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# Pro Christo et Agape

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope you will forgive the admixture of Latin and Greek in this letter's title, but the concoction was generated both consciously and purposefully. In reaction to Lindenwood's amazing growth across the past score of years, an alumna, alumnus, or other Lindenwood stakeholder occasionally asks whether we have retained our historical commitment to Christianity. The short answer is that this school is as devoted to Christianity and Christian values as it has ever been. That commitment is the core fabric of Lindenwood.

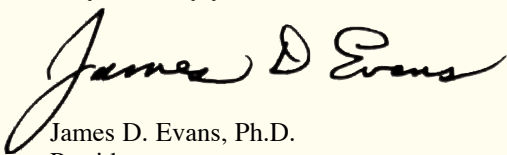
Although it occasionally has been revised to stay in sync with the changing times, our mission statement has always emphasized (1) a liberal arts education, (2) Judeo-Christian values, and (3) education of the whole person (not just the mind but the character, the body, and the social person, in preparation for life). I once wrote the following declaration in one of our many self-studies for the Higher Learning Commission: "Lindenwood University has an essential spirit that transcends particular persons, groups, and times." Spiritually we remain the frontier college of the Sibleys, the postsecondary school that has always been committed to God, its mission, and the students. I believe Mary and George would be pleased that Lindenwood still champions the spiritual dimension of human development.

Lindenwood is a member of the national Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, and it is listed in Best Christian Colleges. We sponsor seven Christian student organizations on campus, including several familiar ones such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Crusade for Christ. These student organizations are active in service and faith-based activities – and we do have regular worship services on campus. Lindenwood still has a chaplain, and it is yet our custom to begin (and often end) formal events and ceremonies with a prayer. This University is one of a shrinking number of postsecondary institutions offering a major in Christian Ministry Studies.

Those features of this campus are the observable traits that define a Christian university. What is more important, however, is that the life of Jesus serves as our inspiration and model: The faith theme here is the Christianity of love and inclusiveness – *agape* – not that of exclusivity. Accordingly, we welcome and fruitfully inter-exist with students, faculty members, and staff members who represent dozens of faiths from around the globe. As forward thinkers, Mary and George Sibley would likely be very proud of that.

I hope your springtime is as beautiful as the annual rebirth of the flora on this campus. (You remember the glorious colors and excitement, don't you?) I also hope you will have a chance to stop by for a firsthand viewing!

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.  
President



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## LU 'Springs Into Service'

Join your fellow Lindenwood alums and students in making a difference in our community. Lindenwood alums are invited to join us for the inaugural "Spring Into Service Day" scheduled for Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A collaborative effort with current Lindenwood students, "Spring Into Service" participants will volunteer at selected United Way agencies in the St. Charles community.

Lindenwood's student-led United Way organization and Association of Fundraising Professionals chapter will provide assistance during the day, as will other student organizations. A light breakfast, snacks, and lunch will be provided to participants.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the Lindenwood Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or by email at [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).



## On The Cover

Crowds at all Lindenwood athletic events are picking up as Lindenwood moves toward NCAA Division II in the fall of 2012. Sports begins on Page 21.

# LU Commons Makes Exciting Debut at Sneak Preview

Much has been written about the 120,000-square-foot Lindenwood Commons building that will open in the summer, particularly regarding features such as the dining hall, the suspended track, and the spacious accommodations for organizations and clubs. Now that the building is nearing completion, however, students are visibly excited as more and more details emerge.

Many of them braved the elements Feb. 5 to attend a sneak preview event at the Commons, where they sampled international and domestic food and toured the facility. Attendance was estimated at 325.

Director of Student Life & Leadership Kerry Cox said it is possible the most highly anticipated component of the \$20 million building is the fitness center, which will not only offer circuit training and free motion, but free weights along with more than 40 pieces of high-tech cardio equipment. Cox said the treadmills and elliptical machines will be programmable, allowing users to access the Internet and participate in the races of their choice or even compete alongside one another.

"It's going to be an amazing building," Cox said. "The students' input played a huge role in putting this building together. We visited many other college campuses and incorporated the best of the best. This will be a place for students to work out and hang out. There will be showers and locker rooms, too. It's going to save students money, because they are going to be dropping their fitness club memberships."

Cox and Dr. John Oldani, Vice President for Student Development, say the building will have a multipurpose area that will offer



Many in the crowd were students, including (from left) Alexander David Larson, Mitch Heady, Ryan Gross, Cory Haghighi, Aldo Sidartawan, and Amandine Deligny.

everything from a friendly pickup game to a concert or a comedy show. Concert-quality power is "built into the building."

The dining area will have a 30-foot projection screen with surround sound for movie events, "and will be a great way to watch Lindenwood football when the Lions are on the road," Oldani said. A game room will offer pool, foosball, air hockey, and more, along with 60-inch televisions to which students can hook up their Wii, Play Station, or Xbox gaming systems. The top 24 student organizations will have offices in the building, and every student will have a mailbox.

"The students thought of just about

everything for this building," Oldani said. "One of the only ideas they didn't come up with was putting the Lindenwood name on the roof. The administration took care of that."

Tours of the building were a highlight of the event.

A crowd gathers for the LU Commons Sneak a Peek Ceremony on February 5.



# Alumni Survey Provides Valuable Feedback for University Officials

In an effort to target communications efforts and guide event planning, Lindenwood University recently invited alumni to participate in an online survey. More than 1,000 alums responded.

Respondents included alums from every decade since the '40s. Sixty-seven percent of the respondents were female, and 33 percent were male. Sixty-six percent received undergraduate degrees from Lindenwood, and 44 percent said they were residential students. Eighty percent said they took the majority of their classes at the St. Charles campus.

Respondents were asked about their interest in learning and reading about various activities at Lindenwood. The four items of greatest interest to alumni are Lindenwood alumni and campus events, alumni accomplishments/news, academics, and history and tradition, according to the survey.

Lindenwood alumni and campus events . . . . .	54%
Alumni accomplishments/news . . . . .	52%
Academics . . . . .	49%
History and tradition . . . . .	45%
Campus renovations/projects . . . . .	41%
Performing arts and theatre . . . . .	40%

Accomplishments of students . . . . .	38%
Outreach to community . . . . .	36%
Career placement services . . . . .	35%
Accomplishments of faculty . . . . .	33%
Athletic teams and sports news . . . . .	32%
Daniel Boone Home/ Boonesfield Village . . . . .	22%
Lindenwood extension campuses . . . . .	18%

There is a higher degree of interest in alumni and campus events, history and tradition, and alumni accomplishments among those who graduated in the '70s or earlier. Recent graduates ('90s or later) are more interested in athletic teams and sports news than those who graduated earlier.

About an equal number of alums say they would like to learn about Lindenwood news in e-mail and other printed materials. Those who attended Lindenwood in the '60s or earlier said they are more likely to prefer printed materials.

Among those who receive the *Connection*, 77 percent say they read at least three out of the last four issues. Seventy-seven percent said they are currently satisfied with the information included.

Among those who receive the *Linden*

*Bark E-Newsletter*, 65 percent say they read at least three out of the last four issues. Fifty-seven percent are satisfied with the information included.

Respondents were asked what types of events they would be interested in attending. The following list indicates their preferences:

- Performing Arts and Theatre . . . . . 38%
- Homecoming and Reunion . . . . . 34%
- Sporting Events . . . . . 31%
- Educational Lectures . . . . . 29%
- Regional Alumni Events . . . . . 25%
- Networking Events . . . . . 24%
- Family/Children-Oriented Events . . . . . 20%
- Academic Specific Events . . . . . 16%

The survey provided invaluable feedback from the survey participants. The results included hundreds of constructive comments, suggestions, and pieces of information. Plans are underway in the Alumni Relations Office to utilize the results to improve and enhance the office's communications efforts and events in 2011 and the coming years.

## Where the Streets Have No Names; Board to Consider Naming Opportunities

Have you ever been on a university campus and wondered about the names of the streets and the history revealed by the names? Generally, campus streets are named for historical figures, alumni, campus leaders, and philanthropic supporters.

For example, at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., the old Alumni Center is located on Carrie D. Francke Drive. A University of Missouri alumna, Francke was an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri and served on the University of Missouri's Board of Curators. She died in a tragic car accident in 1989 at the age of 34 and was honored by her alma mater with the naming of the drive.

At McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill., a street is named for John H. Harmon, president of the institution from 1908 to 1915. He was honored because his leadership was important to the growth of the institution where he also served as a distinguished faculty member.

The names of campus streets invariably say a lot about the history of the institution. At Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., one name in evidence is that of



John Weber Drive is one of only two campus streets that are named.

William Danforth. The former chancellor of the university and its major philanthropist, Danforth made an indelible imprint on the institution.

At Lindenwood's 500-acre St. Charles campus, the Board of Directors has authorized a naming campaign for the University's streets. In the earliest days of the development of the campus, the streets or ways generally referred to landmarks or topographic features. As the campus has grown in size over the past two decades, new streets have been built to connect all of

the buildings and green spaces.

The Board of Directors will consider naming a University street in perpetuity for a living or deceased individual, corporation, foundation, or organization. Two of the campus streets, Butler Way and John Weber Drive, have names already.

Butler Way begins at the historic campus gates on Kingshighway and continues past Sibley Hall. It is named for Colonel James Butler, a Civil War veteran and philanthropist who was responsible for the construction of nearly half of the buildings on Lindenwood's historic Heritage Campus.

John Weber Drive begins next to the University's Welcome Center and ends at the Hyland Performance Arena and Lindenwood Commons building. John Weber was the former owner of Fred Weber, Inc. He was also a supporter of Lindenwood and was interested in the development of the University.

There are several Lindenwood street naming opportunities available. For more information about naming one of the Lindenwood campus streets, contact Dr. Lucy Morros, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at 636-949-4532.

# Lindenwood Kings of Preservation Care for Institution's History

Some of the most fascinating pieces of St. Louis' wholesale grocery history sit quietly on the shelves in the attic of Butler Library. It is a treasure trove of grocery artifacts donated to Lindenwood by the Wetterau family many years ago.

"It is a wonderful experience for students interested in economic history, marketing, and advertising to see this collection," said University Curator Dr. Steve Gietschier, who was hired in 2009. "It includes several hundred items, mostly packages—jars, cans bottles, and boxes—for consumer products."

As Curator, Gietschier is helping Lindenwood University pay homage, in a manner of speaking, to its proud history dating back to Mary and George Sibley. Gietschier is Lindenwood's first curator in its 184-year history. Along with University Archivist Paul Huffman, he preserves and protects the school's enormous collection of artifacts.

"Hiring a curator was Liz's idea," Gietschier said, referring to his boss, Dean of Library Services Elizabeth MacDonald. "She wanted someone who would locate, inventory, catalog, and make accessible all the University's historical artifacts, some of which date to the 19th century.

"It's a huge responsibility," Gietschier continued. "Just one walk around the Heritage Campus and you know that Lindenwood has a history about which many people, including alumni, are justly proud."

Gietschier came to Lindenwood after many years at the Ohio Historical Society, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and *The Sporting News*, here in St. Louis. In addition to his work as curator, he teaches courses in American studies and American history.

Gietschier's work supplements the work already being done by Huffman in the Mary E. Ambler Archives, which had been staffed for many years by Lindenwood alumni on a volunteer basis. Huffman is the first professionally trained archivist.

"If it weren't for these dedicated alumni, a lot of Lindenwood's history would have been lost forever," Huffman said. "We are forever grateful."

Gietschier said Huffman is one of Lindenwood's greatest assets.

"He loves the University, knows its history well, and goes out of his way to assist students, faculty, and the researching public," Gietschier said. "He is one of LU's finest ambassadors. Plus, he runs the Speaker Series, which is simply outstanding."

Huffman and Gietschier are a team. They tell inquiring minds that the archivist is in



Archivist Paul Huffman and University Curator Dr. Steve Gietschier display some items from the Wetterau Collection.

charge of two-dimensional objects, mainly documents, while the curator is in charge of three-dimensional objects.

Curatorial work is labor-intensive. It takes a lot of time to get a little bit done. To bring the University's collections under intellectual control, Gietschier is using a database package called PastPerfect. It is the standard package used in museums throughout the country.

"It is our goal to inventory everything so that we know what things are and where they are," Gietschier said.

Gietschier says that someday soon, students, alums, and even the general public will be able to comb through Lindenwood's vast collection of artifacts without ever leaving their homes or dorm rooms.

"(Professor) Jeff Smith's economic history class spends a lot of time with us," said Gietschier. "Once we have it all cataloged, we can have a virtual exhibit for everyone to enjoy."

Right now, Gietschier is working on two collections. One is the Wetterau Collection.

The other goes right to the heart of Lindenwood's history. It is an assortment of historical Lindenwood memorabilia—from old photos and dishes to Mrs. Sibley's organ.

"Charlsie Floyd (Director of Community Relations) has been incredibly helpful as I try to understand these artifacts and put them in context," said Gietschier.

Every single item gets its own record in the PastPerfect database where all the information about the object, plus one or more photographs, is stored. "Our next goal," Gietschier said, "is to adapt the database so that a user-friendly version can appear on the Butler Library website. That way, everyone can see what we have been doing and put these collections to good use."

Alumni who have papers or artifacts that help tell the Lindenwood story are encouraged to contact Gietschier (636 949-4567 or [sgietschier@lindenwood.edu](mailto:sgietschier@lindenwood.edu)) or Huffman (636 949-4823 or [phuffman@lindenwood.edu](mailto:phuffman@lindenwood.edu)).

# the Bells OF LINDENWOOD



By Paul Huffman

As the Lindenwood University archivist, I often stumble across intriguing bits of information about the school's history that have been forgotten. A curious person by nature, I usually try to fill in the gaps by searching through the materials that we have available in the archives.

One topic that has periodically drawn my attention is the mention of campus sounds that Lindenwood students have heard over the years. Students and visitors invariably comment on the beauty of LU's campus or the aroma of the linden trees in the spring, but apart from compliments given to our student musicians, the other sounds of Lindenwood have been forgotten. Through the course of our history, there were three bells that have been a part of our aural LU memories.

While there are no known documents or written histories that mention the first bell, there has been an oral tradition for many years that suggests that a hand bell, now located in the Alumni House Museum, belonged to Mrs. Sibley. The bell, which is made of brass and measures six inches across, is attached to a wooden handle, making it a little over ten inches tall.

If this bell were truly used by Mrs. Sibley, it probably dates from the 1850s (approximately the time when the Sibleys deeded Lindenwood to the Presbyterian Church) or even earlier. If we use our imagination a bit or recall a familiar scene in many Western movies, we can see the school teacher calling her students in from recess. That is how this bell was probably used.

The origins of the second bell are also a bit obscure. Based on its name, the old Sibley Chapel Bell, the best assumption is that it was installed next to Sibley Hall when the north wing was added in 1886. Nothing is known about its purchase or

manufacturer, and, unfortunately, its current whereabouts are also unknown. The archives has photographs of the bell, articles in the student newspaper, and a brief poem eulogizing how much the bell meant to students over the years.

One story about the bell's fate says that it was given to a scrap metal drive during World War II, but this does not seem to be the case. Why? Because LU held a fundraising drive for the March of Dimes in 1947, and each time a donation was dropped in the kettle, the Sibley Chapel Bell was rung.

The third bell, the Butler Library Bell, is still located in the building's tower (it was pictured in the "Guess What This Is" Question in the Winter 2010 *Connection*). Manufactured in 1930, the Library Bell seems to have been added to the library shortly after the building was finished, for on one side of the tower there are notches cut into a window to allow the mouth of the bell to fit through after the bell tower had been built.

Meneely & Company of Watervliet (formerly West Troy), N.Y., made the bell. While no longer in business, the Meneely Company was considered the premier manufacturer of bells in the country until electric bells overtook traditional bells in popularity. A couple of Meneely's more famous creations are the replacements for the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and the Freedom Bell located in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

While Lindenwood's bell is not as large as some of its counterparts, at 21.5 inches

The Butler Library Bell remains in the cupola atop the library, where it is guarded by a great horned owl that nests there.

across the mouth, it is still relatively hefty at 200 pounds. The clapper on the bell is attached to a chain that was activated by an electrical switch. At some point, however, the switch that swung the clapper quit working.

The last recollection we have of the bell ringing comes from an alumna from the 1960s. She said the bell was rung before each vespers service. In 1970, a group of students tried to raise money to get the bell working again, but they were unable to get the project off the ground. As the years passed, students and faculty who remembered the bell graduated, retired, or moved on. Because the bell no longer sounded, it was forgotten until it was rediscovered a couple of years ago.

Plans are now underway to get the bell ringing again (G-sharp on the musical scale), and we hope that one of Lindenwood's traditional sounds will soon be a part of students' memories again for years to come.

If you have any additional information about the Sibley Chapel Bell or the Library Bell, please contact the University Curator, Dr. Steve Gietschier, or Alumni Director Whitney Fraier.

# Successful Barbershoppers Have Lindenwood Roots; Still Visit Campus

Many music enthusiasts may recognize Vocal Spectrum as one of the most successful barbershop quartets in the region. It is a quartet that got its start in St. Charles. Jonny Moroni, Eric Dalbey, Chris Hallam, and Tim Waurick, all attended Lindenwood University.

The group's baritone, Moroni, met the group's soloist, Dalbey, while the pair attended Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis. The two formed a quartet at the high school before Moroni graduated and began attending Lindenwood.

"Jonny is older than me, so he was going to Lindenwood and he raved about the choral director there at the time, Jim Henry," said Dalbey. "Jonny kind of encouraged me to go to Lindenwood, and I ended up doing just that."

Waurick, the group's tenor, and Hallam, the group's bass, met Moroni and Dalbey while also attending the University. Vocal Spectrum was officially formed in 2003.

"The four of us lived together in a house owned by the school near the music building," Dalbey said. "We were going to school, singing at a lot of school functions, performing at local bookings for civic leaders, and just doing different events here and there. It wasn't until Jim Henry suggested that we look into competing that we took it to the next level."

All of the members of the quartet also sing with a St. Charles barbershop chorus known as the Ambassadors of Harmony, who were named international chorus champions by the Barbershop Harmony Society in 2004. That same year, Vocal Spectrum won top honors at the International Collegiate Quartet Contest in Louisville, Ky. They also took first place in the 2006 International Barbershop Quartet Contest, making them the first group in the society's history to win all three possible honors.



Vocal Spectrum members, from left, Tim Waurick ('07), Eric Dalbey ('07), Chris Hallam ('05), and Jonny Moroni ('05)

"Those experiences really gave us the opportunity to travel more," said Dalbey. "Now going into our eighth year together, we've been to about 40 states and 15 different countries. We're gone about half the weekends out of the year."

Vocal Spectrum has performed in Germany, Holland, Sweden, Russia, England, Japan, and New Zealand. They've sung the national anthem at local professional sporting events and even on Russian national television.

When the group members are in town, they often mentor local high school students interested in barbershop harmony. They also travel to Lindenwood when they can to visit with friends and former professors.

"We still have connections there, so we

occasionally go and visit with some of the members of the University's a cappella group, Voices Only," Dalbey said. "We were a part of the first group when it was formed and the director, Pam Grooms, was actually Chris' choir teacher in high school. Some of the current members of Voices Only also sing with us in Ambassadors of Harmony, so it's been nice to stay involved in that way."

Each member of Vocal Spectrum pursues different careers and interests outside of the group, but Dalbey says their love of barbershop harmony performance will always remain a major part of their lives.

"Business is good and I know we all plan on doing it as long as we can. We're all very blessed and appreciative."

## Do you have baseball fever?

Baseball season is in full swing, so don't miss our Lindenwood Day at the St. Louis Cardinals.

Join us for our annual spring Lindenwood Alumni Day at Busch Stadium on Sunday, May 8, as the Cardinals take on the Brewers at 1:15 p.m.

Enjoy a St. Louis Cardinals game, while supporting your alma mater. Part of the ticket proceeds goes to support Lindenwood student scholarships.

Game tickets are \$17 and include admission and a free hot dog and soda voucher. Game day perks include: North Star Ice Cream Sunday and Prairie Farms Run the Bases Day for kids.

Don't miss out on this event; it's sure to be a home run!

Limited tickets are available for purchase.

To purchase tickets at this special price, please visit [www.stlcardinals.com/lindenwood](http://www.stlcardinals.com/lindenwood), or for more details, please contact the Lindenwood Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).



# Wheeler's Inspiring ROAD TO RECOVERY

In 1997, Josh Wheeler was a happy, active 13-year-old with a promising future. In one fateful doctor visit, all of that changed. In a matter of minutes, he learned he had brain cancer that required immediate surgery. He was given little chance of surviving the surgery and, even if he did, there was little possibility he would walk again.

One could say Wheeler outperformed those expectations. A 2007 graduate of Lindenwood University, he now works as an investment advisor at Diehl Wealth Management Group in Chesterfield and has a string of successes in other areas as well.

Prior to his diagnosis, Wheeler was a champion motocross racer and was active in many other sports, including hockey. During one race, he crashed after his left hand slipped off the handlebar as he went over a jump. Thinking it was a fluke, he continued racing, only to have it happen two more times. Later, while playing hockey, he found himself losing his grip on his stick and feeling uncoordinated on his left side as he skated. His parents arranged a trip to the doctor, and after some tests, an MRI and a CT scan were performed.

"They called my parents in first to hear the results," Wheeler said. "Then, they called me in. My parents were sitting there,

and I could see they had been crying. The doctor told me I had cancer. They needed to operate immediately or I would be dead in three weeks. I had only a 15 percent chance of surviving, and even if I did survive, I would most likely never walk again."

Wheeler woke up from the surgery completely paralyzed and began the laborious process of physical therapy. After four months in the hospital, his doctors determined the tumor had begun growing again. His parents, Dave and Judy Wheeler, were told there was nothing else they could do. Not satisfied with that response, they did some searching and found a doctor in Santa Monica, Calif., who worked in holistic medicine and decided to give it a try.

"They put me through holistic treatment and medications," Wheeler said. "I was there for three weeks."

In the years that followed, Wheeler endured numerous surgeries and therapies and, slowly, he recovered. He says his doctors look at him and shake their heads. No one with this type of cancer survives as long as he has.

"I still have the tumor, but it is not doing anything," he said.

While he was unable to return to motorcycle racing, he found another

outlet for those competitive juices. As he recovered, his father bought him a remote control race car to mess around with and fight boredom.

"That was 18 months after the surgery," Wheeler said. "Within three years, I was racing them. Then, in 2002, our family went on vacation to Uruguay and I competed in the world championships just for fun."

Wheeler placed fourth in the world, and before his plane touched down back home, he had companies calling and asking to sponsor him. In addition to his normal job, he continues to travel around the world racing remote controlled cars.

"That paid a lot of my expenses when I was in college at Lindenwood," Wheeler said. "It was difficult, like having a full-time job while going to school full-time. LU taught me to be diligent and keep after what I wanted. I liked what I was learning, and I knew what I wanted to do."

Today, Wheeler walks with a slight limp, and he still can't cut the fingernails on his right hand.

"Most people don't notice that there is anything wrong with me," Wheeler said. "I realize that I'm a lot better off than many people. It was a tough time, but it was also a blessing."



## LU-Belleville Student Center to be Named After Dixon

Lindenwood University-Belleville officials announced during a special reception last fall that the school's new student center will be named in honor of former United States Senator Alan J. Dixon. Members of the Dixon family have pledged their participation in a \$250,000 fundraising campaign to pay homage to the Belleville native, who was an advocate of higher education throughout his legislative career.

Dixon served the state of Illinois for 43 years, working at levels ranging from the Illinois House of Representatives to the Illinois State Senate. One of his most notable accomplishments was his co-sponsorship of legislation that produced the state's community college system.

"Al was born and raised in Belleville and went to high school on this former Belleville Township High School campus, just as his mother did before him and all three Dixon kids did after him," said his wife, Joan Fox Dixon. "He has always put southern Illinois and Belleville first, so we thought this was a fitting tribute to him."

The student center renovation project will cost nearly \$1 million and involves a new cafeteria, additional classrooms, a recreation area, an upper-level student lounge, an ergonomically designed computer lab, a contemporary library, and a special space dedicated to preserving and featuring memorabilia from Dixon's many decades of public service. The center is expected to be completed by the summer of 2011.

"We are so excited about this project because it will give the students a place to do research and focus, but also to bond with each other and the University," said Mary Radcliff, assistant vice president and

executive director of community relations. "It's going to be the latest addition in the growth of our campus culture and I hope it helps our students feel more like this is their home away from home. We want to do everything we can to help them feel like they belong here and that they can take pride in that."

Lindenwood has invested more than \$10 million in the Belleville campus since acquiring it in 2003, including the construction of a new Welcome Center and extensive renovations to the auditorium, communications building, "L" building, and the exterior of the future student center.



Renderings of the recreation room and library of the new Alan J. Dixon Student Center; (above) Alan J. Dixon



## Inaugural Belleville Alumni Pinning Ceremony

Lindenwood University Belleville held an alumni recognition ceremony in the Lindenwood-Belleville Auditorium in December, honoring those alums who earned their degrees from the Belleville campus. Sixty alumni attended and were presented with certificates by President Evans and pinned with special alumni pins.



A large crowd gathered for the Belleville Alumni Recognition Ceremony in the Belleville campus' historic auditorium. Inset: Each of the 60 alumni who attended received a pin to commemorate their new alumni status.



# SPRING INTO PLANNED GIVING

By Eric Stuhler

Director of Planned Giving and In-House Legal Counsel

As the earth comes back from its winter slumber, so now does our economy. The first signs of spring are upon us, first with little buds that will soon blossom into the beautiful flowers and leafy trees of summer. Our economy is budding once again, and with proper care, nurturing, and optimism, we will all prosper. As a result, you will soon have a greater ability to help Lindenwood grow.

A planned gift, such as a bequest in a will or trust to Lindenwood, plants the seeds for Lindenwood's future. Another popular technique is naming Lindenwood as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy, allowing you to make affordable payments resulting in a substantial future gift.

But what will Lindenwood do with the proceeds of your generosity? That is a question worth answering.

A scholarship is defined as "a sum of money or aid to a student because of merit or need to pursue his or her studies." Through your support, Lindenwood can reward a student for meritorious effort and discipline in his or her studies and thereby

nurture the gifts inherent in such person. Your real gift is what you give to society in the form of a well educated Lindenwood graduate joining the workforce and further helping our economy in its recovery.

Then there is the needy student. Many students with desire and the quest for knowledge do not have the means to attend a university with the many opportunities that Lindenwood can provide. Your gift can result in changing the life of such a student and the lives of their children and future generations to come. What would your life be like without your Lindenwood education?

Your gift can contribute to the University's endowment. These funds are invested, and the income is used for any purpose that either you or the administration deem worthwhile.

To provide the best learning opportunities for our 16,000-plus students requires a great faculty, quality administrators, classrooms, theaters, laboratories, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and support staff. Your unrestricted gift allows the caretakers of Lindenwood to put your investment in Lindenwood to where it will do the most good.

You can also designate your gift to

provide for the most basic learning tool for our students, that being BOOKS. Our Emergency Textbook Fund allows students, who could not otherwise do so, to purchase the "tools of their trade." Just this week, one of our students lost her wallet on campus. It contained \$500 that she had saved for books by working a part-time job over the holidays. The wallet was recovered but the cash was gone. Can you imagine her jubilation when she discovered that she was eligible for the fund and she could purchase her textbooks after all? Priceless.

Helping students, and we were all students at one time or another, is the bottom line when it comes to all giving to Lindenwood. We can all be thankful for the generosity of our predecessors that gave us the opportunity to be part of the ever-growing Lindenwood family. It is now our turn. Spring into planned giving.

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## Belleville's Alumni Club Wants YOU!

Lindenwood University-Belleville has graduated several hundred students since opening its doors in 2003. A Belleville Alumni Club was recently created to help keep these graduates stay connected.

Denise Isom Chism ('10) has witnessed the dynamic growth of the campus since starting at Lindenwood-Belleville in 2008.

Denise recalls "falling in love with the small classes and the wonderful professors," which is the heart of the Lindenwood model. Since graduating with her bachelor's degree, she has continued at LU-Belleville to earn her master's in corporate communications. Her next goal is applying to law school. The new Alumni Club was created for people like Denise who have witnessed the exciting growth, experienced what Lindenwood has to offer and want to remain involved.

Belleville's Club grew out of discussions among Director of Alumni Relations Whitney Fraier and alums such as Tammy

Bush-Hamilton ('07), Daisy Hall ('09 & '10), Kathy Schmidt ('05), and others. The mission of the new group is to provide alums with networking situations and provide an avenue through which they can give something back to the University. Open to alums of all ages and class years, the group will work together to sponsor Belleville student scholarships and special projects, promote Lindenwood pride, and host alumni social activities.

The Club held its first meetings in early 2011. If you graduated from the Lindenwood-Belleville campus, or reside in the Metro East and are interested in joining this dynamic new group, you are invited to attend one of the upcoming meetings.

For additional information about the Belleville Alumni Club, please visit us online at [www.lindenwood.edu/alumni](http://www.lindenwood.edu/alumni) or contact the Lindenwood Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).



Denise Chism ('10) proudly displays her Lindenwood Alumni Association certificate at the December 2010 Belleville Alumni Pinning Ceremony.

# On the Road Again

By Whitney Fraier  
Director of Alumni Relations

One of the best things about being a part of the Alumni Relations Department is the opportunity to travel and sit with our exceptional alumni. In January, Melissa Kline, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, and I were able to visit Lindenwood alums from the great state of Texas. It was a trip we will not soon forget.

## Day 1: St. Louis/San Antonio

We were excited to leave six inches of snow and 10-degree weather and head to the warmer Lone Star State. We arrived in San Antonio after a short layover in Dallas, rented a car and headed to our hotel. Because we were only in town for a short time, and upon the recommendation of the hotel, we ventured out to see the famed Riverwalk and had dinner at Las Margaritas, a Tex-Mex eatery.

## Day 2: San Antonio/Houston

We prepared to meet our alums for lunch at the Guenther House, a historic flourmill turned restaurant and museum. A wonderful group of alums, representing the decades from the '40s to the '90s were in attendance. We were also honored to have Lois Evans ('77, '85, '97), wife of Lindenwood President Jim Evans, as an honored guest at the luncheon.

Alumna June Locke Daniels ('44), recounted her days at Lindenwood and her experiences working at the St. Charles Hospital during World War II.

Bobbie Moore Schonaerts ('61) talked about her career in nursing, following her days at Lindenwood. Today, she and her husband Jim spend their days as ranchers.

Cheryl Wubker Hollenbeck ('90) and her husband, John, were at the luncheon. Because of his Navy career they have lived in a variety of places and recently moved to Texas. Cheryl was most recently an English-as-a-second-language teacher in Hawaii and has had a number of interesting careers since her days at LU.

Emily Heather McCann ('59) attended Lindenwood for two years as an international student from Mexico City. Since her days at Lindenwood, she has

spent her time serving her community and starting volunteer groups in Guadalajara and Mexico City. She retired to San Antonio and loves the city, which is a perfect blend of her love for American and Spanish heritage and culture.

Jill Graff ('69) resides in Austin and attended Lindenwood for two years. She loved her time on campus and is a CPA and owns her own practice.

Dianna Davis Lewis ('73) attended Lindenwood during its transition from a woman's college to a coed school. She received her degree in English and Spanish and has enjoyed a variety of careers in marketing and Human Resources for numerous Fortune 500 corporations. She now teaches Spanish and English.

After a wonderful afternoon listening to alums share stories about their alma mater, it was time to leave for our next stop in Houston.

## Day 3: Houston/Dallas

Our alums had warned us about the Houston traffic, and we were told that the restaurant where we were going to hold our event was just a hop, skip and a jump from our hotel. Thanks to the rain and the aforementioned traffic, we arrived at Willie G's Seafood and Steaks just in time to set up for our alumni event.

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(from left) Jill Graff ('69) and Emily Heather McCann ('59).



(from left) Cheryl Wubker Hollenbeck ('90) and husband John Hollenbeck.



(from left) Carol Arns; Lois Evans ('77, '85, and '97); June Locke Daniels ('44) from San Antonio, Texas; Bobbie Moore Schonaerts ('61) from Fredericksburg, Texas; Emily Heather McCann ('59) from San Antonio, Texas; Jill Graff ('69) from Austin, Texas; Cheryl Wubker Hollenbeck ('90) from San Antonio, Texas; Dianna Davis Lewis ('73) from Boerne, Texas; and Whitney Fraier ('09), Director of Alumni Relations.



(from left) Locha Rowan ('94 and '98) and her guest. Locha resides in Arlington, Texas.

Although the weather was less than desirable, nothing could get in the way of the Lindenwood group showing up and having a great time! The camaraderie and friendliness of our Houston alums and friends were infectious. We had a great group representing decades from the '60s to the '00s. Lively conversation filled the room as the alums recounted their experiences at Lindenwood.

Alums Sandra Hogan Peeples ('86), Kimberly Gatlin ('00), An Woerner ('05), and Cecilia Griffin ('01 & '03) shared their experiences as LCIE students at Lindenwood. Since graduation, Sandra has had a longtime career in the education sector and is an elementary education teacher, and Kimberly has had a successful career with the railroad industry. An is also

employed in the education sector and is an art teacher, and Cecelia works as a flight attendant and enjoys traveling the world and visiting exotic locations.

Susan Quinius Sanders ('71), Marsha Fox Dufner ('71), and Ronni Fischer Herman ('69), were all traditional undergraduate students, and shared many similar experiences. Since LU, Susan has had a longtime career in software development sales, Marsha is currently an assistant principal and longtime educator at Katy Independent School District, and Ronni is a passionate photographer who is looking for new opportunities to utilize her skills in the nonprofit and corporate world.

#### Day 4: Dallas/ Ft. Worth

We geared up for the long drive from Houston to Dallas and enjoyed the scenery and some welcome sunshine. On the way, we stopped for a quick break at a local gas station called Buccee's thanks to recommendations from our Houston alums. Suffice it to say, what happens in Texas should stay in Texas, but we bought t-shirts to commemorate our visit and continued our journey to Dallas/Fort Worth.

Our event in Ft. Worth was at Joe T. Garcia's. Based upon the number of vehicles in the parking lot and the people in the restaurant, it was apparent that we had chosen a great location for our group.

We couldn't have asked for a more spirited group of alums, and there was no lack of conversation and laughter in the group. With alums representing decades from the '40s to the '00s, they each had great stories to tell about their years at Lindenwood.

Former athletes and high school friends Steve Mason ('94) and Mark Pullam ('94) enjoyed sharing stories of their days as LU athletes and residing in the Lindenwood trailers. They said how proud they are that LU has been admitted to NCAA Division II. Mark currently works in education, and Steve supervises the IT department at Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Husband and wife Shane Lewis ('98) and Abbey Catalano Lewis ('99) were in attendance. Since leaving LU, Shane went on to obtain his law degree and has a practice near their home. Abbey worked as a special education teacher but now enjoys spending time with her boys as a stay-at-home mother and teaching her local silver sneakers program to senior citizens.

Travis Mears ('09 & '10) and wife Raelynn Ciesynski Mears ('10) are newly married. Travis enjoyed sharing his stories about being a part of the championship



(from left) John Bailey husband of Jean Lundy Bailey ('69) from Carrollton, Texas, and Mary Fitts Fagras ('59) from Fort Worth, Texas.

(from left) Annie Anderson Koonce ('79), Travis Mears ('09 and '10), Raelynn Ciesynski Mears ('10), Gary Fate, and wife Linda Mullins Fate ('92 and '96).



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shooting team and convincing Raelynn to move to St. Charles for grad school. Travis currently owns his own Nationwide Insurance agency and Raelynn is a sales rep for FedEx.

LCIE graduates Linda Mullins Fate ('92 & '96) and Locha Rowan ('94 & '98) told the group how grateful they were that Lindenwood had a program for working



An Woerner ('05) right, and friend, from Spring, Texas.



Susan Quinius Sanders ('71) and Tom Anderson, both from Austin, Texas.

adults. Thanks to LCIE they were able to obtain multiple degrees. Linda and her husband Gary currently own their own business, Heritage Premium Consignment Company, and Locha most recently worked for General Motors in district sales and is now exploring new opportunities.

Traditional undergraduate student Jean Lundy Bailey ('69) received her B.A. in psychology and worked in education. Mary Fitts Fagras ('59) taught special education for 30 years and now spends her time volunteering. Alumna Annie Anderson Koonce ('79) was also present. She is the

marketing officer for a bank and recently returned to the Lindenwood campus for her 30<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Martha McCorstin Ansley ('49) fondly recounted her days at Lindenwood as one of the best times in her life. She remembered LU as having the best instructors and said that the professors expected nothing but the best from their students. Since leaving LU, she has been a successful antique dealer and has used the skills that she learned at Lindenwood to promote her business.

Rachel Amado Bortnick ('60) was an international student from Turkey. When she attended Lindenwood, there were 450 women and four men. She is amazed at how much things have changed. She shared her stories of what life was like on the campus as an international student, and recalled her time at Lindenwood as happy days.

Helen Newman Curl ('63) received her degree in radio/TV and speech and told the group how it had been her father's choice to send her to Lindenwood so that she could "acquire some grace and get a solid education." She met her future husband at Lindenwood during a mixer and talked about the days when you could not leave campus without wearing a dress, hose, heels, hats, and gloves. She remembers professors like Martha Boyer who was important to her, and is thankful for the time that she spent at Lindenwood.

The entertaining stories shared by all of our alums were hilarious and the fond memories shared were heartfelt. Watching the networking among the various age groups was exciting.

### Day 5: Dallas/St. Charles

It is back to St. Charles today. As in trips to other cities to visit Lindenwood alums, we have been privileged to meet some of the most welcoming, kind-hearted, and genuinely interesting people we have ever known. Just as each city that we visited had its unique personality, so did each group of alums that we meet.

The connection Lindenwood alums share transcends any age or current location. It is clear that no matter where we go, Lindenwood alums have unique stories to tell and their love for their alma mater is real.

We thank our Texas alums for a great experience and a trip we will never forget.

To be continued.....as we visit a city near you!



What a great bunch to celebrate our Lindenwood!

Even though I was the only "antique" at the Dallas/Ft. Worth alumni gathering, I felt so "connected" to all of the grads. I'm so proud of all the young people who have gone on to advanced degrees and what they have done with their lives.

My friend, Chris, who came with me remarked, "They are so young and have accomplished so much." So true!

My time at Lindenwood was well spent in advancing my knowledge of a wider world and learning how to find the power of information and use it to advance my life.

Thank you so much for bringing so many generations together to see where we had been and what a great future is in store for Lindenwood.

Sincerely,  
Martha McCorstin Ansley ('48)

# 2011 Lindenwood Alumni & Campus-Wide Special Events

## **Belleville Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, April 2, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Belleville Campus Main Administration Building Classroom 220

## **St. Charles Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room-Spellmann Campus Center

## **Lindenwood Spring into Service Day**

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
Time: 8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Kickoff Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room-Spellmann Campus Center

## **Honors Convocation**

Sunday, April 17, 2011  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

## **Belleville Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, May 7, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Belleville Campus Main Administration Building Classroom 220

## **Lindenwood Day at St. Louis Cardinals**

Sunday, May 8, 2011  
Game Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Location: Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO

## **Baccalaureate and Commencement**

Friday, May 13, 2011  
Time: 7:30 PM -10:00 PM  
Location: Family Arena, St. Charles

## **Undergraduate Commencement**

Saturday, May 14, 2011  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12: 00 PM  
Location: Family Arena, St. Charles

## **Belleville Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, June 4, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Belleville Campus Main Administration Building Classroom 220

## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic**

Saturday, June 18, 2011  
Time: 11: 30 AM – 2: 30 PM  
Location: Outdoors in the Quad, St. Charles Campus

## **St. Charles Alumni Club Meeting (Fashion Show Planning Meeting)**

Saturday, July 9, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room-Spellmann Campus Center

## **Belleville Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, August 6, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Belleville Campus Main Administration Building Classroom 220

## **St. Charles Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, August 13, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room-Spellmann Campus Center

## **Belleville Alumni Club Meeting**

Saturday, September 3, 2011  
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Belleville Campus Main Administration Building Classroom 220

## **Lindenwood Day at St. Louis Cardinals**

Sunday, September 11, 2011  
Game Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Location: Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO

## **St. Charles 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Lindenwood University Club

## **Lindenwood Homecoming, Reunion & Parents Weekend**

Friday & Saturday, October 14-15, 2011  
Location: St. Charles Campus  
Times and Events: TBD

**LINDENWOOD**

**COME ONE COME ALL**

**Step Right Up and Have a Ball**

**Fourth Annual Lindenwood Alumni and Friends Picnic & Carnival**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m. – 2: 30 p.m.**

Please join us for lunch, ice cream, face painting, balloons and carnival games galore!

Mark your calendars and get ready to join us under the big top on the St. Charles Campus. Bring your spouse, date, kids, grandkids, friends and other alums for a day of fun!



Lindenwood University dance students Amanda Beardsley (front), Taya Zeig (middle), and Amanda Moehlenpah (back).

## J. Scheidegger Center Gears up for a Busy Spring Season

A busy spring is in store at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, following on the heels of a very active winter, which saw performances of the Broadway tour of *Legally Blonde*, the Russian State Ballet Theatre, the dance sensation *Tango Buenos Aires*, and 1970s icons BJ Thomas, Gary Puckett, and Bobby Goldsboro.

Student performances have been equally plentiful with the perennial favorite *A Christmas Carol*, student-directed one-acts, improv shows, the Student Dance Concert, the period comedy *She Stoops to Conquer*, which sold out all its performances, and the hit musical *Urinetown*.

The spring starts out with a series of concerts in the Bezemes Family Theatre showcasing every facet of the Lindenwood University Music Department. The Lindenwood Band Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 21. The Lindenwood Choral Concert will follow at 7:30 p.m. on March 22, featuring performances by all of Lindenwood choral groups, including the premiere acapella group *Voices Only*. The Lindenwood Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 23, and the Lindenwood

Orchestra will close out the series with a concert on March 24. Admission is free for all four concerts.

In the spring, the Lindenwood University Theatre Department will present the play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* at 7:30 p.m. on April 15-19 and 21-23 in the Emerson Black Box Theater. The play is based on Ken Kesey's acclaimed 1963 novel, which later spawned the award-winning movie of the same name, starring Jack Nicholson. The story follows a charming criminal who opts for a sentence in a mental hospital over prison time and teaches his fellow inmates the true nature of freedom.

The Spring Dance Concert will take to the Bezemes Family Theater stage for performances at 7:30 p.m. on April 28 and 29 and at 2 p.m. on April 30. Janet Strzelec, Chair of the Dance Department, said the show will consist of six senior projects by graduating dance majors with the remainder of the concert focused on the Lindenwood Dance Ensemble with choreography by Lindenwood faculty and dance ensemble members.

"I think they are all terrific," Strzelec said. "It is going to be a very entertaining concert."

Strzelec also said the concert will also feature more tap dancing than usual, as two of the seniors are rhythm tappers and are

## Student Productions Spring 2011 J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

*Student-Directed One-Acts*  
March 17-19; 7:30 p.m.  
Emerson Black Box Theater

*LU Band Concert*  
March 21; 7:30 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*LU Choral Concert*  
March 22; 7:30 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*LU Jazz Band Concert*  
March 23; 7:30 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*LU Orchestra Concert*  
March 24; 7:30 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*  
April 15-19, 21-23; 7:30 p.m.  
Emerson Black Box Theater

*Spring Dance Concert*  
April 28-29; 7:30 p.m.  
April 30; 2 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*Spring Fashion Show*  
April 29; 8 p.m.  
Emerson Black Box Theater

*Spring VIP Fashion Event*  
April 30; 8 p.m.  
Emerson Black Box Theater

*Student Conductors Concert*  
May 1; 7:30 p.m.  
Bezemes Family Theater

*Voices Only Concert*  
May 3 and 5; 7:30 p.m.  
Emerson Black Box Theater

also in the ensemble.

*Voices Only* returns to the Bezemes Family Theater stage for a pair of free concerts at 7:30 p.m. on May 3 and 5.

The spring professional season wraps up on May 7 with an 8 p.m. concert by Debby Boone in the Bezemes Family Theater. Boone, who skyrocketed to fame in 1977 with the hit "You Light Up My Life," will present her show, *Reflections of Rosemary*, a tribute to her late mother-in-law, Rosemary Clooney. Tickets for that concert range from \$24.50 to \$42.50.

Tickets for all shows and more information are available at the Lindenwood Box Office, (636) 949-4433, or online at [www.lindenwood.edu/center](http://www.lindenwood.edu/center).

# The Importance of Volunteering: Why Mummas Chose to Be Involved



Nicole Schanda Mumma ('06) and Kevin Mumma ('04) were non-traditional students when they attended Lindenwood. Nicole transferred to Lindenwood from community college and, while earning her degree, worked full time at her mom's shop in St. Charles, Thistle and Clover. Although she did not live on campus, Nicole chose to take part in campus activities and joined the Delta Zeta Sorority.

Kevin is an LCIE graduate who worked full-time while attending evening classes. Because of his job commitment, he was unable to be involved with typical campus activities, but he participated when he could.

"Lindenwood welcomed me with open arms, and I did take advantage of the extra-curricular culture component of the LCIE program," he said.

Since graduation, Nicole and Kevin admit they have watched in awe as the campus they knew transformed before their eyes. They were amazed with the rerouting of First Capitol Drive and the construction of all the new dorms, and they have continued to witness the numerous positive changes that have happened at LU since their days as students.

As young alums, Kevin and Nicole

have chosen to continue being part of the Lindenwood of today. Both are newly involved as members of the St. Charles Alumni Club, and Nicole continues to be active in her Delta Zeta chapter sorority activities. Both agree it's important to be involved in their alma mater and give back in any way they can.

"Delta Zeta is purely where I have focused my efforts in the last two years," Nicole said. "Since I have been working with them as an advisor, the sorority has grown from five to 28 girls."

Kevin is happy to help his wife in her support of Delta Zeta.

"I am their computer tech, mover, DJ, trash collector, maintenance man, etc.," he said.

Both Mummas agree that life would be more empty without their involvement with Lindenwood students.

The duo recently decided to become a part of the St. Charles Alumni Club. After reading an article about the Club in LU's online alumni newsletter, *Linden Bark*, Kevin attended his first Club meeting last November. Nicole has become a member as well, and both are looking forward to becoming more involved in 2011.

In addition to their work with Delta Zeta

students and their new membership in the St. Charles Alumni Club, both work full-time jobs, have started their own businesses and volunteer in their community with groups like the St. Charles Area Relay for Life.

When asked why they give back and why they want to become involved at Lindenwood, they both said that while they were in college, people were there to help and support them. They say now it is their turn.

It is "more of a pay-it-forward philosophy," Kevin said. "Because you had the people who mentored you and gave of their time for you. It's about taking that idea and finding your special purpose and leaving your mark behind."

Nicole added, "Do not be afraid to get involved."

To the Mummas, a little time, a small amount of money, and a whole lot of heart go a long way in making a difference. Giving back to the place that gave them a foundation upon which they could grow and prosper, and making it a better place for the students of today, is rewarding. They are wonderful examples of young alums making a difference at Lindenwood and in their community.



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

## Class Notes

### '50s

**Helen Marie Bohn Orr Nevot ('59-'60)** received her B.F.A. from Texas Christian University in 1963 and her M.S. from University of North Texas in 1973. Her husband Daniel is a fencing master at Dixie State College, and they reside in Santa Clara, Utah.

### '70s

**Nancy Kirchoff Legner ('73)** recently showcased her whimsical art at North Central College. She was honored as the Illinois Art Education Association's Elementary Art Educator of the Year for 2006-2007. Her exhibitions have been in the Chelsea and Greenwich Village art districts of New York City. She received her B.F.A. degree in art history from Lindenwood. She resides in Sandwich, Ill.

**Pat Smith Schirmer ('76 & '09)** received her B.S. degree in health information management and her M.A. degree in professional counseling from Lindenwood. She is currently employed as a senior business consultant with Dell Services. She resides in Fairview Heights, Ill.

### '80s

**Nancy Kenkel-Knutson ('83)** has been working as the general manager of the Springfield Imo's Pizza since 1990. She graduated with her B.A. degree in Fashion Marketing/Business and currently resides in Springfield, Mo.

**Matthew Schliesman ('87)** has been named executive director of the Capitol Civic Centre in Manitowoc, Wis., where he resides. Schliesman received his M.F.A. from Lindenwood and returned to his home state of Wisconsin to teach at UW-Whitewater. In 1999, he was named a UW-Whitewater Distinguished Alumnus.

### '90s

**Jim Beck ('90)** has been elected to the position of associate circuit judge of Lincoln County, Division 2 in Missouri and took office on January 1. He received his B.S. in political science and business administration from Lindenwood and earned his juris doctorate degree from Washington University. He is a partner with Mueller, Beck & Meyer Law Office in Troy, Mo., where he currently resides.

**Linda Mullins Fate ('92 & '96)** received her B.A. degree in business and her M.A. degree in administration from Lindenwood. She is the owner and manager of Heritage Premium Assignment Company located in

Heath, Texas, where she currently resides with her husband Gary and two children.

**Noel Davenport ('92) and Leeann Davenport ('06)** are married with two children and currently reside in Ashland, Mo. Leeann graduated with her B.A. degree in criminal justice and is employed by the University of Missouri-St. Louis as the senior grants and contract specialist. Noel graduated with his B.A. degree in psychology and is employed by the state of Missouri as a highway patrolman.

**Julie Hellrich Yurko ('93)** recently joined Fort Madison Community School District as a high school math teacher. She has been teaching for 17 years and received her B.A. degree in mathematics from Lindenwood. She resides in Hamilton, Ill.

**Kendall Bridgewater ('96) and Lisa Merkle Bridgewater ('95)** are married and reside in Burke, Va., with their two children, Shelby and Paige. Kendall is a surface warfare officer in the United States Navy with the ranking of Lieutenant Commander. He received his B.A. degree in human resource management from Lindenwood and went on to earn his M.A. degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College. Lisa earned her B.A. degree in business administration from Lindenwood and is employed as a business developer at Allergan.

**Theda Nolde Rittenhouse ('96 & '98)** is employed with The Boeing Company as an engineering team manager. Rittenhouse received her B.A. degree in business administration and her M.B.A. degree from Lindenwood. She currently resides in Middleburg, Fla.

**Dana Hardaway Bakari ('98 & '04)** is employed as a consultant with Accenture. She earned her B.A. degree in business administration and her M.S. degree in human resource management. She currently resides in Dallas, Texas.

**Ellen Evans Wallace ('99)** works for Barnes Jewish Health Care as a registered nurse. She earned her B.A. degree in psychology and her M.S. degree in health management from Lindenwood. She and her husband, Ron, reside in St. Charles, Mo., and have three children.

### '00s

**Dr. Melvin Bishop ('00, '05 & '08)** has been named principal of Blackhurst Elementary School in Saint Charles, Mo. Bishop earned his M.A. degree in education, his Ed.S. degree in educational administration, and his Ed.D. degree in educational administration from Lindenwood. He is completing his seventh year as principal at Harris Elementary and

will assume his new position at Blackhurst in July. He currently resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

**Ryan Flahive ('01)** is currently working as an archivist and professor with the Institute of American Indian Arts, a four-year fine arts college located in Santa Fe, N.M., where he currently resides with his wife and two children. Ryan graduated with his B.A. degree in history and anthropology.

**Matthew Guthman ('01)** resides in Murphysboro, Ill., and is a certified public accountant with Morgan & Guthman, LLC. He earned a B.A. degree in accounting while at Lindenwood. While attending Lindenwood he was a member of the basketball team and was named an NAIA Academic All-American two consecutive years.

**Michelle Nischbach ('02)** has been named senior vice president and consumer regional manager for UMB Bank. She earned her M.B.A. degree in business administration from Lindenwood and has more than 22 years of experience in the financial services industry. She currently resides in Wentzville, Mo.

**Tony Tobias ('02)** is employed at Porter High School in the New Caney School District as a teacher and coach in Porter, Texas, where he currently resides. He graduated with his B.A. degree in physical education. While attending Lindenwood, he was a member of the football team and assisted with coaching the team.

**Michael Kaiser ('03 & '07)** is employed at St. John's Mercy Hospital as an application coordinator. He graduated with his B.A. degree in sports management and his M.S. degree in health management. He currently resides in St. Peters, Mo.

**Kimberly Mueller ('03)** has recently been promoted to vice president of public affairs for the Manchester Monarchs, the primary affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings. She received her B.A. degree in mass communications and has been with the Monarchs since 2003. She resides in Manchester, N.H.

**Laura Begley ('04, '05 & '06)** is employed as an allied health program coordinator for the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She earned her B.A. degree in human service agency management and marketing, her M.A. in human service agency management, and her M.B.A. from Lindenwood. She currently resides in Kansas City, Mo.

**Dr. Greg Mathison ('04)** recently graduated with his Ed.D. degree in educational leadership from Maryville University in December 2010. He received his M.A. degree in educational

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administration from Lindenwood and his undergraduate degree from Mizzou. He is employed with the Rockwood School District as the head principal at Marquette High School and currently resides in Eureka, Mo.

**Bond Wilkison ('04) and Meghan Arnold Wilkison ('05)** were married on October 23, 2010. Bond earned his B.A. degree in public management and political science from Lindenwood. He went on to receive his law degree and is an attorney at his firm, Wilkison Law Offices, LLC, in St. Louis. Meghan received her B.S. in biology, chemistry, and psychology and went on to receive a medical degree in 2009. She works as a podiatry resident at Mineral Area Regional Medical. The couple resides Ballwin, Mo.

**Victoria Parker ('05)** graduated with a master's of divinity from Eden Theological Seminary on May 14, 2010. She received her B.A. degree in criminal justice from Lindenwood. She recently accepted the position as Pastor of Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico, Mo., where she currently resides.

**John Bradley ('06 & '08)** works for Metro West Fire Protection District as a captain and training officer. He is also a volunteer medical specialist with the Missouri Task Force. He received his B.S. degree in fire science management and his M.S. degree in human resource management from Lindenwood. He resides in Eureka, Mo.

**Phillip Sherer ('06)** was recently featured in the "30 Under 30" column in St. Charles Patch newsletter. He is a senior consultant with Aspect, formerly known as Quilogy, in St. Charles, Mo. He earned his B.A. degree in business administration and is currently enrolled in Lindenwood's M.B.A. program. He resides in O'Fallon, Mo., with his wife and son Chase.

**David Fields ('07)** is currently working as a Contract Specialist with the Army Contracting Command, Rock Island Contracting Center. He graduated with his B.A. degree in business administration and while attending Lindenwood was a member of the varsity baseball team. He currently resides in Galesburg, Ill.

**Megan Wainscott Forsee ('07)** was married to Tyler Forsee in June 2010. She received her B.S. in athletic training from Lindenwood. She graduated in May 2010 with a doctorate in physical therapy from Rockhurst University. She and her husband reside in Higginsville, Mo.

**Allison Lauf ('07)** is currently employed as a corporate senior environment specialist with Prairie State Generating Company,

LLC. She received her M.S. degree in administration from Lindenwood and currently resides in Millstadt, Ill.

**Adis Nukic ('07 & '09) and Laura Durst ('09)** were recently married on December 17, 2010. Adis earned from Lindenwood his B.F.A. degree in studio art and his M.B.A. Laura received her B.A. degree in educational studies from Lindenwood. The couple resides in St. Charles, Mo.

**Helen Wolf ('07)** currently serves as the math department chairperson for grades 6 through 12 for Orchard Farm School District and teaches math at Orchard Farm Middle School. She received her M.A. degree in education from Lindenwood. She was recently named "Teacher of the Year" in 2010 for both her school and in her school district and was also awarded the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She and her husband reside in Warrenton, Mo.

**Kristin Bornemann Konopa ('08)** was married in February 2010 to Dan Konopa, an officer in the United States Army. Kristin is employed as a substitute teacher in the Clarksville/Montgomery School District. She and her husband reside in Clarksville, Tenn.

**Kyle Rickermann ('08) and Kristen Marsh Rickermann ('08)** were married on May 22, 2010. Kristen and Kyle both received their bachelor's degrees in Marketing. Kyle is employed with Afton Radiator as the sales manager, and Kristen is a buyer for Rug Doctor. The couple resides in Kirkwood, Mo.

**Anne Stotler ('08)** is the director of community relations and marketing for the Beverly Farm Foundation in Godfrey, Ill. She received her M.A. degree in communications from Lindenwood. She also serves as the vice president and ambassador for the Alton Marketplace and as a member of the River Bend Growth Association. She currently resides in Alton, Ill.

**Dr. Brent Depee ('09)** was recently chosen to serve as the new superintendent of Spokane R-VII School District. His new duties will begin in July 1, 2011. He began his teaching career in 1993, and under his leadership the district has received numerous distinctions. He received his Ed.D. degree in educational administration from Lindenwood. He and his wife and three children and reside in Hermitage, Mo.

**Scott Elliott ('09 & '10)** recently accepted a position as sports information director with Pitt Bradford University. He will serve as the media contact for all 14 Panther athletic teams and will manage the

University's athletic website. He received his B.A. degree in communications and his M.A. degree in sports management from Lindenwood. He currently resides in Bradford, Pa.

**Samantha Lafikes ('09)** announces her engagement to Austin Bortle from St. Charles, Mo. The couple plans to wed on May 21, 2011. Samantha is employed as a merchandising assistant at Weissman's Dancewear Solutions in St. Louis. She received her B.A. degree in business administration from Lindenwood. Austin is currently enrolled in Lindenwood's M.B.A. program and serves as an assistant football coach for the University.

**David Minner ('09)** announces his engagement to Lindsay Jakel of Creve Coeur, Mo. The couple is to wed in May 2011. David received his M.S. degree in health management from Lindenwood and is employed as a personal trainer at the Jewish Community Center. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

## '10s

**Kaelen Carrier ('10)** and husband Drew recently participated in the annual tradition of Los Pasadas on Main Street in St. Charles, Mo. Kaelen has also been involved in the city's Christmas Traditions program. She is employed with the Make Believe Theatre and Arts Centre in Saint Charles and received her B.A. degree in arts management from Lindenwood. She is currently working on obtaining her M.B.A. in business administration from LU. She resides with her husband and son Abel in Wildwood, Mo.

**Jason Dieckhaus ('10)** is currently working as a regional emergency management specialist at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He graduated with his B.A. degree in business administration from Lindenwood. He currently resides in Weymouth, Mass.

**Daniel Boyd ('10)** was married to Jennifer Hotop in April 2010 in Jackson, Mo. He is employed as an information security engineer with Savvis and received his M.B.A. degree from Lindenwood. The couple resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

**Ashley Kennedy ('10)** is employed as a designer at Big Frog Custom T-Shirts in Creve Coeur, Mo. She received her M.A. degree in communications from Lindenwood and currently resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

**Kiaundra Smith ('10)**, East St. Louis, Ill., recently graduated with her M.A. degree in educational administration. She is currently employed as a math teacher with East St. Louis School District 189.

## In Memoriam Alumni

*Please be aware that the names listed in the In Memoriam section are of alums who may have passed within recent months or within the past couple of years.*

**Marjorie Sumner Silliman ('33)**

Laurie, Mo.

**Edith "Tootie" Hindersman Doerrie ('39)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**Evelyn Mead Parsons ('40-'41)**

Daniels, W.Va.

**Virginia Rose Wachdorf ('43)**

Wichita, Kan.

**Elizabeth Curry Greenleaf ('45)**

Flower Mound, Texas

**Harrylyn Hoover Hart ('46)**

Dyersburg, Tenn.

**Elsie Wallersedt Tyler ('46)**

Houston, Texas

**Catherine Jones-McEnroe ('47)**

Oglesby, Texas

**Patsy Pate Worsham ('47)**

Sulphur Springs, Texas

**Beverly Yarbrough Lane ('50)**

Renwick, Iowa

**Marilyn Maddux ('50)**

Columbia, Mo.

**Patricia Aylward Thompson ('50-'51)**

Boulder, Colo.

**Genola Bellrose Cox ('51)**

Estero, Fla.

**Margaret "Margie" Boyer Goble ('55)**

Hood River, Oregon

**Robert Derham ('78)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**Noel Malone ('86)**

Union City, Tenn.

**Eleanor White ('06)**

Alton, Ill.

# LINDENWOOD 2011 HOMECOMING & REUNION

**Mark your calendars  
October 14 and 15, 2011**

Tour our beautiful campus, participate in the weekend's festivities, and relive your favorite campus memories.

Classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 will be honored.

Details to follow.  
Schedule of events will be mailed to all alums in June.

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## Alumni News — We Want to Hear from You

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if this is a:  new address  new phone number

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year, Degree (BA, MBA, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm Lived In \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni News/Recent Activities (Births, Marriages, Jobs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send:  Annual Report  Fine and Performing Arts Schedule  Undergraduate Admissions Information  
 Graduate Admissions Information

**Return to: Alumni Office, Lindenwood University, 209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, Missouri 63301-1695  
 Or e-mail [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu)**



# Your Gift Counts!

Your support of Lindenwood University benefits students by providing additional scholarship opportunities, enhanced academic programs, various sports programs, and maintenance and expansion of facilities. Your gifts help equip the leaders of tomorrow!

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

### Student Scholarships

Donations for scholarships in any amount are greatly appreciated by students needing help to achieve their dreams. Endowed scholarships, requiring a gift of \$25,000, provide scholarship assistance to thousands of students every year who might not otherwise attend Lindenwood.

### Student Honors Awards

This fund named for an individual, family, business, or other organization recognizes deserving students on their outstanding achievements at the University's Honors Convocation each spring. Honor awards start at gifts of \$10,000.

### Student Emergency Textbook Fund

The increasing cost of books, the tools of a student's trade, sometimes requires help from the Emergency Textbook Fund. Gifts in any amount help this important program.

### Annual Fund

Gifts to the Annual Fund help cover the operating costs of the University so tuition and room and board can be kept affordable for the students. These gifts are unrestricted, which means they are available to be used where the need is the greatest.

### Capital Projects

Gifts can be designated to go toward various capital campaigns currently in progress. Naming opportunities are available to recognize contributions at various levels.

### Black and Gold Club

The Lindenwood University Athletics Department has grown significantly over the past two decades, going from just a few sports to having one of the largest and most successful athletics departments in the nation. Lindenwood currently sponsors 46 varsity teams and continues to thrive thanks in part to our Black and Gold Club program.

### Brick Paver Stones

If you haven't purchased a Lindenwood brick, now is your chance to help more of the best and brightest students attend Lindenwood while leaving your mark on Lindenwood history. Leave a lasting impression by purchasing a brick paver stone on our campus walkways. For a donation of \$100, the personalized brick will be seen by thousands of students and visitors each year.

### Plant a Tree

Lindenwood University was named for the grove of linden trees on our main campus. Linden trees can last for more than 100 years and can commemorate your foresight; all types of trees, along with a special brass plaque, are available for purchase.

## WAYS TO GIVE:

### Gifts of Cash

Gifts of cash can be made to the Annual Fund, Capital Fund, or the Endowment.

### Matching Gifts

Many companies encourage philanthropy by matching your gift. Simply contact your personnel or payroll department for your matching gift form, complete your portion of the form, and mail in with your gift.

### Real Estate

An outright gift of appreciated property or a bargain sale agreement produces a current tax deduction for you and a wonderful way to donate to the University.

### Gifts of Stock and Other Securities

Transfer of appreciated stock or other appreciated securities can result in a substantial tax savings. Donors receive an income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift — thus reducing your capital gains.

### Tax-Qualified Retirement Plan Gifts

With careful planning, gifts of tax-qualified retirement plans assets, such as IRA's, can reduce your taxes and allow for a charitable gift.

### Estate Planning

Your will or trust allows you to distribute a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount to Lindenwood. If you already have a will in place, amendment by a simple and inexpensive codicil allows you make a gift and assure your legacy.

### Life Insurance

Either the donation of a fully or partially paid policy or the purchase of a new policy naming Lindenwood University as the beneficiary can lead to a substantial deduction for you and a generous and enhanced gift.

### Other Planned Gifts

Gift annuities and certain recognized trust vehicles allow you to generate income while realizing tax savings. You can discuss such financial instruments as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and others with our director of planned giving.

### Lindenwood Giving Societies

The Butler Society, recognizing lifetime giving levels over \$25,000, and the Sibley Heritage Society, recognizing individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans beginning at \$1,000 are two special groups of donors who exemplify the giving spirit of those who seek to assure Lindenwood's future.

For information regarding any of these giving opportunities, please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 636-949-4903 or by mail:

Institutional Advancement Office  
Lindenwood University  
209 S. Kingshighway  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

# Hunter Stadium Annex to House Academic Center, Locker Rooms, More

Lindenwood University plans to construct a 43,450-square-foot athletic building with an academic support center, new locker rooms for football and other Hunter Stadium sports, coaches' offices, and a Hall of Fame Room. Officials hope the three-story building will be ready for the school's first football game in 2012.

President James D. Evans said Lindenwood's Board of Directors already has approved the construction of the building, which will be erected just outside of 6,000-seat Hunter Stadium over what is now Kirchner Plaza, behind the west end zone.

Evans and the board of directors want the opening of the building to coincide with Lindenwood's entry into the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in fall 2012. The MIAA is widely considered the toughest NCAA Division II conference in the nation.

"We have been told our facilities are among the finest in Division II," said Evans. "This building will definitely be in keeping with that statement. It will help keep our institution competitive for years to come."

Athletics Director John Creer said two of the most attractive features of the building are the locker room facilities and the spacious academic support center. Creer said the locker rooms will feature wood lockers and other elements not seen before



Artist's rendering of the football locker room in the new athletic building.

at Lindenwood University.

"There will be a focus on branding and creating a feeling of comfort and pride," said Creer. "This will enhance our winning tradition and help us bring in Division II's top recruits."

Creer said such components are essential when recruiting in today's NCAA, particularly in such a strong conference as the MIAA.

The ground floor of the building will house home and visitor locker rooms and athletic training facilities. The nearly

3,000-square-foot academic success center will be on the second floor, along with locker rooms for men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, and field hockey. The third floor, which will overlook the bleachers and the scoreboard, will consist of coaches' offices, a Hall of Fame Room, and meeting rooms.

Lindenwood hopes to break ground on the project in the spring. University officials say the building will cost in excess of \$9 million, but no firm cost will be available for a couple of months.

## LU to D2 Supports Athletics Improvements

Lindenwood University has completed the first phase of an aggressive fundraising campaign called "LU to D2," seeking to raise money to support application for grant funds from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation. All monies raised would go toward construction of a three-story athletic building to be built overlooking Hunter

Stadium.

President James D. Evans said a committee led by Jim J. Shoemake and Ben Blanton, chairman and vice chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors, started meeting in December. Evans said the LU to D2 committee raised \$1 million by March 1, but needs to raise another \$1.2 million to

complete the campaign.

"We have a lot of money to raise in a short period of time," Evans said. "But we have the right people in place to get it done."

Lindenwood is leaving the NAIA at the end of this academic year and will play an independent schedule in 2011, joining NCAA Division II in the fall of 2012 as a provisional member. The university is moving 26 sports to the NCAA.

"We have some outstanding competition facilities at Lindenwood," Evans said. "But in order to be a model athletics program in the NCAA, we needed to invest in an academic support center and quality locker rooms and athletic training facilities. Our student-athletes play at a high level and deserve the finest facilities we can provide."

Evans hopes to break ground on the 43,450-square-foot building later this spring. Completion is expected in time for the fall of 2012.

Anyone interested in learning more about the LU to D2 Campaign should call Athletics Development Director Jane Baum at (636) 949-4427.



More than 100 friends and supporters of Lindenwood University attended a special reception February 9 at the Lindenwood House in support of the institution's LU to D2 Campaign, raising money to construct a 43,450-square-foot annex building to support many of Lindenwood's outdoor sports. From left: Jim Shoemake, Chairman of the Board at LU; Greg Marecek of the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame; Bob Pettit, Hall of Fame basketball star; Ben Blanton, Vice Chairman of the Board at LU; Jim Evans, President; and Willis Reed, Hall of Fame basketball star. More on Page 17.

## Lions Bounce Through HAAC

Forecasts were so high for the men's basketball team entering this season that it was tough to meet the lofty expectations. But the Lions, led by head coach Brad Soderberg, were able to do just that. Lindenwood celebrated the best regular season in school history with a HAAC championship.

After opening the season with a 1-1 record against nationally-ranked teams at the Texas Roadhouse Classic, Lindenwood rolled off a 16-game winning streak. The marquee win of the year came during that stretch when the Lions defeated No. 1-ranked Robert Morris 79-72 on the Eagles' home court. In conference play, Lindenwood finished 18-2 and headed into the conference tournament as *Connection* went to press.

One of the key reasons for Lindenwood's success was shooting. The Lions ranked in the top 20 in every shooting category, including top five in three-point and free throw shooting.

Leading the way was the trio of guards in Kramer Soderberg, Richard Rose, and Alex Bazzell. Those players averaged over 40 points a game and were threats to score both inside and outside.

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## Lady Lions Have Arrived

When women's basketball head coach Tony Francis met his new team for the first time last April, he gave his players a sheet of paper that compared the statistics of Lindenwood against the top teams in the conference. He repeated that exercise in late January, only this time it wasn't to show how far the Lady Lions needed to go, but to prove that they had arrived as one of the top teams in the HAAC.

In Francis' first season, the Lady Lions have been one of the biggest turnaround stories in the NAIA. Predicted to barely make the conference tournament, Lindenwood proved instead that it was one of the top teams in the HAAC, doubling its overall and conference win totals.

The improvements didn't happen overnight, as Lindenwood started the season 5-6. Things began to click after Christmas break, though. The team won 14 of 16 games after the break and clinched second place in the conference standings with two games remaining. One of the biggest victories was a 24-point road win at William Jewell.

Lindenwood was led in scoring and assists by NCAA Division I transfer Morgan Harrington.

## Lindenwood in the Spotlight



The Hyland Arena was standing room only February 12 when ESPN came to St. Charles to broadcast a high school game between national powers Chaminade and McCluer North. Athletics department officials prepared special floor graphics to advertise the institution to the national television audience. After the game, Lindenwood's men's and women's teams defeated Graceland University.

## Returning Stars



Lindenwood Hall of Famer and former basketball player Paul Boschert ('81) is escorted by a cheerleader during an alumni gathering February 7 at the Hyland Arena.

# Wrestling, Others Continue to Draw Post-Season Attention

## Men's Wrestling

After a rare "off year," the Lindenwood men's wrestling team returned to the discussion of top NAIA programs in 2010-11. Under new head coach Chad Smith, the Lions finished second at the NWCA/NAIA National Duals Championships and were among the favorites heading into the NAIA National Championship competition.

Leading the way was junior Chris Chionuma, who was the top wrestler in the nation throughout the year at 174 pounds. Heading into the national championships, he was 36-3 with four tournament championships and no losses against NAIA competition.

## Swimming and Diving

Lindenwood's men's swimming and diving team made school history in December when it received the No. 1 NAIA ranking for the first time. The Lions won their biggest regular season meet at the Liberal Arts Invitational, which was one of five regular season first-place finishes for the team. The women's swimming and diving team won three competitions during the year and was runner-up at the Liberal Arts meet.

## Indoor Track and Field

Lindenwood's Jessica Ching made a name for herself this winter outside of collegiate competition. The race walker participated in the prestigious Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York City, finishing fifth in the one-mile race walk. The future Olympic hopeful also set a Hong Kong national record at the USATF Race Walk Championships. Ching helped the women's track and field team win the 2011 HAAC Indoor Championship.

## Ice Hockey

The Lindenwood ice hockey teams continue to have huge targets on their backs but still manage to excel against ACHA Division I competition. The men's team won its conference regular season title, while the women's squad won both the regular season and tournament conference crowns. Several Lindenwood players represented the United States in January in the 2011 World University Games in Erzurum, Turkey. Team USA finished fourth on the women's side and sixth in the men's competition.

## Men's Volleyball

The Lindenwood men's volleyball team got its 2011 season off to a good start with 12 wins in its first 17 games. One of the highlights of the early season schedule was playing five matches against members of



Above, junior wrestler Chris Chionuma (right) is the top wrestler in his weight class in the country. Below, Lindenwood's women's hockey Coach Vince O'Mara coached at the World University Games. LU's women's team will be moving to the NCAA Division I in 2012.



the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, which is likely the future NCAA Division I conference that the team

will belong to. The Lions held their own against the higher level, going 2-3 in those matches.

## Keeping That Connection



As we head into spring, your Alumni Association is pleased to report that we continue to see an increasing number of alums who are staying connected to Lindenwood.

Last year, the Alumni Office hosted a variety of events locally and nationally ranging from mix and mingles and young alumni nights, to athletic recognition events, class reunions, and volunteer service projects. I'm happy to tell you that in 2011, we plan to increase our efforts and offer you more ways to get involved at your alma mater. There is always something of interest taking place on our campuses, and we encourage you to come out and see what we have to offer.

In January, our Alumni Director, Whitney Fraier, and Assistant Alumni Director, Melissa Kline, continued our outreach efforts by traveling to San Antonio, Houston, and Fort Worth, Texas where they were well received by our faithful alumni. We hope to continue events for out-of-state alums and hope to visit a city near you in the future.

A real treat occurred in December at the Lindenwood University-Belleville campus -- the Alumni Pinning Ceremony and Reception. Alumni board members Mary Ellen Kantz, Mary Gismegian, and I accompanied President and Mrs. Evans,

Whitney Fraier, and other Lindenwood staff to induct 60 graduates from the Belleville campus into the Alumni Association at this inaugural ceremony. It was a pleasure to participate in the ceremony and to meet so many enthusiastic alumni and their families.

Belleville alums have recently formed an Alumni Club and are actively recruiting members. In other Lindenwood Alumni Club news of note, the St. Charles Alumni Club recently surpassed the 100-member mark and continues to attract new members. The club is also recruiting new members, and has many exciting events and projects on the horizon for 2011.

The Alumni Office and the Alumni Association are working together on some upcoming events that I hope you all will support. Mark your calendars and don't forget to check the alumni events calendar on the alumni website [www.lindenwood.edu/alumni](http://www.lindenwood.edu/alumni).

- May 8 - LU Day at the St. Louis Cardinals Game
- June 18 - 4th Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic
- September 11 - LU Day at the St. Louis Cardinals Game

We were able to increase alumni giving by five percent in 2010, a significant milestone that will help the University attract needed corporate and foundation support. The Alumni Office and the Association extends a big thank you to the individuals and companies who supported the 2010 Winter Appeal and who continue to be loyal supporters of Lindenwood.

If you would like to know more ways in which you can stay "connected" with Lindenwood, or if you have ideas on ways to involve your fellow alums, please contact our Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu). We hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Janet Lewien ('85 '04, '07)  
President, Lindenwood Alumni Association



## Guess Who This Is?

Can you name the former Lindenwood administrator pictured above? If so, please email your answer and your favorite memory of this person to [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto: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 bell located in the tower of Butler Library on the St. Charles campus. The winner from the Winter 2010 Connection is Coralea Thorp ('10).