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SJF CONFERENCE AT LSUS: MAJOR SUCCESS!

On Saturday, April 18th, LSU-Shreveport hosted a conference for the Shreveport Journalism Foundation (SJF) hosting students from both LSUS and Northwestern State University (NSU). The conference featured keynote speakers John Lieberman, the Senior Vice President of SJF, and Kalli Combs, founder of Social Pal Kal and social media strategist. The Shreveport Journalism Foundation's conference took place on the first floor of the technology building at LSUS where attendees were first met with coffee, juice, and pastries to snack on while becoming familiar with each other. The opening address was given by John Lieberman who was then joined by Gregg Trusty, co-founder of SJF. Professor Mary "Jorji" Jarzabek was in attendance and was surprised with a lifetime achievement award for her work within SJF...

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TICKET WORTHY: PROJECT HAIL MARY

PROJECT HAIL MARY – 2026 – 156 MINUTES – RATED PG-13
5/5 ★

Unabashedly charming and uplifting, Project Hail Mary is a cinematic accomplishment that should set a new standard for science fiction romps. Every frame is beautifully shot, the story is phenomenal, and Ryan Gosling turns in arguably the best performance of his career. This one is a must-see.

In the long history of science fiction films, some movies simply stand out as important. 2001: A Space Odyssey, Alien, Blade Runner—the list could go on. Now I believe that the list has another entry. Project Hail Mary deserves its place among the best of the genre. What directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller have crafted is an energetic, heartwarming, gorgeous adventure that manages to tell an emotional and tense story without ever forsaking humor or hopefulness. I can heartily recommend it to absolutely everyone.

PILOTS FALTER IN CLOSE BATTLE WITH NELSON

On April 14, the Pilots failed to get back at Nelson after dropping their first matchup with the Lions earlier in the season. It is the third midweek loss this season. Before this season, Shreveport has not lost a midweek game since 2022. Despite not being nationally ranked or receiving votes for the NAIA polls, Nelson is a solid team who now have a very similar record to the Pilots at 31-14. It was a rough start to the game with Nelson putting three runs on the board in the 1st inning...



MISINFORMATION, ALGORITHMIC ECHO CHAMBERS, AND THE POSITIVE SIDE OF SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM

Despite its popularity, social media poses a threat to society as it encourages the spread of misinformation and allows for mass self-communication that aids in entrapping people in algorithmic echo chambers; yet, there is good to be found as well. The increase of trust in any social media account as a news source can make journalism feel hopeless, but not all hope is to be lost...I have done a deep dive on the negatives and few positives within social media journalism...

LOUISIANA SENATE REPUBLICANS VOTE DOWN STATE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

On April 8, the Louisiana legislature blocked a bill designed to protect voter rights in the state. Senate Bill 365, titled the Louisiana Voters Right Act, or LAVRA, would have combatted voter suppression and gerrymandering efforts and helped ensure fair elections for the states nearly 3 million voters.

TICKET WORTHY: THE MUMMY

THE MUMMY – 2026 – 134 MINUTES – RATED R – 2.5/5 ★

While it's difficult to name anything that Lee Cronin's *The Mummy* does wrong, it's also very hard to name something it does well that hasn't been done better before. It's a slick and entertaining enough horror movie, but it will eventually be forgotten among the dozens of other films exactly like it. Director Lee Cronin is the man responsible for 2023's shockingly good *Evil Dead Rise*.



REIGNING CHAMPS BACK IN WINNING GROOVE WITH SERIES SWEEP OF SOUTHWEST

On April 3, the Pilots got back to their sweeping ways against the Southwest Mustangs. Typically, series sweeps come at a premium. At LSU-Shreveport, they come as an expectation, especially in the Brad Neffendorf era. The Pilots outscored Southwest 23-6 in the Friday doubleheader. In game one, Brock Lucas took the mound and turned in a winning start. Lucas turned in five innings of work, allowing one earned run on six hits...

PILOTS GET BACK ON TRACK AGAINST SOUTHWEST

On Thursday, April 2, the LSU-Shreveport Pilots got back into the Red River win column when they defeated the Southwest Mustangs 11-5. Despite their rough looking record, the Mustangs are no slouch, and they showed it on Thursday. Once again, the final line did not look the greatest...



FASHION MEETS COMMUNITY: ON THE ROAD TO STARTING THE LSUS

FASHION CLUB

Quiana Hayes is leveraging her fashion experience to build a club unlike any other on campus. Whether you're someone who loves high-end couture, DIY fashion, or thrift store finds, this club is an outlet for creativity and self-expression. People of all skill levels and backgrounds are welcome to join the LSUS Fashion Club, making fashion design accessible and creating a space for models, designers, and fashion lovers of all kinds...



TICKET WORTHY: THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE!

THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE – 2026 – 98 MINUTES –
RATED PG – 2.5/5 ★

If you really enjoy Nintendo characters and want to see as many of them as possible on screen, voiced well and animated beautifully, then The Super Mario Galaxy Movie is going to be for you. If you want pretty much anything else, I'm afraid this one is probably going to disappoint.

PILOTS DROP ANOTHER HOME GAME

In my talks with LSU-Shreveport baseball head coach Brad Neffendorf, he has made it clear that he does not like to lose midweek games. Of course, he does not like to lose any game, but losing on a Tuesday stings just a bit more. On April 7, the Pilots lost 7-1 to the Texas Wesleyan Rams.

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A SMART BRICK? MADE BY LEGO?

A new technology powered brick that brings sound, motion, and imagination together. Technology just became even cooler. LEGO Introduced a new technology they came up with called the LEGO Smart Play System...



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