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“WHATEVER YOU ARE, BE A GOOD ONE.” - Abraham Lincoln

## Debate team to Montgomery Cup

**Corey Drummond**  
PRINT EDITOR

The LSU Shreveport debate team left on Thursday and headed to Europe to represent the United States in a competition against students from Great Britain.

In the annual Montgomery Cup, students from the U.S. compete with European students in a competition similar to the Ryder Cup in golf. As the teams face-off throughout the trip, they will steadily gain points. At the end of the competition, the team with the most points wins.

This year's topic of debate is over the justification of military action against ISIS. Jack Rogers, executive director of the board of directors for the Global Institute for Forensic Training, who has participated in this competition since the beginning, has invited LSUS to participate this year. LSUS has participated several times before.

LSUS Team Captain Colby Walker, President Madelyn Snead, and Vice-president Elizabeth Kemp are representing LSUS and the American team in this competition, with Trey Gibson, head of the debate team, is joining as an additional coach.

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Next year, the LSU Shreveport debate team, led by director Trey Gibson, will take part in an international debate tournament representing the United States of America against the United Kingdom.

The team was invited by Dr. Jack Rogers, professor of communication studies at the University of Central Missouri. Rogers is also the director of the debate team at UCM, and has participated in the Montgomery Cup every year for the last seventeen years.

Gibson is excited to be a part of this international event.

“If it can get LSUS on the international stage, I'm all for it,” Gibson said.

This isn't the first year LSUS' team has participated in the tournament. Before Gibson, Mary Jarzabek coached the team for a number of years. Jarzabek and the team went to the competition twice.

Rogers described the Montgomery Cup and how the competition began.

“The teams that participate are largely based upon the

17-year history of the [Montgomery] Cup. When Trevor Sauter, then the Debates Convenor of the English Speaking Union, and I set the tour up I was responsible for organizing the U.S. team and he would organize the British teams,” Rogers said.

The organization of these teams is decided by Rogers and the success of each university's debate team.

“Over the years, the university that I represent has always sent teams to the event. I have invited members from LSUS, Arkansas-Monticello, Arkansas State University, and Evangel College in Kansas,” Rogers said. “Any school with a recognized extra curricular debate team is eligible for the Cup; however, I tend to be highly selective in whom I invite.”

In Roger's invitation to the LSUS debate team, he praised the team's success in recent years, specifically under Gibson's reign.

Rogers recognized LSUS' string of five national IPDA season championships in the last seven years and three IPDA National Championship Tournament titles in the last six years as reasons LSUS was given this honor.

In the last seven years, LSUS has earned nearly three-dozen national championship titles in the International Public Debate Association. The team placed second at the IPDA National Championship Tournament last April.

The teams from the United Kingdom vary from year to year. Trevor Sauter chooses the teams like Rogers chooses the teams for America. Once again, next year's teams come from a wide swath of Europe.

“The British have always included Glasgow, St. Andrews, and recently Durham. However, we have debated against numerous colleges and universities in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland,” Rogers said. “This year we have scheduled debates against: Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh; Durham and London Imperial, England; St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Stirling, Scotland.”

The debate team did need to fund this trip to the UK to participate, but Gibson said that it has been taken care of. Money from his personal scholarships and programs have allowed LSUS to join in the tournament. The Red River Classic tournament is a major contributor.

“That is really what the Red River Classic tournament is for. It is for special events. A lot of times we use the funds to travel to the Interstate Oratory Nationals, but we are just making a choice this year not to do Interstate Oratory Nationals. We are going to Scotland instead,” Gibson said.

The debate team is heading to the tournament with Colby Walker, Madelyn Snead, and Elizabeth Kemp.



LSUS debate team to represent America in European competition

Photo by Corey Drummond

## Lady Pilots advance in conference tournament

**Tylery Moody**  
VIDEO EDITOR

After wrapping up their regular season last weekend with a pair of impressive wins over Paul Quinn College and Texas College, the LSU Shreveport Lady Pilots parlayed that momentum into a first round win in the RRAC Conference Tournament over LSU-Alexandra 107-63 on Tuesday. That pushed the ladies record to an overall 20-10 on the season.

Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year favorite, Kourtney Pennywell, continued her domination of the conference and posted a season-high 37 points to go along 12 rebounds, seven assists, five blocks and four steals. The unbelievable performance bolsters her claim for RRAC Player of the Year, which will be presented after the conclusion of the RRAC Conference Tournament.

Senior Ariel Harrell, who played her last game at The Dock on Tuesday, went out with a huge showing. She contributed a 26-point and 10 rebound double-double in her final home game as a Lady Pilot.

The win was much greater than the effort's of two players, though. Coach Valerie Huizar commented after the game on the collective team effort.

“We came out fired up as a team and had good attitudes from top to bottom,” said LSUS head coach Valerie Huizar. “They played hard the entire time no matter what the score was so I am proud of them for that.”

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Lady Pilots dominate

Photo by Corey Drummond



# Viewing packages for semi-finals for students

**Mark Cantrell**

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The 4th seeded LSU Shreveport Lady Pilots will take on the no. 1 seeded Our Lady of the Lake Saints tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at 1 p.m. at LeTourneau University in the semi-finals of the Red River Athletic Conference Tournament. This will be the rubber-game of the season series between the two teams.

Our Lady of the Lake comes into the game having won 16 of their last 17 as they bring an overall record of 25-5 into the contest. Their last time they lost a game was on January 31 at The Dock when the Lady Pilots took them down 80-66. In the 16 wins the Saints have scored 78 points or more including five games blazing the nets for more than 100.

The Lady Pilots defense has been one of the two defenses this year to hold the Saints un-

der 70. LSUS comes into the game with an overall record of 20-10 having won 13 of their last 14 games. During that span it includes a pair of wins over top 15 teams in the NAIA, Our Lady of the Lake and Langston. The Lady Pilots are coming off their best game of the season, a 107-63 thumping of LSU Alexandria on Tuesday in the first round of the tournament.

The winner of Friday's contest will advance to the Championship game on Saturday at LeTourneau at 2 p.m. versus the winner of no. 2 Wiley and no. 3 Langston who play at 6 p.m. on Friday in the other semi-final match up.

**A NOTE FROM THE HOST**

Wiley College is proud to announce that the games during the conference tournament will be streamed live and available for purchase! There are a few packages that are available for the fans

and spectators to purchase if they would like to watch the games live. There will also be live stats for the games if your fans would like to watch that way. The games are available for purchase right now but I have not put in the opponents since we are still waiting for some games. Once you follow the link you select the game that you would like to purchase and then you will be prompted to another screen giving you options on packages for purchase.

The link is <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/wiley/>

The packages are as follows:

- \$9 Per Game
- \$30 For Weekend Pass
- \$45 For Combo pass to watch all of both Men's and Women's Games

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**PILOTS cont.**

The Lady Pilots will look to continue their recent success in the semi-final round of the RRAC Conference Tournament against top seed Our Lady of the Lake on Friday, March 6. LSUS and OLLU split the two meetings during the regular season with a win a piece. This will be the rubber match between the two teams, and the winner will advance on to the RRAC Conference Tournament Championship at LeTourneau University on Saturday at 2 p.m.



**LSUS | Student Activities & Recreational Sports**

**March 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8-Ball Doubles Pool Tournament 11 a.m. UC Game Room	3	4 ThinkFirst Presentation 11 a.m. UC Theater  Intramural Softball and Soccer Captain's Meeting 5 p.m.-Softball 5:30 p.m.-Soccer UC Pilot's Room Entries and team/free agent fees due	5	6 Pilot Preview Day LSUS Campus	7
8	9-10 Student Appreciation Days		11 Goodie Bags and Sand Art 11 a.m. UC Lobby	12	13 Student Organization Council Meeting 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	14
15	16 Rockwall on the Mall 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. UC Steps	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Karaoke Common Hour 11 a.m. UC Port	19	20 Paintball Excursion 1 p.m. O.F.F. Limits Paintball (\$20/LSUS students) Sign-up by 4 p.m. on 3/19.	21
22 Easter Egg Hunt Week March 23 - 27 LSUS Campus More details at <a href="http://facebook.com/sabatlsus">facebook.com/sabatlsus</a> .	23 National Chip and Dip Day 11 a.m. UC Lobby	24 Frisbee Golf Tournament 2 p.m. Bickham Dickson Park Sign-up by noon on 3/24.	25 Evening Students' Event 7 p.m. UC Port	26	27 Video Game Friday 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery	28

Calendar is subject to change. Unless otherwise noted, all events are FREE to LSUS students with valid ID. Questions? Email [studentact@lsus.edu](mailto:studentact@lsus.edu) or call 797-5393. \*Register online at [www.lsus.edu/recsports](http://www.lsus.edu/recsports) for Rec Sports events or sign-up in the UC Office.



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