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## Student Center Becomes Reality

by Karen Simmons

Lindenwood College I celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary last year. Oddly enough, during the course of those 150 years, neither it nor any of the other three colleges have ever had a student center.

But this vital and necessary center, which provides students with a break from their daily routines, became a reality in Lindenwood's 151st year. In September of this year, the Student Center was finally completed.

The actual idea of a student center had its beginnings in the early 1970's. The initial plan was started as a money-raising project called the dome fund.

According to Mike Halloran, assistant to the deans and director of activities for the Student Center, the dome fund was well known. However, more recent ideas of actually building a student center were rekindled at the end of the 1976-1977 school year.

Before the construction of the center between the Gables and the Faculty House, no such recreational place existed. Students had no one place set aside for the sole purpose of organizing, housing and actually following through on the events planned for the general student body.

Although the Tea Hole, the colleges' snack bar, was housed in the Gables last year, it lacked the few important and cohesive things which set it apart as an actual student center. One of these problems was adequate space.

Even though Lindenwood is a small school, the needs of the students are not. Many of the students at Lindenwood have diverse and varied backgrounds.

Halloran commented, 'My primary goal is to make the Student Center the main focal point of all the recreational and social activities that I'm responsible for.'



Students take advantage of the new recreational facilities

The new Student Center is centrally located and readily accessible to all students, both day and evening.

Although it is not the day student lounge, their lockers are located there. With its central location and accessibility to all students, the student center provides a common place for the day and resident student to mix more readily. The students now have an opportunity to become unified.

The Student Center, having provided the students with an opportunity for broadening and creating more student life on campus, won't do so just by being there. 'It has potential. It's up to the students to partake,' added Halloran.

With such potential, the uses of the Student Center are numerous. The only limitation of use involved with the Center is that which involves use by outsiders. Halloran stressed that outside use would deprive students of their right to use it.

The uses of the Student Center include tournaments, games, meeting places, the Tea Hole, offices, a T.V. room and a place that students can just relax.

The games available in the Student Center are foosball, ping-pong, pocket billiards, air hockey and pinball. The pinball machines are so popular that another had to be added to accommodate the students' needs.

Not only are these games available for playing for your own pleasure, but tournaments have been organized for competition.

Various tournaments already organized are backgammon, spades, chess, foosball, pinball, ping-pong, pocket billiards and air hockey.

If you're one who doesn't like to compete, the T.V. room may be just for you. The room is equipped with a new 25 inch color T.V.

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# Summerstage :

by Nancy Siemer

Summerstage, the Equity theatre at The Lindenwood Colleges this past summer, is trying to weigh the first season's financial loss against the positive publicity it gained for the colleges.

The financial loss exceeds \$40,000, even though the project has received a number of grants and gifts. Wesley Van Tassel, Summerstage producer, says the rest of the money to repay the debt will probably come from fund-raising events this winter and the college budget.

Van Tassel says the financial outcome was not surprising. He expects a smaller loss next summer if the board of directors of the college elects to continue the program.

'I think we will break even the third season,' he said. After that, he expects Summerstage to operate in the black.

Beyond finances, there is no doubt that the program was successful. About \$60,000 worth of free advertising was donated to Summerstage.

This coverage helped increase college enrollment in the theatre department. The number of theatre majors has grown from six in August of 1977 to 23 in August of 1978.

'I know many of these new students are a direct result of Summerstage,' said Van Tassel. This is one of the reasons why he views the loss this year as an investment and that the expenditures were wisely made because 'it will

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return students and new contributors to the college.'

Van Tassel thinks that a 'public image program' like Summerstage is necessary at Lindenwood. 'The college needs a program like Summerstage. It does not have to be in theatre. It could be an outstanding soccer or basketball team.' He says that programs like this help make the community aware of the college.

'Without Summerstage, the college program won't grow as fast and won't have the quality level. Summerstage rounds out the theatre program.'

The artistic evaluation that Summerstage received is also very important. There were very few negative reviews on the shows and numerous outstanding ones. Van Tassel believes that the artistic evaluation of Summerstage is very important to the success of the college program.

Another asset attributed to Summerstage is the organization of the 'Friends of Summerstage', which spends time, effort and money promoting Lindenwood's theatre department. Now there are over 70 people in the club.

Some Lindenwood students were able to spend the summer on-campus because they were getting paid to work in the department. Cheryl Metzger, a graduate student, found it to be 'quite a learning experience all the way around.'

She says she was not surprised that the first season suffered a financial loss. 'It's to be expected the first year. I knew we wouldn't make it this season.'

Yet she admits, 'I was very distressed by the small audience because we had gotten such a great response to the college season (last year), especially 'Godspell'. All season we worked toward the sell-out for 'The Fantasticks' (the final show).'

However, Miss Metzger thinks that the program will thrive in three to five years. 'If we're allowed to continue, I think we will make money for the college in the long run.'

Ticket sales brought in 50 percent of the gross income this summer. A sale of 64 percent of the total amount of tickets was necessary to break even, but only 47 percent were sold. Grants, gifts, workshops and concessions helped to bring in more money, but could not make up for what was lacking in ticket sales.

'We just have to prove ourselves (to the audience),' says P.J. Wyand, public relations director and house manager. 'Nearly 50 percent attendance for a first year theatre program is pretty good.'

The theatre department will present Summerstage data to the board of directors Oct. 10 with the hope that the program will be continued in the future.

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# Continuing Education

by Joyce Brown

Continuing Education is made up of returning students who are over twenty-five.

Lois Boschert, president of Continuing Education, says C.E. means making a decision to change your life. 'This is a normal syndrome of a man or woman who left college with only one, two or three years left to finish. Whatever the reason for C.E., more men and women are returning to college in hopes of fulfilling some personal dream.'

The purpose of the Continuing Education organization is to promote the welfare of the group, and to further the educational opportunities for the adult student. The officers are: President Lois Boschert; Vice President, Jo Mc Corkell; Secretary, Pat Preble; Treasurer, Pam Schroeder; Publicity-Terrie Rollings; and Program Chairman-Dorothea Botz.

Their sponsor is Dean Doris Crozier, and they meet the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 in the Fine Arts Building lower lounge.

Continuing Education Calendar for Fall Semester:

October 5 & 6  
Bake Sale

November 1  
Career Opportunities Day  
Janice Jackson, counselor and Dorothy Barklage, placement

November 17  
Evening reception for C.E., Alumni, and Faculty.

December 6  
Luncheon meeting at Dean Crozier's home.



Barbara Weaver

## Business Club Plans

by Suzy Rendlen

The newly-elected officers for the Business Club of 1978-1979 are Barbara Weaver, president; Kathy Reschetz, vice-president; Pam Roesler, treasurer; and Barb Koenig, secretary.

The Business Club attempts to open the door to the true climate of the business world and establish contacts that will be valuable for the rest of one's life.

The first meeting of the Business Club was held September 26 in the Amber Room of the cafeteria. Last year, the group consisted of 18 women and 2 men.

'I don't want guys to think that the Business Club is strictly for girls,' said Miss Weaver. 'It is an experience for students to learn that there are many directions in business.'

At the meeting she asked for different ideas to expand the organization. People in the club should be willing to work and be interested, she stressed. The possibility of touring some St. Charles businesses was also discussed.

At least twice a month a scheduled speaker will attend the meetings. Some of the subjects will include commercial art, public relations, internal affairs, and economics.

The club sponsored the used book store at the beginning of this year. It was to help students to make a small profit and to find his or her books at a more economical price.

The students brought in their old books, and made a price list. The Business Club then sold the books for that price, with a small additional charge for their profit.

This year some of the books were changed, and the bookstore did not have the list of new texts. However, the club feels that January will be a great time to purchase books for the spring semester.

# New Administrators

by Wayne Tipton

The administration at The Lindenwood Colleges is attempting to develop and strengthen their programs this year by making many changes.

In an effort to fully complement and support their academic programs, a new management team has been appointed.

Frank Hetherington has been named as director of admissions and financial aid. Jeffery Nemens as director of development and public relations and Joseph Schwarzbauer as director of financial planning and administration.

Hetherington was the associate director of admissions at the University of Rochester, and the director of admissions at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana before coming to Lindenwood.

Schwarzbauer has an undergraduate degree in accounting and has spent many

years in industrial management. Recently he has worked in planning, budgeting and programming cycles at high levels of government.

Nemens has an extensive background in all areas of student personnel work. Before coming to Lindenwood, he was the director of development at Avila College in Kansas City, Mo. While there he was effective in raising \$1.5 million for their new library.

Patrick Delaney, dean of the men's college, said, 'I am very optimistic about this 1978 school year at Lindenwood, because the administration has recruited some fine new administrators and improved our facilities considerably. This just proves that we (Lindenwood) continue to respond to the educational needs of the Lindenwood geographical area.'

## Fair Planned For Next Weekend

Final plans for this year's fair at The Lindenwood Colleges are now being made.

The fair will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 with the dedication of the new Student Center and will continue until 4 p.m.

A new museum will open in room 102 of Sibley Hall immediately following the dedication. On display will be pictures of Lindenwood, a complete set of yearbooks, books that were owned by Mary Easton Sibley, founder of Lindenwood and various other memorabilia.

Several organizations will be sponsoring numerous booths and events throughout the day. These include horseback riding by Beta Chi, drawing clown faces on children by the theatre depart-

ment, fortune telling, ESP tests, IQ tests, color tests, the sale of funnel cakes and hot cider by the Business club, a dunking booth by the Day Student Organization and antique car rides and display organized by John Wasson, a Lindenwood student.

Most of the dorms will also be sponsoring events. McCluer plans to hold a faculty slave auction. Parker will have a jail and a shave-a-balloon booth, Sibley will sponsor a kissing booth and Ayres is planning to have a photo booth.

Other booths will sell handmade articles, baked goods, homemade preserves and plants.

Half of all profits will be put into a fund for the Student Center and half will be given to the individual organization handling the event.

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# Profile of New L.C. Faculty

by Rick Frese

The hiring of 11 new teachers at The Lindenwood Colleges does not seem unusual to Dr. James Hood or the Dean of the Men's College, Dr. Patrick Delaney.

The new faculty replaced teachers who left for other teaching positions. Or others who left teaching permanently. Or others who took a leave of absence. Or new teaching positions opened.

'This is really small,' said Hood. 'We hadn't had much of a turnover for years.'

'I don't consider it abnormally high,' said Delaney. 'When a teacher comes to teach at a college, you don't expect he or she to stay for life. When they do decide to leave, we try to replace them with the best possible teacher we can find.'

Mrs. Jeanne Donovan, Dan Rocchio, Miss Norma Nolan, Mrs. Kathleen McCall, Mrs. Rosemary Zekart, William Link and Mrs. Carol Craig were added to the colleges' permanent staff.

Four others- Miss Cheryl Haselhorst, Erio Comici, Dan Odom and Dr. Prakash Jain were added on either a temporary or part-time basis.

Here's a glance at each new teacher.

Rocchio and Dr. Donovan are new teachers in the education department. Rocchio had been a part-time teacher the last two years. Besides teaching two reading classes, he also supervises students. He is presently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Dr. Donovan comes to Lindenwood from Harris State (formerly known as Harris Teacher's College). She teaches secondary education. She also taught at St. Mary's Academy in O'Fallon and was principal of St. Clermont and St. Stevens Elementary in St. Louis.

## Tryouts Set

The Lindenwood Colleges horseback riding club, Beta Chi, is having tryouts the beginning of November.

To become a member, one must take a written test, a saddle and bridle test and a riding test. It is not mandatory that one be enrolled in a riding course.

Beta Chi, like many other Lindenwood organizations, has planned activities for the academic year. The first of these events is a bake sale.

Another, which actually involves the stable is a pony ride which will be featured at the fair. Next on the agenda is the Christmas party to be held in the stables.

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Link and Mrs. McCall were added to the business administration department. Link, a certified public accountant, teaches three accounting courses.

He previously taught at the Naval Academy and Ann Arundel Community College in Annapolis, Md. and Meramec Community College in Kirkwood. He has been an accountant the past three years before deciding to get back into teaching full-time.

Mrs. McCall taught at McCluer North High School in St. Louis the past five years. She teaches typing and introductory business.

Miss Nolan and Mrs. Zekart began a new degree program this term. Both teach courses that will lead to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Miss Nolan spent the last 14 years teaching diploma programs at Alton Memorial, Missouri Baptist and St. Lukes Hospitals and classes at St. Louis University. Mrs. Zekart, a Lindenwood alumna, spent several years teaching a diploma program at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Craig replaces Joe Lowder as physical education teacher. She had spent the last six years as a part time teacher and the last five as women's field hockey coach.

Dr. Jain replaces Dr. Teresa Welch, who is on a leave of absence this school year. He will teach chemistry. He spent 17 years at the University of Jodhdur in India.

He also spent one year each at Drexel University in Philadelphia and the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, working on post-doctoral research.

Miss Haselhorst, a reporter for the St. Charles Daily News, teaches journalism. She replaces Robert Wilke this year. Wilke is on a leave of absence while working on his Ph.D.

Odom and Comici are two new coaches. Comici, a lawyer, coaches soccer. He succeeded Mark Mathis, who resigned last year.

Odom, a Lindenwood alumnus and now a biology teacher at Jefferson Junior High School, replaced Lanny Hradek as the basketball and baseball coach.

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# Kochanski:

## On His Way To Europe To Continue His Studies

by Carolyn Bascom

Steve Kochanski, last year's president of Men's Student Government at The Lindenwood Colleges, left for Europe Friday, Sept. 29 via New York.

Kochanski will be visiting 17 foreign countries, including England, France, Ireland, Scotland, Poland and Yugoslavia.

The 1978 Lindenwood graduate is looking forward to this experience and says, 'it will be better than sitting around looking for a job in the St. Louis area any day.'

Kochanski will earn class credit for this trip as he works towards a triple major in Communication Arts.

While in Europe, Kochanski hopes to promote the colleges and will take literature for student interest. He would like to see more foreign exchange students on campus and more people studying abroad.

The Lindenwood faculty and Kochanski's summer job helped finance the trip. He emphasizes his appreciation for the cooperation of Miss Jean Fields, Mrs. Dorothy Barklage, Kenneth Westphal, Dr. James Hood and many others who helped make the trip possible.

A tremendous amount of work began last year to plan this trip. Seeking names and addresses, writing companies, sending enormous resumes and contacting people

were jobs Kochanski says he found both challenging and educational.

Apart from the educational aspects of the trip, Kochanski hopes to mooch a few free meals here and there and looks forward to an 'extremely fun time.'

Kochanski encourages Lindenwood students to seek information about foreign exchange studies by contacting the Placement Office or talking with their adviser.

This ambitious, young man with initiative has set positive goals for his life and says, 'If you have a desire to do anything, you can do it.' That is why Steve Kochanski is on his way to Europe.

# Campus School Sets Goals For New Year

by Joyce Brown

The Lindenwood Colleges' campus school is in session again with 32 children enrolled.

Shirley Walsh, assistant director of the Campus School, thinks that they get a stimulated learning program. 'Our goals are to provide an environment that helps them to interact socially with others, and to stimulate them intellectually. We have different art projects and I think the campus affords opportunities that a lot of places don't have.'

The Campus School plans to see a production of the theatre department and hopes to see the football Cardinals. Mrs. Walsh feel there are many stimulating things on the campus.

It's a real benefit and we do have a lot of learning materials that have been accumulated over the years.' She added, 'We do have students that work with the children too, and that gives them an advantage.'

Mrs. Walsh has been teaching for a considerable amount of time and has always wanted to be a teacher.

She started out wanting to teach junior high, but found that she liked working with small children better because they learn at such a rapid rate.

She feels that kindergarten is much more advanced than it used to be. Pre-school is doing what kindergarten used to do, so now kindergarten has advanced. There is more specific learning in kindergarten than pre-school.

Mrs. Walsh also contributed a chapter in the book, *Your Values as a Parent*. The chapter is geared for parents who have children anywhere from birth to eight years of age.

Book writing seems to run in the family as her husband, a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, is working on one that deals with introducing the young child to the social world.

Mrs. Walsh has found that there are a lot more rewards to teaching besides the salary. 'I feel it's never dull and the reactions of the children, and their enthusiasm, is just really rewarding for me.'

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Pinball wizards?

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For those of you who like to eat and snack throughout the day, the Tea Hole is the place for you to go to get your afternoon, mid-evening and late night snack. This year the Tea Hole has proved itself to be very innovative as well. This innovation is reflected in the expanded menu.

The Tea Hole has added a line of pizzas, and a wide variety of Stewart sandwiches which can be heated in a few minutes. Sandwiches that are available include Burritos, O'Boys, Highlanders, Chuckwagons, Pizzaburgers, Submarines, and Torpedos. The pizza line includes sausage, pepperoni, and deluxe. All pizzas are available in three sizes.

Tommy Hayman, student manager of the Tea Hole, welcomes any suggestions from the students concerning service and the Tea Hole menu.

Special events planned by the Student Center that won't take place in the Center are the car rally, miniature golf tournament, orienteering, run for fun, canoe trip and Wet Willy's Water Slide. The latter two have already been sponsored and have been very successful.

Dorm competition which will serve as a means of getting all of the students involved, is another phase of the Student Center. Some of these activities will be held inside the center, while others will not be.

Two of these competitions include decorating for Christmas and the Great White Rat Race. The dorm or day student group earning the most points from these and other competitions will win the grand prize for their organization. The competition is a culmination of all events and a means of getting everyone involved.

Mainly that is what the Student Center is all about. Halloran says, 'The students must promote it and get the most that we can out of it.'

# Madrigal Singers Selected

by Nancy Siemer

The Madrigal Singers, a select group of experienced singers chosen by audition at the Lindenwood Colleges, are now organized and have started to prepare for a very busy schedule of performances.

There are eight singers in this year's program. The sopranos are freshman Kimberly Lane, senior Mary Riley and junior Libby Spillman, the altos are freshman Patty Nagle and junior Cindy Westerfield, the tenor is freshman Brian Luedoff, and the bass are sophomore Loren Muench and freshman Greg Vivrett.

Approximately 18 people auditioned for the eight positions. One of the main points in determining the size of the group is the number of talented men that try out, according to Dr. Kenneth Greenlaw, director of Madrigals.

Even though there was not a tremendous number of males who auditioned, Greenlaw feels that eight singers is a 'reasonable number' for Madrigals and does not think he would ever have over 12 members.

Madrigals is a very time-consuming program. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The performances are arranged through Greenlaw. When he gets a request for an appearance, he talks it over with the singers to see if there are any conflicts.

'I always take the dates to the kids as far in advance as possible to discuss the engagement's acceptance,' says Greenlaw. 'I have to be very careful to let the students know what the schedule will be.'

Requests are already coming in for the appearance of the group. The group earns approximately \$100 per show for private parties and events. However, the group does not charge for shows performed at high schools.

'We want to get into high schools to help admissions (recruit new students),' said Greenlaw. 'We see a need for The Lindenwood Colleges to become better known.'

Yet, all the shows are earning publicity for the colleges. Since the group is small and can travel around the area easily, Greenlaw says, 'We do a lot of work for the colleges at a minimum cost. We also make the colleges visible to a lot of people.'

Some of the bigger events now being planned for the Madrigals include the traditional 'Elizabethan Holiday Feast,' which will be held on campus in the Memorial Arts Building on December 8, 9, 15, and 16, and a trip to Hawaii in January, if the colleges' budget helps with some of the expenses.

Each student will earn ¼ course credit in music for his or her work this semester with the group and one full credit in January.

Greenlaw is very pleased with the group this year. 'They function as a unit with each person making an essential contribution to the whole,' he noted. 'Most of the time they don't work with a conductor. I start them out, then they're on their own.'

'It's a very talented group with a lot of potential,' Greenlaw continued. 'I'm very proud to be associated with this effort.'



The Madrigal singers at a practice.

# Lions Soccer Team Losing Ground

After winning their first two games on home turf, the soccer Lions have lost four games of the last six.

'Our biggest weakness this year is lack of experience,' commented coach Erio Comici. 'We need to pass the ball much more.'

Comici, trying to bring winning soccer to Lindenwood, had high praise for his team. 'It doesn't matter what the score is, these guys won't give up. They give me their best.'

The season has had its high points for Comici. 'My biggest thrill has been fighting back against Central Methodist to tie 3-3.' Lindenwood finished the Central Methodist game with only ten players.

The Superturf is a plus for the Lions at home. 'The ball moves much faster on Superturf than on regular grass,' said Comici. 'You really have to be on your toes.'

The soccer Lions belong to the St. Louis Area Collegiate Athletic Association (SLACAA). The conference is separated into two divisions.

Division one includes St. Louis University, SIU, and UMSL. Lindenwood, Parks College, Maryville College, Harris-

Stowe College and Washington University form division two.

The lack of athletic scholarships continues to hurt Lindenwood's sports program, but Comici feels the current policy may change. 'The basketball program has been helped a bit, hopefully it will carry over to other sports.'

Comici remarked that Lindenwood soccer with scholarships could be one of the top small college teams in the area. 'We could be competitive with teams such as UMSL,' he said.

The never ending job of recruiting goes on for Comici. 'I've been sending letters to all junior colleges in the area and plan to visit most of the high schools looking for prospective players for Lindenwood,' he explained.

When asked about the attitude of the Lions compared to his 1972 Washington University team, Comici noted, 'There was more competition at Washington University. Soccer came first.'

If the soccer Lions have a strong point, it's goalie John Sesti.

'I don't think there's a real leader on the field this year,' commented Sesti. 'We are weaker physically this year.'

'The Lions really miss Brian Hastings and Craig Mathis,' said the Lions goalie. 'Last year we had a starting eleven. We just don't have that this year.'

Sesti added, 'We just had more togetherness on the team last year.'

The Lions face their toughest schedule in the latter part of the season. Lindenwood has eight games remaining not including the Missouri Southern Tourney which they will participate in the weekend of October 6 and 7 in Joplin.

Six of the remaining eight games for the soccer Lions are at home in the 'Lions' Den'.

Coach Comici has been pleased with the student support. 'It's added momentum for us to have students at the games.'

## Weekend Retreat Success

by Karen Simmons

Often people only look at the basics when both secondary and higher education institutions are mentioned.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are the basics of primary and secondary education while courses like biophysics, criminal law and the human cognitive behavior are not foreign to the well rounded curriculum.

Canoeing and camping are not a part of the Lindenwood Colleges curriculum but they were on the agenda for the weekend of September 25.

The retreat began at approximately 1:30 Saturday afternoon, as 16 Lindenwood students, weary from a full week of work and drudgery, became revived souls eager to escape to the warmth and solitude of the woods.

The students and Mike Halloran, assistant to the deans, found the Meramac River at Leasburg to be the perfect sight for an overnight camping trip.

The mid-afternoon weather had a warm and pleasant glow while the night, for some, had a nippy bite.

Some campers choose to make a tent their temporary home while camping but, the Lindenwood adventures chose to do without. They camped under the open sky with the stars serving as their roof. Tents were not put traps were laid for the comfort of their backs.

As they readied for bed, the evening was accompanied with the traditional marshmellow roast.

After everyone survived their own cooking or 'roasting', they had to put their tastebuds to the test once again. The meal that did the testing was breakfast; the cook was Mike Halloran.

Breakfast proved itself to be no test at all since no casualties were reported, and Mike was reported to be a very good cook. The meal included bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes.

Dinner and lunch included steak, beans, potato salad, hot dogs, and potato chips.

As meals were concluded morning and evening canoe rides began. The morning canoeing was smooth but the afternoon canoe rides had the inevitable happen, the canoes were tipped.

After all campers eventually dried off it was for the weary to return to the solitude that Lindenwood has to offer.

If camping, marshmellow roasts, canoeing and of course canoe tipping are your ideas of having an enjoyable weekend, don't feel bad because you missed out on this camping trip. Since the students showed so much enthusiasm and had such an enjoyable time, another camping trip has been planned for the spring.



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# John Sesti:

## A Study in Determination at L.C.

John Sesti, The Lindenwood Colleges' soccer goalie, sat on a hill near Maryville College's soccer field before last Saturday's battle with Maryville. Lindenwood's soccer standout became reflective of his first five years as a goalie.

Sesti said he has always had to prove himself since he switched from a forward to goalie his junior year of high school. Sesti said he never had the same advantages as most goalies. He never received the proper coaching or publicity. He always had to work harder.

'I'm an optimist,' he said. 'I feel everything has a purpose. I think it was meant to happen. I understand the game better.'

'He's made himself into a fine goalie,' Lions coach Erio Comici said. 'He's worked hard and he has the desire and determination. He keeps improving all the time.'

Sesti probably will always have to prove himself as a goalie. Since day one, Comici has been trying to convince anyone within ear shot that Sesti is a fine goalie. He has been running a strong campaign for the 5-11, 180 pounder to be voted to the small college All-American team.

Based on his statistics and considering he plays for a school that de-emphasizes sports, the 28-year-old lawyer would even have trouble convincing a jury that Sesti belongs on the All-American team.

Already Sesti, a senior, has given up 14 goals through the first six games, a 2.33 goals against average. That's amazing since he's forced to stop a barrage of shots each game.

'In my first year I put in two years worth of work,' Sesti said. 'Already this year I've put in one season.'

'He keeps us in games that we have no business being in,' Comici said. 'He's a real consistent performer. You can count on him blocking two or three shots that would be goals every game. He's the main cog to our team. I don't think we would have as good a record without him.'

Before coming to Lindenwood, no team appreciated Sesti's talent.

During his senior year of high school, Sesti shared time in goal until he was injured. While the other goalie got the headlines, he was sidelined most of the season with a fractured leg.

Sesti went to the University of Missouri-St. Louis his freshman year.

UMSL already had two dependable goalies and he rode the bench. He wanted to play, so he transferred to Florissant Valley Community College the next year. More conflicts occurred.

'It was a bad experience,' said Sesti. 'I wasn't treated fairly. I think I could have done a lot for the team. Again I was at the wrong place at the wrong time.'

At that point, Sesti became insecure. He became unwanted. He became confused. And he became less confident in his ability, although he had plenty of talent.

Then Sesti's confidence was restored after the previous soccer coach, Mark Mathis, recruited him last season.

'I didn't know where I was heading,' the 22-year-old goalie said. 'They needed a goalie and he (Mathis) said I was number one. Mark gave me the confidence I needed.'

Despite the adverse publicity, Sesti now believes he can play at least a back up role for any pro team. Already Los Angeles Aztecs Coach Terry Fisher has shown interest in him.



## Hockey Team Launches Season

The women's field hockey team at The Lindenwood Colleges opened their regular season at home against the Bulldogs of Northeast Missouri State University from Kirksville, Sept. 29.

Coach Carol Craig wanted to win more than anyone since NEMO is her alma mater. The victory was not to come.

'We have only two returners this year, Pam Roesler and Paula Pettit,' Craig also said, 'We are inexperienced and have some girls that haven't played much field hockey.'

The lack of experience doesn't take away from the attitude and hustle on the team. 'There's a great attitude on this team. All the girls try to help each other,' commented Craig.

Trying to get a team together was her main objective this year. She also wants to expose young women to the game of field hockey.

Field hockey is played at many colleges and universities in the area. Parochial high schools in the area participate in the sport more than the public high schools.

Craig will juggle the lineup slightly this year. Paula Pettit, usually in goal

for the team, will be moved to the forward line and senior Rise Gilliam will see much action in goal. Freshman Gail Eder will see some net action throughout the season also.

'We have fifteen girls out this year, and they all give 110 percent,' said Craig. Lindenwood is also the only team in the area to still serve oranges to the opposing team at halftime. A tradition lives on.

The Superturf is an added pleasure for the field hockey team. 'It gives us the advantage at home of being able to use the turf,' noted Craig. 'Players need much more ball control on the Superturf. It's totally different than grass.'

The women's team will face a tremendous schedule in 1978. All the opposing schools offer field hockey scholarships. Lindenwood does not. 'The schedule this year is the most difficult ever,' remarked Craig.

Seven games comprise the 1978 All but one of the games will be played at home.

Craig has bright hopes for this year's team. 'Lindenwood has the potential of being a strong team,' she said.