

# LU Chronicle



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## Seeing the Light

### 400 students attend Career Day 2000

Finishing school and having to find employment in the real world can be an intimidating prospect. Students at Lindenwood have been fortunate to have a pro-active Leadership Center to help with their vocational needs, and one of the ways it does that is through its annual Career Day.

This year's Career Day, which was held on the floor of the Performance Arena on campus on March 9, was attended by more than 400 Lindenwood students, who were able to visit with representatives from more than 70 companies from the St. Louis and St. Charles County areas.

"We were really pleased with the turnout," said Dana Wehrli, Lindenwood's career placement director. "We had about 100 more students in



**At Career Day 2000, students were able to trade information with 70 area companies, including perennial attendee United Parcel Service.**

attendance than we had last year."

In addition to the students, the general public was invited to attend the career fair for the first time this year.

"I'm very excited we opened it to the community," Wehrli said. "We had some very good feedback from the public. Generally, they told us they thought it was a good fair and very well organized."

The fair has been attended by several of

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## Career Day

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the same companies year after year, such as Enterprise Rent-a-Car, the City of St. Peters, UPS and the May Department Stores. A number of newcomers were also welcomed this year, including SBC Communications, the Centric Group (a leader in the corrections supply industry) and Steifel Nicolaus (an area stock brokerage).

Wehrli said that while UPS has always attended the fair, this year it unveiled a new program called Earn and Learn.

According to the program, student employees can work part time while going to school, earn an attractive hourly wage and take advantage of full benefits and a generous tuition assistance program.

The career fair takes place at this time each year and coincides with the release of Lindenwood's placement catalog, which includes the resumes of students who sign up to take part in that program and is circulated to companies all over the region.

According to Wehrli, companies that follow up on the resumes in the placement

catalog, in addition to those who speak to students at the fair, often have very good things to say about Lindenwood students.

"The thing we heard the most from the companies was that they were very impressed with the preparedness of the students who came to Career Day," Wehrli said. "Students and companies alike told us they thought the fair was a worthwhile day. The company representatives raved about the Performance Arena and the campus, and they appreciated having the catalog. It was just very positive all the way around."

## News Briefs . . .

### Spring activities offer something for everyone

- As always, there are lots of sports to take in, including Baseball, Tennis, Bowling, Softball, Volleyball and Track and Field, attendance of which are all free to Lindenwood students.
- Be sure to check out our April 1 jazz concert called "April Fools Day Fete." There will be 70 tickets available free to students, so come by Glen Waring's office (Butler 118) to get yours.
- LU night with the St. Louis Cardinals will be April 18. Tickets are on sale in Butler Hall, room 118 or 116. Tickets are available to Lindenwood students and faculty/staff for just \$7.50, a substantial discount off the normal \$15 ticket price.
- Spring Fling, including a wealth of great activities, including the formal Cotillion dance at the Stegton Banquet Center, will be from April 24 through 28.

### Fall housing sign-ups next week

Students who wish to sign up to keep the same rooms next fall that they have now should do

so in the housing office in Butler Hall from March 29 through March 31. All other housing sign-ups should be done on the following days:

- April 3 Students with more than 84 hours
- April 4 Students with more than 54 hours
- April 5 Students with more than 24 hours
- April 6 Students with under 24 hours
- April 7 Open House for incoming freshmen

### Census forms due April 1

All residential students are required to fill out a 2000 Census form. Forms must be completed by each student; they may not be filled out before April 1, 2000. Important: Families may not count students who live away from home on their census forms, so students must fill out the forms to be counted in the census.

### Fall, summer registration starts April 7

Registration for fall semester and summer session classes starts April 7. For more information, contact the Academic Services Office 949-4954 or call your academic advisor.

## 90-year-old student shows it's never too late for an education

When Les Prinster of St. Charles was born, Lindenwood was a venerable 83-year-old college, seven years younger than Prinster is now. Like a lot of senior citizens, Prinster has decided that the time is right to return to school. This spring, he is taking a Survey of Economics class at Lindenwood.

Prinster sold his funeral business five years ago, and he sold some rental property just last month and now said he has the time to take a college economics class, a subject he said interests him. At Lindenwood, he was able to take advantage of a standing 50 percent tuition discount the university offers to students over 55 years old to make it easier for senior citizens to return to school.

"I wanted to know something about economics," he said. "How it works, supply and demand, how does it apply to unemployment? This is something I've wanted to do for a while now."

Prinster says he had not attended college before now. He was born in O'Fallon in October of 1909 and moved to St. Charles when he was 9 years old. He has lived there ever since. Prinster is the only surviving charter member of the St. Charles



**Les Prinster with Judy Kamm, his economics professor. Prinster is returning to school at age 90.**

Kiwanis Club, which was founded in October of 1936. He and his wife, Mary, raised six children here.

The class, which started on Jan. 24, is something he said he has wanted to do for quite some time.

"I've got some time now to do some things I have wanted to do for a while, and this is one of them," Prinster said.

## Writing Center is now available to help LU students with all types of writing

Lindenwood's new Writing Center is now available, however, to help writers of all skill levels get the help they need.

The center, located in rooms 212 and 213 of Butler Hall, is headed by Spencer Hurst, of the English faculty, and staffed by four students.

"Our goal is to provide a place in which anybody in the Lindenwood community can get help with any kind of writing," Hurst said.

So far, the center, which opened for business in January, has handled 71 consultations.

"They might want to know how to get started, or they might have started and want to know how to proceed," Hurst said. "We have also handled technical questions, such as the whole range of

grammar and punctuation questions."

Hurst said that one thing shared by almost all of the students who have used the center is that they were convinced they could not write well.

"Virtually everyone that comes here thinks he is a terrible writer," Hurst said. "One of the things that we do is assure everyone that they can write."

Because of the limited staff size at the center, appointments are necessary; they can be made by calling 949-4870. Hurst said he would also like to encourage students who are interested in working as consultants at the center.

"I would be interested in talking to anyone who would like to help people with their writing," Hurst said.

## Lindenwood sports teams enjoy record-breaking winter season

It wasn't a long, gloomy winter for Lindenwood University's athletic programs. LU coaches and athletes won conference championships, received national tournament invites and shattered school records.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team won the Heart of America Athletic Conference regular season conference tournament and advanced to the NAIA Division II Elite Eight, setting a Lindenwood single season record of 30-6. The 1993-94 Lady Lions previously held the record.

"Here at LU, we define success by doing things consistently," Head Coach Dave Witter said. "If we don't make the national tournament next year, after making it to the Elite Eight this year, we're not being consistent."

### Men's Basketball

It was also a historic season for the men's basketball team. The Lions qualified for the NAIA Division II national tournament for the first time in school history and broke the 1977 single-season wins records (22-10) by finishing the season 23-14.

LU not only made the tournament, but they also upset 15th seed Robert Morris College (Illinois) by a score of 89-74 in the first round, giving the Lions their first men's basketball national tournament win in school history.

"It was a great season for the team," Head Coach Dale Ribble said. "Our success can really be attributed to the leadership and drive of our seniors."

### Wrestling

The wrestling team qualified 11 wrestlers for the NAIA national tournament, which was held at

Lindenwood's Performance Arena for the second straight year, and made a valiant run at the tournament title, finishing ninth out of 19 teams.

LU's Brant Bruner won a national title in the 125-pound weight class, giving Head Coach Joe Parisi his first national champion at Lindenwood.

"He (Bruner) did a fantastic job throughout the entire year," Parisi said. "From the start of the championship match, you could tell by the look on his face that he was going to win."

### Swimming and Diving

Lindenwood's swimming and diving team finished its second season strong, particularly the women's team, which finished eighth overall in the NAIA national tournament.

Sophomore Jessica Metcalf won the national title in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions. In the 3-meter event, she set a national record with a final score of 555.45. Freshman Kelli Wind finished third in the 1-meter and second in the 3-meter diving competitions.

### Indoor Track and Field

The Lindenwood men's and women's indoor track and field teams have become accustomed to winning the Heart of America Athletic Conference, and this year was no different as both advanced to the national tournament.

At nationals, the women finished seventh overall and the men finished ninth. In women's action, Dena Moore, a sophomore, won second place in the high jump (5 feet, 6 inches), and in men's competition, Doel Bailey finished second in the 55-meter dash (6.28 seconds).

Jason Wood, a senior, broke Lindenwood's shot put record with a toss of 16.9 meters during the University of Findlay (Ohio) Alltell Track and Field Classic earlier in the season.