.

The caterpillars are active mostly between April and June, but the hairs are often still in the trees and on the ground through the summer.

The caterpillars can be identified by two bright orange dots on their backs.

The best way to get rid of brown moths is by destroying their nests. The nest should be destroyed in early spring, before the eggs have fully

developed into caterpillars. These nests, and by extension the caterpillars, are found in trees, mostly oak.

The best way to get rid of the nests is by removing them from the trees and then burning them. Getting rid of these nests will give people a much more enjoyable summer, please do so.

Helen Duffy wrote this article on behalf of Nurse Kerri, who knows that prevention now is better than itch cream later.

Pets of the Month

February, 2023

Dog of the Month

Cat of the Month

Miscellaneous Pet



Luther, submitted by Mrs. Nolan '05, won the dog category with 25 votes. Luther loves to go swimming and play in the water!



Fat Cat, submitted by Elle Stevens '23, won the cat category with 23 votes. Fat Cat doesn't know how to sit.



Floyd, submitted by Kendyl Lowe '23, won the miscellaneous section with 24 votes. Floyd runs a motorcycle gang.

Barfield by Callen Caswell '23

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January Caption Contest Results

Winning Caption:

“A mop is safe in a bucket, but that’s not what mops are for.”

*Submitted by
Felix Cunningham '26*



Puzzles and Fun

Crossword

- Across

 - 1. Tastes a drink
 - 5. Chunk of granite
 - 9. Hump Day mascot
 - 14. We get maple syrup from this
 - 15. Very excited, in slang
 - 16. branch that's symbolic of peace
 - 17. What Sawyer and Wright knit with
 - 18. Binary is zeros and...
 - 19. Theme park attractions
 - 20. The phenomenon when day and night are the same length
 - 22. positive particle in Chem class
 - 24. Time after time, to a poet
 - 25. Scary movie VI with Jenna Ortega
 - 28. Mr. & Mrs. Mess's subject
- Down

 - 1. Eyesore (literally)
 - 2. Location of Baghdad
 - 3. Home of Machu Picchu
 - 4. Winter Carnival Winners '23
 - 5. Try for a three-pointer
 - 6. Wild cat native to Maine
 - 7. Abbreviation for either English Lit or Lang class
 - 8. Throw up (a reason to miss school)
 - 9. Eye parts on Anatomy test
 - 10. Boxer Muhammad
 - 11. poor or average, slangily
 - 12. Wall-E's best buddy
 - 13. With "Mis," the fall musical
 - 21. Crypto art collectible
 - 23. What you mine in Minecraft
 - 25. Laps that make a mile on the Stanley Waltz track
 - 26. Pie ____ Mode
 - 27. When April showers bring flowers
 - 28. Like Chat GPT
 - 29. School Chant: We are...
 - 30. Female teacher's title
 - 31. What locker rooms often smell like

Sudoku

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The crossword looks a little different this edition, thanks to our new Talon Crossword puzzle advisor, Ms. Wright! If you are interested in working with Ms. Wright on the next Talon crossword, please check in with her. You do not have to be in the Talon FLB to be on the puzzle team!

March Storm



The LA campus was blanketed in sticky snow during two March snowstorms.

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Puzzles and Fun

How well did you read *The Talon*? Trivia from this month’s issue:

1. Where was Ms. Wright born?

2. Where was the New Englands track championship?
3. What percentage of student’s favorite Winter Carnival dress up day was Maine Wintah?

4. What year did Dixie Bull supposedly bury his treasure in Hall House?
5. When were the earthquakes in Turkey?

6. How many students are in the cast and tech crew of the One Acts?

7. Who are the seniors on the robotics team?
8. How many points did the Freshmen have in Winter Carnival?

9. What is the best way to get rid of browntail moths?

Talon Trivia answers on page 13

Overheard... at Lincoln Academy

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Talon quotes collected and curated by Nathalie Paulino ‘23

“Most things look like seahorses if you try hard enough.”
– Will Clark ‘24

“I want a pet mosquito... I’ll probably name it cheese.”
– Karina Phipps ‘26

“Me and my low-fat granola are LEAVING!”
– Maggie Sawyer ‘26

“The ATEC third bay... it’s like a constant bro fest down there.”
– Ms. Mess

“Green apples are so much work!”
– Ms. Petersen

“He just took a bite out of my test?!”
– Josh Ward ‘26

“You know what Elon Musk does? He kills flamingos!”
– Ms. Hanley

“Don’t try to ice skate in a hot tub. It doesn’t work.”
– Ty Gogolinski ‘23

“My story will not be in vain, you will learn about chimpanzees and bonobos ‘til the day you die.”
– Mr. Vesery

“In my next life, I want to be the mom from Mean Girls.”
– Helen Duffy ‘26

“No one is really worried about offending Satan.”
– Mr. Going

“Don’t be an avocado when you grow up!”
– Ms. Bass

“How do we go from degenerative arthritis disease to vegemite?”
– Eli Melanson ‘25

“I’m going to go rake leaves off the moon.”
– Violet Holbrook ‘26

“I’ll take the dead silence as ‘you hate me.’”
– Mr. Buchwalder

“Leather human head... that’s a good band name”
– Tristan Gammon ‘24

“You’ve got to sing in life, life’s too short not to sing”
– Mr. O’Mahoney

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