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(Above) An artist's rendering of one of the four new residence halls. (Right) Lindenwood officials and local dignitaries broke ground this spring on a pair of residence halls, the first new campus buildings in a massive campus improvement plan. Pictured from left are Gary Shaw, Ray Harmon, Patti York, Joe Ortwerth, Elizabeth Rauch and Ben Blanton.



## Work on new residence halls gets underway with ceremony

The sky was dark with threatening clouds, and as the wind whipped up dust and thunder rumbled in the distance, Lindenwood celebrated the beginning of a bright, new era

on April 8 with the groundbreaking for two of four new residence halls planned for the south end of campus.

"The sun is really shining brightly on us today," said LU

President Dennis Spellmann, joking about the threatening weather and referring to the university's bright forecast for the future.

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Lindenwood Board Member Gary Shaw also spoke, referring to how far Lindenwood has come in just 10 years. He also spoke about the university's "2000 by 2000" campaign, which is an effort to have 2000 residential students enrolled at the campus by the year 2000.

The new residence halls are the principle component of that initiative, and the first two are slated for completion for the fall semester of 2000. (See related story on page 3.)

Shaw and Lindenwood Board Member Ben Blanton said the new residence halls are a symbol of the university's recovery from hard times a

decade ago when Lindenwood was in danger of closing its doors.

The residence halls are one component of a massive campus enhancement project that will also include a new campus center (slated for groundbreaking later this year and completion next year) and a new front entrance on First Capitol Drive.

The third and fourth residence halls are scheduled to be started next year and completed the following year.

Also present for the April 8 ground breaking were Lindenwood Board Members Ray Harmon and Elizabeth Mudd Rauch, St. Charles Mayor Patti York and St. Charles County Executive Joe Ortwerth.

## Campus center will provide new resources for students

A few years ago, when the new Robert F. Hyland Performance Arena was built, Lindenwood saw one of its most exciting and exhilarating periods in years.

A new era of growth was symbolized by the towering new structure, which included state-of-the-art facilities for athletics and the performing arts and had an exterior look that was in keeping with Lindenwood's history.

That was just the beginning.

Along with two new residence halls currently under construction, a new campus center is scheduled for construction this year.

The three-story campus center, like the Performance Arena and the new residence halls, has been designed by the architectural firm of Hastings and Chivetta.

The building will overlook the Harlen Hunter Stadium. With a new dining hall, headquarters for the Leadership Center and a variety of other amenities, the building is intended to become the new nerve center of the campus.

The 100,000-square-foot building will include an expanded dining hall with greater capacity and smaller, more intimate dining areas for students and staff. Other plans call for other food service options, such as a Starbucks-type coffee bar.

The building will also expand and enhance the university's instructional capabilities with a series of "smart classrooms" that will utilize the latest instructional technology.

Seminar and meeting rooms will also be available for campus

and community organizations.

The third floor of the building will be devoted to the new quarters for the Lindenwood Leadership Center. This will include Career Development Services, Work and Learn, Community Work Service and Leadership Development offices. The Leadership Center will feature interviewing rooms and conference rooms equipped with TV/VCR and overhead projection units, computer presentation equipment and satellite downlink capabilities.

A career resource library will contain local and national company data career preparation resources and testing materials. The resource library will also include information on local and national nonprofit organizations, corporations and government agencies.

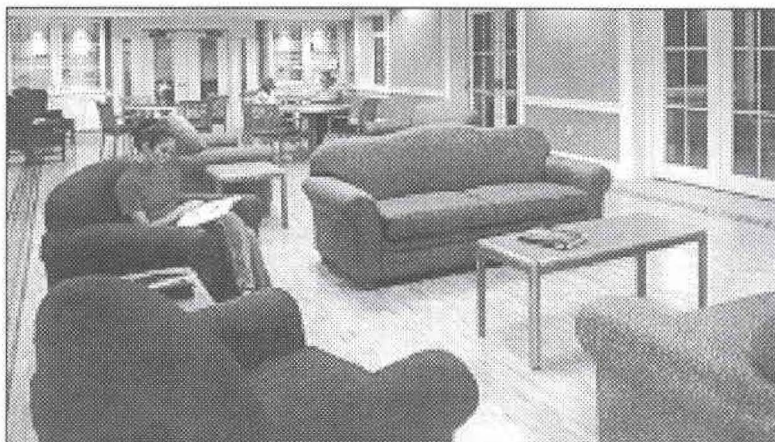


## Residence halls to feature classic design, modern amenities

This spring, Lindenwood broke ground on two new residence halls that will increase the university's on-campus residential capacity and help bring the campus into the 21st century. The two buildings are the first phase of an overall campus enhancement program that will also include an additional two residence halls, a new campus center and a new front entrance on First Capitol Drive.

The first two residence halls (one for male students and one for females) are being constructed on the former site of 40 mobile homes that were used to house students. Remaining are about 100 mobile homes, which will be removed next year to make room for the third and fourth new residence halls. The first two buildings are slated to be available for the fall, 2000 semester.

Michelle Giessman, director of housing at Lindenwood, said each of the new buildings will have 90 suites and a capacity of 180 students. They will be wired for computer access and will be equipped with hallway-accessible panels for maintenance, so heating and air conditioning can



**The main lounge in the new residence halls will be spacious and comfortable.**

be serviced for individual rooms without entering the room.

Each of the four floors of both buildings will be equipped with a mini lounge, and the buildings will each have a main lounge as well, in addition to laundry and kitchen facilities. The bottom floor of each building will be slated for fraternity and sorority housing and will include chapter meeting rooms.

"The new buildings will be very user- and maintenance-friendly," Giessman said. "They will also be nicely decorated, and the living space will be ample. I toured a facility like this . . . and it was beautiful."

The buildings were designed by Hastings and Chivetta Architects, Inc., which designed the Hyland Performance Arena, and they are being built by Ben F. Blanton Construction Co.

The exterior will be in red brick with gables, similar to the design of historic buildings, like Roemer Hall, and the new Hyland Performance Arena. The front entrance will also be flanked by a set of white pillars, which is reminiscent of the classic design of the Sibley Hall front entrance.

The new campus center is also slated to break ground this year; it will be located next to Harlen Hunter Stadium.



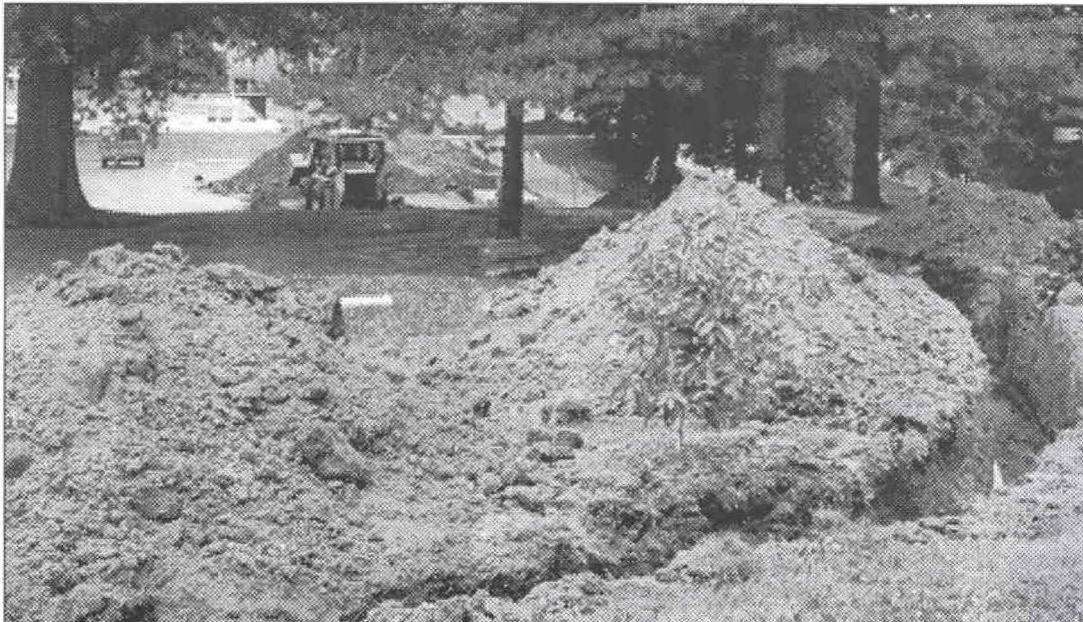
**The entryway for the new residence halls will be open and airy and will include classic design elements.**



## Wiring improvements part of a busy summer at Lindenwood

A major, high voltage upgrade to the campus' electrical distribution system is taking place among a flurry of projects being done on Lindenwood's campus this summer. All electrical feeds to every building on campus, as well as transformers and electrical boxes, are being replaced with newer and more modern equipment that will make the overall system more reliable and easier to service.

"This new electrical service will handle our

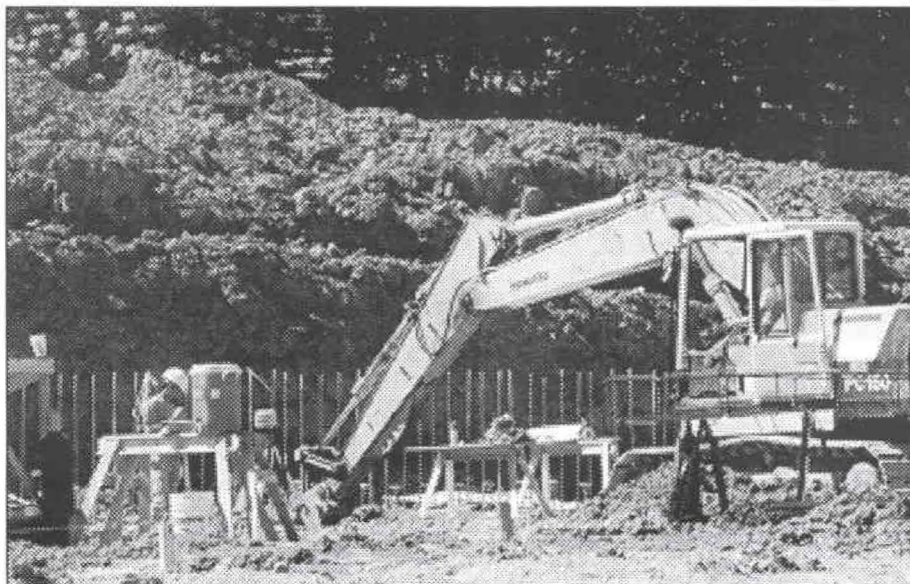


**The early part of summer saw scenes like this all around campus. What appeared to be an invasion by enormous moles was really the initial stages of a massive, high voltage wiring project on campus.**

needs well into the 21st century," said Brett Barger, director of operations for Lindenwood. "The new lines will be able to handle higher loads and will be more efficient. The state-of-the-art system will also be easier to maintain."

The project started in May, and the first phase consists of the installation of plastic pipe throughout the entire route of the electrical distribution system. Later, the new wiring will be fed through the PVC pipe. Barger said the overall project is slated for completion next summer.

"It's a long process that will take a lot of work," Barger said. "It will be worth it, though. We will continue to see the benefits of this new system for years to come."



**Construction on two new residence halls was also a factor in a busy summer at Lindenwood.**



## Athletic teams excited about replacement of old Astroturf

### New turf at stadium will provide look, feel of natural playing surface

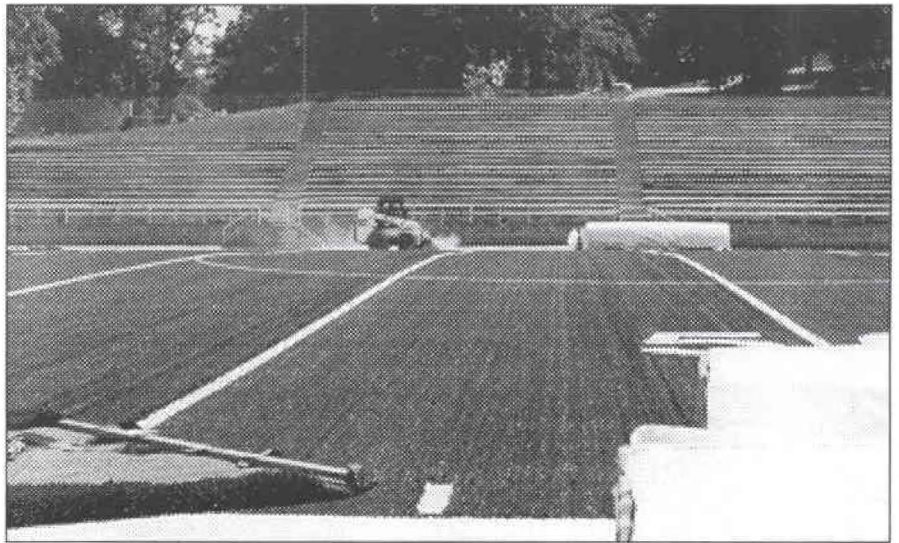
Lindenwood's artificial turf in the Harlen Hunter Stadium has long been an attraction for prospective football and soccer players who wanted experience playing on an artificial surface.

This year, however, the football field, as well as the infield on the softball field, are getting a facelift with the installation of a new, state-of-the-art artificial turf that looks and feels like real grass.

The new turf, called Astroplay, was created by the Astroturf Company and is being installed this summer. The Astroturf Company, of Texas, also installed the artificial surface in the TWA Dome in St. Louis.

"This is a completely new product," said Brett Barger, Lindenwood director of operations. "It's non-abrasive and is the closest duplication of real grass on the market."

Unlike the old turf, which was about 10 years old, the new surface will be extended all the way to the fences around the



**The new, state-of-the-art surface being installed at the Harlen Hunter Stadium, called Astroplay, is the closest approximation of real grass in an artificial turf.**

football field, replacing the grass that used to be there as well. On the softball field the turf replaces a dirt and grass infield.

"It looks great," Barger said. "It is also more forgiving and should cut down on injuries. Plus, it was more cost-effective than replacing it with the same thing that used to be there."

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Dan Kratzer said he is looking forward to

working on the new surface.

"We're extremely excited about this," Kratzer said. "It's a user-friendly surface, and from everything I've seen, it's going to work out extremely well for us. I think our athletes are really going to like it."

In addition to football and soccer, field hockey will also be played in the Harlen Hunter Stadium in the fall season this year.

## Butler Library to link with statewide computer catalog system

For all of Butler Library's classic ambiance, technology is playing a larger and larger role in the building these days.

The library recently joined a state-wide consortium of colleges and universities who are all using the same card catalog software and which will eventually be linked together. Lindenwood is currently converting its volumes to a machine-

readable format and is scheduled to be on line in early 2001.

Also available on campus is a selection of online databases called EBSCOhost, through which users have access to dozens of research databases and more than 1,000 periodicals and newspapers. EBSCOhost is accessible through the library homepage on the Lindenwood web site.



## Arts . . .

### LU theatre season to feature wide range of comedy, drama, music

The theatre should offer a new and different experience with each turn, and Lindenwood's 1999-2000 Mainstage Season does just that with a witty comedy, a holiday classic, a musical from the pen of Neil Simon, and a 2500-year-old Greek tragedy.

The season opens on Oct. 7 with "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. This smart comedy is emblematic of Wilde's incredible wit and intelligence and is a fitting way to observe the 100th anniversary of his death.

A mirror of the playwright's life, "Earnest" is full of joy, paradox and love and is the perfect way to open the mainstage season. The play will be performed at 8 p.m. on Oct. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 in Jelkyl Theatre in Roemer Hall.

It wouldn't be Christmas at Lindenwood without the annual production of "A Christmas Carol," based on Charles Dickens' story of a jaded old man who finds the true meaning of Christmas. A tradition at Lindenwood, "A Christmas Carol" is suitable for the whole family.

It will be performed at 8 p.m. on Nov. 18, 19 and 20 and Dec. 2, 3, and 4 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 at Jelkyl Theatre.

The Theatre Program will bolt into spring with "Sweet Charity," the musical story of a naive

working girl, Charity Valentine, that features memorable songs like "Hey, Big Spender," "Rhythm of Life" and "If They Could See Me Now."

"Sweet Charity" features songs by Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields and book by the inimitable Neil Simon. It will be performed at 8 p.m. on March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at Jelkyl Theatre.

The season concludes with the haunting Greek tragedy "Antigone," by Sophocles. Written in the 5th century B.C., this timeless play explores the responsibilities of individual beliefs against political authority. In the year 2000, "Antigone" is just as poignant and meaningful as it was in the 5th century B.C.

"Antigone" will be performed at 8 p.m. on April 27, 28 and 29 and May 4, 5 and 6.

For the general public, ticket prices for "Earnest," "Christmas Carol" and "Antigone" are \$6 for adults and \$3 for non-Lindenwood students and senior citizens. Tickets for "Sweet Charity" are \$10 for adults and \$5 for non-Lindenwood students and seniors.

Tickets to all stage productions at Lindenwood are free to Lindenwood students and may be reserved at the Lindenwood box office.

## News . . .

### Summer classroom renovations highlight preparations for fall

Last summer was filled with activity as classrooms in Roemer and Young Halls were renovated, and this summer has been just as busy.

Four smart classrooms have been added in Roemer Hall with improved presentation and instruction technology like those added in a number of rooms in Young Hall last year. Additionally, all the classroom

floors in Roemer, more than 20 this summer, are being returned to their original wood surface.

In Young, a new structured computer lab has been added for classes that utilize in-class computer work, and the biology lab in room 206 has been renovated with completely new equipment.

Some rooms in Young

are being equipped with new audio-visual equipment, and many Young classrooms are receiving new desks.

"We're doing a lot of things this summer that will make for a better learning culture at Lindenwood," said Jeanne Murabito, dean of academic services. "At the same time, we are working to retain the campus' historic flavor.



## Excitement is building for LU fall sports season

By the time the snow started to fly last year, Lindenwood had completed its most successful fall sports season in school history.

Every one of Lindenwood's fall teams posted a winning record and competed in the post season. Four teams competed in national competition.

Men's cross country finished second in the nation, overall, and women's soccer came within one game of playing in the national championship game.

With a wealth of new talent across the board, as well as a strong slate of returning athletes, 1999's fall sports teams are looking to repeat and build on their success from last year.

In addition, a new sport, women's field hockey, will be welcomed to Lindenwood this fall.

The fall coaches are looking forward to a returning solid nucleus of players, as well as the fruits of an abundant recruiting season to build on the success of

last year:

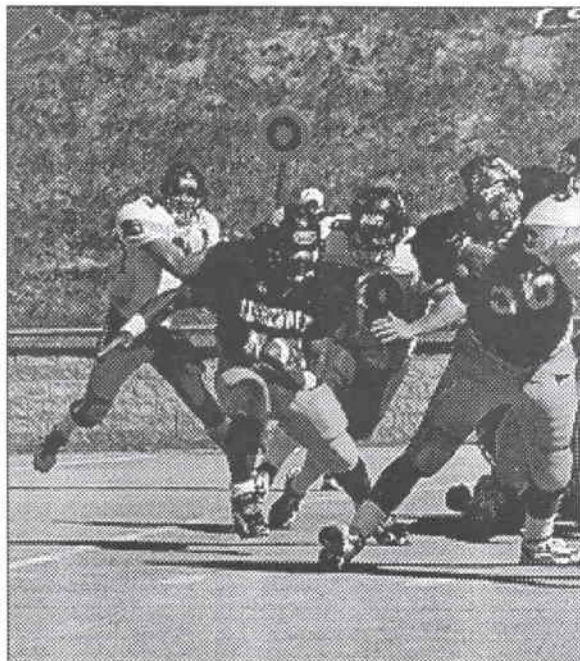
- Football—The Lions of the gridiron had their breakthrough season last year following three straight four-win seasons.

The team finished 8-2 in the regular season and competed in nationals for the first time ever.

- Women's soccer had yet another dominating season, finishing with a final record of 18-3-3. The women made it all the way to the semi-final game in the national championships.

- Men's soccer finished with a record of 15-9 after winning the conference tournament and a loss in the second round of the Midwest Regional Tournament.

- The men's and women's cross country teams both breezed to victory at conference,



**The Lions of the gridiron had their best season in team history last fall and expect this year to be even better.**

after which the men came in second place at nationals and the women came in 11th.

- Volleyball finished with a 7-2 record in conference and a 25-13 record overall before falling to the top ranked team in the nation in the Midwest Regional playoffs.

With almost all of his players returning this fall, coach Dave Witter hopes his players can expand on their fine performance.

- In a precursor to their success in the spring, the tennis teams had a fruitful fall season in which the women were undefeated in dual competition and the men suffered just one lost meet.



**A perennial powerhouse, the Lindenwood women's soccer team is aiming for another trip to nationals in '99.**



## New student activities staff will strive to keep students informed

Rebirth is in the air at LU. The linden trees are beaming with vibrant green life, buildings are being renovated and the Campus Life staff is being rejuvenated with new members. Next year promises to be exciting because of the addition of Glen Waring, student activities director, and S. Eric Ketzer, assistant activities director.

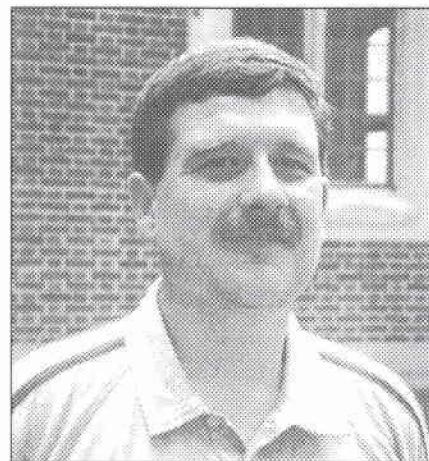
Waring has spent the last 14 years as a pastor for churches throughout the southern Missouri/Arkansas region. "I am extremely proud to be at Lindenwood," Waring said. "This is a beautiful campus filled with history and life. I can't wait to see the thousands of students get involved with campus activities."

Ketzer (BA '99), on the other hand, is an alumnus of Lindenwood and 1999's Student of the Year and Sibley Award recipient. According to him, one of the major goals of the activities staff is to keep the students informed of campus

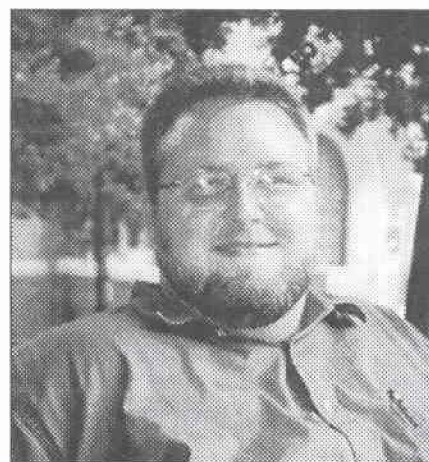
events.

"If I have to make personal phone calls to each student, I will, but seriously, promoting and marketing events will be my primary goal," Eric said. "Next year we are planning to do Weekly Wednesday Announcements. This is for the students who aren't visually receptive. Also, we intend to establish an 'Activities Info Line,' so students can call for up-to-date information on various campus functions. And we are going to mount a 4-foot-by-8-foot dry erase board in Butler Centre, which will list current events and upcoming activities. If these methods fail, I guess I'll start dialing."

With these two unique and innovative leaders working together, this may be the best year at Lindenwood ever. If you have an suggestions for the activities staff, feel free to call them at 949-4980.



**Glen Waring—Student Activities Director**



**S. Eric Ketzer—Assistant Student Activities Director**

## Lindenwood biology team continues work on Mississippi wetland area

A Lindenwood biology team is working hard this summer on a 10-acre wetland near Orchard Farm, establishing nature trails and returning its to its natural state.

Work on the area has kicked into high gear lately because of the dedication of a group of Lindenwood students and their supervisor, Dr. Daryl Anderson of the Lindenwood biology faculty.

Anderson said the area was acquired by St. Charles County after the '93 flood. Lindenwood was contracted in 1994 to maintain the area as a

natural wetland, and work began at the site in 1995.

"We've been replanting trees, because the flood killed a lot of the trees, and we've been building nature trails," Anderson said. She said the group has also been keeping the area free of debris.

Anderson said she would like to see an outdoor classroom established at the site for biology classes and other disciplines. She said she could imagine the area used as a field trip site, as well as for Boy Scout and Girl Scout tours.