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Lindenwood Goes International

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by Tracie Kester / 10

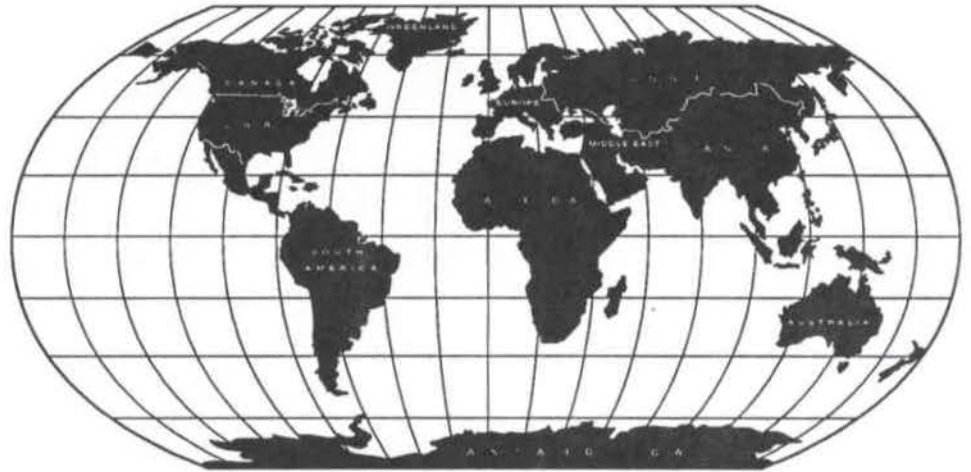
America is nicknamed the great Melting Pot because of its cultural diversity. Lindenwood carries on this tradition as host this year to 76 international students from over 26 countries around the world.

How did Lindenwood attract so many international students? Well, students from other countries can find out about Lindenwood by many means. There are advisory centers set up kind of like libraries where students can go and look into American colleges in school catalogues like the *Peterson's Guide*. Another way is what Rachel Driskill, international admissions counselor, calls "arm chair recruiting."

"Arm chair recruiting is when I call people I already know and send out letters," Driskill said. "Lindenwood alumni that were international students have also been extremely helpful."

Junior David McAdam and his roommate, sophomore Martin Bradley, are both from Northern Ireland and found out about Lindenwood through a program that sent 19 students to various schools across the United States.

"There were three of us that went to Missouri, one to Missouri Valley and two to Lindenwood," McAdam said. "When we were chosen to come



to Lindenwood, the program gave us information about the school before we left and we thought it sounded interesting."

Both McAdam and Bradley are majoring in business administration while here. "I'm halfway through a construction program back in Ireland," McAdam explained. "I came to Lindenwood to learn about economics and marketing so I can tell others." This way, McAdam can learn about both the technical and the business side of construction.

When McAdam and Bradley arrived, it was Lindenwood's campus that first got their attention. "We thought the campus was nice and very wide open," McAdam said.

In fact, Lindenwood's campus is one of the main attractions for many foreign exchange students.

"I really liked the old fashioned campus," Dora Tcholakova from Bulgaria, said. "It reminded me of Europe."

Lindenwood was not Tcholakova's first experience in America, however. She was a foreign exchange student her last semester of high school in

Festus, Missouri. After finishing at Festus, Tcholakova decided to attend St. Charles Community College. Her host mother participated in Lindenwood's LCIE program and that is how Tcholakova and Lindenwood were finally introduced.

"Right now I am majoring in math, but," she said smiling, "I don't know if I will stay with this major." Like most college students, Tcholakova finds it difficult to narrow all of her interests into one chosen major.

Lindenwood also tries to help international students come to the school by making it financially accessible the same way it does with American students. It bases its aid on academic ability and economic need.

"I received a very good scholarship through Lindenwood and I cover the rest through the Work and Learn program and with my job at *Subway*," Tcholakova explained.

The agency from which McAdam is associated with talked to the college about his financial needs and Lindenwood agreed to waive his fees.

Some international programs offer their own scholarships and scholastic

Upcoming musical reflects current trends

by Marijean Jagers

The theatre department's showing of *Chicago* promises to give the audience a show filled with a whole lot of go, namely crime, dance, and passion, all symbols of our modern day society.

Chicago is a dark, cynical musical written by Bob Fosse and Fred Ebb in 1975 as a response to Watergate. *Chicago*, with energetic, jazzy music by John Kander, is set in 1920s Chicago where our two criminals commit crimes of passion. Their flashy lawyer utilizes sympathy from the press in their



defense. Director Bryan Reeder says, "I think this is a relevant musical because of how America glamorizes criminals, and our love affair with scandal. This show has given the students a chance to do some new things. This is the first time in a long time we've been able to incorporate jazz dance." Reeder also said that each member of the chorus has a chance to tell their own story and that the entire cast sings, dances and acts as well.

The *Chicago* cast includes: Karin Hansen as Roxie, Gina Bond as Velma, Ted Gregory as Billy Flynn, Kate Cuba

as the matron, and Jim Akman as Amos. The male chorus is comprised of: Steve Fite, Brit Johnson, Jason Miller, Brian Peters, and Michael Sonderegger. Female chorus members are: Cynthia Carter, Sarah Elbert, Mary Freitag, Carrie Roberts, Stacy Snyder, and Sarah Yunker.

The musical features a twelve-piece band assembled by Mike Davis. Tim Hearn is the musical director. Bond and Chad Little are in charge of choreography, Niki Juncker the costumes, Donnell Walsh the set design, E.W. Winship the lighting, and Ann Trimberger is the stage manager.

Chicago carries an "S" rating for "scandalous and salacious" because the musical contains adult language and mature situations. *Chicago* will be playing in Jelkyl Theatre March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and April 1 at 8 p.m. LC students, faculty and staff each receive two complementary tickets.

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loans. Norwegian Eirik Heen is involved with an exchange program that helps him pay for his schooling by part loan and part scholarship.

Like Tcholakova, Heen was a foreign exchange student before coming to Lindenwood. Heen graduated from St. Charles West High School in 1987. He went on to attend a media school in Norway that offered an exchange program with a college in Chicago. But Chicago was very expensive, so Heen and his fellow Norwegian Sven Skjold packed their books and headed to Lindenwood to participate in its communications program.

Driskill said she is anxious to see the international program grow and attract more students from other countries. "We even have a couple runners from Kenya, one who says he wants to represent Lindenwood in the Olympics," Driskill said excitedly.

Driskill hopes more international advertising will interest future foreign exchange students and that the College can become more prepared to help its new students with the culture shock each of them will face.

"When a student comes over here," she explained, "everything is different. The culture is different. The food is different. The people look different. Even the air is different. I would like to see a program at Lindenwood that would tend to the students' needs of being in a new environment."

Heen agreed. "We definitely need a program that covers all aspects of coming to a new country... like gathering all the international students for their first few months and have meetings and go on field trips, so they can experience the American culture together," he said.

"Most kids that become foreign exchange students are already open and talkative," Tcholakova said. "It is difficult coming from a place where everyone knows you and going to one where you don't know anyone and you sit there in front of the TV, not even understanding what you're watching."

Having events and organizations to participate in always makes it easier to meet new people and new contacts. "Many students come to America to

make as many contacts as possible and sometimes that's exactly what they're deprived," Tcholakova said. "Rachel has organized the international students and we have gone to dinners and to moview. It is important to have people around you to keep you busy and to participate in something social so you don't feel left out and alone."

McAdam thinks that more sporting clubs at Lindenwood would be a definite plus. "When we came here from Ireland, most of the sports teams were already arranged so we really were not able to join a team." McAdam added that his culture shock was not as extreme as some of the other students because there are many American adoptions like fast food places back in Ireland. However, "the way things are done here is a lot faster, and I also found it hard to keep up with the slang," McAdam said. He also said he does not understand why the dorms are not co-ed, but that he is happy to be able to play soccer on Thursday nights in Butler Gym.

"We have met so many friendly people," he said. "We are glad to be here."

Wrestlers, Track & Field Teams Excel at National Meets

Congratulations to Head Coach Stacy Weiland and the wrestling team on its strong third-place finish at the NAIA national tournament held over Spring Break in Jamestown, N.D. Lindenwood seniors Keith Ketcham

(126 lbs.) and Rickey Williams (134 lbs.), and junior heavyweight Stephan Hughes brought home gold medals to lead the Lions. Senior Rod Alton (142 lbs.) and junior Tony Cooper (150 lbs.) also finished with All-America status

as they each placed fifth.

The wrestling program has continued to improve since its inaugural season just four years ago. In 1993, the team finished 27th in the nation, and last season the team finished fourth. This year's team total of 94 points left the Lions just six points out of second place. Findlay College, ranked number one in the NAIA entering the tournament, was the overall team champion with 126 points.



The Lindenwood track & field teams showcased their talents at the NAIA indoor track & field championships held at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln). The men's team placed 12th overall while the women's team finished 29th.

Sophomore Donnie Dillard, last year's NAIA indoor 55-meter dash champion, led the men's team with a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter dash, a fifth in the 55-meter dash, and a sixth in the long jump. Sophomore Julian Smith was the Lions other All-American as he leaped to a fourth-place finish in the triple jump, improving upon last season's fifth-place effort. Smith's jump of 48'7" was a Lindenwood record. Senior Darrick Kelly also qualified for the national meet, but fell just short of All-America honors with a seventh-place finish in the long jump.

For the Lady Lions, senior Angela Boland capped off her final indoor collegiate meet with a sixth-place finish in the high jump. The top six finishers in each event earn All-America status.

Speed, Clutch Hitting a Key For Lions

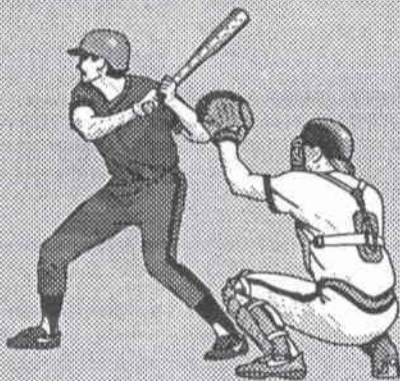
stories by Mark Bonavita

The Lindenwood baseball team is ready to begin another season. This year's squad is loaded with experience and is expecting a strong year.

After last season's 22-22 campaign, the Lions are ready to take their game to the next level. Head Coach John Ward's roster includes 15 returnees and a host of promising new talent. Ward will depend on speed and clutch

hitting to spark the offense this year. Last season, Lindenwood collected 154 stolen bases in 176 attempts.

The Lions return eight position players who finished with a batting average over .300 (the team hit a combined .336). The offense will be led by this year's senior tri-captains: catcher/designated hitter Mark Bonavita (.434), infielder/outfielder Jason Sutton (.370), and first baseman/designated hitter John



Fitzpatrick (.353).

Other key players include junior outfielders Hank Parker (.336, 29 SB) and Mike "Chu-Chu" Hayes (.316, 32 SB), and shortstop Kevin Ulrich (.304). Top newcomers include senior catcher Jason Wilson (UMSL transfer) and infielder Jason Kozdron (redshirt).

Lindenwood will rely on a new crop of pitchers to duplicate last year's outstanding league-leading performance. Junior Jeff Curly (CMSU transfer), and sophomores Vince Powell (junior college), Darren Nessel (junior college) and Buddy Smith (redshirt) give the Lions a strong starting rotation. Smith was an all-conference performer for the

Lions as a freshman. Returning juniors Todd Link and Ulrich, along with senior Danny Johnson, will provide the Lions with added depth.

Lady Lions Looking For Big Season

The Lindenwood Lady Lions are set for another great softball season.

Last year, the Lady Lions finished with a 47-15 overall record and 11-3 in conference play. Along with their impressive won-loss mark, the team also won the America Midwest Conference regular season and tournament championships.

At one point last year, the Lady Lions were ranked 15th in the nation in the NAIA. The team finished the season with a second-place finish in the district tournament.

The Lady Lions return a strong nucleus from last year's team. The top

returnee is last season's AMC Player of the Year, Kris Tebbe. A first baseman, Tebbe led the Lady Lions in almost every offensive category, and was named an NAIA All-American.

Other top returnees include: infielders Stacy Bogle, Cathie Cook and Karie Turner; outfielders Jennifer Humphries and Danielle Miller; catcher Peggy Schmelz; and pitchers Tiffany Bogle and Jennifer Lane.

Newcomers Angie Knobbe and Sherri Marshall should provide the Lady Lions with an additional spark.

The team is scheduled to begin its spring break trip March 3 in Florida.

Lion Line Auditions

Saturday, April 8

9-12 a.m.

Butler Gym

To sign up, call

Alice Bloch,

Dance Program Director

949-4855

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