

# Looking ahead to Lake Land College men's basketball

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With exhibition games beginning in October and regular season games beginning in November, the boys in polo shirts, the men's basketball team, are gearing up for what looks to be a promising season.

The Lakers, under the direction of Coach Cedric Brown, are working hard to make this season a success. According to freshman player Ben Giertz, throughout the week the team conditions for 45 minutes in the morning and practices for two hours in the evening. During each practice, the players keep their primary goal in mind.

"Coach wants us to win the conference and get a chance to go to the finals in Hutchinson, Kan," says Giertz.

With the help of returning veterans, Stevie Hedrick, Alan Douglas, Huzie Hambrite III, Sam Williams, Spencer Perrin Jr., Lougwin Spann and William McClure, the Lakers are capable of handling their fellow competitors in the Great Rivers Athletic

Conference. Giertz adds, "Right now, we could probably compete with any (team), because we have all of our starters back."

However, the Lakers are not only focusing on their upcoming games. The team is required to attend a mandatory study hall period each day. According to Giertz, Coach Brown is strict about eligibility, so players make an effort to maintain acceptable grades.

Between time spent in the gym and time spent in the classroom, players manage to find time to relax. On Sundays, the team meets together off the court. Some nights, Coach Brown takes the players bowling, but even when they are enjoying their downtime the players continue to focus on achieving their goals on the court.

The regular season opener is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. against Parkland College. The game will be played at Lake Land. The team appreciates fan support.

Giertz says, "It's going to be exciting watching our games, because we've got a bunch of athletes that can jump out of the gym and will make it exciting."



The men's basketball team practices for their upcoming season.

Lauran Spaniol/Navigator

# End to dead cell zones?

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Anyone who has walked on Lake Land College's campus understands that cell phone reception is, at best, feeble. Yet, the college has come a long way in convincing cell phone companies to invest in the local area.

For the last few years the college has been talking to Verizon wireless about somehow strengthening the signal. "Four or five years ago, Consolidated had a little pull with Verizon, and we were trying to go through

them," says Ray Rieck, Vice President of Business Services.

Yet, it wasn't until recently that Verizon actually came to Lake Land asking what we needed and why we were being so persistent. "It wasn't until late last fall when they finally contacted us and said they would look at it," says Rieck.

Verizon has sent surveyors to try and decide whether a full tower or a miniature tower on top of one of the buildings would be most effective. What they found was that almost the entire area south of Mattoon has poor reception. So, the surveyors came and looked at spots for both a miniature and a full sized tower.

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## BREAKING NEWS!

by Scott May as of 9/26/08

According to Lee Spaniol, director of information systems and services, Lake Land College has been approved for the Verizon Wireless project. Spaniol says that it is still unclear if the project will give a rooftop or a full tower site.



Students use cell phones while relaxing at Laker Point, one of the few zones on campus with strong reception.

Drew Baugher/Navigator

# Discounts on campus

By Jenny Keefe  
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Student discounts are often offered when dining, tanning or going to a movie in our local community. Lake Land College students can also take advantage of a wide scope of services available at a discounted price, or sometimes free, right here on campus.

## Needing a new look?

For those interested in manicures, pedicures, facials, and a variety of hair services, the cosmetology department offers special pricing for students as well as community members. All work is performed under the supervision of instructors in a professional salon-like atmosphere. Appointments can be scheduled Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by calling 234-5300. The cosmetology department is located in the West Building.

## In the market for child care?

If you are a student or staff member in need of child care, Lake Land offers a licensed child care facility for children between the ages of two and five. Applicants must be completely toilet trained in order to qualify. For information on pricing and available openings contact Sheila Hughes, Child Care Director, at 234-5295. Limited vacancy is reserved for the general public as well.

## Time for a tuneup?

The automotive department performs oil changes and some vehicle repair work if it is related to the course being offered that semester. Students enjoy

the benefit of free labor and are only responsible for paying for parts along with a \$20.00 service fee. The automotive department is located in the V6-Tech building and can be reached by calling 234-5286.

## Dental Dilemma?

Teeth cleaning, exams, X-rays, and fluoride treatments are all available via Lake Land College's Dental Clinic. Cleanings are \$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for the general public. Appointments can be made Monday through Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cleaning appointments can last up to four hours as students are required to have instructors check over their work, but when compared to the average cleaning fee of \$100.00 a little extra time can prove beneficial. The Dental Clinic is housed in Webb Hall, room 120 and can be reached at 234-5249.

## Could you use a tutor?

Free tutoring services are another perk of being a Lake Land student. Tutors are available to students Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. with evening hours by appointment only. The tutoring center is located in the Virgil H. Judge Learning Resource Center. Call for more information. 234-5301.

Taking advantage of some of these discounted services offered by Lake Land College will not only leave you with a little extra pocket change, but also save you some gas as a result of their convenient campus locations. And don't forget when frequenting local businesses to always ask if they offer a student discount as well.

# Checking in with TRiO

By Jenny Keefe  
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TRiO Student Support Services offers assistance to its members in a variety of ways. Academic and financial as well as personal counseling, tutoring, study skills training, and opportunities to attend exciting cultural events is just the tip of the iceberg.

TRiO hosted a welcome back pizza party on campus for its participants and co-hosted Fall Fest at Kluthe in September. In the month of October they will be taking a trip to The Botanical Gardens and Science Center in St. Louis, closely followed by College Fair at Navy Pier in Chicago.

TRiO also holds a recognition banquet every semester acknowledging TRiO members holding a 3.0, 4.0 or greater term and cumulative GPA. Graduates are also

recognized and scholarships recipients are announced. Up to 14 Trio members are presented with "The Extra Mile award," honoring their achievement of good academic status despite outstanding barriers or exceptional obstacles within their lives.

TRiO members truly share a special bond with their counselors. TRiO Advising Counselor, Jennie Welsh speaks fondly of former member Melinda Blades as a student, "that really blossomed the most." Blades presented Welsh with a "People who make a difference" certificate in which she coined Welsh a "Great advisor for TRiO who never gave up on me and helped me through Lake Land."

In order to be eligible for TRiO a student must be working towards an associate degree and meet one of the following requirements:



- \*Eligible for disability services
- \*A first generation college student (neither parent nor legal guardian having graduated as a low income student)

A group of TRiO members and staff gather during one of their social/cultural events

If you would like more information about the TRiO program you can call the office at 217-234-5456.

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