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Two Schools, One Experience

By Chris Hooker

Can you imagine being able to attend two schools from one location? Students on the Belleville campus are being offered this opportunity at this very moment. According to Dr. Judy Eberhart, department chair of the Division of Business and Entrepreneurship, the Belleville campus offers nine undergraduate, three MBA, and one education/counseling course during the 2013 spring semester. These distance learning classes allow current students to pursue their degrees in a timely manner as LU-Belleville continues to expand. Utilizing the St. Charles faculty allows for more course offerings throughout the academic year. No longer will students have to wait for courses they need to fulfill degree requirements for graduation. Enrolling in these particular courses enlightens students to a unique experience. For the most part, students can expect similar teaching methodologies used by the Belleville and St. Charles campuses. Faculty on both campuses are extremely professional and eager to help students succeed in the classroom. Furthermore, distance learning can foster new ideas to implement at each respective campus. Universities should never become stagnant, but rather they should always be innovative. The distance learning room has allowed the university to accomplish just that.



Graduate assistant Chris Hooker setting up for a distance learning course.

The distance learning program is now entering its second semester of duty. Eberhart has said that faculty teaching these courses have taken to it naturally. Professors have had to adapt to lecturing to two different campuses but have done so smoothly. Also, graduate assistants are being utilized to ensure that a solid connection is transmitted from St. Charles. As with any type of technology, glitches can happen. Graduate assistants come in handy to be able to help fix the problem in a timely manner to allow classes to resume on schedule. The smoother classes can run, the better the experience for students and faculty.

In talking with Dr. Keith Russell, dean of academics, the technology used with distance learning is not cheap, but LU-Belleville is attempting to establish a second room for this type of learning. Although this particular learning experience is still in its infancy, the administration have seen their expectations being met, and the future for distance learning remains bright.

Eberhart has also stated that with more courses being offered, more professors will be able to experience distance learning and be able to split their time between Belleville and St. Charles. The overall success of the program is not solely up to faculty and staff but the students as well.



Lindenwood just keeps on building

Board approves spending \$4 million as school continues adding to campus.

By Scott Wuerz

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Lindenwood University's Board of Directors approved the construction of a new, \$4 million dorm building for its Belleville campus during its Friday meeting.

The two-story, L-shaped building will be behind the Illinois State Police crime lab at the corner of West Washington and South 23rd streets near the campus student center.

"It's a very accessible location where students can easily get to class, computer labs and the dining hall," Lindenwood Vice President Jerry Bladdick said. "This will be a major step towards helping us achieve our goal of 1,200 resident students and a total of 2,000 students on this campus."

Lindenwood-Belleville currently has 780 full-time day students and about 1,700 total students.

The 25,000-square-foot building is expected to be ready for students in the fall of this year. It will house only female students.

University President James Evans said he's thrilled to see the Belleville campus reach another milestone in Lindenwood's ambitious plans to turn what was once an aging, abandoned high school into a hub of activity.

"Lindenwood is pleased beyond words that our board of directors has approved the construction of a new residence hall at our Belleville campus," Evans said. "It will be a beautiful addition to the city and it will help us to accommodate the continuing demand of a full service residential college experience at the campus."

"This building will be our second major student residence facility in Belleville after the

conversion of the former Econo Lodge into a dormitory and it will enable us to provide housing for an additional 180 full-time students," Evans said. "We are proud to bring more of the best of higher education to this great municipality."

Mayor Mark Eckert said city leaders are equally as thrilled to see the addition to the school.

"The city of Belleville is extremely excited about the continued growth at Lindenwood University-Belleville," Eckert said. "This dorm marks a significant step in that growth and we are excited to be working with Lindenwood to make it a reality."

Ben Blanton, co-chair of the Lindenwood University Board of Directors, said: "I was on the ground floor of all the growth and construction at Lindenwood University in St. Charles in 1991. It's interesting to be able to witness similar things happening at the Belleville campus now."

Bladdick said the new dorms will make Lindenwood the only university in the metro-east that offers four different housing options for students. It will add traditional dorms to its existing fraternity style apartment living, family style living in one of the several houses the school purchased and rehabbed near the school and resort style living in the former Econo Lodge.

School leaders said the dorms will cater toward young students who might be uncomfortable going from living with their parents as a high school senior to moving into their own house with several strangers as a college freshman. Regardless of what housing option students choose, living in a campus residence costs \$3,930 for the room and \$3,500 for board. Tuition is \$14,875 a year.



Welcoming the Spring Semester

By Lydia Blaha

LU-Belleville students came back from winter break and dove into the spring semester head first. Coordinator of Student Activities, Jenny Baudendistel, planned a number of daily activities throughout the week to take the edge off the stress that comes along with starting new classes.

"It's hard to get back into the swing of things after being off for so long," said Adam Jackson, a senior in communications. "It's nice to have breaks in between classes where we can enjoy activities if we want to and get to see friends again."

Some of the activities that were scheduled throughout the week included jousting, karaoke, movie night and mechanical bull riding. Welcome Back Week then wrapped up on Saturday evening at a Lindenwood Night put on by Pitcher's Sports Pub & Pizzeria.

"Connecting students to the university is important," said Corey Meehan, another senior in communications. "Having events during the first week of school is a great idea. It allows students to get involved in ways they might not otherwise be involved."

In related business, Bladdick said Lindenwood will tear down the former New Freedom Baptist Church across West Main Street from the campus within the next 30 days.

Last year the school purchased the church the city had moved to condemn because of a leaky roof, mold, broken windows and other problems. Bladdick said school leaders determined there was too much damage to the building for it to be saved.

The church site will be converted into parking lots to compensate for the loss of the Pyramid Parking Lot where the new dorm will be built.

Spring Honors Convocation

LU-Belleville will be recognizing our students' academic excellence at the Spring Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. All students and their families and friends are invited to attend. Faculty and staff at LU-Belleville recognize the hard work our students put forward, and we want to honor those outstanding members of our academic community. Please join us for a brief but meaningful ceremony, highlighting the academic success on our campus. Look for more details in the next edition of the Lynx Tale.

Finding Fitzgerald: Classes are an Opportunity to Explore

By Dan Stumpf

Ralph Ellison once said that education is just a matter of building bridges. During my time here at Lindenwood University-Belleville, I've done my part in building my own bridge to understanding. I've taken many literature classes here. Some of them were right up my alley, others... not so much. Nevertheless, one aspect that I've appreciated about all of the courses was the ability to explore and incorporate my own interests into the work. Throughout my time here, I've managed to integrate the works of one of my favorite authors to several of my classes.

Unlike many students, my introduction to F. Scott Fitzgerald was not *The Great Gatsby*, but instead, his second novel, *The Beautiful and the Damned*. To this day, the novel ranks among my favorite books for its candid portrait of longing and the dangers inherent therein. At one point, the main character Anthony Patch, says to his lover, "Things are sweeter when they're lost. I know — because once I wanted something and got it. It was the only thing I ever wanted badly, and when I got it, it turned to dust in my hands." Fitzgerald is often praised for his beautiful prose and vivid image of the 1920s, yet what drew me to the book was the clarity. Fitzgerald gracefully captures the feeling of nostalgia for times to which people simply cannot return. Having left my own hometown of Alamogordo, N.M., at a rather young age, the book spoke to me and fueled my interest in the author and the rest of his works. And so, I was very pleased to have the opportunity to explore and discuss the works in greater detail in my classes.

In the spring of 2012, I took Dr. Brooke Taylor's course on modern fiction. The course was ideal for someone interested in Modernist literature, like myself. Our course syllabus included some of my favorite authors — Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, and, of course, Fitzgerald. My last paper for that class analyzed *The Great Gatsby* and its similarities to a Greek tragedy. In a way that could, admittedly, use some development,

I go on to say that the significance of *The Great Gatsby*'s similarities was that Fitzgerald saw the American Jazz Age as a tragedy as well; the wanton waste, the vapid lifestyles, as well as escapism from the horrors of the First World War all seem to suggest his general distaste with the era. This was my first foray into an analysis of Fitzgerald's work, but my curiosity was far from satisfied.

Later, I managed to squeeze Fitzgerald in a place where I wouldn't have expected it could be done—Dr. Russell's Contemporary Poetry course in fall of 2012. Although there certainly wasn't much Fitzgerald in the course itself, the focus of the majority of my essays for the class was on the concept of nostalgia and how it operates in poetry. In my last essay, I talk about two poems, one by Richard Blanco entitled "The Silver Sands" and the other by Peter Everwine called "Drinking Cold Water." I included Fitzgerald when I compared the use of nostalgia in poetry and in fiction, showing that it served the same purpose.

Finally, just last semester in Dr. Mertz's Advanced Writing course, I was able to plumb the depths of my Fitzgerald fixation. All but the first of my writing assignments had to do with the esteemed author. My 40-item annotated bibliography had to do with Fitzgerald and the autobiographical element of his collection of works. In the final 14-page essay for the class, I was able to explain that the autobiographical content of Fitzgerald's works can be seen as a cathartic medium for the author himself, which is evident in the self-critical nature of his novels, as well as his criticisms of post-war America — his post-war America.

Throughout my time here at Lindenwood University-Belleville, I've managed to incorporate one of my favorite authors into my classes in several different ways, not merely reusing the same material over and over, but truly expanding, exploring, and building on my ideas. I encourage those of you who have an interest in something, whether it be basketball, travel, or Pablo Neruda, to use your imagination to incorporate your interests into your assignments. That way, you can engage with the material on a level that is perhaps more meaningful, or at least have something worth hanging on the metaphorical fridge.

Recycling

By Dinia Reeves

Recycling is processing used materials into new products to prevent waste of materials that we could potentially use again. Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction. When I asked Danielle Moore, a sophomore at Lindenwood University-Belleville, what recycling means to her, her response was very similar and leads to the real idea behind recycling: "Using a creative mind to reuse items for productive and effective things."

There are so many ways we waste things in our daily lives and do not even realize it. So what can we do to strive for this goal here on campus? It is possible if we all work together. I asked another student here at Lindenwood, a freshman, Zach Morris, how recycling could be more effective on campus. He suggested that recycling bins be placed in every room, or at least in every classroom. As a start to this idea, we could all make different bins. A bin for glass, one for paper, waste, food, plastic, and paper. This would help out tremendously, as long as everyone believes in the importance of recycling. We still have our problem students who said that recycling doesn't matter anymore and there is no point. We just need to find a way to show them first hand that recycling is best for all. Just think, every plastic bottle we recycle is another breath of fresh air in your life. It does affect you.

We need to start a project to make recycling a bigger part of our community here at LU-Belleville. If anyone has any ideas to share, feel free to contact me, Dinia Reeves, at dcr667@lionmail.lindenwood.edu. Let's make recycling a stronger campus presence together!

Bored On Campus?

By Stanton Ketcherside

The Lindenwood University-Belleville campus has many exciting events throughout the year to keep students like us entertained from time to time. The traditional Humans vs. Zombies week-long activity is an exciting way to challenge your fellow students using survival and Nerf skills. Yet, this game only lasts one week out of the fall semester, so what else is there? Besides sports events, theatre productions in the auditorium, and the occasional ping pong game at the Lynx Lodge, there isn't much to choose from. Well, never fear, there is more entertainment near, and it lies just beyond our own campus borders.

The Bel-Air Bowl, located on 200 S. Belt West in Belleville, is a perfect place to spend the afternoon, but only after finishing up that English paper of course. Every Wednesday night, all college students can bowl an unlimited amount of games for only ten dollars! The Bel-Air Bowl also has snacks, an arcade, and even a bar for bowlers age 21 and older. "It's a reasonable amount of entertainment with a hard-to-say-no-to price," says Jesse Francis, a freshman. For any bored college student sitting in his or her dorm room on a Wednesday night, the Bel-Air Bowl is only two and a half miles away!

If you are not much of a bowler and watching a new, hit movie is more up your alley, then the Edge Theatre is literally your ticket to off-campus entertainment. Located on 701 S. Belt West, the Edge has plush leather chairs for you to enjoy a popcorn during a late night showing of the newest films. LU-Belleville Junior Tyler Friend says, "Edge 5 has the comfiest seating when it comes to local movie theatres. Each seat even comes with a button to ring for the theatre attendant if you ever need anything. I watched *Taken 2* and was blown away by not only the movie, but the quality of theatre I was sitting in. This place definitely made my afternoon worth the two-minute drive and \$6.50 matinee price."

According to edge618.com, "Not only is Edge 5 a movie theatre, it is also an indoor laser tag arena. The Edge 5 laser tag arena is the largest in the world," according to (edge618.com). "It is best described as a high-tech, high-energy activity which is part-sport, part-role playing, and part-video game experience."

Now you have a few more options to consider when deciding a free time activity. Each of these places is less than 30 minutes away from the Lindenwood Belleville campus and is sure to give you something to entertain yourself during the infrequent free time you have as a college student or student athlete.



Paint & Foam, OH MY!

By Robyn Killingsworth

Lindenwood University – Belleville's Student Government Association proudly presented the Second Annual Paint Bash on December 7, 2012. Lindenwood's Student Government Association is an organization of students working together as one to represent the student body as a whole. The voices of the students were heard and the Foamapalooza is back for another round.

The Paint Bash was a glow in the dark dance where students were given sunglasses, glow-in-the-dark jewelry, and bottles of paint to "go crazy." At the end of the dance, everyone was covered in paint from head to toe. Students really enjoyed this event last year. This event was held in the Recreation Gym at the Lynx Arena, and the dance floor was covered with carpet so students were able to dance accident-free.

Foamapalooza will be held in the quad with a luau theme. Students will be covered

in foam, and this year, we will be able to enjoy it much longer than we were able to last year.

LSGA President Rodney Atwaters created these events and, with the help of the other members in Lindenwood's Student Government Association, made this all possible. "I wanted to put on an event that was different, something that every college does not have. I wanted to have an event that students would be like, 'What the heck?' but be so excited to attend. Students had a blast last year, and I hope the event is just as exciting this year," said Atwaters.

If you are interested in learning more about these events or joining Lindenwood's Student Government Association, you can contact Rodney Atwaters or any other member of the organization at LSGA_Belleville@lindenwood.edu.

Student Activities and Lindenwood Student Government Association (LSGA) would like to thank the local businesses who contributed to our LSGA Paint Bash. With over 300 guests in attendance, making it our largest event ever held on this campus, the LSGA Paint Bash was a huge success, once again. Thank you to Collins Flooring America, located in Swansea, one block south of Schnucks Swansea Plaza, for donating carpet squares for our dance floor. Thank you to Foley Cleaning, located in Caseyville on North 89th St., for donating hours of cleaning. We could not have done it without your help. It really turned out to be an enjoyable and exciting event. Also, thank you to all other businesses that contributed to this event. We appreciate all your participation.

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Professor-Student Research Collaboration

In fall 2012, Dr. Mark S. Carich, adjunct professor in the Division of Education and Counseling, co-authored an article titled, "Treatment Readiness Programs for Sexual Offenders: Key Elements" with a professional counseling graduate student at Lindenwood University-Belleville. The student, Terry L. Glenn, helped to propose a set of guidelines critical to the successful treatment of sexual offenders in the State of Illinois Corrections System. These guidelines were published by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. To find this article in full, please visit the ATSA website at:

<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/atsa/issues/2012-09-19/5.html>



partners with



By Chad Vahlkamp



Chad Vahlkamp, BTHS volleyball Coach Austin Betz and Marley Webb.

On January 31, the Lindenwood University-Belleville men's basketball team went on to defeat Logan Chiropractic and help a great local organization in the process. Lindenwood University-Belleville sponsored the Optimist Club at the game and donated profits from the game to the childhood cancer campaign. Chad Vahlkamp, an LCIE admissions counselor, interviewed the newest president from the Optimists, Rick Cavalier. Cavalier has been involved with the Optimists since 2006 and is the most recent president-elect for the Belleville-based chapter.

According to Cavalier, "The Optimists is an organization focused on the needs of area youth, whether that need be emotional or financial." The Optimists focus on working with the community and donating funds to different organizations through various charitable events. Among the many events they sponsor are the Downtown Belleville Santa House and the annual Optimist Rodeo, typically held each June.

Cavalier says he has enjoyed seeing the changes taking place at Lindenwood University-Belleville, where he served as an official score keeper for many of the Lynx basketball games. In regards to growth and expansion of the campus, Cavalier said, "I hope the students appreciate this beautiful campus and what an impact it has made in Belleville. The expansion of the housing alone has changed the city of Belleville as we know it."

On February 23, the LU-Belleville Lynx men's basketball team defeated Morthland College for the third time in the 2012-13 season in their final home basketball game. Special guests for the evening included local area high school students from Belleville Township High School East and West and the members of the Optimist Club of Greater Belleville. Proceeds from the evening's event were donated to the Webb family of Belleville. The family's daughter Megan, a young Belleville Township High School West student and star volleyball player, was critically injured in a car accident. Megan is still recovering from the incident. The accident also killed Megan's close friend, Justin Zehner, a senior at Belleville Township High School West.

During the Senior Night basketball event, various raffle baskets items, provided by LU-Belleville and PNC Bank of Fairview Heights, were raffled off and the proceeds presented to Megan's sister Marley. BTHS volleyball coach Austin Betz, who assisted Lindenwood in obtaining approval for the event, was also on hand to show his support. During half-time, Athletic Director Scott Spinner shared his heartfelt sentiments to the crowd regarding the importance of community involvement and our duty to embrace those in need as a community. Coach Spinner donated the proceeds from the game, including entry fees and concession stand monies, as well. In total, Lindenwood University-Belleville helped to raise almost \$500 for Megan's recovery in showing our support as Belleville's Hometown University!

Study Tactics By Rebecca Thomas

Being a college student can be challenging and stressful. Not studying enough, procrastination, or simply not being motivated are some of the factors that can lead to an unbearable semester. The majority of college students have more than one responsibility in life other than school, and it can be difficult to juggle everything and be the most productive and effective. Sometimes it is discovering the most simple aspect of studying that can change the way you absorb information and perform on tests. Different study techniques work for each individual student, and it is important to find out what works best for you because we are not all the same. Ashley Pollock, the coordinator of academic services, asks students, "What do you consider your best study environment?" You may find that you like background noise, or maybe you need complete silence. Small factors like these can be key to discovering your best study tactic and your best G.P.A.

While attending the Lindenwood University-Belleville Campus, I have discovered that many avenues are available to you as a student to help you achieve your goals. The Academic Success Center is there to help you learn better ways to study and feel more confident about your writing. They have already helped 564 students in the fall 2012 semester, and they are hoping to continue their mentoring by expanding and establishing a more substantial study environment. Speaking with Ashley Pollock and realizing what her goals are as a student mentor helped me understand how dedicated she is to academic success. It also made me realize that just talking to advisors, teachers, and mentors around you can be beneficial to you during your school career and even for networking later on in life. Pollock emphasized how important it is to utilize the resources available to you early on so you may be set on the right path or encouraged to continue your study habits instead of seeking help after midterms when it will be more of a challenge to do your best. Using the resources early on in the semester is the most beneficial to you. Dan Stumpf, writing tutor, thinks most students need to realize the importance of outlining and organizing before beginning a writing assignment. The Academic Success Center is there to help you realize what you need to do to make yourself confident and satisfied with your tests and projects.

On a side note, it is also very important to take care of yourself mentally and physically so you will be the most prepared for exams. Eating healthy foods and having a regular sleep schedule can be a big help to your grades. In researching brain foods, I've compiled a small list of good foods to eat to sharpen your brain functions that should be easily accessible to you: almonds, peanut butter, blueberries, strawberries, oranges, yogurt, broccoli, salmon, and brown rice. I have also researched what foods are best to eat before exams and I found the most common food was any type of carbohydrate because they help you stay calm and relaxed before and during exams.

Get excited about learning and grooming yourself for the career world! Find peers that are interested in the same subjects as you and use that similarity to learn from each other and build a better understanding of what you are doing with your degree. There are many opportunities at Lindenwood to make yourself marketable for the career world. Not only will it look good for an employer to see good grades and what you have done that is unique from your competitors. It may seem like you are going to be in school forever, but everything zips by in the blink of an eye, and when you look back on it, you want to be proud of your degree.



Division of Business & Entrepreneurship Earns ACBSP Accreditation

The Lindenwood University-Belleville Division of Business and Entrepreneurship was notified November 19 that it had received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the premier global accrediting association for business schools and programs with a focus on teaching excellence. Lindenwood University's main campus in St. Charles, Mo., achieved initial accreditation in 2010.

"Lindenwood is committed to continuous improvement of its undergraduate and graduate programs in business and entrepreneurship so that our students will be prepared to meet the demands of their employers," said Dr. Judy Eberhart, chair of the Division of Business and Entrepreneurship at the Belleville campus. "Our terminally degreed faculty prepares students through teaching excellence with an emphasis on real world application. Our student focus is on developing oral and written communication skills, as well as critical thinking."

ACBSP standards are modeled on the Baldrige National Quality Award Program, which is used by thousands of organizations to guide their enterprises, improve performance, and get sustainable results.



LU-Belleville partners with the Shriners of Southern Illinois



Mike Grafe (Potentate) – Regional President, Dr. Jerry Bladdick – Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer for Lindenwood University-Belleville, and Mary Radcliff – Assistant Vice President & Executive Director of Community Relations for Lindenwood University-Belleville

On February 27, 2013, Belleville resident and Potentate Mike Grafe, presented a plaque to Dr. Jerry Bladdick, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, and Mary Radcliff, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of Community Relations for Lindenwood University-Belleville, for their sponsorship of the Shriners in Southern Illinois. This is the first year that Lindenwood University has contributed \$1,000 to the organization. As Bladdick commented during the presentation, "It is great what the Shriners do for the community, and we look forward to this partnership."

Ainad Shriners of Southern Illinois is the 7th largest Shrine Center in the world with 4,395 members in 43 counties. The organization has been serving communities such as Belleville for 100 years. For more information about Ainad Shriners of Southern Illinois, go to www.ainadshriners.org.

Criminal Justice Club



LU-Belleville CJ Club members front row: Andrea Altadonna, Blake Stricklin, Timothy Onstott, Ruben Rivas, Lauren Helsly, and Rodney Troutman. Back row: Officer Ralph Jones, Sparta Police Dept. and Belleville Police Officer Brian Dowdy

On Tuesday, March 5, the Criminal Justice Club of Lindenwood University-Belleville participated in police K-9 training with Officer Brian Dowdy of the Belleville Police Department. CJ Club member Blake Stricklin (pictured right) donned the dog training suit and was the recipient of attack commands given to the Belgian Malinois. This session allowed Lindenwood students the opportunity to learn first-hand the proper protocol used to train police dogs.





Lynx Baseball Shovels Field at GCS Ballpark to Play Home-Opener

The last thing a baseball player expects to do is shovel snow off of his field in order to get a game in. But this was the scene at GCS Ballpark Saturday, February 23, as the Lynx baseball team spent the entire day using hand shovels to clear the turf for Sunday's doubleheader against Cardinal Stritch.

The home-opener was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 23, at 1 p.m., but was cancelled due to the winter storm that hit the area on Thursday, February 21.

When it was apparent the snow and ice mixture was not going away naturally, the Lynx baseball team stepped up. Head Coach Logan Johnson, his coaching staff, and 52 players took to the field at 9 a.m. with nothing but hand shovels and a determination to play on their home field.

Staring at a solid-white playing surface when they arrived, the guys knew they had a long day ahead of them. It was non-stop work for the guys - with a snowball fight or two mixed in - but eight hours later, they were looking at a brand new field and the ability to play their home-opener.

"After the storm and cancelling today's games, it was important to get Sunday's games in," said Coach Johnson. "The guys were diligent in their efforts and worked extremely hard. They did a great job to make this happen."

After all was said and done, the Lynx took the field Sunday, February 24, in a doubleheader against Cardinal Stritch. The hard work paid off, as the Lynx picked up a doubleheader sweep against the Wolves for their first victories of the season.



Lindenwood University-Belleville Soccer Team Keeps Adding Culture to Campus

By: Catalina Albarracin

Lindenwood University-Belleville has just welcomed a host of new soccer players from all over the world. Currently, the team is representing 12 different countries, and LU-Belleville hopes to keep bringing more talent and diversity to campus for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Adding to the team and overall campus culture, these international students will make the campus grow culturally and add economic and social benefits to the school. The countries represented on the team are Colombia, Chile, Germany, Bolivia, Ecuador, Spain, Honduras, Mexico, Sweden, and the United States.

Currently, LU-Belleville combines a variety of cultures within the entire faculty and student body for a total of 40 countries. If you want to learn about other cultures or even a different language, the international students are willing to share who they are and where they come from with you!

"Lindenwood looks to continue the great success seen in our current international students as we keep recruiting all over the world," said Paul Collum, Director of Day Admissions.

LU-Belleville is opening the doors to new opportunities for the students and the campus!



Lynx Lacrosse Makes a Statement Early in the Season

By Matt Ankenbrandt

The Lindenwood-Belleville men's lacrosse team is off to its best start in school history at 5-1. The Lynx's only loss this season came at the hands of No. 5-ranked St. John's.

The Lynx have combined to score 57 goals in their first six games. Cody Johnson is leading the Lynx attack with 22 goals and an assist. Johnson scored eight goals against Oakland University on the opening weekend of play. He also ranks second on the team in groundballs with 20.

Freshman Cody Trella has made his presence known, scoring nine goals in four games and adding four assists. In goal, the Lynx have been led by a pair of freshmen, Dylan Whittingham and Andrew Kunkemueller. Kunkemueller has a record of 3-0 with 44 saves and Whittingham is 2-1 with 61 saves.

The Lynx opened conference play when they hosted St. Louis University on Saturday, March 23.



LU - Belleville Welcomes New Recruiting Class to Lynx Football Program

The Lindenwood University-Belleville football team welcomed the 2013 recruiting class on National Signing Day Wednesday, February 6. More than 20 players from all over the country made their way to the LU - Belleville campus to sign on as future members of the Lynx football squad.

The 2012 inaugural Lynx football team boasted a 4-6 overall record under first-year Head Coach Jeff Fisher. Bringing back some seasoned players, Fisher looks forward to the talent being added to the mix this season.

"Not only is this an excellent group of athletes, but a tremendous group of students and young men," said Fisher. "We felt it was extremely important to be able to back up our inaugural class with an outstanding group, both to provide immediate help as well as quality depth."

Along with bringing in talent from across the country, the LU-Belleville staff recruited heavily in the Metro East, signing significant talent from the surrounding area.

"To be able to bring in strong talent from the local pool was also very important to us, and we feel very good about accomplishing that goal as well," said Fisher. "Our work is not done, but our assistant coaching staff has done an amazing job of identifying and evaluating student-athletes. We have a tremendous coaching staff, and it has been great to see them grow with the program."



Lady Lynx Women's Tennis Signs Wendel and Newcomb for 2013-14 Season

The Lindenwood University-Belleville women's tennis team has signed Claire Wendel and Lexi Newcomb for the 2013-14 season. A four-year varsity player for Granite City High School in Granite City, Ill., Wendel competed at the No. 1 singles and doubles position. As a three-sport athlete, she also played soccer and volleyball. Wendel earned the Guy Tyler Gifford Sportsmanship Award, helping her school host an "Ace for the Cure" tennis event, which benefited breast cancer research and awareness. Wendel was also an active member in the Warrior Spirit Club.

"Claire is a superb all-around athlete who not only played tennis, but also soccer and volleyball," said Head Coach Adam Reeb. "She gained a ton of invaluable experience this past year playing No. 1 singles and doubles in the rugged Southwestern Conference. I'm excited for Claire to join our program as I feel her best tennis is ahead of her."

Newcomb, an O'Fallon, Ill., native, graduated from O'Fallon High School where she was a four-year varsity player. As a senior, Newcomb was named First Team Doubles *Belleville News-Democrat* All-Area Team and Second Team Doubles Southwestern Conference. In addition, she finished in the top-48 in doubles in the Illinois State Tennis Tournament her senior year.

As a Panther at O'Fallon, Newcomb was named team captain and Athlete of the Week, and also participated in the All-Star Tennis Event. In addition, she was an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, while volunteering at St. Nicholas Church Youth Group and St. Clare Church Luke 18. Newcomb was also the recipient of the Panthers Acting with Wisdom Award.

Coming off a great high school career, capped off by an excellent finish in doubles at the Illinois State Tournament, Coach Reeb expects Newcomb to contribute immediately in both singles and doubles.

"I have known Lexi for a long time, and I am thrilled that she has decided to become a part of our Lynx tennis family," said Coach Reeb. "Lexi brings a tremendous work ethic and outstanding leadership skills to our program."



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