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New Men's Dormitory

By Brett Lewis

In the past few years, Lindenwood University Belleville has transformed the property that they purchased for just \$1 into a thriving campus. In just 10 short years, Lindenwood has taken the abandoned Belleville West High School and transformed it into a University that currently has about 1,900 students.

LU-Belleville has spent millions of dollars improving this campus including, creating an entirely new communications center, redoing the former high school cafeteria and creating the Alan J. Dixon Center, which is a place for students to dine, study in the library, and hangout if they wish. More recently, Lindenwood opened a new women's dormitory which was finished at the beginning of January, giving more students space inside the Lynx Lodge and houses.

The current project at hand is making a second residence hall to house more students on campus. The site for the new men's dorm is where

the former Freedom Baptist Church and parking lot was. The former church was purchased by Lindenwood and then demolished with the hopes of expansion.

With over 800 students currently living on campus, and many more expected to come in the fall of 2014,

it was a necessary step for the young university to take towards expansion. This will open up a large portion of space for on campus housing so the students don't feel cramped.

When the new dormitory is finished, Lindenwood Belleville will be able to house over 1,000 students on campus.



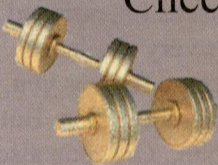
The new men's dormitory is set to look almost identical to the women's, except it will be three floors instead of two. The women's dorm holds approximately 180 students and we can expect the same for the new men's dorm.

These two new dorms are vital to LU- Belleville as the student population continues to grow. They have added two more sports to the athletic department, men's and women's ice hockey and men's and women's diving, which will start in 2014-2015. Recruiting has already begun so the space for on-campus housing is vital to the school's continued success.

Lindenwood is trending in the right direction and will continue because of the growth it has year in and out. The overall goal is to one day be seen as a large university in Southern Illinois that has an excellent reputation for its academics and impressive athletic success.

Not enough space in the gym?

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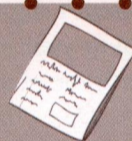
Which athletic events are coming up?

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Want to work with the BND?

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— Police Forensic Laboratory to Open Near Lindenwood Campus —

By Brett Lewis

In 2007, Lindenwood University Belleville purchased property that was formerly Belleville West High School to be used to expand its campus.

The City of Belleville had looked at portions of this property as an option to accommodate their need for a forensic laboratory. They currently have a lab in Fairview Heights but it is outgrowing its capacity.

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn looked at this idea and pushed for approval of the project, which costs \$37.8 million, and will involve a partnership between Lindenwood University and the City of Belleville.

There are numerous benefits to the construction of this building, including the expeditious solving of crimes, 250 new jobs and the opportunity for Lindenwood students to practice and learn in a top notch crime solving facility.

"This building will have the best of the best in the entire area," said Project Manager Angela Ridgeway, who took this reporter and a Lindenwood staff member on a tour of

the state of the art facility. We were not allowed to take photos however because of the sensitive nature of the equipment inside and the security scans by the FBI.

The project is being constructed by Contegra Construction Company, located in Edwardsville, Illinois. The construction is expected to be completed in mid-May, when it will then be turned over to a third party so that everything installed and created can be tested.

According to Ridgeway, there are many stages to constructing a building as unique as this one. First, it takes two weeks just to make the flooring, which means that nothing else can be constructed inside the building while they are doing the floors. Since

they are working evidence labs, the Illinois Health Department has certain mandates as it relates to keeping the floors clean and only using specific materials to build them.

The huge laboratory also needs a lot of power to keep it operating. Three high power generators were installed in the back 'private' parking lot to insure this building will always have power. This is essential to ensure that evidence stored in freezers doesn't get damaged.

The building also has a secure shooting range inside it for police to test guns used as evidence to see which weapons certain bullets came from.



While Lindenwood students will be able to use the building for their studies, they will still have limited access. Everything is extremely high tech. Each room has to be accessed by a computerized security system and each room has a digital timed clock so that things are documented for court purposes. The cameras in each room are high definition and cost over \$1,000 each. This means everything in the building is closely watched and recorded.

The projected opening for the building is mid-July but according to Ridgeway, that really depends on whether or not the third party finds any major corrections. Once the third party has completed its job, then another company will have to come in and place furniture and other office equipment.

Either way, this is another huge asset for Lindenwood students and the continued growth and expansion of the Belleville campus.

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Editors' Note

Dear Readers,

Hi! I'm Rodney Atwaters your new editor in chief. As we prepare for the transition to the 2014-2015 school year, this marks the last issue for our current staff members.

We'll take the first week of the summer off and then work all summer on making the paper more student-friendly. The Lynx Tale will return on August 27th revamped and even better! We'd like to take this time to express our gratitude to the staff members who are currently with us and also to the ones going to join us in the fall. I'd like to give a special thanks to Professor Karen Swanner's Basic Reporting class for always submitting their interesting stories. To the current members, thank you for

the time and effort you invested in The Lynx Tale this semester and before. I can't wait for us to make this student paper the best ever.

To our readers: Enjoy summer break and our final issue of this semester. If you're interested in joining or if there is anything you would like to see in the paper or think would make it better please don't hesitate to email me at Lynxtalenews@lindenwood.edu! Hope to hear from you!

Faithfully yours,

Rodney Atwaters, Editor in Chief
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Use Your Smart Phone to Save Money!

By Rodney Atwaters

As a college student who has had to support all my college needs alone, over time, I've learned a lot of easy ways to save money. In today's generation everyone has a smart phone! So why not use it to your advantage? Whether you have an android system or an iPhone both have many apps that help you save money on things from groceries to everyday utilities. Here are two great money saving apps:

1. **Retail Me Not** – This is a wonderful app that uses your phone's location to find deals closest to you! This app shows discounts from every store that has deals going on. It also allows you to search for the stores you are fond of. By saving you money at popular stores like Wal-Mart, Target and your favorite eatery, how could you ever go wrong with Retail Me Not?

2. **Groupon** – Just as I mentioned before, Groupon is very similar to Retail Me Not because it gives you all the deals within your region. But unlike Retail Me Not, Groupon also shows you the all the popular savings offered around the Internet. Groupon could save you money on anything from a decent meal to that well-needed boot purchase for the snowy St. Louis weather!

In college, it is key that you spend money wisely because I know from experience, money is always needed. By budgeting your money carefully, you are able to always join your friends for those spontaneous adventures that seem to arise.

Whether you're a freshmen or a senior or in your last year of graduate school, the way you spend your money determines your financial freedom. By adding these two apps into everyday purchases you could save a lot of money and push you one step closer to freedom!

The best financial advice I've ever been given growing up came from my grandmother. She always tells me "Every penny counts!" Now that I'm older its much more apparent.

Stella Squared

So, I heard you people have issues and are in need of desperate help. After a lot of self-medication and pleading, I agreed to share my wealth of knowledge to help the hot messes on this campus. Bring me your drama, your issues and your gossip. But know that Stella doesn't sugar coat a thing. If you want to be coddled and babied, take that crap to your momma. I'm too busy and too grown for those shenanigans! Write to me at askstellasquared@gmail.com. If you seem worth my time, I'll tell you what I think.

Another Weight Room Could Benefit Athletes

By Jordan Neill

Lindenwood University Belleville is a university that is recognized for many things. One is for its successful sports programs and the number of student-athletes that attend. Lindenwood University-Belleville is a school that loves sports and appreciates the athletes that work so hard to make the school's rankings better.

Being a collegiate level athlete however, isn't always easy. It requires work in the classroom, in practice, and work outside of practice, namely in the weight room. To be a good athlete, you need to be dedicated to your body, which reflects the way you perform in the game. A fully accessible weight and cardio room is definitely necessary for your body to train and make the changes you would like for your specific sport.

Unfortunately, our weight room is lacking in its potential to be great. Lindenwood Belleville's weight room reflects the size of the university's

classrooms. The weight room is the only space that the approximately 1,500 athletes share for their fitness needs and their ability to excel in their sport.

Currently, the hours of our weight room are somewhat inconsistent. Many of the student athletes wish the facility would be open 24 hours so that they could have more access to the facility. Many students' schedules consist of school, practice, and for some, work, leaving no time to get into the gym as we would prefer.

"I think the gym should be open late so that people who have night classes or have a job can get in there and work out," said Madison Taylor, a LU-Belleville student.

It is obvious the gym is not only a necessity for some of our student athletes here, but a hobby as well. Your body is your canvas and you should be able to make the changes you would like to see whenever you desire. With that being said, the gym

should be more accessible for its multitasking athletes. Not to mention that every day, once 3:00 p.m. hits, the entire football team overthrows the weight room, kicking everyone off almost all the machines and racks, taking up all space, and scream and grunt, which scares people! Everyone is basically unable to use the weights until 5:00 p.m., when the football team is done with their workouts.

In addition to the weight room, we have a turf room upstairs but that is used for cardio and endurance purposes. Unfortunately, that is usually being occupied by the wrestling team as well. Lindenwood Belleville's weight room and gym facility is in desperate need for attention. This school's reputation is growing each semester and our athletic gyms should grow as well.

Our athletes need to be better taken care of and rewarded with the weight room we need and we will put it to great use.

Stud Performs on Lindenwood Campus

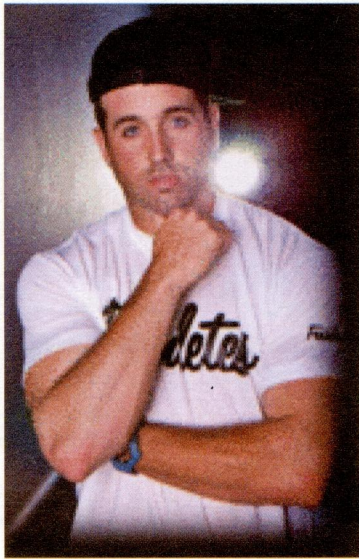
By Jordan Neill

Nearly 1,000 students turned out to see Mike Stud perform at Lindenwood University-Belleville's campus on Thursday May 8th.

The concert was originally scheduled for the football field, however impending weather caused the event to be moved to the auditorium.

Stud is an American hip hop artist and former college baseball player. His first musical recognition came with the release of viral single "College Humor," which was originally recorded on Garage Band.

He is becoming very popular and making a rise in the industry quickly. He has made extremely popular remixes to famous songs from artists such as Justin Bieber, Juicy J, and Wiz



Khalifa. Although he's only made mixtapes, he has recently started going on tour with a lot of his own music.

Stud is said by the industry to be the next Wiz Khalifa and some of his tours, YouTube views, and followers could possibly back up that bold statement. Although he is still unknown by many, this concert may bring forth an all new fan base from Lindenwood University and the Southern Illinois area for Stud.

His music elaborates our generation and reflects a personality many college kids share, of freedom, fun, and rebellion. Stud has a rather funny and appealing way of presenting his words for his fans, and he did exactly that on Thursday!

Lindenwood - Belleville Named Military Friendly

By Brian Byrd

Everywhere you look there is bound to be someone in uniform, whether it is a firefighter, a police officer, a civilian or even a member of our country's military. Lindenwood University-Belleville is no exception. Students walk around this campus seeing different people with the same motive; getting an education. Among these people are members of the military in uniform, trying to get an education just like every other student.

On April 3, 2014, Lindenwood University-Belleville was named a military friendly school for 2014 by

G.I. Jobs Magazine. This honor is not just given to any institution. It is only given to 15% of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the entire nation. This is an amazing honor because LU-Belleville

is naturally paying homage to the fact that anyone is welcome and can receive an education no matter where you are in life and no matter what your occupation is. The fact that an individual related to the military can walk around a friendly campus such as Lindenwood and receive an education is amazing and uplifting.

Lindenwood University-Belleville also shows its support with the many recruiting stations within the campus throughout the year, beckoning students to join their country's military. This isn't LU-Belleville's first go around with this honor. This is their fifth consecutive year receiving the honor, which is something to be proud of given the credentials of the honor and the size of LU-Belleville in comparison to other universities across the nation.

The honor is given based on research and surveys, as well as other data that



recognizes policies and practices to retain and recruit students who are members of the military or have family members who are in the military, or are veterans of the military. This honor

will continue to deem LU-Belleville a 'military friendly' campus as long as Lindenwood opens its doors to all individuals.

This is one big step for Lindenwood, and one giant step for its community, with each and every accomplishment that is made on this campus.

Working with the BND

The Belleville News-Democrat is interested in hearing from college students in the metro-east regarding how safe they feel on the campuses of Lindenwood-University Belleville, Southwestern Illinois College, McKendree University in Lebanon and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

If you are a local college student or a parent of a student, the News-Democrat would like to talk to you.

Contact education reporter Jamie Forsythe at jforsythe1@bnd.com or call 618-239-2562.

Enactus Team Wins "Rookie of the Year" Award

In only its first year as a student organization at Lindenwood University-Belleville, the Enactus team made school history by taking home the "Rookie of the Year" trophy at the Enactus United States National Exposition in Cincinnati, Ohio, over the students' spring break.

The Enactus United States National Exposition is an annual competition that brings together more than 500 teams of students from around the country to showcase their projects for community benefit. With more than 100 of the nation's top companies present, the event is also an excellent networking opportunity for students looking to land jobs or internships at major corporations.

For the Lindenwood Belleville Enactus team, which was founded in spring 2013, this was the first national competition. The group, consisting of 18 students, 10 of whom traveled to Cincinnati for the competition, presented their work on a recycling program, a hunger relief project, and a carbon-reduction project to a panel of judges, who awarded the team "Rookie of the Year."

The participating team members included Sheylon Ryce of Topeka, Kan.; Sara Gil of Donmatias, Columbia; Emily Erdman of New Richmond, Ohio; Miyabi Komatsu of Yoshikawa, Japan; Alonzo Collins of Shiloh, Ill.; Kristian Moon of Edwardsville, Ill.; Timothy Littlejohn of Belleville, Ill.; Michael Manus and Caleb Lence of Anna, Ill.; and Tristan Schachner of Graz, Austria.

"I am extremely proud of everyone on the team," said Dr. Mark Roselli, faculty sponsor for the Lindenwood Belleville Enactus team. "Their efforts during the first year of operation have had a very positive impact on the campus and in the community. I look forward to working with the team next year as they build on this year's success."

LU to Start First Recycling Movement Led by Enactus

By Taylor Albrecht

Lindenwood University is in the process of introducing their very first recycling program, thanks to the guidance and proposal from Enactus.

Enactus is a global nonprofit community made up of students, academics, and business leaders, committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world. At Lindenwood, it is a student organization, sponsored by Dr. Mark Roselli, which focuses on improving our campus and creating strong and sustainable projects for the future of the community and the team members.

The project is a campus wide recycling program that was approved by President Bladdick in early March of 2014, with a goal to reduce waste on campus. Each office and classroom on campus will be equipped with its own recycling bins that will be used for bottles and paper. The trash pick-up will be done specifically by a recycling company, rather than a normal trash pick-up service.

Additionally, water fountains have been updated with filtering systems, not only to improve water quality for the student body, but reducing the plastic bottle waste on campus.

The motion for a recycling movement came about after the need to reduce campus waste, something that Lindenwood had never addressed. Enactus is hopeful that the money saved from reducing the cost of trash service will enable the recycling program to expand into other areas of campus in the future, such as the dorms, and main academic buildings.

The goal of the program is to be sustained by the end of the Spring Semester, with hopes of reaching out to the entire campus, and getting the whole community involved in the movement. It will give every student and faculty member the chance to help make our campus a little greener and more eco-friendly.

For more information, or if you would like to get involved in the project, you can contact Kristian Moon the project manager, or attend an Enactus meeting, where they meet every Tuesday at 2:15, in L-209.

'Man On The Street' - The Lynx Tale

As the new Lynx Tale continues to grow and make the transition to a student-ran publication, research the student's interests and concerns on campus is one of the staff's focuses.

Recently, two separate classes have gone out on campus and talked to the student population to see what they would like to see in a student newspaper. One was Faculty Advisor Professor Karen Swanner's class, whose written findings are in the following articles. The second was Professor David Voracek's Consumer Behavior Marketing Class, who polled

62 Lindenwood University Belleville students.

The survey team was made up of four students including Jason Hark, Tony Kersting, Carmin Trujillo and Cierra Warfield. The group came up with 13 questions and spent time this semester asking their fellow students. Here are some of their results:

Besides publishing the Lynx Tale, the results prove that the staff will have to do some marketing. Nearly 45% of the students surveyed had never even seen the Lynx Tale and those that had seen it said it was hard

to find a copy. Nearly 80% of the students agreed since everyone has to eat, that the cafeteria or Matt's Café would be great places to get a copy.

As far as the content is concerned, 78% of the students would love to have the newspaper be a source where they could find information about student activities and events on campus. They also indicated they would like to read more about sports, news on campus and any campus problems or issues. Less students had a desire to read student opinions or inspirational news.

Nearly 80% of the students also indicated that they would love to see advertisements from local businesses and restaurants. With 63% of the students living on or near campus, there is a definite opportunity for relationships between businesses in the Belleville community and students at the Lindenwood Campus.

Finally, while most students surveyed are excited about the new Lynx Tale 'team' and the printed version of the publication, most would like to be able to get Lynx Tale News electronically as well.

Lynx On The Prowl

By Jordan Neill

On April 29th, students from Professor Swanner's Basic Reporting class went out and interviewed their fellow students to try to collect information on what the student's know or think about our school newspaper. Lindenwood University's newspaper, The Lynx Tale, is completely student ran where all the articles, the editing, and the publishing is done by all the students under the supervision of Professor Swanner!

Throughout Professor Swanner's class the students have slowly, but surely been turned into reporters. They have been writing multiple articles for the 'Tale' and for their final published piece, we were assigned to write about the feedback we got when asking our fellow students about the newspaper.

The results we found were shocking, because quite a few of the students had no idea what the Lynx Tale was or if they did, they didn't seem to care much about it. This reaction from the students is frustrating because the students in Professor Swanner's class have worked all semester to better this newspaper and write quality articles that reflect the University in a good way. The students at Lindenwood however, did give some positive feedback once they dug deeper and found some students who paid attention to the Lynx Tale.

When interviewing students, their main concern seemed to be that the paper needed to be more widely available and raise awareness, as it relates to where to get one and when it will be released to the campus for reading.

Their other concern was that they wanted to see the sports teams, especially the new and upcoming teams, have more coverage on their individual sport. They also wanted an online version to be available, which

is something the Lynx Tale crew is working on as well.

Zach Lochhead a junior Criminal Justice major had some eye opening remarks with regard to the Lynx Tale. "The newspaper comes out monthly but maybe they could do like a memo or something they email us every two weeks, so the students are more aware of campus activities and things ran by the school so we can get more of the students to interact with the activities." This is a great point, because many students are unaware of our campus activities, let alone that we have a newspaper.

Another student, Morgan Waters, who is a senior and is majoring in Elementary Education, brought up another great point about how we should offer the students more content that isn't just about sports because our school has so much more to offer than that.

"I think the newspaper should include more about who our new teachers are, or what's going on within the multiple clubs we have," said Waters. "For example, there is a blood drive coming up and no one knows about it."

Waters' comments raised a lot of awareness in the class because she is absolutely right, we are a school who has a huge variety of students, sports, clubs, and even events in the hopes of every student has something they can be a part of on campus. We need to do a better job of advertising those things so that way we can get our students to come out and interact with each other more!

All together the feedback was extremely helpful because it helped us gauge where we were and where we need to improve. Since the paper is completely student ran, it is good to get all student and faculty feedback so we can give the students what they want in their newspaper!

Being a Reporter

By Taylor Albrecht

As a student in Professor Swanner's Basic Reporting class, it has been our job to write assignments and stories for The Lynx Tale, since our instructor is the head of our student ran newspaper. It has given our class, an insight in to what kind of information it takes to publish a successful newspaper that will be informative and enjoyable for a campus full of students.

There are many things that I have learned throughout the semester, basically becoming an amateur journalist and developing my own writing style. One of the most important things that this course has taught me is that the opinion and feedback of readers is the most valuable source you can use to improve and attract your audience.

As a student ran publication, the content has to be from the students and the stories need to be focused around what is appealing to them, something that is relatable for us as a campus. Keeping this in mind, our objective for our final writing assignment was to ask students and staff on campus about their opinion on what we have been working so hard on all semester....The Lynx Tale.

On Tuesday, April 29, we were assigned to put our words into action, and travel around the halls and buildings of Lindenwood to ask the opinions of our readers. It was important to inform them about our paper, if they had not yet been exposed, and record their answers and feedback for our benefit. Our goal with this information is to make The Lynx Tale a bigger and better publication.

Many of the questions we asked had to do with the student's impressions and feelings about the information and feel of our newspaper. Some students that have been here longer, such as Juniors Tiffani Marshall and Kayla Tripod, emphasized that the paper has not always been a strong essence to the campus. However, the last issue has raised its standards and improved greatly.

There were both positive and negative comments that students made including, the current issue is an easy read, but could use more editing and revision before being printed. Another point that was brought up was to show a more balanced side to the content, by including the negative stories and issues that we as a campus, aren't always exposed to, but need to be.

As a freshman, Brandon Guice was impressed with the quality and color scheme that makes the layout of The Lynx Tale stand out, praising the quality that our paper has to offer.

Although it was important to talk to students around campus, it is equally important to get feedback from the rest of the personnel on campus, the staff.

Justin Wells, who is an Admissions Counselor and Head Coach of the women's and men's volleyball program, is about to finish his first year at Lindenwood Belleville, and was impressed with the look and feel of The Lynx Tale, compared to previous schools he has been at.

"The thickness and quality of The Lynx Tale is better than the newsletter-like quality that I have seen at previous institutions," stated Wells. "The events calendar provides an informative and inviting feel to the students, but I'd like to see it include more athletic and community events."

As a closing assignment, this was the perfect way to wrap up the semester with all of the skills and techniques that we have learned when writing and publishing our own work. It was refreshing and reassuring to hear from our peers that our work has paid off and we are making an impact with words on the everyday issues at LU-Belleville.

I have become a writer and journalist, giving me an outlet to inform and interact with the campus, something that I would have never had done on my own, or never expected coming into the class. Writing for the paper has been a great learning experience and has enhanced my involvement on campus.

Students Receive Awards at Honors Convocation

Several Lindenwood University-Belleville students received awards at the Honors Convocation which was held on Thursday April 24, 2014 in the University Auditorium.

"This is an opportunity to recognize our best and brightest students," said Dr. Brooke Taylor, who is the director of the Honors Program.

The following is a list of students and their awards:

Counseling Student of the Year

Shannon Vallowe

Lindenwood Belleville Essay

Contest Winner

Kim Meyenberg

Outstanding Humanities Student

Samantha O'Keefe

Outstanding Psychology Student of the Year

Kim Meyenberg

Outstanding LCIE Graduate Student

Maggie Lopez

Undergraduate Business Student of the Year

John Kroding

MBA Student of the Year

Eric Partenheimer and Cody Walker

Outstanding Criminal Justice Major

Joshua Bowles

Education Student of the Year

Christa Barnett

Sibley Award

Tristan Schachner

Easton Award

Madison Farrier

Norman F. Ackermann Award of Academic and Community Excellence

Michael Mojzis

Barbara and Fred J. Kern Community Service Award

Bryce Meigs

Gary C. Reuter Fine and Performing Arts Award

Stephen Dunn

Frank Watson Political Science Award for Leadership and Public Service

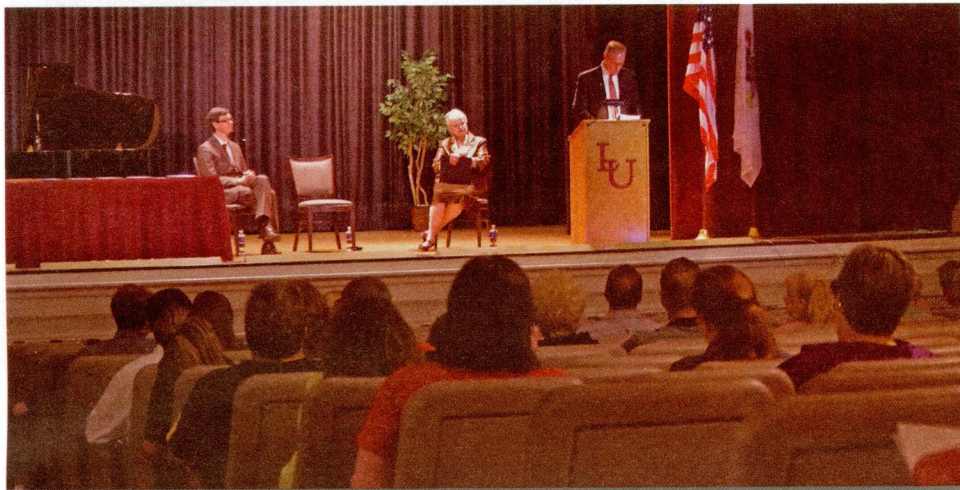
Andrew Wall

John J. Buckley, Jr. Award for LCIE Undergraduate in Health Management

Amber Branchini

John J. Buckley, Jr. Award for LCIE Graduate Student in Healthcare Administration

Lindsay Brueggemann

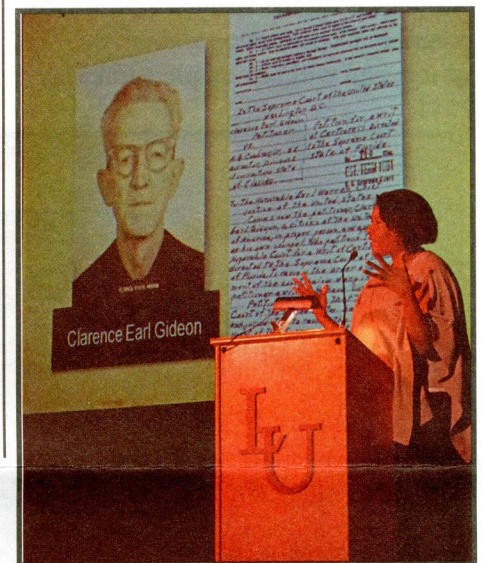


LU-Belleville's Speaker Series

By Myriah Hughlett

Lindenwood University-Belleville hosts many speaker series in the campus auditorium. The most recent one was on Tuesday April 15, when presenter's Alesia Hamilton and Alfred Williams spoke on the topic "Reading the Dream".

This series was an inspirational one which discussed the topic of literacy. Hamilton, who has 25 years of teaching experience, met Williams who at 75 years of age didn't know how to read. The duo spoke about the impact she had on his life.



Their inspirational story has gotten media attention including The Ellen DeGeneres Show, the Oprah Winfrey show, People Magazine, and CNN Heroes

Check out the calendar of events online for speaker series updates. All are open to the public at no charge.

Sexual Abuse Workshop

Donya L. Adkerson, MA, LCPC, the founder and director of Alternatives Counseling, Inc. in Glen Carbon, IL, will present a workshop on "Helping Your Clients Safely and Effectively in the Wake of Sexual Offending" from 9 am to 4pm on Friday June 27th at the Dixon Center.

This workshop will help counselors understand the reality and dynamics of sexual offending and its aftermath as it impacts each party; the un-offending partner, or the parent, the victim, the offender and other family members.

For more information, contact Ken Kubicek, PhD at 618-239-6087 or kkubicek@lindenwood.edu.

The Lindenwood Student Government Association is Working for You!

The mission of Lindenwood student government is to act on any and all concerns that the student body have so their experience at Belleville can be excellent.

Students can voice their opinions at general assembly meetings which take place every other Tuesday in the band room at 5:30 p.m. The executive members also meet twice a week to discuss the direction of the organization and senate members meet twice a week to discuss, investigate, and solve problems the the Lindenwood students bring to them. These senate meetings are Tuesdays at 6p.m. and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. LSGA MEETINGS are every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday 1 p.m.

The new LSGA office is located in D103. If there are any concerns from the students they can place them in the Problems Box found outside of room D103 in the Alan J. Dixon center.

The senate, working with: Dr.

Wingo, Dr. Bladdick, and Student Services, have achieved many strides at LU-B such as:

- Dinner in Matt's Cafe has been extended to 7:30 p.m.
- Smoothies available for purchase in Matt's Café.
- Food schedule can be found on the Lindenwood University- Belleville website under student development and dining services
- Wi-Fi bandwidth has been increased to 300 megabytes
- Campus Media Boards will be implemented in the summer of 2014
- More available parking on campus will be located on West Washington Street.
- Getting an ATM on campus by the bookstore in 2015.

The following are concerns still processing...

- Decreased prices in the bookstore with more choices.

- Smoothies being added to the student meal plan.
- Having a nurse on campus.
- Food can only be taken out of the cafeteria if the "To Go Meal" form is filled out and given to the cafeteria staff. (This form can be found in Student Services)
- Bath tubs are currently being re-glazed or re-placed to help with sanitation issues.
- If there are any issues with courses on campus please see Dean of Academics, Dr. Keith Russell
- Students can have a landline telephone on campus. They will have to purchase the phone, then ask Student Services to activate it.
- Fitness Center equipment will be monetized.
- 3-6 team conditioning centers will be sectioned off in the fitness center with other stations available to the general student body that will not be used for team workouts.

- A Lindenwood Track and field facility is on the way, a possibility is Sigmon Hill.
- Undergraduate Students can take night classes as long as they are 3 credit hours

LSGA Events:

April was Child Abuse and Neglect month. LSGA will be supported this month by providing information about volunteering and internship opportunities with the nonprofit organization,

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Their duties are being the voice in the courts for children in CPS custody or that have been removed from abusive or neglectful homes. There are many roles available to assist in volunteering with CASA. Contact Christina Hilstock, Secretary of LSGA, for volunteering or donation information.

Sports

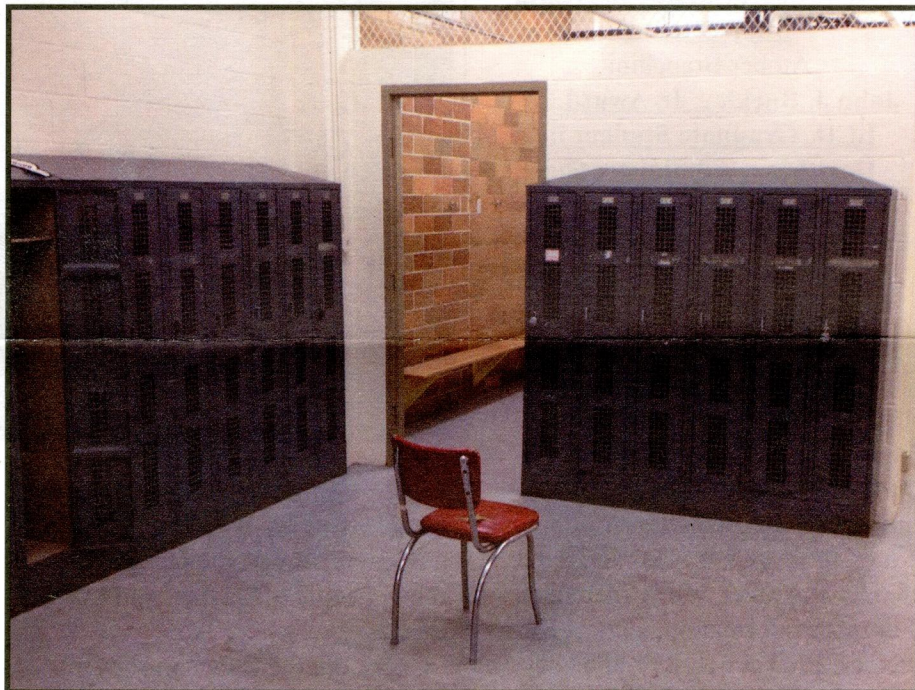
Locker Room Renovation for Women's Volleyball

By Taylor Albrecht

The Lindenwood University Women's Volleyball team has never had a locker room to call their own. This past season, the team was given a locker room downstairs, to the left of the Athletic Director's office, which was also used by visiting teams for other athletic events.

The facility had not been updated since the opening of the University and the start of the Women's Volleyball Program in 2010.

It was announced this off season that the locker room would undergo a \$10,000 renovation, and will only be designated for the Women's Volleyball program. Construction started this spring, and will be completed in May 2014.



Metal lockers currently occupy the walls as well as concrete floors. Those lockers will be removed and custom-cut, wood lockers will be installed. This is something that is already an asset in other locker rooms such as basketball. There will be 20 plus lockers added to the locker room, with each athlete having their own cubby, eliminating the need for any locks.

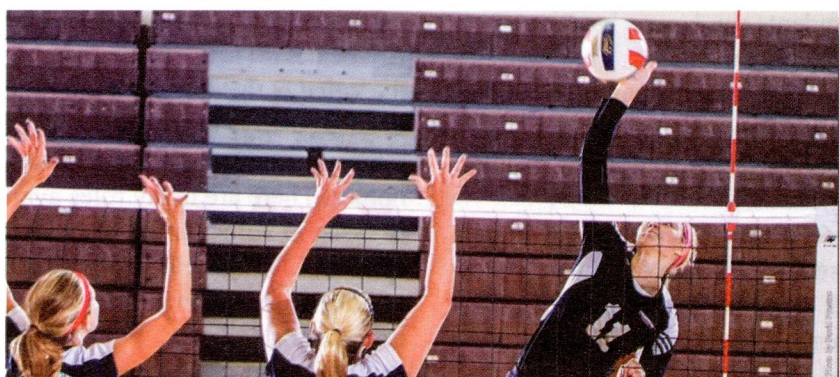
Other things that are planned to be added include a couch, new volleyball carpet squares, posters and pictures of the team, as well as a television. First-year Coach Justin Wells, also plans to decorate the walls with visuals and images, making it a more appealing and modernized space which will better fit the needs and visions of the volleyball team. The out of date showers will also be taken out and replaced with new higher quality ones.

"We are very excited as a program to have a nice locker room that during season we can call our own," said Wells. "It will be an excellent selling point to future recruits, and it is nice to know that your facilities can rival most in our competing division. A university that gives back to the athletes can take pride in their programs."

The Lady Lynx made significant improvement this season under Coach Wells. They finished with a 17-20 record, the highest record in school history. They traveled across the country, winning the Johnson & Wales Invitational in Denver, CO, and splitting the Cumberland Classic in Nashville, TN.

They received their third bid to the USCAA National Tournament, held in Canton, NY, as the #10 seed, almost beating the #1 seed Marygrove College, falling to them in five sets. The Lady Lynx finished the year competing in the A.I.I tournament in Clinton, IA, where they ended their season, falling to Johnson & Wales.

Many individual honors were also racked up for the 2013 season, including one USCAA player of the week; two USCAA All Academic honors; three A.I.I. All Conference players, and two A.I.I. Players of the Week. With the end of the 2013 season, the Lady Lynx lost four seniors, but will return many of their starters, as well as call home to a brand new locker room for the 2014 fall season.



Cheer Team Has National Success

By Mirek Sharp

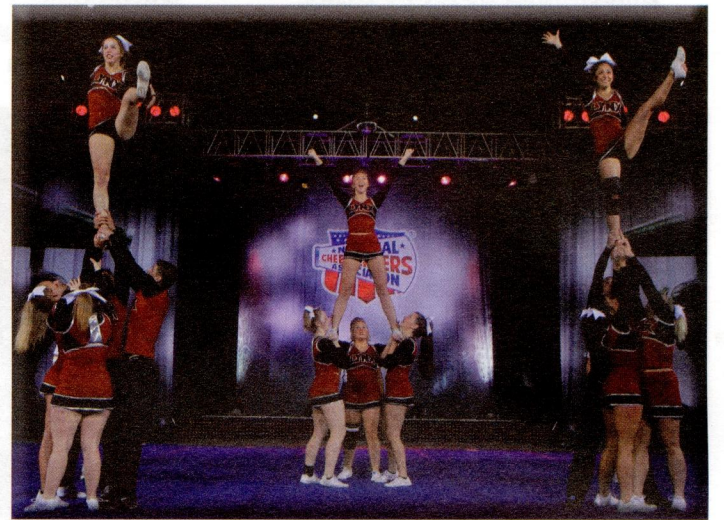
The Lynx Spirit Squad recently finished their first year competing as a collegiate sport. Head Cheer Coach Rachael Beard helped her squad go above and beyond this season, leading them into several major national events. The Cheer Squad has grown rapidly over the last couple years, and it has shown by the results.

The team went to the NAIA Regionals for the first time and did well enough to qualify for the NAIA Nationals. At the Nationals, they placed 6th, ending up ahead of schools like Missouri Valley College, and Lourdes University. This was a big step for the spirit squad moving forward.

Part way through the season, the team sent a video in to the National Cheer Association in hopes of

qualifying for NCA Nationals. They ended up qualifying for the National Championships in Daytona, Florida. At the NCA event, they competed at prelims and were ranked 6th, which paved their way straight to the finals.

The Lynx finished 7th overall in the division of 12, ahead of schools like William Penn University and Union College. Coach Beard has already signed four new recruits for next year and is looking to build on a successful 2014 season.



Women's Basketball Improves, Moves Into the AMC in 2015

By Mirek Sharp

The Women's Basketball team had another strong season this year, finishing with a 21-11 record, while playing an open schedule in the Association of Independent Institutions (AII). The Lady Lynx are preparing to enter the Midwest Conference of the NAIA next year and played some of the teams on their independent schedule this year, including teams like Harris Stowe (W 68-67), Benedictine Springfield (W 106-66) and Williams Woods (L 49-63).

The Lady Lynx had somewhat of a new look at the top of the bench this season. Last year's Head Coach Annie Ewing resigned to resume her role, the Assistant Director of Athletics, while her Assistant Coach Jeff Reis took over as the new head coach. This was Reis' first season as a collegiate head coach after coming from Lutheran South High School where he served as the head women's basketball and soccer coach.

Last season's talented squad was mostly all back, with some added some fire power compliments of transfer student Shelby Kohrman. In her first year

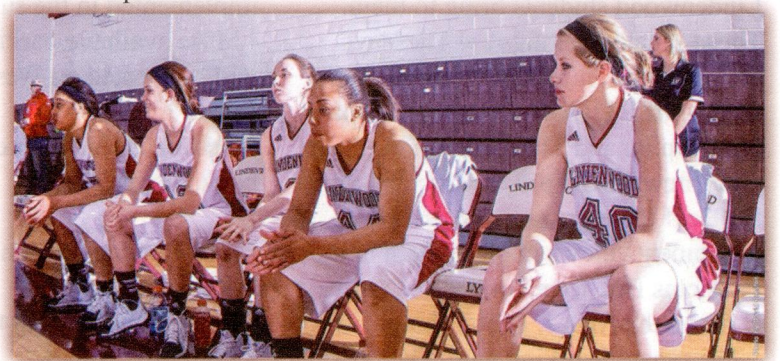
at Lindenwood, Kohrman, proved to be just what the Lynx needed. She led the team in points per game at 19.5, and helped boost the teams' scoring average from 75 points per game to 83 points per game.

Kohrman also received a number of personal accolades. She was named A.I.I. player of the year, and an NAIA Third Team All-American.

Senior Diamond Burt made huge strides from her junior year to lead the team in rebounds, assists, and steals. Those improvements helped her become an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American.

The Lady Lynx finished the year losing to second seed Cal State San Marcos in the championship game of the A.I.I. tournament by a score of 82-66, after defeating West Virginia University 86-80 to advance to the final round.

The Lynx will lose two seniors, Burt and Breana McCullough, and look to incoming transfers and freshmen to help them make a big impact into the AMC.



Forsythe Earns Pro Contract

By Mirek Sharp

You may not notice him walking around the campus of Lindenwood University - Belleville, but if you've ever been out to GCS Ballpark to watch the men's baseball team, play then you know exactly who he is.

You don't meet a lot of people who excel at every level in their sport, but Kyle Forsythe has managed to do just that. Kyle is a senior second baseman from Pleasant Hills, Illinois. He is a lot like his idol Boston Red Sox 2nd baseman, Dustin Pedroia. He is small in stature, standing at a slight 5'6, but like Pedroia it's people underestimating him at that height that's helped him move so far along in his young baseball career.

Forsythe attended Pleasant Plains High School (near Springfield, Illinois), where he was chosen as a first team All-Conference his junior and senior years there. He played in the Illinois State Journal-Register All-Star and Illinois Coaches Association All-Star baseball games his senior year.

After high school, Forsythe decided to stay close to home, and play for Lincoln Land Community College. Even in this new setting, and playing in one of the toughest conferences in the country, he continued to shine. Forsythe



received Rawlings Gold Glove Awards in both his freshman and sophomore years.

Choosing to transfer to Lindenwood to a new and unproven program may have seemed odd to some, but it really wasn't that complicated for Forsythe.

"I wanted to play at GCS (Ballpark) and be a part of a new program," explained Forsythe. Kyle enjoyed a great amount of success last season where he set a program record for batting average in a season (.401) and was chosen as a United States

Collegiate Athletic Association First Team All-American.

That success has continued this year, and led to a pro contract. Kyle will be signing with the Alamogordo White Sands Pupfish of the Pecos League after the conclusion of his senior season. The Pecos League

Upcoming Athletics Events

May 12

National Championships Round 1 - Softball vs #7 NHTI or #10 Penn College in Firestone Stadium (Akron, Ohio) 7 p.m.

National Championships Round 1 - Baseball vs #7 Selma University or #10 RMU-Springfield in Robin Roberts Stadium (Springfield, Ill.) 9 p.m.

May 20 - 24

TRACK at NAIA National Championships

consists of teams in the southwestern United States.

As well accomplished as he has been in his short time at Lindenwood, he still has plenty more he wants to accomplish. With all the personal accolades he's received in college, there is still one more award that



Championship this year. It'd be a nice way to end my college baseball career." The USCAA National Championships will take place in Kyle's backyard of Springfield, Illinois from May 11th-15th. With the Lynx baseball team currently ranked number one in the latest USCAA poll the goal seems extremely possible. It would be a storybook ending to storybook career.

matters more than the rest.

"I'd like to win a USCAA National



Forsythe and the other baseball seniors receiving A.I.I. All-Conference

Men's Basketball Has Successful Season

By Brian Byrd

As the Men's Basketball season came to a close, the Lindenwood Lynx had much to celebrate about: a great season.

It all started back in December 2013, when the Lynx were named in the top five in the first United States Collegiate Athletic Association Coaches Poll, which is a victory within itself.

The Lynx had a 9-6 start to the season, including a five game winning streak, which set the stage for the rest of the season. Junior Guard, Craig Anderson, from Harlem, New York, led the team in these wins, averaging between 20-29 points per game.

It seemed with every game, the Lynx put their all into their sport, whether it was on their own court or someone else's court. They just managed to dominate the entire season. Although

there were some falls and losses, such as their 94-74 loss to West Virginia

Tech, those losses only helped the team lead themselves to victory once again.

Around the time of the MLK Classic in January

2014, one of the biggest tournaments of the season, the Lynx jumped to a 14-7 win-loss record, with three straight victories under their belt.

In February, things just kept getting better, with the Lynx receiving three

votes in a men's basketball division poll released by the NAIA. This meant that for the first time in history, a Lindenwood University Belleville athletic team received votes in a national coaches' poll.

In March, things

reached the pinnacle for the LU-Belleville Lynx Basketball team when the NAIA announced that the Lynx received a bid to the NAIA National Championship. Unfortunately, the Lynx only went one round at the

National finals, losing to the number two seed; Pikeville, by a 103-76 score in their first game, finishing their Cinderella season at 22-9.

The team will only be losing one senior however for next year, so the dynamics of the team shouldn't change. The Lynx know what they have to do to succeed and know that they have what it takes to succeed. Sports isn't about how many trophies you have, but how much dedication you put into what you are doing, which is what happened with the Lindenwood University-Belleville Men's Basketball team.



Back Splash



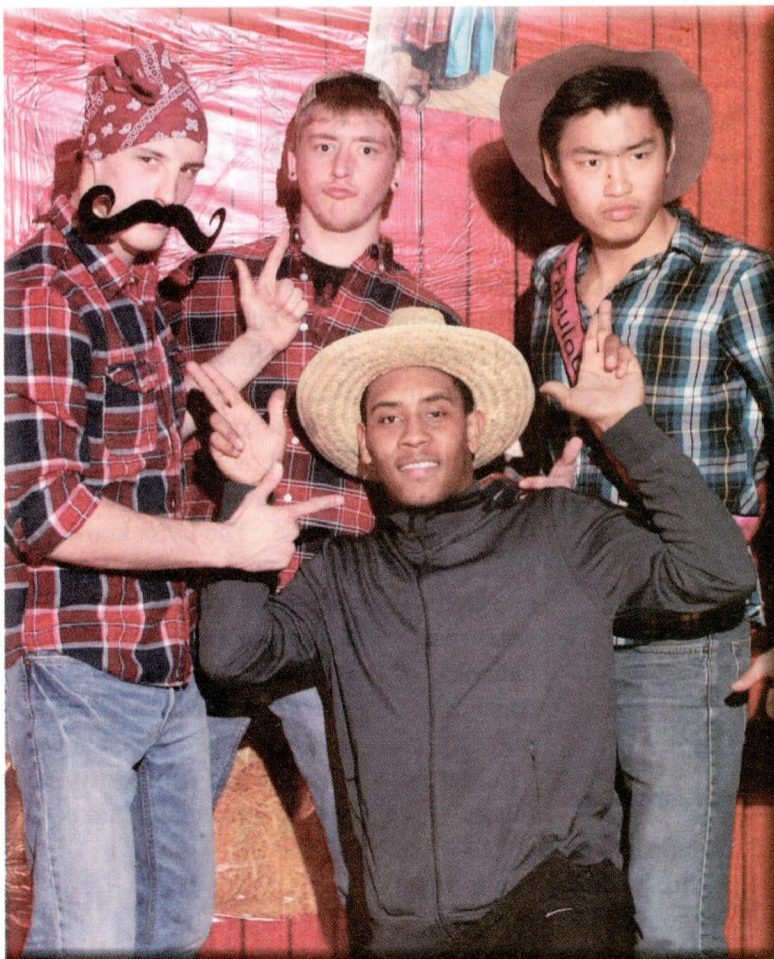
The Campus Activities Board girls posing for a picture at the Suit Up Party.



Student Government running their table for "99 Problems" Day.



The football team in the Bicentennial Parade in Belleville.



Male students at the Barn Party.



Students at the Black Student Union Throwback Skate Party.