

NPR host Scott Simon to speak at graduation

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Scott Simon, reporter, novelist, and host of National Public Radio's Weekend Edition Saturday, will highlight Lake Forest College's 130th commencement, at Ravinia Festival Park in Highland Park on May 10th.

"We are really pleased to bring Scott Simon to campus to be this year's commencement speaker," said Director of Communications and Marketing Liz Libby.

"He's a very well-known journalist and radio personality and also a celebrated author of both non-fiction and fiction works."

Since first joining National Public Radio in 1977 as chief of the Chicago bureau, Simon has covered the events of eight wars and reported from all 50 states and every continent. According to the station's website, he has won numerous honors including the Peabody Award for his weekly radio essays and an Emmy for his documentary The Patterson Project. He also has a number of honorary degrees, in addition to the degrees he earned at the University of Chicago and McGill University in Canada.

Over the years, Simon has developed a reputation as a "whimsical" interviewer, according to the *New York Times*, often approaching serious issues from unusual angles.

He married filmmaker Caroline Richard in 2000 after years as a content bachelor. They met when she appeared on his show to promote a film.

Simon has also found success as the author of four books. His most recent novel, *Windy City*, is a political comedy set in Chicago. His connection to Chicago, as well as his reputation as a dynamic speaker, made him an attractive candidate to deliver the commencement address.

"Simon was chosen based on a confluence of factors, namely: the relevance of his contributions to liberal learning, general name recognition and prominence, and connection to the city of Chicago," Libby explained.

Simon grew up in Chicago, among other places, and is a die-hard Cubs fan.

"It helped too that he has a reputation as a memorable and lively speaker. I've heard from several faculty, staff, and students who are pleased with this year's choice of commencement speaker."

In addition to Simon, honorees at the commencement ceremony will include Danielle Allen, Janet Rowley, and Maria Velez de Berliner.

Green light needed for green Sports Center Building may become environmental LEED-er if funding available

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Campus environmental groups are pressing administrators to seek green certification for the new Sports Center expansion; however, President Steve Schutt says that the decision will be determined by a detailed cost estimate to be completed next month.

Schematic design drawings for the project recently have been completed, which detail the placement of such objects as light switches and plumbing, will allow the general contractor, Chicago-based Pepper Construction, to better determine the project's official price tag. "It will give us a more realistic estimate of the cost," said

Director of Facilities Management Dave Siebert.

The results of the cost estimate report may force some elements of the project to be cut. "We want to maximize all elements, especially in terms of

aesthetics, landscaping, lighting, and electronics, and will likely develop compromises," Siebert said. Necessary components, such as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, will

certification for the sports center project, completed in February, determined that for the building to receive the 26 points necessary for certification, the cost is estimated at \$150,000. This includes the

developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. Although the standards have existed since 1998, last summer's renovation of Buchanan Hall brought the Lake Forest College campus its first LEED-certified structure.

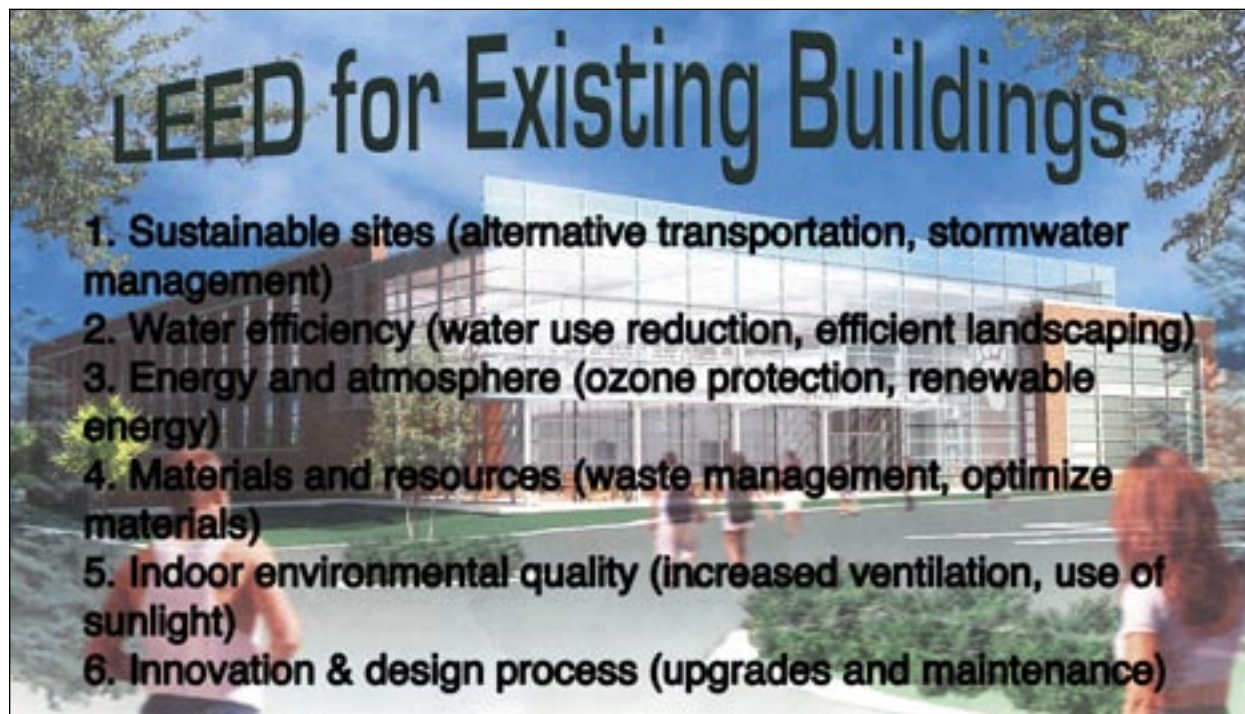
When Environmental Issues and Concerns Advisory Committee (EICAC) member Dave Siebert brought the plans for the expansion to the committee, evaluating LEED certification was a natural step, according to EICAC chair, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lori Del Negro.

"We evaluated the plans, and looked into options that the architect could consider," said Del Negro.

The committee invited Director of Athletics Jackie Slaats and a trustee to one of the EICAC meetings to make recommendations. After conversations with students, faculty, and the Athletics department, Del Negro found popular support for the certification.

Making the project LEED-certified at this point in construction would also change the timetable. Del Negro said

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not be touched by the cutbacks.

The costs of raw materials such as copper, steel, and concrete have skyrocketed over the past 12 months, according to Siebert.

A cost impact analysis of LEED-

cost of a LEED consultant for the project, estimated at \$40,000.

LEED certification, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a set of standards for environmentally friendly construction

J.Crew, Don's cause retail changes in Lake Forest

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Students looking for a place to shop won't have to look far if clothing retailer J. Crew Group Inc. signs a lease as expected for a 4,000-square-foot location formerly occupied by a Macy's store.

The location, part of the Market Square shopping center in downtown Lake Forest, has been vacant since Macy's closed its doors in Feb. The store, which was originally a Marshall Field's, ran into problems during a rocky transition to a Macy's in 2006, according to a report by Crain's Chicago Business in March.

"A J. Crew store in Market Square will be a welcome addition to our business district for both students and residents alike," said Joanna Rolek, who serves as Executive Director of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce.

Rolek is optimistic about the

addition to the downtown scene. She also emphasized the cross-generational appeal of the store and its allure for both male and female shoppers, adding, "Its broad appeal, reputation and the national chain's marketing support will also infuse the Square with new shoppers who might prefer to shop in a community setting rather than the nearest mall location in Northbrook."



Image courtesy SloMo

The former Marshall Field's/Macy's building in downtown Lake Forest is expected to become a J.Crew retail store in the near future.

The shopping center is owned by Shawgate Partners, a local real-estate firm based in Lake Forest that is affiliated with the Chicago firm Broadacre Management Company. Although Shawgate has submitted an interior

construction permit application to the city according to Crain's, representatives from Broadacre declined to comment until the lease is signed by J. Crew.

Don's Finest Foods closes

Local supermarket Don's Finest Foods closed in Feb. when its owner fell behind on bank loan payments, according to a report in the *Chicago Tribune*. The *Tribune* reported that more than 60 employees of the store lost their jobs.

The store, located on Western Avenue in downtown Lake Forest, had many devoted customers in the community. But its expensive specialty merchandise aimed for an upscale clientele and limited the attraction for students.

Senior Karen Cone recalled once browsing Don's for popcorn but chose to keep shopping when she saw the price tag. "It's expensive," she explained, adding that she hasn't shopped there since.

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"Daily Click" added to website

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Visitors to the College's website in the past month have noticed a new feature – the Daily Click. The small box in the lower right-hand corner of the site's main page displays a different picture of a campus-related activity every day.

"It seemed like a good way to keep the home page fresh," said Web Coordinator Will Pittinos, the creator of the Daily Click, "and to give prospective students a slice of Forester life."

"I proposed the idea to Liz [Libby] after talking to a few people and after checking out some other college's websites," said Pittinos. After further discussions with members of the Department of Communications and Marketing, the Daily Click went live on March 18. Communications Coordinator Lindsay Beller came up with the name.

Pittinos is the primary provider of the photos, but he welcomes submissions from anyone.

"We would prefer that people start submitting them," he continued, "so that it's an even more 'real' snap of campus life."

In the future, some historical photos may be added to the site.

"As an incoming student, the Daily Click gives an inside look at life on the Lake Forest College



Image courtesy Flickr.com

The first Daily Click showed Ruben Jimenez serving gyros in the dining hall, in a picture taken by Pittinos.

campus," said current high school senior and future Lake Forest student Katherine Lynn. "It's a great way to show the variety on campus."

The response has been strong, according to Pittinos. The Daily Click, hosted by the photo sharing website Flickr, has received 1,750 total views since it was launched. That averages to about 75 per day.



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clock to be right more than
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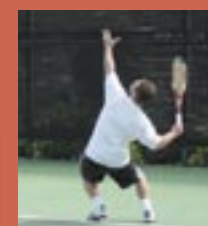
Bidding farewell to the seniors!

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Men's tennis drops the ball.

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