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By: Tiare' Vaughn

The Black Student Leadership Union is hosting a Greek Forum on March 4, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium on the Lindenwood University-Belleville campus. There will be representatives from different Greek fraternities/sororities presenting their own unique histories. The different organizations will also be available to answer any questions that students may have.

Lindenwood University-Belleville is working to have Greek Life on its campus starting in the fall of 2011. The Greek Forum will give students the opportunity to show the organizations that there is an interest on campus for Greek societies.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiare' Vaughn, president of the Black Student Leadership Union, via email at tlv760@lionmail.lindenwood.edu. Please come out and learn more about the potential Greek chapters that are interested in establishing themselves here.

Lindenwood University - Belleville



NEW MEETING TIMES

BSLU will have meetings every Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in M219.



CROSS COUNTRY

LINDENWOOD BELLEVILLE

Cross-Country Signs Four for 2011

By Brad Cygan

Head cross-country coach Chad Fournie is reaping the rewards of a successful inaugural season at Lindenwood University - Belleville. Fournie recently announced the signing of four new runners for the 2011 season.

This past season, both men's and women's teams placed in the top 15 in the USCAA. The upcoming season could be even brighter. Both teams last year were comprised of dual-sport athletes. For the team next season, Fournie has been able to add members who have been recruited specifically for their running ability. "We had a great year, but I'm very

excited about the talent that we have added so far for next season," said Fournie.

All four runners are from Illinois and will add great experience to the teams. Jake Peal from Bethalto, Ill., was named as Alton Road Runners "Runner of the Year" in 2010 and will add quite a bit of speed to the team. For the last two seasons, the runner from Civic Memorial High School was switching off between the team's number one and two slots and has the opportunity to make a name for himself in the USCAA. Last year, Peal was named to the All Madison County running team.

Jared White from Salem, Ill., comes to Lindenwood - Belleville with a lot of upside. White was one of the top runners at both regionals

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Women's Club LU-Belleville

By Tiare' Vaughn

The Women's Club of Lindenwood-Belleville (WCLB) is an organization that is open to ALL students of Lindenwood University-Belleville. The Club will focus on issues that pertain to women and their everyday lives in terms of academic achievement, social issues, and family.

The Women's Club pledges to provide its members with

academic support, opportunities for social activities that focus on women's issues, entertainment and family activities, as well as volunteer opportunities throughout the Metro East.

Meetings for the WCLB will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room M219. We are looking for officers for the group. If you are interested, please contact Tiare' Vaughn via email at tlv760@lionmail.lindenwood.edu. We look forward to seeing you there!



ALUMNI PINNING 2010



Do you love Lindenwood-Belleville and want to earn additional funds toward your tuition?

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Lindenwood-Belleville Opens New Student Counseling Resource Center



By Dr. Therese Chavaux-Turnbull

It is with great excitement that the Counseling Department is opening the new Student Counseling Resource Center (SCRC). After several months of construction, the Counseling Department is opening the new Student Counseling Resource Center (SCRC) with two private consultation rooms for individual and group sessions. Topics such as stress management, coping skills, conflict resolution, personality assessment, and balancing school, work, and life are offered through personal counseling. Career counseling services with state-of-the-art software are also available to assist with preparing resumes, cover letters, and researching employment. Mock interview sessions may also be scheduled.

Drs. Sarah Patterson-Mills and Therese Chavaux-Turnbull from the School of Education and Department of Counseling will supervise and directly assist the clinical and career counseling concerns. Graduate-level counseling department interns will consult with students to offer support and counseling as needed. Ron Helvey, graduate assistant and counseling department student, will be the coordinator for the center. He can be reached at 618.239.6161.

All services in the SCRC are private and confidential. There is no charge for these services to students, and the SCRC offers convenient hours for day and evening students. The center is located in Room M107, Main Building, on the Lower Level next to Matt's Café.

We anticipate providing the services that LU-Belleville students need to perform well in life and in making informed decisions about academic and career choices. Stop by for a tour, visit, or with questions regarding our services.

See you Soon!



Ready for Spring?

School of Education Expands to Undergrads

By Jenna Todoroff

The education program at Lindenwood — Belleville is no longer only for graduate students.

The School of Education and the Department of Counseling, known in the past as a gateway for those looking to pursue a master's degree in Education, was approved this fall to offer undergraduate degrees in elementary education.

In this new daytime program, students must fulfill 128 credit hours and complete 16 weeks of student teaching. They will earn their initial teaching certification from Mis-



Steve Suess
Education Coordinator
for Graduate Studies

souri and then, after successfully completing two tests in Illinois, will be eligible for Illinois certification. This opportunity makes Lindenwood-Belleville education students marketable on both sides of the river.

Steve Suess, coordinator for the School of Education, says this new addition has been a long time coming. The school is seeing rapid growth because there wasn't an undergraduate program in the past.

"People have been asking us, 'When are you going to get an elementary education program?'" he says. "By next fall, (the number of registered students) will double."

In order to accommodate the new program, LU-Belleville hired two new faculty members: Dr. Greg Moats, former superintendent of Belleville District 201, is now the new clinical coordinator for the program, and Mrs. Stephanie Yearian is the advisor to all undergraduate elementary education students.

The School of Education will continue to offer its four master's degree programs: a Master of Arts in Education for those already certified, a Master of Arts in Education Administration for certified students looking to become principals, a Master of Arts in Teaching for those who have an undergraduate degree in something other than education, and finally, a specialist program for educators who already have a master's degree but want to become a superintendent.

Suess says that students who have graduated from Lindenwood-Belleville with a master's degree in Education are experiencing high placement in the education field. That rate of success will spill over into the undergraduate program.

"Education is the key to any path that people choose in life," Suess says. "I think the fact that we have students who are passionate about becoming teachers and administrators speaks very well for the vision of the University, which is to create lifelong learners."

Do you love Lindenwood-Belleville and want to earn additional funds toward your tuition?

Become a Student Ambassador

Lindenwood-Belleville is currently interviewing for Student Ambassadors. Multiple positions are available for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

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By Dawn Waller

Did you know that the Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy (IMSA) has a Field Office located in room 217 at Lindenwood University-Belleville?

What is IMSA?

As a teaching and learning laboratory and state agency created by the State of Illinois, IMSA has two charges: (1) to enroll academically talented Illinois students (grades 10-12) in its advanced, residential college preparatory program in Aurora, Ill.; and (2) to stimulate excellence in mathematics and science education across Illinois. Through its second charge, IMSA's Office of Professional Field Services serves thousands of educators and students in Illinois and beyond through innovative instructional programs that foster imagination and inquiry. IMSA advances education through research, groundbreaking ventures, and strategic partnerships.

Illinois is fortunate to be one of a handful of states in the U.S. to have an institution for advanced study in mathematics, science, and technology that serves secondary school students in its residential program as well as Illinois teachers and elementary and middle school students through Field Service programs.

Through work with IMSA students, staff, and faculty as well as partnerships with preeminent scien-

tific and educational institutions, IMSA is able to unite the best knowledge of how people learn with input from the greatest minds in mathematics, science, and technology. This helps to make the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy a leader in mathematics and science teaching and learning. IMSA is focused on enabling learners to acquire, generate, and use knowledge for life in the real world.

If all of this knowledge was not shared throughout Illinois and beyond, IMSA would not be satisfying its promise nor its possibilities for all teachers and students in the state. Professional Field Services exists for this very reason—to share instructional models and mathematics and science programs that inspire teachers and students and have practical applications for Illinois classrooms.

One manner in which this is done is through the utilization of Field Offices located in Belleville, Edwardsville, Chicago, and Rock Island. These Field Offices are designed to expand science, technology, and mathematics programs and services for Illinois schools, teachers, and students. The Field Offices deliver IMSA's enrichment programs for students and professional development programs for educators. The offices also collaborate with local organizations to offer joint programs.



How IMSA is Establishing Presence in the Metro East

In early January, Dawn Waller became the new IMSA Metro East Field Office Coordinator serving Madison and St. Clair counties. Waller works in the St. Clair County office in Room 217 in the Main Building of the Lindenwood-Belleville campus. She also maintains the Madison County office located in the Madison County Regional Office of Education in Edwardsville.

Waller is a native of Belleville and attended Belleville West High School. Just prior to starting at IMSA, Waller worked for the University of Illinois Extension with the 4-H program for ten years in Madison and St. Clair counties as a Youth Development Educator.

Waller developed and delivered 4-H programming for youth and families in military and civilian communities. She also supported the volunteers who assisted in program delivery. Waller said, "I am looking forward to learning the needs of both students and teachers in the areas of math and science. Please don't hesitate to contact me to introduce yourself and share your thoughts with me."

Waller is looking forward to making many contacts in the area and getting started with great programs. In the event you don't catch Waller in her office, please leave her a note on the whiteboard just outside her door, email her at dwaller@imsa.edu, or phone her at 618-791-3855.

Looking for someone who gets Work and Learn hours to help sell ads for the Lynx Tale newspaper.

Please contact John Wunderlich at

jwunderlich@lindenwood.edu

Get The Word Out!

Colloquium SPEAKERS UPDATE

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
Room M205,
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Prepping for Success"
Tips for appearance,
dress, ringtones, etc.

Presented by Dr. Todd Mick - Lindenwood University-Belleville, Department Chair & Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship

Thursday, March 3, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Cooling Your Jets"
(self-care for busy people)

Presented by Dr. Sarah Patterson-Mills and Dr. Therese Chavaux-Turnbull, Lindenwood University-Belleville, Professional and School Counseling

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Writing for Success"
Cover letters, thank you letters, etc.

Presented by Dr. Todd Mick - Lindenwood University-Belleville, Department Chair & Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship

Thursday, March 10, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Energy, Security and Terrorism"

Presented by Major General William Enyart, Illinois National Guard

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Creating a Successful Resume"
Tips for producing an effective
and eye-catching resume

Presented by Dr. Todd Mick - Lindenwood University-Belleville, Department Chair & Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"I'd Rather Bungee Jump
than Speak to a Group"

Presented by "Dr. Joe" Joseph Craig, Speaker/Trainer/Health Coach-On Purpose Institute

Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Interviewing for Success: Tips for Leaving
a Lasting, Positive Impression"

Presented by Dr. Todd Mick - Lindenwood University-Belleville, Department Chair & Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship

Thursday, March 24, 2011 • Room M205, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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For advertising opportunities, please contact John Wunderlich at jwunderlich@lindenwood.edu.

LYNX ATHLETICS

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Honoring Coaches and Players from High School Days

By Stephanie Coartney

Lindenwood University-Belleville hosted former Belleville Township High School and Belleville West High School coaches and players from across the country during its Maroons on Main event on Saturday, February 5, 2011.

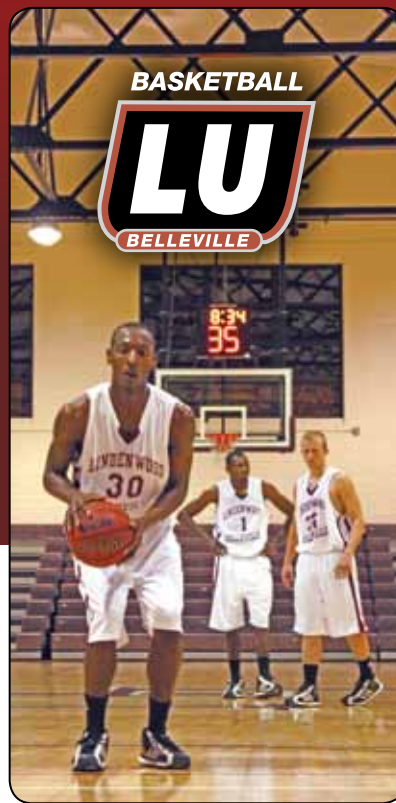
The event began with a Lindenwood men's home basketball game against Principia College. Broadcast live by Dave Ballone and 1190 KQQZ, it proved to be the highest scoring game in Lindenwood-Belleville history as the Lynx beat the Panthers 108-74.

During halftime, the former BTHS and BWHS coaches and players were recognized for their accomplishments, and coaches Jerry Turner, Dave Shannahan, Roger Mueller, and Bill Schmidt were presented with a commemorative plaque now on display in the fitness center. All living coaches from the two schools were present for the event, as well

as more than 300 fans and BTHS and BWHS alumni from as far back as the class of 1936.

Guests and alumni toured the renovated gymnasium and had the option of purchasing walkway bricks with their names on them or naming lockers in the gymnasium locker room. Following the game, players and coaches were treated to a reception with food and refreshment provided by Big Daddy's of Belleville.

"It was a great opportunity for us to honor the coaches and players who accomplished so much on this historic campus," said Mary Radcliff, assistant vice president and executive director of community relations at Lindenwood-Belleville. "We hope that by naming a locker or walkway brick, BTHS and BWHS alumni will continue to feel connected to the campus and the mission that we are fulfilling at Lindenwood-Belleville."



Lynx Win in Final Home Game of Season

By Brad Cygan

Lindenwood-Belleville exploded for 59 first-half points against Principia and cruised to a 108-74 victory. Playing in front of a packed house, the Lynx put on an offensive display in the first half, shooting 72 percent from the floor. Junior LaQuan Pierce was outstanding from start to finish, netting 23 points for the game.

Principia College, primarily a three-point shooting team, was off the mark. The team went 3-19 from three-point range in the first half, aiding the Lynx to create such a high scoring contest.

The game was also home to two separate events. Senior day festivities were held prior to the game where Florissant, Mo., native Rashad May was honored as the team's lone senior. May had a great game, recording 11 points, five rebounds, and four assists.

The second event, titled "Maroons on Main," honored past Belleville Township and Belleville West High School basketball players. Nearly 200 alumni were in attendance as every living coach from the school was brought back out onto the court at halftime. Players that played for each coach stood and were recognized. This game marks the highest scoring contest for the Lynx in history.

VOLLEYBALL



Ken Sheehan
Head Coach

By Brad Cygan

The Lindenwood - Belleville men's volleyball program is led by head coach Ken Sheehan. Sheehan was appointed as head coach at the conclusion of the team's 2009-2010 inaugural season, and he will lead the Lynx in their second season in 2010-2011.

Sheehan comes to Lindenwood with a stellar volleyball resume. He began his coaching career at Belleville Area College (now Southwestern Illinois College) in 1994 as a student assistant coach. Throughout the next

Lindenwood-Belleville Hires First Head Baseball Coach

By Brad Cygan



The Lindenwood-Belleville Athletics Department has announced the hiring of Logan Johnson as the school's first head baseball coach.

Last semester, the school announced the addition of nine new athletic programs in the 2011-2012 school year. Baseball was one of the new additions and is the first to find a head coach.

"We are really happy to have Logan as our first baseball coach. He brings great experience to the program from his time working under Bill Kurich at Webster University," said Athletics Director Scott Spinner.

This will be Johnson's first experience as a head coach at the collegiate level. He has spent the previous five seasons as a pitching coach for Webster University, both on a volunteer basis and as head assistant coach. In 2010, Johnson helped the pitching staff to a number-one ranking in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in the NCAA D-III.

Johnson will be responsible for recruiting his team from scratch in his first season. Lynx baseball will begin play in the spring of 2012 in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.

several years, Sheehan had coaching stints with Southwestern Illinois Volleyball Club at the 15, 16, and 18 year-old levels. Since 2004, Sheehan has served as Assistant Club Director and Coach for Technique Men's Volleyball Club.

In addition to coaching, Sheehan has also played the game at a high level, receiving All-American honors at the 2006 Adult Men's Volleyball National Tournament and playing on several professional beach tours. Sheehan currently lives in O'Fallon, Ill., with his wife and children.

Coach Sheehan can be reached at (618) 239-6098 or via email at ksheehan@lindenwood.edu.



ATTENTION

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New Fitness Center Hours Spring 2011 Semester

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Men's 2011 Volleyball

Feb. 24	7:00 p.m.	Missouri Valley College
Feb. 27	8:30 a.m.	Lynx February Classic
Mar. 3	7:00 p.m.	Missouri Baptist
Mar. 14	7:00 p.m.	Fontbonne University
Mar. 15	6 & 7 p.m.	Lindenwood University
Mar. 16	6:00 p.m.	Hannibal LeGrange
Mar. 19	8:30 a.m.	Lindenwood University Invitational III
Mar. 24	7:00 p.m.	Missouri Valley College

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<http://belleville.lindenwood.edu/athletics/news.cfm>

Lindenwood-Belleville to Add Nine New Sports for 2011-2012



By Brad Cygan

Continuing its rapid growth, Lindenwood – Belleville announced that it will add nine new sports for the upcoming school year.

The University has come to an agreement with Lindenwood's main campus in St. Charles to add baseball, softball, table tennis, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's bowling, wrestling, and women's field hockey. The addition of the new sports will also include the addition of new full-time and part-time staff.

Baseball, women's field hockey, and women's lacrosse coaches will be new full-time positions and will split their time working with Admissions. Table tennis will also be among the newest full-time staffing additions and will split time working in International Admissions. Part-time positions will also be available for men's and women's bowling, wrestling, softball, and men's lacrosse coaches.

These additions mark one of the biggest moves of

the growing campus. The additional sports will require a significant recruitment effort for new students. Currently, the University has approximately 300 day students. That number is expected to expand with the addition of nearly 500 athletes alone by next school year.

While a home for baseball and softball is still to be determined, along with bowling, other new sports will be located on campus. Men's and women's lacrosse and field hockey will be housed at Lynx Stadium (current home of Althoff Catholic High School football). Men's and women's soccer teams will stay at their current location just behind the tennis courts. Wrestling matches will be played in the Lynx Arena.

Lindenwood-Belleville Athletics competes in the United States Collegiate Athletics Association. Currently, the University is ranked number one in the USCAA Director's Cup standings that rate each school's athletic success as a whole.



Cross-Country
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and sectionals last year. During the sectional meet, White ran an impressive 17:29 in the 5K to help his team to a 14th place finish.

Carie Keleman from Breese, Ill., is a transfer from Kaskaskia Community College and will be a welcome addition to the Lady Lynx. Keleman was a state qualifier for Breese Central High School in 2008. She was ranked as the most valuable runner in 2009 before graduating. Last year, she competed at the NJCAA national championship tournament for Kaskaskia Community College. Keleman posted a

time of 26:30 recently in the Chiro-Med 5K charity race in downtown Belleville.

Kalen Korta is a Belleville native who is a transfer from Missouri Baptist, where she competed on scholarship for both track and cross-country teams. Korta has a strong background that includes coaching experience at O'Fallon Baptist School for both junior high and high school teams. She posted a time of just under 26 minutes in the Chiro-Med 5K charity run in downtown Belleville.

Fall 2010 Sports Recap

By Brad Cygan



The first season with a full roster of sports in the USCAA has been quite successful for Lindenwood – Belleville. At the beginning of August, the school began competition in men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross-country, men's golf, and women's volleyball. By the end of the fall sports season, LU – Belleville had made a significant mark on the association.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Women's soccer made several strides. Senior Allison Fenster was named as a USCAA Player of the Week for recording her first hat trick of her college career against USCAA foe, Robert Morris Springfield, on Oct. 9. Fenster also scored the game winning goal, helping the team to win, 9-0. The team finished with a record of 4-9, and will have many of the starters returning next year.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's volleyball also completed a strenuous season and was a top-five team at times throughout the fall. Emily Randazzo shot to the top of the stat sheet on almost a nightly basis for the Lady Lynx, leading the team in kills. Ally Junge carried the load as one of the top setters in the USCAA while Madison Farrier quietly put together a very strong season. The team also received a bid for the national championship tournament and finished in 10th place in the country.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Men's and women's cross-country competed at the same time and showed that for a team comprised mostly of two-sport athletes, this team could compete with anyone. Both teams ran with some of the best talent in the area all season, running alongside larger and more developed programs at schools like Washington University and McKendree University. The result of competing at that level all season was a 10th place finish in the national championship tournament for the women and a 13th place finish for the men.



MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer began the year on a hot streak and never seemed to cool down. The team notched 43 goals in the regular season and held its opponents to only 14. By the end of the year, the team had made history, being the first team on campus to have an undefeated season. The players were rewarded with a bid to the USCAA national championship tournament at Vermont Tech where they placed third in the nation.



MEN'S GOLF

Men's golf played well over the course of the season, winning its first tournament against both Webster and McKendree University. Throughout the season, the men traveled all over Illinois and played top level NAIA talent. In October, the team played in the national championship tournament at Penn State University in State College, Pa. Over two demanding days of play, Lynx golf played tremendously and finished second in the nation. This marks the highest national finish of any team thus far.

All totaled in the fall, Lynx Athletics had five athletes named as USCAA Players of the Week and two named as All-American: Daniele Stabile (POTW, All-American), Brett Denap (All-American), Tyler Houck (POTW), Allison Fenster (POTW), Carlos Ocampo (POTW), and Genaro Fernandez (POTW).

The success also gained notoriety in the USCAA. Each year for the past six, the association has awarded the Director's Cup to the school with the most outstanding athletics program. After the fall 2010 standings were released, LU – Belleville sits in first place for the prestigious award.

Lindenwood-Belleville Signs First Female Golfer

By Brad Cygan



Lindenwood-Belleville announced the signing of its first female golfer, Mallory Cummings.

Cummings is from Salem, Ill., and is a 2008 graduate of Salem High School. She was a regional and sectional qualifier all four years. In her senior season, she was a state qualifier.

After high school, Cummings attended Rend Lake Community College, where

she helped the team to a fifth-place finish in both years attending the school.

Cummings is proud to be the first female golfer at LU – Belleville and hopes that she can assist in Lindenwood – Belleville recruiting process.

"I love the small feel of the school," Cummings said, "and I'm excited to help in the process of getting a team on the course next season."



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Switzerland



Turkey

International Students

By: Alex Halfmann

Lindenwood University-Belleville not only looks to grow its enrollment figures but also looks to attract students from all over the world. Currently, Lindenwood-Belleville hosts 17 international students from 14 different countries with 15 in the Day Admissions program. Associate Director of Day Admissions, Sandy Mulitsch, said international students are an important part of the education of all students in college. "Experiencing other cultures and diverse populations within the academic setting helps students become well rounded individuals who are better prepared for the workplace."

Colombia native, Catalina Albarracin Angulo, has been enjoying her time in the United States. The junior communication major first moved to the States in 2008 to pursue a better education. "If you get a degree outside of Colombia, you get better job options," Albarracin said. "I'm finally taking classes in my major. They are hard, but I enjoy them more than my general classes." Lindenwood - Belleville provides an opportunity in which Albarracin can pursue her love of soccer as well as obtain a strong education. "Here I can play soccer and study at the same time. If I were at home, I would have had to either play soccer or study so I had to make a decision." She says the soccer players "trust me, know me, and give me confidence," but at the same time they can make her miss her family. "At games, my friends' families are here, and I see all the families, and that makes me miss home."

Albarracin has gone home twice since moving to the States. However, she has become accustomed to the American way of life. She recalled one time when she returned to Colombia that she was home long enough to feel "out of place." Her biggest complaint about America is the food: both the flavor and the nutrition. Albarracin doesn't know if she wants to return to Colombia after graduation or not. "Wherever God takes me. I love my country. I like the United States. I've been praying a lot. It varies by day. Whatever He thinks is good for me."



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Inaugural Lindenwood University-Belleville Pinning Ceremony

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On December 11, 2010, Lindenwood-Belleville alums and their families gathered at the Lindenwood Auditorium to show their support and achievement as graduates of the campus. This wonderful day was celebrated with presentations by President James Evans, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Jann Weitzel, Ph.D., and Alumni Association President, Jan Lewien. Members of the Lindenwood Alumni Board of Directors, along with Belleville campus administration and the Lindenwood Alumni Office, were on hand to officially recognize these alums' achievements and assist with the official induction into the Lindenwood University Alumni family.

Lindenwood University-Belleville has graduated more than 1,000 students since it opened its doors in 2003, and those numbers are increasing at an impressive rate. Following the event was a reception in the newly renovated Welcome Center. This event gave Belleville alums a chance to reconnect with old friends and to learn about the upcoming alumni events and formation of the Belleville Alumni Club. We would like to thank our Belleville alums and their families for attending this event and for making it a success!



LU Blood Drive

Lindenwood University held a blood drive on Thursday, February 3, 2011. Shown are a couple of students who participated: Adalberto Hernandez Melissa Meirink.



SOFTBALL

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NOW RECRUITING FOR THE INAUGURAL LADY LYNX SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THE SPRING 2012 SEASON

Lindenwood-Belleville is searching for talented softball players to compete next season.

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BLSU

BLACK STUDENT LEADERSHIP UNION



Bottom left: Denise Chism (Creator)
Tiare' Vaughn (President)
Top left: Ranetta Ferguson (Secretary)
Rodney Atwater (Vice President)

By Tiare' Vaughn

The Black Leadership Student Union (BLSU) is an inclusive organization focused on the promotion of academic achievement and professionalism. Members will be introduced to a social environment and will have the opportunity to address issues that affect the urban community. We will hold meetings every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in M219. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop any of the officers and speak with them: Denise Chism, Tiare' Vaughn, Rodney Atwater, Ranetta Ferguson. We look forward to meeting everyone. The organization has some exciting upcoming events. Stay on the look-out for more information!

Have you visited the Belleville Campus Writing Lab?

We're on the lower level of the Main Building, Room M102-103, at the opposite end of the hall from Matt's Café.

The Writing Lab is a student resource available to help students develop a thesis and to organize an outline or rough draft. We will show you how to revise and edit, recognize areas that need rewording, and look up documentation, grammar rules, and definitions.

Bring your draft and instructor's requirements. Walk-ins are welcome on a first-come, first-serve basis, or you can call to arrange an appointment at 618-239-6077. We will also make every effort to assist students outside of the regular schedule whenever possible.

WRITING LAB HOURS UNTIL MARCH 21

- Mon. • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tues. • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. • 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Thur. • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Criminal Justice Program

By John Wunderlich

Last summer, Dr. Angela Wingo, Dean of Students at Lindenwood University-Belleville, came up with a plan to make the campus more secure. Current local police officers who are attending LU are now employed to work for their tuition as campus police. This is similar to the Work and Learn program already in place for our LU day students, but this program takes it to the next level by making the Belleville campus safer.



One of Lindenwood's police officers, Joe Wagner, states that the program is a great opportunity for him to get his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with no worry about accumulating a huge student loan that might take a number of years to pay back. He would also like to earn his master's degree in criminal justice.

Wagner, a full-time police officer - canine handler with the town of Millstadt, says it is sometimes a struggle to balance the workload. Working for the police department, going to school at LU for his bachelor's degree, and making sure he fulfills his requirements to patrol the LU campus leaves little personal time. Along with his other duties, Wagner also works for the St. Clair County Police Department as a part-time dispatcher while finding time to take shifts as an EMT for the volunteer EMS ambulance in Millstadt.

As one would imagine, Officer Wagner's schedule has some drawbacks. There is not a lot of free time, but at the beginning of each month, he sits down and makes out his schedule for the month. Wagner makes sure that he has at least one day a week to do what he wants: rest.

Wagner says that even though it is a lot of work, he knows in the end, it will all be rewarding and worth all the hard work.



Lindenwood University-Belleville Begins Student Ambassador Program

By RaShad May

Two student athletes, RaShad May (junior) and Todd Starks (sophomore), along with their professor, Katie Davis, created a student ambassador program in conjunction with the Lindenwood University-Belleville admissions department. Student tours will begin on a part-time basis with a full-time ambassador staff providing tours by this fall.

"A group of hand-selected students will be in charge of taking prospective students on a fun and informative tour of our growing campus," said May. "As a Lindenwood-Belleville student, I believe this school has a lot to offer undergraduate and graduate students. Student-led tours will help our school grow and reach its full potential."

May and Starks spent an intersession semester building the ambassador program from the ground up. They used the St. Charles campus as a template and added their own inventive skills to create a dynamic touring program.

May and Starks are basketball players at LU-Belleville, and this is their first year attending the university. By creating the student ambassador program, May and Starks demonstrate the

opportunity that all students at Lindenwood-Belleville have to help build the framework of their campus and create lasting programs and traditions for future generations of students. As Scott Spinner, athletics director for Lindenwood-Belleville, said, the university is in the stage of "tradition under construction."

Those interested in touring the campus with a student ambassador can stop by the location at 2600 West Main Street or call ahead at 618-239-6000. Tours will be available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lindenwood University, founded in 1827, is an independent liberal arts university based in St. Charles, Mo., with campuses located throughout the St. Louis Metro Area, including Belleville, Ill. Lindenwood University-Belleville offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business administration, communication, criminal justice, health management, and human resource management, as well as graduate degrees in education, educational administration, educational specialist, and professional counseling.



What is a Knuffle Bunny?



By Stephanie Yearian

What is a Knuffle Bunny? Knuffle is a Dutch word meaning “Snuggle.” My eldest son had a knuffle “blanke” for comfort. My granddaughters are soothed by knuffling small blankets that my youngest son refers to as “woobies” (*Mr. Mom*, 1983). Does this bring back memories of security toys in your own childhood?

Reassuring is exactly what Knuffle Bunny is to Mo Willems lead character, Trixie, in the Caldecott Honor Award winning book (2005) *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*. Willems says Knuffle can be pronounced anyway the reader prefers; however, because of the West Germanic accent language, it is with a hard “K.”

In May of 2010, this popular children’s book was developed into a screen play by Willems and was performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Lindenwood gave local students, grades K-6, a wonderful opportunity on Jan. 18, 19, and 20 by hosting the Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences on Tour.

The story seems so simple, just a quick, first trip to the Laundromat with Daddy (Brian Sutow) and Daddy’s little girl, Trixie (Tia Shearer), accompanied by her beloved Knuffle Bunny. When Trixie unknowingly loses her stuffed friend, she sings a sorrowful song composed completely in babble by Grammy Award winner Michael Silversher. Trixie’s mother, portrayed by Jennifer Timberlake, sets her confused husband straight, and the family returns to the Laundromat. The hunt for the missing Knuffle Bunny is hilariously entertaining with gigantic dancing underwear, socks, and enchanting snake-like garments.

In total, more than 2,000 children attended the three-day event and came from schools in Alton, Belleville, Fairview Heights, Smithton, South Roxana, and Waterloo.

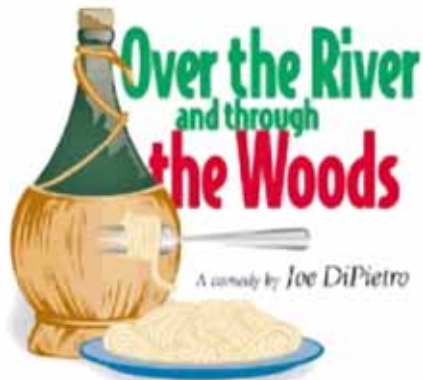
“I was impressed how a short picture book was brought to life with the music and songs, which all made it interesting for the kids,” said Waterloo kindergarten teacher Courtney McRoberts. “The play was well done, and the children laughed! When we returned to school, they were excited to write about the performance. We didn’t just read the book, we personally experienced the story, and the play gave a different view through the artistic interpretation with the big bunny and dancing laundry.”

Unfortunately, with a snow day for three of the schools on Thursday, the last two performances were canceled and ticket charges were refunded.

Meeting the company while they packed to move to another venue in St. Louis, I found the strong performance of “Dad” actually emanated from an attractive, shy man. Trixie was portrayed by a young twenty-something, although she was completely convincing on stage as a toddler. This experience increased my admiration of the theater.



Spring Comedy: “Over the River and Through the Woods” by Joe Di Pietro. A heart-warming comedy on family ties. Performance dates: April 7-10, 14-17. Auditions: February 27-28.



March 3-5 & 10-12, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
Bezemes Family Theater
Lindenwood St. Charles Campus

One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, URINETOWN, is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities regulated by a single, malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity’s most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he’s had enough and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom! Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, this production is coming to the Bezemes Family Theater at Lindenwood-St. Charles on March 3-5 and 10-12. Don’t miss it! Call the Box Office at 636-949-4433 to reserve your tickets.



Local Business Discount List

LINDENWOOD-BELLEVILLE

Enjoy discounts at these local businesses in Belleville when you present a valid student ID.

PASTA HOUSE COMPANY
Receive 20% OFF

COLD STONE · 10% OFF

FISCHER'S RESTAURANT
10% OFF for Commuters
25% OFF for Residents

LINCOLN JUG · 15% OFF

LINCOLN THEATRE
Buy 1 Large Drink & Get
1 Small Popcorn FREE

Contact Student Services for coupons for the following businesses :

FAMILY VIDEO
THE EDGE

Meal Plan Changes

From the staff at Roy-el Catering

Salad Bar will be available Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Soup will be served with the salad bar at lunch time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Potato bar will be served with the salad bar at dinner on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday’s dinner will have a buffet pasta & salad bar. Sunday will continue to be buffet style.

In addition to this, we are going to start offering a second entree for the students at no charge. After students finish their first meal, they will be able to come back for a second entree. We will require the students to eat in the cafe for this option; carry outs will not be permitted. This will only be available for the meal plan students, not students that purchase the daily meal.

ATTENTION
Students

Coming This Spring 2011
Film Series
Dodge Ball Tournament
&
Wild Out Wednesday
Talent Show

Ready for Spring?



Lindenwood-Belleville students take advantage of the unseasonably warm weather on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Temperatures in the St. Clair County area reached around 66°, giving everyone a little break from the winter weather.