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A Good Story

Let me start with some hackneyed adages: Nothing beats a good story. Truth can be stranger than fiction. Trite though they are, both of these expressions capture my experience of Lindenwood College (or is that University?).

Thirty-seven years ago last summer, my wife, my daughter (then just a munchkin), and I first set foot on this campus, which struck us as an irresistible canvas that only God could have painted. As we walked hand-in-hand down the narrow asphalt sidewalks bordering Butler, Ayres, Sibley, and Niccolls Halls, we noticed how eerily quiet and vacant the campus was, even for the latter part of summer. By comparison, this past August I had to pay close attention to avoid collisions with students as I traversed the same route, now broader and comprised of paver stones.

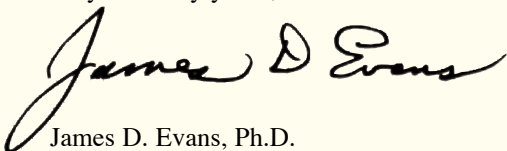
I recall mostly the good times from my early years here: The collective joy when the students miraculously appeared in the classroom buildings in early September; the exhilaration of teaching the first morning class of the fall semester to a very small – but delightfully bright and engaging – student body; the raucously merry Christmas parties that would break out each December in Roemer Hall’s Commuter Lounge (now the Registrar’s Office); the excitement of planning, creating, and opening the accelerated evening program for “working adults,” which we called LC 4 (now known as LCIE).

I experienced those years much as one would enjoy turning the pages of a good book about the picture-perfect, ideal liberal arts college, a novel spiced with images of a unique campus culture and adventurous scenarios of constant challenge and adaptation through the 1970s and ’80s. That period was personally gratifying and edifying, and our remarkable perseverance generated a poignant sense that Lindenwood’s mix of blessings and tribulations served a purpose larger than any particular person or group.

This college we all cherish changed dramatically in the 1990s, and at first, I confess, I was not sure that I liked our expedited evolution, even if the faculty’s pay was becoming a lot better. Changes in the objects of our deepest affection are never easy to assimilate or accept. Sometimes truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

Now I see that these developments were not only necessary but destined, not only intellectually and emotionally challenging but educationally and spiritually rewarding. The school’s growth and maturation over the past two decades had the important result of enabling us to continue what we have always done well – learn and teach – but, in some ways even better. The sounder financial base, expansion and beautification of our physical plant, creation and enhancement of many programs, improvement in overall faculty credentials, attainment of additional accreditations, and amelioration of our higher-education profile have made us more effective for the students as well as more viable for the long run. It is like reading a fascinating book about the picture-perfect, ideal Midwestern university that remembers its liberal arts heritage and its commitment to serve the students first. Nothing beats a good story, especially a true one with relevance for both today and tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.
President

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On The Cover

Stephanie Darst ('00) smiles with her daughter, Elle, who is ready for some cotton candy. More photos from 2012 Alumni Picnic on Pages 12-13.



Your Gate is Back!

Above all other features of our beautiful physical plant, almost every Lindenwood graduate instantly recognizes the University's old stony entrance gate in pictures of the campus. After all, it has been (along with Sibley Hall) Lindenwood's most historically distinctive physical characteristic. It is the face of the school, the symbol of one's path in life, the traditional welcoming bastion of higher learning that beckons new and prospective students to come in and discover the Linden Wood and all that she offers.

Please do not be misled by the above heading. "Your" original campus gate was not gone! Indeed it remains as strong and beautiful as ever. We have, however, rediscovered its legitimate owner: You. The striking, impervious monument lost its identity

in the 1970s, when members of the Lindenwood community began calling it King's Gate, undoubtedly because it opens onto Kingshighway. Alas, that is not its name.

We were reexamining and revising our campus map and facilities index earlier this year when someone asked about the origin of "King's Gate." Archivist Paul Huffman did some sleuthing for us and found that the monument was underwritten by alumnae and students circa 1920; accordingly, it had been dubbed Alumnae Gate and referred to as such until the 1970s, when the new name unceremoniously appeared.

We have restored its rightful name. Be proud!



2011 HOMECOMING REUNION & PARENTS WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Events and locations are subject to change.
Check Lindenwood website frequently for most up-to-date
Homecoming & Reunion information.*

RSVP for 2011 Homecoming, Reunion, & Parent's Weekend! www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming/register.cfm

Monday, October 10

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Organization Fair, Best of Lindenwood Hoedown
Location: Evans Commons

The organization fair will take place in front of Evans Commons. Each organization will construct its own booth that will be judged on popularity and creativity. The fair is an opportunity for campus organizations to introduce themselves to the student body and for students to participate in their favorite childhood games and sports.

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lip Syncing Dance Contest
Location: Evans Commons Gym

The Lip Syncing Contest is the newest Homecoming event and a highly anticipated one at that. Each year, the theme of the contest coincides with the Homecoming theme. Watch student groups battle for first place and enjoy the performances.

Thursday, October 13

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pep Rally
Location: Evans Commons Gym

The pep rally will include appearances by the Lions Football Team, fall sports teams, Cheerleaders, Lion Line, Lionettes, and the LU Marching Band. The winner of the banner competition will be announced as well.

Friday, October 14

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Alumni and Parent Registration
Location: Hyland Arena

Historic Campus Bus Tours

Location: Departing from Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Evans Commons Dedication, Reception and Tours
Location: Evans Commons

Alumni and parents are encouraged to attend this year's Homecoming & Reunion Reception as we dedicate and celebrate the opening and naming of the new Evans Commons. A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m., including heavy hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. All alumni and parents are invited, and the event is free of charge. Business attire is required.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Alumni Corral
Location: Hyland Arena VIP Room

Reconnect and visit with your fellow alums in an area just for our honored classes! In our gathering place, reminisce about your days as a Lindenwood student and visit with your fellow classmates. Each honored class will have reserved tables, and yearbooks from your class days will be on display.

7:00 p.m.

Lindenwood University Film Series
Location: Young Hall Auditorium

Presenting *Diva*— A young Parisian mail courier is content with his bohemian lifestyle, his circle of friends, and listening to opera, particularly one exceptional American diva who refuses to be recorded. Enamored with her, he makes an illegal tape of her at a concert, but when the tape is confused with one implicating a police chief with the mob, he must use all his ingenuity to survive.

Ticket prices: Free to all Lindenwood alums and students with a valid Lindenwood I.D. or Alumni Benefits Card. \$5-General public.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hall of Fame Dinner
Location: Columns Banquet Center, St. Charles, Mo.

Join Lindenwood alumni, friends, and sports fans as we induct our fifth class of exemplary athletes into the Lindenwood Athletic Hall of Fame. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jane Baum, Athletic Development Director, at 636-949-4427 or jbaum@lindenwood.edu.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Homecoming Concert
Location: Harlen Hunter Stadium

Come see Plain White Ts, The Summerset, The Downtown Fiction, and Allison Park. Alums and parents receive a discounted ticket price of \$15 per ticket. Tickets are available through the Student Life and Leadership Office. Call 636-949-4983 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Saturday, October 15

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Race to be King 5K Run & Walk

Location: Starts at Young Hall and ends at Harlen Hunter Stadium

Join us for our annual Homecoming & Reunion 5K Run/Walk. Entry is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. All proceeds support Lindenwood student scholarships and the Disabled Athlete Sports Association. DASA is dedicated to education, personal care, and training and provides social outlets for children with disabilities and their families. To participate, please register online at the official Homecoming website or email homecoming@lindenwood.edu.



8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Alumni Breakfast with the President

Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room in the Spellmann Center

Alumni are invited to have breakfast and to meet Dr. James D. Evans, Lindenwood University President. All alumni are invited, but tickets are limited. Event is free of charge. Tickets are available through the Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or alumni@lindenwood.edu. Honored classes will be recognized.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Alumni Association Annual Meeting

Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room in the Spellmann Center

All alumni are invited to participate in the annual Alumni Association meeting and to meet the members of the Lindenwood Alumni Board.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wild, Wild, West Homecoming & Reunion Parade

Starting Location: Young Hall

Ending Location: J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Join crowds of students, residents, parents, and alumni to watch the Homecoming parade as Lindenwood's marching band, cheerleaders, dance team, student organizations, faculty, staff, and friends raise spirit for the football game against Kansas Wesleyan. This year's floats will exhibit a Western theme.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Alumni & Parent Registration

Location: Spellmann Center Lower Level Parking Lots (look for booth signs)

Alums and parents can pick up their reserved barbecue luncheon and football tickets beginning at 10:30 a.m. Alums will need to pick up their reserved tickets at the alumni booth, and parents will need to pick up their reserved tickets at the parent booth.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Campus Barbecue Luncheon & Pregame Festivities

Location: Spellmann Center Lower Level Parking Lots

We invite all alumni, parents, and guests to gather before kickoff for a luncheon, entertainment, camaraderie, and festivities as we celebrate this year's Homecoming & Reunion. Alumni and parents will receive two complimentary tickets for the lunch, but tickets must be reserved in advance. Additional tickets for guests will be available for \$5 per person and should be reserved in advance. All children age 5 and under are free. All walk-ups will be charged \$5 per person, but limited quantities of lunch tickets will be available for purchase. Alumni and parents are encouraged to attend and to pre-register. Event sponsored by Lindenwood student body.

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Campus and Dorm Tours

Location: Meet at Admissions table on Spellmann Center lower level parking lot

All dorms will be open during this time. Due to privacy laws, only student show rooms in each dorm will be available to view. Tour your former residence hall. Tours are provided by the Lindenwood Student Ambassadors and Lindenwood Admissions Staff.

7:00 p.m.

***Ikiru* (Lindenwood University Film Series)**

Location: Young Hall Auditorium

Kanji Watanabe is a longtime bureaucrat in a city office who, along with the rest of the office, spends his entire working life doing nothing. He learns he is dying of cancer and wants to find some meaning in his life.

Ticket prices: Free to all Lindenwood alums and students with a valid Lindenwood I.D. or Alumni Benefits Card. \$5.00-general public.

8:00 p.m.

The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China

Location: J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Direct from Beijing, the National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will astound and amaze you with their lithe, graceful movements, their feats of strength, and their aerial prowess. The group was the first national performing arts troupe established by the government of the People's Republic of China in 1950, and it has performed extensively throughout the world. Bring the entire family for an evening of mesmerizing beauty and memories that will last a lifetime. Ticket Prices are:

Platinum: \$38.50 (\$30.50 with LU Alumni discount)

Orchestra: \$32.50 (\$26.00 with LU Alumni discount)

Parterre: \$28.50 (\$22.50 with LU Alumni discount)

Balcony: \$24.50 (\$19.50 with LU Alumni discount)

Tickets may be obtained by calling 636-949-4433 or by visiting www.lindenwood.edu/center. Alumni discount is only available for tickets ordered by phone or in person to alumni with a Lindenwood Alumni ID card or Alumni Benefits card.



Career Path Leads '95 Alum to High-Profile Marketing Job



Melissa Weishaupt ('95) holds the NBA championship trophy.

When 1995 Lindenwood University graduate Melissa Weishaupt earned her degree in mass communications with an emphasis in radio and television she expected an exciting career on the airwaves.

Little did she know her diploma would lead to her hoisting the National Basketball Association championship trophy along with the players of the 2011 Dallas Mavericks.

"It's been a crazy ride," Weishaupt, 38 and a native of Roxana, Ill. said. "I sort of wound up here because of fate. I was really lucky to be in the right place at the right time to end up in the middle of a professional sports championship celebration."

After graduation, Weishaupt worked in St. Louis radio. She worked in sales at 105.7 The Point and the now-defunct 101.1 The River.

"From there I went to work for the brand new Z107.7," Weishaupt said. "I came on board a couple of months after they launched the station, and it made a huge difference in my career. Working in top-40 radio you learn so much about the business."

She headed for Florida to move up the radio ladder, working first in Jacksonville and later in Tampa, where work in

promotions and marketing eventually led to an on-air gig as part of a morning drive show.

She was convinced by a contact in the radio business to move to the larger Dallas, Texas market.

"He called one day and said they had an opening within their group but it was with the male sports radio stations," Weishaupt said. "I thought 'why not?' and I packed up and moved to Dallas. That was five years ago. It's definitely been a learning experience, but everything happens for a reason."

The risky move seemed like a bust when Weishaupt was unexpectedly laid off. But, while she plotted her next move, she was called by the Dallas Mavericks.

"I'm a sports junkie, so getting to know the ins and outs of the team is what is exciting to me," Weishaupt said. "But you definitely have to like the game or sports if you are working for a team. You are one of the first people there in the morning and one of the last ones to leave -- so you better like it."

Weishaupt said her favorite part of working in professional sports isn't meeting the megastar athletes.

"I love game days," Weishaupt said. "There's so much excitement. Yes, it's great

meeting the players. But they are just like everyone else — other than the fact that they have freaky athletic ability."

Once, her job was covering sports teams on the radio. Now part of it is coordinating coverage of the Mavericks with local media outlets. After the NBA finals win over the heavily favored Miami Heat, planning the victory celebration was added to Weishaupt's duties.

"Dallas is known as Cowboys country, but everyone is really excited to see the Mavericks win the championship," Weishaupt said. "It's the first one for the city since Brett Hull and the Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999, so everyone was ready for a party."

More than 250,000 people showed up for the victory parade Weishaupt planned.

"I would hope this would be a long term stop," Weishaupt said of her NBA career. "I'm really happy with the Mavs. Mark Cuban is the best owner in sports, hands down. He's hired a great group of people, and it's such a great atmosphere to be in. Plus, Dallas is a great city, even when it's 110 degrees outside. But I do miss St. Louis. So, of course, it would be great to come back. But for now... This is home!"

Dean Stays True to Philosophy He Learned Long Ago

It is apparent when one enters the office of Roger Ellis, interim Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, that he is passionate about two things—the practice of law and golf. Both interests have helped shape him into the successful professional and dynamic instructor he is today.

Originally from Oklahoma, Ellis earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri—Rolla, now known as Missouri University of Science and Technology, before moving to Cape Girardeau, Mo. He accepted a position there as a manager at a Proctor & Gamble plant, where he took to heart the company's philosophy on training.

"Their theory was that hiring engineers like me made more sense because we already possessed an understanding of the

technological side of plant operations," said Ellis. "We would learn to be managers, but we needed to have that technical understanding down first in order to be effective. I believe that theory holds true in most aspects of business today."

His next move came when the company asked Ellis to transfer. Reluctant to uproot his family and seeking other options, he took the advice of a family friend who suggested Ellis attend law school. He liked the idea, earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas in 1983, and practiced in southeast Missouri for nearly 15 years.

By 1997, Ellis and his family wanted to move back to the St. Louis area. A family friend and professor at Lindenwood at the time, Nancy Matheny, called Ellis to let

him know about a professional opportunity at the University.

He accepted the position and taught a variety of courses for many years, until becoming the first person to hold the title of Associate Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship in 2008. By that time, he had also served as coach of the men and women's golf teams for 14 years.

"At the collegiate level, golf is an individual sport that's scored on a team basis," Ellis said. "The athletes learn to make decisions regarding each shot, how to pick their moments in terms of playing for their score or the good of the team overall.

"The self-discipline and controlled aggression necessary in golf apply very much to the business world. The decision making skills are the same because each requires a person to balance their personal responsibility with their responsibility to others on their team."

Ellis pointed out that spending time with the students on the course helps him stay current with their interests, perspective, and thought processes. This insight helps him know how to best structure academic programs to meet their needs.

"We in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship are always focused on practicing what we preach, meaning we look at things through the eyes of our customers," Ellis said. "Our students are our customers and we need to do everything we can to satisfy them."

In all of his current roles—as dean, business law instructor, and golf coach—Ellis stays true to the valuable lessons he's learned throughout his career. He does his best to instill these beliefs in the minds of his students.

"If you look at all the things I've done in my life and in my career, they all have some element of structure to them," said Ellis. "I'm a firm believer that if you have structure, combined with self-discipline and commitment, a person can do almost anything."



Roger Ellis, Interim Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship

The capital campaign "Building the Future of Business" for the School of Business and Entrepreneurship continues. Those interested in participating in the campaign can contact Susan Mangels at 646-949-4939 or smangels@lindenwood.edu.

Lauren Clancy named Director of Alumni Relations

Lauren Clancy has been named Director of Alumni Relations for Lindenwood University and was scheduled to start her new position on Sept. 26. No stranger to the Office of Alumni Relations, Clancy previously served as graduate assistant to Whitney Fraier, who left the director's position in July.

It was a whirlwind series of events for Clancy, who was offered the position on her final day in the office before going on maternity leave. Young Liam was born July 27, the first child of Clancy and her husband, Sean, who reside in Columbia, Ill. She starts during a particularly busy time of year for the Office of Alumni Relations as preparations for Homecoming are in full swing; she says she is excited to get started.

"I like working with the alumni," Clancy said. "I love the diversity of the alums, finding out why they love LU, and taking that and figuring out ways to get other alums involved."

Clancy has a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Louis University, earned in 2006. After graduation, she worked for an archive consulting firm and at A.G. Edwards before starting a two-year stint at Washington University as a prospect research analyst in the development office there.

"I conducted research to match potential donors interested in the university with areas in which they would most like to be involved in the school," Clancy said.

She started her master's in nonprofit administration in 2009, at which time she found out about the graduate assistant



Lauren Clancy is Lindenwood's new Director of Alumni Relations. Clancy can be reached by telephone at 636-949-4975 or by email at lclancy@lindenwood.edu.

position in the Alumni Relations Office. During her time as a GA, she helped plan and run events, communicated with alumni, and worked on strategies to engage alumni. She said one of her biggest priorities will be to broaden the office's focus from an events-based mission to include an individualized approach to get alumni involved with the University in specific areas that interest them.

"I would also like to involve the entire Institutional Advancement Office more interactively with the alumni through the Alumni Board, alumni clubs, and at events," she said.

She also said her experience as an adult

student offers her an opportunity to expand her own perspective on the alumni base.

"Coming to the position as a non-traditional alum and having my life happen while in school, I see the school differently than a typical undergraduate," Clancy said. "I'm looking forward to looking at the undergraduate experience at Lindenwood."

Clancy said she will look for additional ways, like the LU for Life program, to reach out to students, and make their experience here stick with them even more.

"Lindenwood is already a great institution, but there is always room to grow," she said. "I feel like it is going to be a great experience and a good challenge."

University Opens Catholic Student Center

It might surprise you to know that 45 percent of the students attending Lindenwood University identify themselves as Catholic. In order to serve the needs of this large demographic, the University has designated a space for a Lindenwood Newman Center-Catholic Student Center.

Located at 1923 First Capitol Drive, suite F, down from the Spirit Shoppe. The LU Newman Center will be supported by priests from the City of St. Charles who will say Mass and advise on programming.

The Catholic Student Union is a group of Catholic students dedicated to living the truths of the Catholic faith through participation in the Sacraments, through the study of Church teaching, and through actively engaging the world with an attitude

of service and friendship.

Dr. David Brown, Faculty Advisor for the Catholic Student Union, explained that the Newman Center provides a vast array of opportunities for all students that would not be possible otherwise.

- A quiet study space will be available for all students, regardless of faith.
- Having a designated space helps the Catholic Student Union plan regular meetings.
- Students will have access to a Catholic library and video collection.
- Monthly Reconciliation and Adoration will begin this year.
- Weekly bible study and catechesis are held.

- There will be opportunity for more service projects and community outreach.

Dedication of the LU Newman Center will be held on Nov. 18. The Center will be dedicated on the feast day of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, a local saint whose shrine is located at the Academy of Sacred Heart in St. Charles. If you are interested in learning more about this dedication or attending please contact the Alumni Office at 636-949-4908.



Chinese Acrobats are a Highlight of Fall Season

The fall season of professional shows on the Bezemes Family Theatre stage at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts is as star-studded, action-packed, and awe-inspiring as usual. In a season that began Sept. 9 with a sold out stop in the farewell tour of music legend Glen Campbell, the excitement continues to build.

Rich Little took the stage on Sept. 24 with his tribute to Jimmy Stewart, and Jose Porcel's Compañia Flamenca is scheduled to perform its show, *Gypsy Fire*, at 8 p.m. on Oct. 7.

On Homecoming, Reunion, and Parents Weekend, the famed National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will perform at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 15. Alumni may take advantage of a special 20 percent discount off tickets for the 8 p.m. performance by ordering their tickets by phone (636-949-4433) or in person at the Scheidegger Center Box Office.

Note: the discount only applies for the 8 p.m. show and in order to take advantage of the discount, alumni must have a Lindenwood alumni card, which can be obtained from the Alumni Relations Office at 636-949-4903. Alumni may also use their cards to receive a \$2 discount for tickets to all other professional and student productions.

The Chinese acrobats have been astounding audiences around the world since 1950 as the first national performing arts troupe established by the government of the People's Republic of China. With their lithe, graceful movements, their feats of strength, and their aerial prowess, the

acrobats present routines steeped in the centuries-old Chinese culture. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$38.50 (or \$19.50 to \$30.50 with the alumni discount).

The Main Stage season at the Scheidegger Center continues with Ed Asner's one-man show, *FDR* at 8 p.m. on Nov. 12; Lindenwood Theatre's annual production of *A Christmas Carol* at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1-3 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3; Just an Old-Fashioned Christmas Starring the Lennon Sisters at 8 p.m. on Dec. 17; and the Moscow Festival Ballet's production of *Cinderella* at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2012.

For a complete list of professional and student shows for the 2011-2012 season, visit www.lindenwood.edu/center.



The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will appear at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts on Oct. 15.

Lindenwood University School of Fine and Performing Arts Fall Schedule

Theatre

The Folks Next Door
Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1; 7:30 p.m.
Emerson Black Box Theater

Student-Directed One-Acts
Oct. 13-15; 7:30 p.m.
Jelkyl Theater

Batboy: The Musical
Oct. 27-29, Nov. 3-5; 7:30 p.m.
Emerson Black Box Theater

A Christmas Carol
Dec. 1-3; 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3; 2 p.m.
Bezemes Family Theater

Improv Show
Dec. 6; 7:30 p.m.
Emerson Black Box Theater

Dance

Fall Dance Concert
Nov. 10-11; 7:30 p.m.
Bezemes Family Theater

Music

November Concert Series
Nov. 15; 7:30: Choral Concert
Nov. 16; 7:30: Band Concert
Nov. 17; 7:30: Orchestra Concert
Nov. 19; 7:30: Jazz Concert
Nov. 28; 7:30: Chamber Concert*
(All in Bezemes Family Theater, except
*, in Emerson Black Box Theater)

Visit www.lindenwood.edu/center for ticket prices and additional information.



Top left: Former U.S. Senator Alan Dixon speaks at the recent opening of the Alan J. Dixon Student Center at the LU-Belleville campus. Top right: Dixon poses with his family in front of the student center's display of memorabilia from his time in public service.

Alan J. Dixon Student Center Opens to Fanfare in Belleville

On Friday, August 5, Lindenwood University-Belleville held a dedication ceremony to officially open the Senator Alan J. Dixon Student Center. The center, part of a continuing capital campaign on the Belleville campus, includes a library, computer lab, snack bar, dining hall, and lounge area with billiards and table tennis.

Master of ceremonies for the dedication was Jerry Bladdick, Vice President and CAO for Lindenwood-Belleville, who introduced speakers James D. Evans, President of Lindenwood University; Mark Eckert, mayor of Belleville; Mark Kern, St. Clair County Board chairman; Tom Holbrook, state representative (113th district); Ben Blanton, Vice Chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors; student Catalina Albarracin, who delivered the invocation; and Dixon himself.

Dixon received proclamations from the city of Belleville, St. Clair County, and the state of Illinois recognizing his

accomplishments in public service and commemorating the day in his honor, after which he spoke about his time in elected office and his various ties to Lindenwood University.

With a public service career that spanned more than 40 years, Dixon was in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1951 to 1963. He was elected to the Illinois Senate and served there from 1963 to 1971. He served as Illinois treasurer from 1971 to 1977 and as Illinois secretary of state from 1977 to 1981. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1980 and served from 1981 to 1993. He is credited with co-sponsoring legislation that established Illinois' community college system.

He spoke of his strong ties to the campus that is now Lindenwood University-Belleville. It was once the site of Belleville Township High School, where his mother attended during World War I and he attended during World War II. His

three children also attended the school. Dixon said he has nearly as many ties to Lindenwood University, beginning with his wife, Joan Fox Dixon, who attended Lindenwood in St. Charles and was named the school's Harvest Queen in 1952.

Dixon's daughter, Stephanie Yearian, is a faculty member at Lindenwood-Belleville and recently received her doctorate in education from Lindenwood University. Her daughter, Fawne Yearian, earned a master's in business administration from Lindenwood in 2009. In addition, Dixon delivered Lindenwood's commencement address in 2008.

"I was delighted to see old friends I have known throughout my career," Dixon said. "I am pleased to see this institution in the shape it is in now and its importance to Belleville, culturally and economically."

Bottom left: Dixon was one of several speakers who addressed a capacity crowd at the opening. Bottom right: Alan Dixon (right) with his wife, Joan Fox Dixon, and Lindenwood President Dr. James D. Evans.



Evans Commons Opens

Lindenwood University's new Evans Commons, next door to the Hyland Arena, officially opened for students August 22. Nearly 1,000 students attended the ribbon cutting. The \$20 million building houses a new dining hall, extensive fitness equipment and recreation space, music and movie rooms, and much more. The Evans Commons will have a special dedication ceremony for alumni and friends on Homecoming Weekend at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 14.

Below, President James D. Evans celebrates. He is pictured at right with his wife, Lois, and the student development staff.



Beyond Campus Walls: Practical Application of Economic Theory

In his article on "Higher Education and the Well Being of the Greater St. Louis Region," President James Evans writes that Lindenwood contributes significantly to the growth of human capital in the regional economy by educating teachers, counselors, social workers, accountants, scientists, business leaders, artists, performers, broadcasters, and managers.

Lindenwood, the second oldest university in the western half of the American frontier, has grown into a major public-serving Midwestern university. This has taken a number of forms. The new School of Business and Entrepreneurship is a case

in point. There is a critically important partnership now between the school and the business community, demonstrated through the curriculum, internships, and the collaboration of the faculty and business leaders. The entrepreneurial spirit is in full play; it is directed to spearheading the growth of the economy in this fast-growing area.

The economic development impact of the new School of Business and Entrepreneurship has been recognized in the region. This outreach has been measured by our faculty working with the business leaders in the county. One example is the Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment, a research center within the School of Business, led by Dr. Howard Wall, former economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

He is working with the community to

help businesses understand economic trends and their impact. There is real opportunity, and Lindenwood is tapping into it, to provide economic development for the region.

Greg Prestemon, the president and chief executive of the St. Charles Economic Development Council, sees enormous benefit for the business community, Lindenwood and its students. Networking and training for small businesses concurrent with the education of students is a win-win for the area.

Gifts to the fundraising campaign for the School of Business and Entrepreneurship support naming opportunities in the state-of-the-art facility, Harmon Hall, in which Lindenwood provides innovative approaches for teaching within the regional business community. Please contact Dr. Lucy Morros at 636-949-4532.

Crowd Enjoys Alumni Picnic

More than 500 guests attended the fourth annual Alumni & Friends Picnic June 18 on the main campus. Friends and families gathered for a day at the Lindenwood "Carnival" playing games, winning prizes, riding on a kiddie-sized Ferris wheel, carnival swings, and taking a train around the Heritage Campus. If that wasn't enough, clowns were on hand to paint faces and make balloons.

1. Picnic-goers arrive at the registration table before attending the carnival. 2. Fernando ('07), Claudia ('06), Camilla, and Sophia Alarcon enjoy ice cream treats at the fourth annual Alumni and Friends Picnic. 3. Seamus Gerner, the son of Norma Gerner ('05), and Luke Glaze, the son of Brenda Zurosky ('87), experience the thrill of going down an inflatable slide. 4. Faculty member David Brown and his future stepdaughter, Madelyn, enjoy barbecue on one of Lindenwood's trademark swings. 5. Kamren Ransom, the nephew of Tammy Hamilton ('09), and Amare Quinn wave to the crowd while on a carnival ride. Hamilton's

daughter, Amira Overstreet, happily enjoyed the ride in a separate swing. 6. Paul Willenberg ('05) impresses his sons Justin and A.J. with his bean bag toss technique. 7. Shannon, Norma ('05), Seamus, Greg, and Tara Gerner relax together on a swing during the picnic. 8. Louis Launer ('86) and his wife, Trish, prove that carnivals are fun for kids of all ages. 9. Austin, Debbie, Gary, Cheralyn ('01, '07), and Madelyn Kirton clown around while having lunch together. 10. Sabastian, Liz ('98, '00), Julio ('00, '06), and Bella Herrera smile for the camera under the tent. 11. Nancy Weaver ('94) rides a train with Rose and Ellie Weaver and Mike Herndon, the son of alumna Loretta Pritt ('89).





Former Fed Economist Howard Wall Now Heads ISEE

Lindenwood University's Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment took on a new leader this summer in Howard Wall and, in the process, took on a new direction. Wall, former vice president and regional economics advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and current research fellow for the Show-Me Institute in St. Louis, is broadening the mission of the Institute to include analysis of the economics of the St. Louis region.

Founded in 2002 by Dr. Kenneth Chilton, the Institute had focused exclusively on the application of economic principles to environmental challenges. After Wall's arrival, the mission of the institute was expanded to read, "To assist policymakers and the public in understanding how the interactions of the government and private sectors affect the economic and natural environment of the St. Louis region and beyond."

Wall said his main focus has been to find better ways to measure the local economy for government and the business community and to integrate that work into teaching in the LU School of Business and Entrepreneurship. He will also use his research to feed a series of regular "outlook talks" for students and faculty in the School of Business, eventually expanding them to University-wide events with guest speakers.

"The idea is to prepare students so when they leave they will know the nature of the

economy they are going into," Wall said. "The faculty can also use the information in their classes."

One example of the type of information Wall is assembling is employment data for the region. Because of the way the Bureau of Labor Statistics gathers and revises data, it is not the most accurate indicator of the current local employment picture, Wall said.



Howard Wall, former vice president and regional economics advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, was over the summer named director of Lindenwood's Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment.

"Their job is to provide national numbers," Wall said. "They don't have the resources to put all refinements on the data."

By using available data, Wall says he should be able to get a better handle on the local employment situation. As a result, he hopes to be a regular source of information for the news media regarding the region's economy. Since he started at Lindenwood, he has already been featured and sourced a number of times by the media, mostly in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

The Institute will continue to host guest speakers in Harmon Hall's Dunseth Auditorium. Wall said one such lecture should occur once per semester.

Prior to his 12-year stint at the Federal Reserve, Wall was an assistant professor at West Virginia University from 1988 to 1995 and was a lecturer in various capacities at Birkbeck College in London from 1994 to 1998. His return to academia also means a return to the classroom for the first time in 13 years.

"I like the integration of the practical and the academic in the Business School and Lindenwood-wide," Wall said. "A lot of the faculty have Ph.D.s and business experience, and they put it together in the classroom. The Institute gives me the opportunity to do that, too."

For more information on the Institute, Wall, or the Oct. 18 Robert Bryce lecture, visit www.lindenwood.edu/business/isee.cfm.



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2011 Upcoming Lindenwood & Campus-Wide Events

Belleville Alumni Club Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Belleville Campus

Administration Building Room 220

Lindenwood Homecoming, Reunion & Parents Weekend

Friday & Saturday, October 14-15, 2011

Location: St. Charles Campus

Times and Events: Listed in pages 4 and 5 and online at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming

Belleville Alumni Club Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Belleville Campus

Administration Building Room 220

St. Charles Alumni Club Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room-Spellmann Campus Center

Lions – Get Ready to Cheer on the Rams!

Join your fellow Lindenwood alumni, friends, and family on the Terrace Level at the Edward Jones Dome to cheer on the St. Louis Rams as they take on the Seattle Seahawks.

Sunday, November 20, 2011

3:05 p.m.

Game tickets are only \$40, and you will receive a \$10 food and beverage voucher.

Part of the proceeds from each ticket sold will benefit Lindenwood student scholarships.

For more information, please call Lindenwood Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or email at alumni@lindenwood.edu

Belleville Alumni Club Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Belleville Campus

Administration Building Room 220



Recently found copies of *The Griffin* literary magazine, which was published from 1949 to 1998.

Griffin Offers Touch of LU Literary History

Lindenwood University staff members uncovered more than they expected while moving furniture inside Butler Hall this past summer. Hundreds of volumes of the school's *Griffin* literary journals were discovered in the basement of the building.

"It was really neat to come across all the volumes with different artwork on the covers and so many interesting things inside," said Dean of Humanities Mike Whaley, who was among those to discover the journals. "In flipping through them, it was cool to see that people like Rich Reighard, Michael Castro, and other people who are now University employees had been contributors at one time."

The *Griffin* was a publication sponsored by the Lindenwood's literary organization, the Griffin Society, and published through the school's English Department. More than 50 different editions were distributed between the production of the first issue in 1949 and the last in 1998.

"It was primarily an outlet for primarily students, but faculty as well, to show their creative talents," said Lindenwood University Archivist Paul Huffman. "It was a way they could share their poetry, short fiction, non-fiction, essays, one-act plays,

original art, photos, and musical scores."

When Associate Professor of English Spencer Hurst arrived at Lindenwood in 2000, he learned that the *Griffin* was no longer being published and decided to resurrect the concept. He assembled a group of students and became the faculty advisor for Lindenwood's *Arrow Rock* literary Journal, which was published for the first time in the spring of 2010.

"It's the same idea as the *Griffin* and many other different publications of the same type that Lindenwood has produced over the years," said Hurst. "*Arrow Rock* is only for students, though, which gives them a great opportunity to publish fiction and nonfiction, poetry, essays and artwork. It also makes it possible for them to have the experience of being involved in a literary journal's production process, which looks really good on their resumes."

More information on the *Arrow Rock* journal can be found at www.lindenwood.edu/ArrowRock. Copies of the found *Griffin* journals are available for free while supplies last, and can be reserved by e-mailing publicrelations@lindenwood.edu.



Boone Home Receives Grant for Renovations

The Trulaske Foundation has awarded funding to Lindenwood's Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village to renovate the Squire Boone House and Grist Mill. The Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village, located in Defiance Missouri, has been owned by Lindenwood University since 1998. The site features Daniel Boone's home and a replica village to portray life on the frontier. The University has spent millions of dollars making the Boonesfield Village into what it is today—a 1,000-acre open-air museum.

The Squire Boone home was built in the late 18th century and was lived in by Daniel Boone's younger brother, Squire. The Grist Mill was built in 1840 and was originally located between Femme Osage and Marthasville. This mill was used to grind grains such as wheat and rye. The mill was powered by four horses or oxen that turned the grinding stones.

Dr. David Knotts, Dean of the School of American Studies and site advisor, said the Trulaske funds not only provide much-needed preservation for the buildings but allow them to be used for historic programming. The school of American Studies holds the majority of its classes on the Daniel Boone campus.

Since notification of funding was received, the University has utilized

students to help with several renovations. Currently, The Grist Mill is receiving new siding and the Squire Boone Home a new roof.

Knotts said he and his staff are extremely grateful to the Trulaske Foundation for their support and this opportunity to expand their historic programming.

The Squire Boone House and the Grist Mill on the Boonesfield Village grounds are both receiving renovations, thanks to a grant from the Trulaske Foundation. Lindenwood students helped with some of the work.





Lindenwood personnel, including President James D. Evans, Ph.D. (center, with scissors), gathered with figures from the O'Fallon municipal government and the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce to officially open the new O'Fallon South extension center.

New Locations for Evening Program in O'Fallon, South County

Lindenwood University continued its evolution this past summer by opening new extension locations in O'Fallon, Mo., and South St. Louis County, Mo. Both centers were previously housed at different locations, but were moved to new areas to better serve students enrolled in the University's Lindenwood College for Individualized Education (LCIE) accelerated evening program.

"What's great about both of them is that they are ready-made campuses that offer the same broad representation of LCIE as before," said Brett Barger, Dean of Evening Admissions and Extension Campuses. "The difference is that the facilities are now more modern and sit in highly accessible areas of their respective regions."

Featuring administrative offices and

classrooms equipped with the latest instructional technology, Lindenwood's O'Fallon South Center is now located at 4701 Highway K, a short distance from Interstate 64. The location replaces the Weldon Spring Center, which had been operational since 2000.

"The O'Fallon South Center provides easy access to those living near or traveling on Highway K, Highway 40, and Technology Drive," Barger said. "It's really the crossroads of community life in that part of St. Charles County."

Lindenwood's new location in South County also enjoys increased visibility and offers students more convenient access to LCIE programs. Formerly located in the St. Anthony Medical Center, the new facility sits inside the First National Bank

building at 12224 Tesson Ferry Road in St. Louis.

"Enrollment in that area has increased so much that we had to seek other accommodations to be able to continue serving our customers, which is a good problem to have," said Barger. "The new location is a wonderful spot with room to grow, and people won't be able to miss us."

Lindenwood's other extension centers are located throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, from Belleville, Ill., to Lincoln County, Mo. For more information about the school's extension centers or the LCIE program, call the Lindenwood Evening Admissions Office at 636-949-4933.

Film Series Awarded \$14,423 from Missouri Arts Council

The Lindenwood University Film Series received notification recently from the Missouri Arts Council for its funded grant proposal of \$14,423. This was wonderful news to Dr. David Brown, LU Film Series Director and full-time philosophy professor. The series began in September 2010 after a \$300,000 renovation to the 180-seat Young Auditorium. The University had not had a film series since the late '70s.

In over a year, Brown, Peter Carlos, Assistant Professor and Director of LUTV, and Rift Fournier, Senior Artistic Advisor, have built a "Tivoli-like" film line-up and student-following. The series has already collaborated with the St. Louis International Film Festival to grant a Lifetime Achievement Award to Stacy Keach, a Hollywood actor, who came to Lindenwood to accept his award. Average

attendance at each film ranges between 40-50 individuals.

The grant funds will be used to increase community awareness through marketing and partnerships. The series plans to show over 60 films per semester and significantly increase its community outreach. Two of the partnerships will include St. Charles West High School and Parkside Retirement Living.

Brown said the partnership with St. Charles West High School is innovative in the St. Charles community because it allows a school with a limited budget and technology to experience theater, films, and their artistic components. In addition, it shows the Lindenwood campus to potential students.

The Parkside Retirement Living partnership will offer special evenings

for seniors that focus on classic films and history. In addition to these partnerships, the series is open to the public and free to students, and alums with a Lindenwood ID or alumni benefits card (free from the Institutional Advancement office).

Below is a list of upcoming films for fall 2011-2012:

October

- 1 *Au Hasard Balthazar*
- 7 *Katyn*
- 8 *Life is Beautiful*
- 14 *Diva*
- 15 *Ikiru*
- 21 *Black Swan*
- 22 *Away From Her*
- 28 *Crash*
- 29 *Rabbit Hole*
- 31 *The Exorcist* (2000 re-release)

TRANSITIONS

By Eric O. Stuhler
Director of Planned Giving and
In-House Legal Counsel

My first day at Lindenwood as a new freshman was in the fall of 1974. It was also the day that a new psychology professor, Dr. James D. Evans, began his teaching career at Lindenwood. It is a bit ironic that we now work together in the same suite of offices after a number of transitions; however, since he was my professor in psychology and statistics, he does sometimes harken back to those times and threatens to change my grades after all these years.

We all experience a number of transitions in our lifetime. There is school, marriage, children, and a host of life's unexpected detours. Last year seemed especially transitional for me as in March my father passed away at the respectable age of 80. In May, my youngest daughter, Allison, graduated from Lindenwood and began teaching. And finally, my first grandchild, Ethan, was born to my oldest daughter, Amanda, and her husband Joe (both Lindenwood grads) last year on the Fourth of July. These are major transitions.

When I look back on how Lindenwood played a role in my life, I realize how the transitions affected me. When I was a student, I wanted to play a part in the Business Department, so I started the Business Club and developed activities relating to business majors. That was how I could give back to Lindenwood at that time.

After law school at UMKC and getting married in Kansas City, I came back to

Lindenwood and started teaching at night after spending the day in local courtrooms practicing law. It kept me in touch with students and allowed me to know several generations of the Lindenwood Community. Many of my former students are now becoming the great benefactors of today. It was during this time that I began to realize the importance of helping these hardworking students through Annual Fund contributions.

I also experienced the joy of spending 25 years on the Alumni Board, which was originally known as the "Alumni Council." We spent time organizing events, raising money for scholarships, and even painting classrooms during the summer. I hold the honor of being the first male Alumni Association President. (Now that was a transition from the all-women's college of years past.) Joining the Alumni Council was a good time to transition to planned giving and that is when I transitioned my estate plan by leaving a bequest to Lindenwood, making me eligible for membership in the Sibley Heritage Society.

Five years ago, when I told my wife, Debby, that I was considering leaving the private practice of law after 25 years and working for Lindenwood, she posed the question, "What is it with you and Lindenwood?" I told her that her question was a fair one and the next day, after reflecting on my experiences here, I answered with, "Lindenwood made me into the man you wanted to marry." She accepted that answer.

For the last five years I have had the dual roles of In-House Legal Counsel and Director of Planned Giving. I wish to take

this time and thank all the donors who have left millions of dollars to the University during my tenure through wills and trusts. I also wish to thank all of the donors who have pledged millions of dollars in expectancies for our future. The generosity of our donors is now getting the attention of universities throughout the state and beyond.

Because planned giving has been a most integral part of our fundraising efforts, and the legal needs of the University have grown with the university, my efforts will now be focused on serving as In-House Legal Counsel and our new Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Dr. Susan Mangels, will be assuming these important planned giving tasks. I have enjoyed serving as your Director of Planned Giving and I will still be here to answer any of your legal questions or just talk to you about Lindenwood (past and present).

Please continue to be generous in your annual giving and in your planned giving. Remember Lindenwood in your wills and trusts, life insurance policies, and in the many other planned giving options. You will find, as I have, that whatever you give to Lindenwood will in reality be an investment in your own life and in the lives of those you love.

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Lindenwood Launches Online Degree Programs

Lindenwood University has launched the first completely online degree programs in school history. The programs include online graduate degrees in business administration, nonprofit administration, and writing.

The online business and nonprofit programs are offered through the traditional day college, while the online master of fine arts degree in writing is offered through Lindenwood's evening program for working adults. A bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in educational technology will start in January 2012 and are currently accepting enrollments, and even more full online degree programs are planned. All of the new online programs are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Lindenwood boasts the second largest master's of business administration program in the St. Louis area, so we knew we wanted the M.B.A. to be among the first online degree programs we offered," said Ed Perantoni, Ed.D, Director of Online Programs for the University. "We are proud to make it possible for students anywhere in the country to obtain an advanced degree through our top-quality programs."

Lindenwood's online offerings are geared toward adult learners who seek to balance the pursuit of higher education with other personal and professional responsibilities. The programs are designed to make it easier for students to achieve their academic goals at their own pace.

"Earning a degree through Lindenwood's online programs is the ultimate in convenience," said Perantoni. "Students can

continue to manage their work and family life and, depending on their circumstances, also reduce or eliminate childcare and transportation expenses."

The move into online degree programs has been a natural progression for Lindenwood, which offered its first online class in 2002. More than 100 individual courses are now offered each semester, and hopes are high that the University's online degree programs will experience the same growth.

"We hope to see an enrollment increase of 8,000 to 10,000 online students within the next five to eight years," Perantoni said. "We plan to steadily add online degree programs to meet demand."

For more information or to complete an online application, visit www.lindenwood.edu and select the "Online Programs" link.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Class Notes

'40s

Carolyn Kirkwood ('47) spent over 31 years working for the U.S. Postal Service and has officially retired, ready to use her time travelling to exciting places. She graduated from Lindenwood with a dual major in psychology and music and currently resides in Orem, Utah.

'70s

John Dooley ('74) was named to the newly created William and Marilyn Ingersoll Chair in Computer Science at Knox College this past July. John was also named Senior Scientist of the Year for 2011 by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Lindenwood in 1974 and currently resides in Galesburg, Ill.

'80s

Tom Nebel ('80) and his wife Susan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 31, 2011. Tom received his master of business administration from Lindenwood and currently resides in Clarksville, Tenn.

Gary Reinwald ('85) has served the St. Louis area supply chain and sales management industries for over 30 years. This extensive background has led him to accept the position of president at Petter Packaging, LLC (doing business as Apex Packaging).

Linda Carroll ('87) was recently named human resources manager for Precision Rebuilders, Inc. She graduated with her bachelor's in Corporate Business Administration in 1987 and currently resides in St. Clair, Mo.

Roberta Mueller ('89) recently earned the Woman of the Year Award from Tall Clubs International (TCI), a not-for-profit organization promoting the interests of tall people worldwide. She has been a participant in the St. Louis chapter of the organization for the past 22 years and was the first Miss Tall International to attend the European convention in 1991. Roberta graduated from Lindenwood's LCIE program with her master's in communications and currently resides in Ballwin, Mo.

Donald Beussink ('89) recently authored a book called *Searching*, aimed at helping active job searchers and the unemployed find employment. He completed his master's in business administration at Lindenwood and is currently president of

BankersAdvertising.com, based in Iowa City, Iowa.

'90s

Heather Glenn-Taylor ('90) was married to long-time friend and colleague Michael Taylor on December 28, 2010. They have both spent the last 10 years working with the American Jukebox Theatre, where they met. Heather has also recently begun working as a physical therapy assistant for Benchmark Physical Therapy, LLC. She resides in Morristown, Tenn.

Laura Matheny O'Dell ('94) was recently married to Donnie O'Dell and began work for Key Equipment as a billing/warranty manager in Bridgeton, Mo. She received her bachelor's from Lindenwood in 1994 and resides in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Chris DiGiuseppi ('98) co-authored a book entitled *The Light Bringer* with fellow Lindenwood alumnus Mike Force. It was published recently through HCI Books and has so far been featured by Channel 5, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and the *Suburban Journals*. Both authors have spent their careers in law enforcement, graduating from the FBI National Academy and now reside in Troy, Mo., with their respective families.

Don Furjes ('99) is excited for his new opportunity as Principal at Remington Traditional School in the Pattonville School District. He graduated from Lindenwood's master of educational administration program in 1999 and currently resides in Ballwin, Mo.

'00s

Robin Echele ('00) has been honored by acceptance into the Institution of Fire Engineers, an elite international organization that recognizes firefighters from 29 countries. A firefighter from youth, he completed his training in the Executive Fire Officer Program this August, making him one of only 720 individuals with this designation worldwide.

Sharon Redding ('00) was highlighted this July in the Examiner.net as Teacher of the Week for the Independence Public Schools District. A first grade teacher for more than nine years, Sharon received her master's in education from Lindenwood in 2000.

Brian Gentz ('00) has served in many capacities in the Rockwood School District for the last 17 years. Recently named the new principal at Kellison Elementary School, he currently resides in Fenton,

Mo. Brian received his master's degree in educational administration from Lindenwood in 2000.

Dr. Stephanie Carleton ('00) celebrates the first birthday of her youngest child this year. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Lindenwood before attending the University of Missouri to receive her Ph.D. She recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship program there with the National Space Biomedical Research Institute in 2010. She resides with her family in St. Peters, Mo.

Bill Mitchell ('01) has recently been recognized by North County, Inc. as one of the area's top "Thirty Leaders in Their 30s." Mitchell is employed by Hazelwood School District as teacher liaison for corporate partnerships and intern coordinator at Hazelwood West High School. Mitchell expects to receive his Ed.S. from Lindenwood University in 2012 and currently resides in St. Charles, Mo.

William Behr ('03) recently gained employment as the associate director of employer relations at Washington University's Weston Career Center after spending over 25 years in human resources management, recruiting, talent management, and operations with IBM. He graduated with his master's degree in human resource management from Lindenwood in 2003.

Claude Lake ('03) recently completed his master of science in management at Troy University and continues his software development career at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. He currently resides in Northport, Ala.

AnnMarie Gilman ('04) was recently named assistant principal at Eureka High School. A science teacher for the last 12 years, AnnMarie was also a Missouri Teacher of the Year finalist in 2009.

Carla Johnson ('04) and her husband, Nick, celebrated the arrival of their second child, Elijah, this May. Carla earned her bachelor's degree from Lindenwood bachelor degree program in 2004 and currently resides with her family in Foristell, Mo.

Christine Doerhoff ('04) was recently hired as a meetings coordinator at Scottrade, Inc. She previously worked at Buckingham Asset Management. She currently resides in Lake Saint Louis, Mo.

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Dr. Danielle Vogelsang ('05) has recently been named principal at Bowles Elementary School. For the last nine years, she has served in both administrative and teaching capacities, earning a Teacher of the Year award in the Fort Zumwalt School District. She earned her master's, educational specialist, and educational doctorate degrees from Lindenwood.

Lindsay Weibye ('05) and her husband, Ethan, just welcomed their new daughter, Piper Cheyenne, on May 2 of this year. Lindsay is an elementary school teacher in the Fort Zumwalt School District and received her bachelor's in elementary education from Lindenwood in 2005.

Jesse D. Morrell III ('06) has retired from a career in corporate communications. He received from Lindenwood a master's in communications from in 2006 and an undergraduate degree in information technology in 2005 and currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Nick Hoth ('06) was recently named head football coach for the Mexico Bulldogs. He maintains the head wrestling coach position at the high school as well. Nick graduated with his bachelor's from Lindenwood in 2006 and currently resides in Mexico, Mo.

Paul Burns ('07) was promoted his promotion to associate principal at Marquette High School this year. He graduated from Lindenwood with a master's in educational administration in 2007.

Kelly Struempf ('07) recently completed her doctorate of pharmacy from Southern Illinois University School of Pharmacy. In addition to graduating with honors, she received the 2011 Facts and Comparisons Clinical Communication Award and is now pursuing a post-graduate year-one pharmacy practice residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Ill.

Sara Jane Hunt ('07) is now a reconciliation claims specialist position at Medical Transportation Management in Lake Saint Louis. In 2007, she graduated from Lindenwood with her bachelor's degree in business administration. She currently resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Jeremy Tutterow ('09) currently works as a youth pastor at the Winds of Pentecost in St. Charles. He and his wife reside in Wentzville, Mo.

Jennifer Reedy ('09) was recently appointed to the assistant principal position at Buder Elementary in Ritenour School District. In her prior position at Hoech Middle School, she received a Diamond Circle Award as Hoech's top teacher in 2010. She earned her master's

degree in educational administration from Lindenwood in 2009 and currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Patrick Glynn ('09) celebrated his promotion to assistant director of branch administration at Scottrade, Inc., this July, continuing his thirteen-year career with the company. Patrick graduated from Lindenwood in 2009 with a bachelor's in business administration and currently resides in Ballwin, Mo.

Jamie Weiss ('09) is now employed as new employment as office manager at Weiss Monument Works, Inc., in Belleville, Ill. She graduated from Lindenwood University with her bachelor's degree in business administration and currently resides in Webster Groves, Mo.

Nigel Morton ('09) was married to Elizabeth Hamill, of Creve Coeur, this past July. He graduated with his master of business administration in 2009, and the couple now resides in St. Louis, Mo.

'10s

Tara Kluesner ('10) is now the director of donor development with the Center for Autism Education. Tara earned her bachelor's degree in nonprofit administration from Lindenwood and currently resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Lara T. Beckemeier ('10), previously Lara T. Kroeger, was married this year. In 2010, she graduated with her master of business administration from Lindenwood. She currently resides in Winfield, Mo.

Marie Lissner ('10) recently began work at Providence Bank as the PALS coordinator for the St. Louis market. Marie graduated from Lindenwood with her bachelor's in general studies in May 2010 and resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Staci Martin ('11) recently began her professional career as the recruiting and retention coordinator at the University of Advanced Technology in Tempe, Ariz. She graduated from Lindenwood in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in human resource management and now resides in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Anna Venable ('11) now works at SAF-Holland USA, Inc. as a planner and scheduler for the St. Louis area office. She graduated magna cum laude from the LCIE program with her bachelor's degree in business administration in 2011 and currently resides in Wentzville, Mo.

Abby Schaffrin ('11) is now employed at World Wide Technology, Inc., a company ranked as one of St. Louis' "Best Places To Work" by the St. Louis Business Journal. She completed her master of business administration at Lindenwood in 2011.

Abby currently resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Jenny Petzoldt ('11) is now employed at Metro Exhibit Corporation, where she works as a graphic designer helping create impactful tradeshow exhibit designs. She graduated with a bachelor of fine art in 2011. She currently resides in Woodridge, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

Greg Batenhorst (adjunct professor) recently accepted a new position as the director of student services for the Clayton School District after a 27-year career in youth services.

In Memoriam

Lillian Wilson Nauman ('35)
Birmingham, Ala.

Dorothy Miller Reitz ('40)
Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

Sarah Trapp Chapman ('47)
Gravois Mills, Mo.

Louise McGraw Hodgson ('47)
Herculeaneum, Mo.

Rosemary Modert Holloway ('47)
Mount Vernon, Ill.

Patricia Jenkins Morrow ('48)
Alta, Iowa

Mary Murray Stark ('48-'49)
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Shirley Whitsell Miller ('51)
St. Joseph, Mo.

Julia Sutton Noonan ('53)
Springfield, Ill.

Elizabeth Layton Warren ('56-'59)
St. Charles, Mo.

Marilyn 'Mimi' Kroepel Roques ('59)
Alton, N.H.

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Hutt ('61)
St. Louis, Mo.

Judith S. Ritter ('61)
St. Louis, Mo.

Sylvia East Beilsmith ('69)
St. Charles, Mo.

Nancy Belohlavek ('77)
Wausau, Wis.

Alice Terrell ('88)
St. Louis, Mo.

Lindenwood Faculty & Staff

Eva Rose Dessert
O'Fallon, Mo.
Former Lindenwood
Housekeeper for 24 years

Move to NCAA Division II Going Well; Fund-Raising Campaign Enters Final Phase

President James D. Evans and Lindenwood's athletics administration received word earlier this summer that the school had been approved to move to the second year of NCAA Division II candidacy.

A team of NCAA officials will visit the campus in the spring for two days of meetings to evaluate Lindenwood's progress in the area of compliance, scholarships, eligibility, sports sponsorship, etc. If all goes well, Lindenwood will move to its final year of the three-year process--or provisional year in 2012-2013.

Lindenwood already has been accepted into the powerful MIAA conference for 15 of its 26 NCAA sports. The Lions will begin competing in the MIAA next fall; however, many MIAA teams are popping up on the LU schedules this season.

"The MIAA Conference has been absolutely welcoming and very good to deal with," said Athletics Director John Creer.

Some of the schools in the MIAA are Truman State University, Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State, Southwest Baptist, Lincoln University, Missouri Western, and Missouri Southern. There are other MIAA schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

LU to DII Enters Home Stretch

Lindenwood University's LU to DII campaign needs \$300,000 before the end of the year to reach its \$2.3 million fund-raising goal. The campaign, established last year, is to support construction a 43,000-square-foot Student-Athlete Center outside of Hunter Stadium. The Student-Athlete Center will feature an academic success center, new locker rooms for



Members of Lindenwood's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (which was formed as the institution began its move to the NCAA), teamed up with members of ROTC, the cheer and dance squads, and local firefighters to display a large American flag during the September 11 pregame moment of silence.

stadium sports, athletic training facilities, and coaches' offices.

Construction on the new building began in the summer, after Lindenwood learned that it would be receiving a \$300,000 grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation if it reaches its fundraising goal. Officials are hopeful that the building will be ready to occupy in late 2012.

"We're very close to reaching our goal," said President James D. Evans, Ph.D. "We

have have a hard-working committee that is doing a great job."

Athletics Development Director Jane Baum is hopeful that donations from former athletes "can help us get even closer to our goal on homecoming weekend. We hope to celebrate soon."

Please contact Jane at 636 949-4427 or jbaum@lindenwood.edu to make your pledge.

Women's Hockey Seeks Membership in CHA Conference

The College Hockey America (CHA) women's hockey conference has announced that Lindenwood University has officially submitted an application for admission to the organization.

The Lady Lions hope to become official members for the 2012-13 season. The other teams in the league that year will be Mercyhurst College (Pa.), Niagara University (N.Y.), Penn State University, Robert Morris University (Pa.), and Syracuse University (N.Y.).

"We are very honored and excited with the news that the CHA Directors are reviewing our application for membership," said Lindenwood head coach Vince O'Mara. "We are equally as excited to

show the CHA and its member institutions how committed Lindenwood University is to its women's hockey program."

The CHA has sent a representative to the NCAA National Tournament every year since 2005, and, with the addition of Lindenwood, the conference would be able to receive an



Vince O'Mara

automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Lindenwood will be playing its first full NCAA schedule this school year. The challenging schedule includes seven games against teams that were ranked in the top 10 in the final NCAA Division I national polls last year.

The first NCAA game at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville, Mo. will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, against Mercyhurst. The top program in the CHA has advanced to the national tournament for seven straight seasons and is the defending league champions.

Lindenwood Football Shocks NCAA Division I Northern Colorado 22-20

The Lindenwood University football team opened up the 2011 season with the biggest regular-season win in school history. The Lions knocked off NCAA Division I Northern Colorado by a 22-20 margin after James Neal kicked a 21-yard field goal as time expired.

“Our anticipation was we were going to come in here and find a way to win,” Head Coach Patrick Ross said after the game. “I am very proud of our players for accomplishing that goal.”

Lindenwood dominated the statistics throughout the game, but didn’t take its first lead of the contest until early in the fourth quarter. Quarterback John Uribe completed a short pass to Denodus O’Bryant over the middle and O’Bryant sprinted past everyone for a 71-yard touchdown. That score gave the Lions a 19-14 lead with 11:14 remaining.

Northern Colorado reclaimed the lead with a pair of field goals, the second one coming with just 1:10 remaining. That was just enough time for the Lions. Andrew Helmick had a big kickoff return that gave Lindenwood the ball near midfield. Uribe then completed five straight passes to get Lindenwood down the field. The last completion was a 28-yard pass to the two-yard line that Helmick acrobatically caught



Lindenwood kicker James Neal prepares to kick an extra point during the Lions’ victory over Graceland. Neal kicked the game-winner as time expired against Northern Colorado.

on the sideline. Two plays later, Neal started a celebration on Lindenwood’s sidelines when he kicked his third field goal of the game.

“I knew what I had to do,” Neal said. “It was a short and straight kick. I just had to get a foot on it and have a straight follow through, and that would get the job done.” Lindenwood, which did not have a letdown

the next week in its home opener with a 67-10 win over Graceland, will play four straight home dates starting with the Homecoming Game on Oct. 15. The highlight will be the Nov. 5 contest against Central Missouri, a national power at the NCAA Division II level.

Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct New Class at Homecoming

The 2011 Lindenwood Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Oct. 14 at The Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles, Mo. The banquet will honor the fifth class inducted into the school’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

The 2011 Hall of Fame Class will have 10 members, including six former student-athletes, one meritorious service honoree,

and three teams.

The student-athletes are Sharon Lawson Bickel (soccer), Joe McKinney (football), Karen Peer (softball), Jennifer Siess Duras (soccer), Ryan Silch (football), and Kara Wall (volleyball).

Keith Askenasi will receive the meritorious service award for being one of the leaders when the athletics department

was created in the early 1970s. The national championship teams of 2003 men’s outdoor track and field, 2004 shooting, and 2006 women’s hockey are the final inductees.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. for the banquet, and the dinner and program will start at 6:30 p.m. Bob Ramsey, a Lindenwood alum and one of the hosts of the top rated sports radio show in St. Louis on ESPN 101, will be the emcee of the event.

Tickets are still available to attend and cost \$25 a piece. For more information on the 2011 Hall of Fame Banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Athletics Development Director Jane Baum at 636-949-4427, or by email at jbaum@lindenwood.edu.



The 2010 Hall of Fame class photo.

Volleyball, Soccer, Others Open Season With Optimism

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team, led by returning All-American Ellen Fandry and NCAA Division I transfer Emma Brydels, has one of the most difficult schedules in school history in 2011. The Lady Lions play a NCAA Division II semifinalist, a NCAA Division III semifinalist, and four other contests against teams that made the DII National Tournament at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

Lindenwood also plays five matches against teams in its future conference, the MIAA. The Lady Lions ensured they would finish above .500 against their future conference opponents when they won three matches at the Southwest Baptist Purple Bash Tournament.

Men's Soccer

The Lions men's soccer team is facing a rebuilding season after losing eight starters, including one All-American and four all-conference players. Victor Buchim is the top returning player for the Lindenwood program, which has had just one losing streak under long-time coach Carl Hutter.

Women's Soccer

It was a good omen for the Lindenwood women's soccer team when it opened its season by scoring a goal in just 12 seconds. The Lady Lions were undefeated through the first two weeks of the season. The top returners for the team are Brigitte Bollwerk



Lindenwood's field hockey team opened its home season with a tough loss against a talented Division II Mercyhurst team. Sophomore Maria Schafer leads the charge up the field against Mercyhurst.

and Bailey Cody, both all-conference selections last season.

Field Hockey

The Lady Lions field hockey team is under the direction of first-year head coach Sarah Johnson. A former star player at Missouri State University, Johnson comes to Lindenwood after being an assistant coach at Denison. Lindenwood returns over 85 percent of its roster from last year's team.

Men's Rugby

One of the newest Student Life Sports, men's rugby, won its inaugural game in a 47-10 rout of the Kansas Jayhawks. Morgan Findlay scored the first try in Lindenwood history.

Men's Water Polo

Another new head coach at Lindenwood is water polo coach Marko Cubranovic. Cubranovic picked up his first win of his career with a 20-2 win over Michigan State University at the Spartan Invitational. The Lions went on to win four games at that tournament and placed fifth overall.

Basketball Promises an Exciting Season

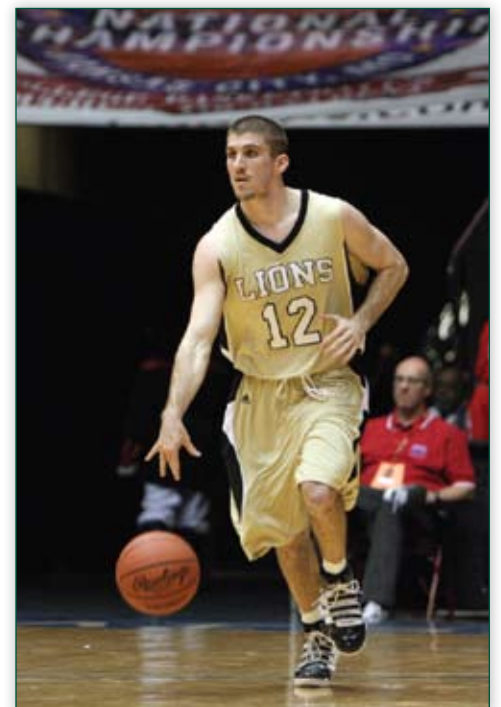
The men's and women's basketball teams at Lindenwood both had memorable 2010-11 seasons. The Lions set a school record for victories, won a conference championship, and advanced to the second round of the NAIA Division I National Tournament. The Lady Lions were one of the most improved teams in the nation, going from nine wins to 21 in just one year.

What do the two programs have in store for an encore? For one, both have exciting schedules. The men's team has trips to Alaska and Las Vegas early in the season, followed by 11 home games during the final two months of the season. The women's team is traveling to Hawaii and New Orleans and concludes the year by hosting the Lindenwood Transition Tournament.

Even more exciting are the players from both teams who will return this year from last season's successful squads. The men's

team brings back the St. Charles West duo of All-American Kramer Soderberg and All-Conference Alex Bazzell. In their first season in a Lions uniform, the pair combined for nearly 30 points and eight assists a game. The women's team returns the player who sparked last year's turnaround, Morgan Harrington. Harrington was an All-American after averaging 13.4 points and 2.8 assists a game.

Kramer Soderberg will be back for his final season to lead the Lions in 2011-2012.



Off to a Busy Year



Summer is over, and Lindenwood University students have been welcomed back to campus with exciting changes and additions. The start of the fall 2011 semester brought the opening of the Evans

Commons, the student-centered facility that includes a food court, laundry facilities, student mail boxes, game rooms, basketball courts, televisions, and just about anything else that college students would want. The Evans Common offers amenities never seen before at Lindenwood.

The Belleville Alumni Club is growing by leaps and bounds. Under the direction of Club President Larry Dunn, the club now has a great member base and wants to encourage all Belleville campus alumni to join and become engaged in Lindenwood-Belleville activities.

The St. Charles Alumni Club also continues to grow with Mary Gismegian as club president; the club recently hosted its annual Fashion Show and Auction in the Spellmann Center with over 150 alumni and community participants.

I hope that you are planning to attend our annual Homecoming and Reunion Weekend scheduled for October 14-16. (See the schedule on pages 4-5 of this issue for a list of all the events.

Registration will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Hyland Arena. The Alumni Corral in the VIP Room at Hyland will be a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow classmates and make plans for your weekend. Campus bus tours will be provided during the afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. and will depart from the arena. Alumni Office representatives will be able to answer all of your questions during the registration process. On Saturday, alumni activities will begin with a special Breakfast with the President. Honored classes will be recognized. The breakfast will be followed by the annual Alumni Association meeting. Again, refer to the schedule in this issue for more details.

I would also like to thank all of the alumni who have given so generously during the past year to help secure the future of our University. There are a number of giving opportunities at Lindenwood, and alumni have been very responsive in giving to the student scholarship program, the athletic boosters, and the student emergency textbook fund. Please remember Lindenwood and her students in your giving plans for the 2011-2012 academic year.

I hope to see you around campus. Have a wonderful fall season.

Sincerely,
Janet Lewien ('84, '04, '07)
President, Lindenwood Alumni Association



Guess Where This Is

Can you tell us where this fixture is located on campus? If so, please email your answer to alumni@lindenwood.edu. Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. Five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

In last issue's "Guess What This Is," the picture was of the cornice located above the stairs of Niccols Hall. The winners from the summer 2011 *Connection* are Carin Albright McWhorter ('96), Donna Lou Thomas Kelley ('58-'59), Diane Goldtrap ('59 & '94), Kami Jones ('09).

Lindenwood University Hosts National Adult Education Conference

Lindenwood University hosted the 30th Annual Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, Community and Extension Education. The conference, which was Sept. 21 to 23, provides a forum each year for practitioners and researchers to discuss the education of adults toward improving the practice. This year, over 40 papers were accepted for presentation from across the nation and other parts of the world.

Lindenwood University professor Dr. John Henschke presented the keynote, "Nation Building through Andragogy and Lifelong

Learning. Conference topics will cover all aspects of adult education from skills training to doctoral level higher education.

Lindenwood's Dr. Beth Kania-Gosche, one of the organizers of the event, said the conference is organized annually by a group of educators from a variety of institutions who have in common a commitment to adult education. It has been hosted by Michigan State University, Ball State University, Ohio State University, and UM—St. Louis, among others. This is the first time it has been hosted by Lindenwood University.