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A Message From President Evans A Playground for Students?

In the spring of 2007, shortly after my appointment had been upgraded from acting president to president, Lois (Lindenwood's first lady) and I were discussing all of the wonderful improvements in the University's facilities over the previous decade and how each one – whether a residence hall or an athletic space – added to the quality of students' on-campus experiences as well as their developmental opportunities. Still there seemed to be something missing: a "student center" or "student union" that would address not only certain social needs of students but also an increasingly prominent expectation within the general population of college and university students nationwide.

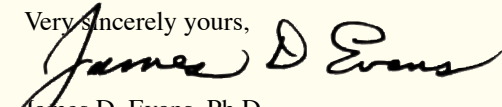


Lindenwood has the Spellmann Campus Center, but that beautiful and functional building is an all-purpose venue serving as a classroom and laboratory building, a dining hall, a radio station, and an office complex for both our Student Development operations and our School of Communications. It is not a student union and never was intended to serve as such. True, we have added a student health clinic, a light-recreation space (the "Connection"), wireless Internet connectivity, and strategically placed lounge seating to the Center. However, college students crave (and always have craved) a venue that they perceive as their own social space on campus – a safe, dedicated place where they can relax and renew themselves as regular human beings and get to know one another. Lindenwood's "Loft" (formerly Butler Gymnasium) and our various dormitory lounges supplement the Spellmann Center in this regard, but we felt an obligation to better serve our students' social-development interests. Thus was born the concept of a Lindenwood Commons, a large building that would contain not only a sorely needed secondary dining hall but also student-organization offices, meeting rooms, and spaces for social events, relaxation, and recreation.

When I proposed the Lindenwood Commons to our Board of Directors in July of 2007, the members immediately recognized the importance of filling this facilities gap and enthusiastically approved proceeding with the idea. The Commons originally was to be a combination of a conventional student union and a food court, with a total of approximately 60,000 square feet of usable space. However, upon consulting with our students (a methodology I strongly recommend to future presidents, by the way), we discovered that we had omitted something very important in their daily lives, namely fitness and intramural facilities. With the Board's gracious support, we incorporated many of the students' suggestions and plans, which doubled the size of the building and made the label of "Lindenwood Commons" even more fitting. Now I am pleased to report that we started construction in May.

A critical observer recently questioned the wisdom of our investing in what he said is just a playground for our students. My response was that the Lindenwood Commons is an investment in our students' happiness and development as members of this higher-learning community. Even if we ignored the obvious student recruitment and retention benefits the Commons will yield for the next 100+ years, the facility would still have fundamental significance and value for this University. It is our hope that there will be a lifelong relationship between Lindenwood and every one of her students. We want our students to feel that they are at home on this campus, become engaged with the University while they are pursuing their degrees, and know that they are always welcome here. Have a delightful summer, and please visit soon!

Very sincerely yours,


James D. Evans, Ph.D.
President

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On The Cover

Stephen Lupo smiles as he spots his family in the audience during Lindenwood's commencement ceremony on May 16.



Social Networking

Lindenwood Reaches Students & Alums

In the past year or so, Lindenwood University has utilized electronic media, such as e-mail, to circulate invitations and information on special events, as well as the Alumni Office's new electronic newsletter, *Linden Bark*. Now, Lindenwood has entered the world of social networking with an established presence on the popular sites Facebook and Twitter.

Both websites allow users to create profiles and share information through personalized networks.

Twitter is designed to allow users to "tweet" in concise posts what they are thinking or doing in 140 characters or less. Users seek people or organizations to "follow" and, in turn, are sought by others and are "followed."

Under the direction of Professor Jill Falk, the School of Communications launched a pilot Twitter account under the profile name "LU_Comm_School." Faculty members in the department have been "tweeting" about class discussions, relevant media topics, the school's Lindy Awards and more.

To keep Lindenwood sports fans informed, the Athletics Department began

"tweeting" recently under the username "LU-Lions" about the school's 40-plus sports teams.

To sign up for an account, visit www.twitter.com and follow the simple step-by-step directions to create a profile. Once a profile is created, users can then click on the "Find People" tab at the top of the page to begin building a network and posting "tweets."

Users can search for the following Lindenwood University profiles: @LU_Comm_School (School of Communications), @LU_Lions (Athletics), @CareerCenter_LU (Career Development Center).

Lindenwood's Facebook Fan Page operates under the same principle of sharing information through personalized online networking. The format allows users to post "status updates" without limiting the number of characters that can be used and also provides options to post photo albums, comment on others' photos, and receive notifications from selected groups or individuals.

The visibility of one's profile is based on user discretion. Privacy options can be

managed by clicking on the "settings" tab at the top of the page and following the directions.

Users can find Lindenwood University's Facebook page by logging onto the site and searching for Lindenwood University in the search box located in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Many groups and pages will appear; the official one is accompanied by a photo of the university's historic stone gate. Once the page has been located, users then can click on the "Become a Fan" link located on the right side of the page, after which you will see posted updates on your Facebook news feed.

"Fans" of the university currently can see pictures from recent school events, post comments, and access news and information from the Student Activities and Communications Departments. While the page is still in its infancy, additional departments will soon begin posting to the site as well.



For Mettler-Cherry, Lindenwood is

the perfect place

Paige Mettler-Cherry, Ph.D., just completed her fifth year at Lindenwood University, but she has accomplished a remarkable amount in that short time. Currently chair of the Biology Department in the School of Sciences, Mettler-Cherry was the recipient of the President's Scholar-Teacher award for 2008-2009. She is a published author and is considered the foremost authority on an endangered wetland plant species called *Boltonia*.

Her accomplishments are all the more impressive considering that Mettler-Cherry wasn't certain as an undergrad that graduate school was the direction she wanted to take. She was born and raised in rural Highland, Ill., 30 miles from St. Louis. A self-described farm girl, she says her love of plants started on her family's small farm.

"In the summers, I worked in the garden, canned vegetables, made lunches for the workers....," she said. "We had horses and other animals. We were poor, but I never would have known it. I wouldn't have traded it for anything."

She said that experience helped to determine the career path she chose. Furthermore, she said she loves teaching at Lindenwood University. Mettler-Cherry is known for her research, which she says adds an important dimension to her work in the classroom.

Mettler-Cherry teaches plant biology and ecology, as well as biology for non-majors, which she said she enjoys the most. She also serves on committees and is involved in a task force that is working to facilitate more research on campus.

"There is a place for research institutions," Mettler-Cherry said. "They do valuable work, but for an institution like Lindenwood, research allows students to see why they're spending so much time working and studying. Science is hard; when you get into research, you can realize what it's all for. It's exciting for students."

Mettler-Cherry received her undergraduate degree in political science from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and said she loved it. Her plan was to go to law school, but she decided not long before graduation that she did not want to pursue a law degree after all.

She decided instead to get her master's in biological sciences; her plan at that time was to pursue a career in the state department of conservation. Mettler-Cherry was a first-generation college student in her family, and she worked her way through the program as a graduate assistant for Dr. Marian Smith, who became her mentor and started her on her current course.

Mettler-Cherry managed a lab for Smith, who did a lot of research on a particular endangered plant, *Boltonia*, which is specific to the Illinois River. She did her master's thesis on the plant and went on to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale to get her doctorate in plant biology. She did her doctoral dissertation in part on *Boltonia* as well, and her research has continued from there. She found Lindenwood shortly after earning her doctorate.

"One Sunday morning I opened the newspaper and saw an ad from Lindenwood that seemed to be written for me," she

Paige Mettler-Cherry, chair of the Biology Department, is the foremost authority on the endangered plant species *Boltonia* and spends much time researching, writing about and speaking on the species.

said. "I wanted to go to a small, liberal arts university. It was perfect."

These days, she keeps pretty busy. When Smith retired, she left Mettler-Cherry the foremost authority on *Boltonia*, so she often makes presentations on her research.

In addition to publishing papers in journals, she has two manuscripts she said she wants to complete this summer, "in my spare time." She has also peer-reviewed literature and agency reports and is involved in various projects, including a glade restoration project at Lindenwood's Boone Home campus.

At the center of it all is Lindenwood. She speaks of memorable students who are too numerous to list, such as Jeremy Hicks, who is now working as a whale trainer at Sea World, and Darcy Chase, who went directly from her bachelor's degree at LU into a Ph.D. program in environmental toxicology.

"I love teaching and being here at Lindenwood," Mettler-Cherry said. "I like being where I know the students individually, and I can't speak highly enough of my colleagues. I know a lot of people at other schools, and I know that you don't get that everywhere."

Longtime Archivist Selected as Library Legend

Ask anyone in the community to describe Virginia Wilson Terry ('59) and you will hear "dedicated, wonderful, hard-working, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet." A long time educator and librarian for the St. Charles County School District, Terry has been instrumental in preserving and protecting Lindenwood's history and memorabilia.

Terry was a longtime member of the Alumni Board and a recipient of the Alumni Merit Award. She has also made a large impact in the St. Charles community. In the fall, over 200 friends and family joined in honoring her with the first Library Legends Award. Terry received a proclamation from St. Charles County and resolutions from the School District of the City of St. Charles, the St. Charles City-County Library District, and the St. Charles City Council.

For many years, Terry and her friends Corinne Harrison Hill ('82), Florence Crockett ('83 & '86), and Martha Hayes ('73) volunteered for countless hours in Lindenwood's archives in Butler Library.

Once a week for several years, these dedicated volunteers would make their way to the library to sift through the many years of Lindenwood history. Their efforts were to ensure that the historical documents detailing the institution's history would be preserved and made available for students and others for many years to come.

The archives collect university records of permanent historical value regardless of format. These include minutes, correspondence, reports, photographs, and publications produced by administrators, faculty, staff and students. The archives collect published and unpublished materials that document all aspects of the Lindenwood community including events, buildings and the physical campus, student



Virginia Wilson Terry ('59)

life, both academic and extracurricular, lectureships, music, religion and sports.

Because of their dedicated efforts, Lindenwood was able to hire an archivist, Paul Huffman, in 2007.

"As a result of Virginia's work, a lot of Lindenwood's history that would have been lost is now available for future researchers," said Huffman.

Terry's time and attention were not limited to the archives in Butler Library. Eric Stuhler, director of planned giving and in-house legal counsel, fondly remembers her as one of only a few alumni to regularly help paint classrooms in Roemer Hall during some of the university's more difficult times.

"I remember Virginia climbing step ladders with paintbrush in hand, helping give old classrooms new life," he said. "She would insist that all the woodwork be cleaned, shades repaired, and that everything be 'scrubby Dutch.'"

Stuhler fondly recalls these moments as some of his most vivid Lindenwood memories.

"Virginia's work on those projects showed me what dedication to the university was all about," he said. "I found her to be a true inspiration."

Homecoming 2009 October 9 - 10 Save the Date

Mark your calendars and come back to campus October 9-10 for Homecoming and Reunion. While here on campus it's your chance to catch up with classmates reconnect with faculty. And while you're here visiting, tour our beautiful campus, participate in alumni festivities, and meet the students of today.

Join us in 2009 as we honor the classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1999, and 2004. Look for more Homecoming and Reunion details to follow. For additional information please contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at 636-949-4975 or email alumni@lindenwood.edu.



Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is a fun and festive time for students and alumni alike.

Please join
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for the

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Saturday, September 26, 2009 • 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Lindenwood University Club

\$25 per person

This Lindenwood tradition raises scholarship funds for Lindenwood students. Enjoy a gourmet luncheon, the latest fashions by Thro's and Michelle's modeled by Lindenwood students and alumni, a silent auction with a variety of amazing items, and a raffle for a 32-inch HDTV as the grand prize.

For ticket information or to donate an auction item, please contact St. Charles Club President Barbara Broadfoot at (636) 723-7671.

Rauch Receives Honorary Doctorate, Becomes Life Member of Board

Elizabeth Mudd Rauch, who received an honorary doctorate last month during Lindenwood University's commencement services, has remained a loyal alumna of Lindenwood since her graduation from the school in 1944. She recently was named a Life Member of the Board of Directors, on which she has actively served since 1989.

Throughout the years, Rauch has also held positions on Lindenwood's executive committee, finance committee, academic affairs committee, and board of overseers. She is a member of the prestigious Butler Society, a group of the university's most generous donors, and received the Sibley Medallion of Honor in 1995 for her deep commitment to the university. She was awarded Lindenwood's Alumni Merit Award in 1994.

Rauch has provided leadership and guidance to countless other organizations outside of Lindenwood, including the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, the St. Louis Archdiocesan Development Appeal Council, the Women's Division of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the St. Charles Historical Society, SSM Health Care, Meals on Wheels, and Youth in Need.



President James D. Evans (left) and Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake presented Elizabeth Mudd Rauch ('44) an honorary doctorate at Commencement in May in recognition of her long service to Lindenwood.

Rauch has twice been honored by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, first in 1984 with a Humanitarian Award and again in 1992 with a Citizen of the Year Award. She also received in 1992 a Volunteer Service Award from the St. Louis regional chapter of the National Society of Fund

Raising Executives. Youth in Need honored Rauch in 1995 with its Celebration of Youth Award, and in 2004 she was selected by *St. Charles Magazine* as a Dove Award recipient in the Lifetime Achievement category.

Anonymous Donation Outfits Boone Kitchens With Period Equipment

Lindenwood University's Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village has received a generous anonymous donation in order to outfit the Boone Home kitchen and the village detached kitchen with authentic museum-quality reproductions of period cooking equipment. These items were hand made using the same tools and techniques as the period originals.

The Boone Home staff has purchased large lidded pots for cranes, long handled fry pan spiders, nesting kettles, butter churns, trivets, wooden trenchers, sugar nips, a cistern, Betty lamps, long handled ember tongs, and 150 other kitchen utensils. These accurate reproduction items enable Dr. David Knotts, dean of the School of American Studies, and his staff to vividly interpret frontier life in Missouri for visitors and students.

"These authentic museum-quality reproductions of period cooking equipment are absolutely beautiful," said Grace Harmon, one of the founding Boone Fellows and a member of Lindenwood's Board of Directors. "They are an important acquisition which supports Lindenwood's goal to create a living-history village that reflects the time of the Louisiana Purchase and early statehood."

The Daniel Boone Home is nearly 200 years old and listed on the National Register



Two kitchens at the Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village have been equipped with period equipment that will help staff at the site interpret Missouri frontier life for students and site visitors.

of Historic Places. The home is large, even by today's standards. It rises four stories — counting a kitchen and dining room in what might be considered the basement. The limestone walls are 2 ½ feet thick. There are seven fireplaces and a ballroom on the top floor. The Boonesfield Village features more

than a dozen other 19th-century structures, including a chapel and schoolhouse. Lindenwood students and faculty use the site as an outdoor classroom, and it is open to the public for tours.

Yo Enseño Español

Osiek, '62, Found Her Niche Teaching Spanish

Betty Osiek, Ph.D., proudly accepted Lindenwood University's Alumni Merit Award under the watchful eyes of nearly 700 students during baccalaureate and graduate commencement ceremonies May 15 at the Family Arena in St. Charles. She received the award in recognition of her outstanding achievement in the field of education.

Osiek always has had a deep passion for knowledge but did not consider furthering her own formal education until she was in her late 20s. After dropping out of high school her junior year, she worked for 10 years in the athletic garment industry before being inspired to return to school.

It was on a trip to Mexico with her husband, Edward, that Osiek realized her love for the Spanish language and her desire to study it.

"I identified with it right from the beginning," she said. "Somehow I understood it and I just fell for it."

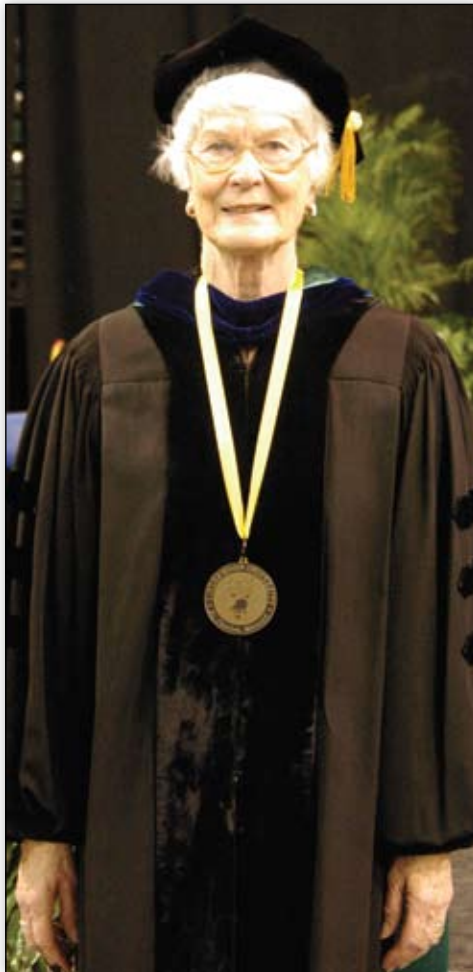
Osiek took and passed her high school equivalency exam in 1959. She immediately enrolled at Lindenwood as a part time student and began studying Spanish and education as a full-time student that same year.

"Lindenwood opened their arms wide to me and let me try it out," said Osiek. "Everyone was positive and encouraging, and I just went as far as I could with each step. They're the reason I was able to start school again as a 28-year-old and have my doctorate at the age of 35."

Osiek graduated from Lindenwood in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish education. She earned a full tuition scholarship to Washington University, where she earned her master's and doctoral degrees.

Her love of language and her natural ability led Osiek to accomplish much during her long career. Highlights include serving as an assistant professor of Spanish and French at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and also as a long-term professor of Spanish at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

She authored two books on Columbian poet Jose Asuncion Silva and served as editor and contributor to several volumes of *The Handbook of Latin American Studies*. A multitude of other notes, articles, and reviews has been written by Osiek throughout the years as well as



Betty Osiek, Ph.D., 2009 Alumni Merit Award recipient

the translation of a Mexican drama into English.

"During my teaching career I also traveled to Spanish-speaking countries every summer," Osiek said. "I used photos and other things from the trips and brought them back into the classroom as learning tools."

Osiek remains in contact with many of her former students who often call and write to share their stories of how she impacted their lives.

"Many of them have had full teaching careers of their own and are now preparing to retire," she said. "And so the cycle has come full-circle."

Osiek continues to lead a self-described studious life, reading voraciously and leading Bible study classes at New Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Charles. Ever the instructor, she says her latest project is teaching her 25-year-old pet parrot, Chica, to say, "It's not easy being green."

Students Earn A+

Money Raised Benefits School of Business

One of the assignments for students enrolled in Lindenwood University's event management course this spring was to plan and implement an actual special event. Based on their planning, execution, and results, they earned an A+.

Abby Weber, an instructor in management and the women's golf coach, taught the three-credit-hour course, which focuses on "the planning, management, and execution of successful events such as sporting events, artistic performances, corporate conferences, and community and charitable events." The 35 students in the course were divided into seven functional committees responsible for marketing, operations, sponsorships, administration, risk management, project management, and financial management.

Twenty-one teams of four golfers each competed April 24 in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship Golf Scramble at the Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles, Mo. In addition to the golf scramble, the students organized a dinner and a silent auction. There were 18 hole sponsors, and over \$5,000 will go toward the renovation and expansion of Harmon Hall. When completed in 2011, Harmon Hall will house the growing School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Weber was very proud of what the students were able to accomplish with only three months of lead time.

"The weather was perfect and the event ran smoothly," Weber said. "The students worked extremely hard and I could not be happier with the end result."

Carlos Shoots Independent Film on Campus

Peter Carlos, LUTV station manager and associate professor of communications, has been filming a short movie for the past several weeks at Lindenwood University. He wrote and directed the piece, which he eventually plans to submit as a film festival entry.

"Big Time" is about a clown who stars in a children's television show. Jaded and lost in life, the clown eventually finds perspective after meeting a child who idolizes him.

Carlos says the project was designed to bring Lindenwood students together with professionals working in the field.

"We had a combination of pro actors, audio people and makeup artists," Carlos said. "It was great to have students interacting and learning from them."

One particularly notable star in Carlos' project was St. Louis native Bill Chott, who starred as the clown. The actor has been in a multitude of films and television shows, including *Saturday Night Live*, *CSI*, and *Monk*.

Other professional actors included Parker Donovan of the St. Louis Muni and actress Adrienne Lamping, who most recently worked on the locally-filmed George Clooney movie "Up in the Air."

Lindenwood in Cyberspace: Lifetime LU Alumni E-mail Addresses Now Available

Lindenwood University is now offering its alumni free, permanent email addresses. No matter how many times alumni need to change their other email addresses, their LU addresses will remain the same; thus, friends, business associates and family will always know at least one email address through which they can contact members of the LU community.

To request your new alumni email address and to activate your account, please visit our alumni website at www.lindenwood.edu/alumni and click on the "Alumni Email" link or, for additional information, call the alumni office at 636-949-4975.

"We hope that you take advantage of this benefit, and we hope to better serve you as we continue to stay connected," said Whitney Fraier, Lindenwood's director of alumni affairs.

Sporcic Receives Alumni Honor at Lindys

The Lindenwood University School of Communications hosted the fifth annual Lindy Awards this past spring at the J. Schiedegger Center for the Arts. Produced entirely by students, the show honors mass communications students and faculty members for their achievements in video production, writing, and acting.

"The Lindys are akin to Lindenwood's version of the Emmy Awards," said Peter Carlos, LUTV station manager and associate professor of communications. "Categories range from on-air talent to technical lighting and everything in between, and we give awards for a job well done in each of those areas."

In addition to recognizing the work of current students and even some local high school students, the Lindy Awards also annually designate a special communications award to a graduate of Lindenwood University. Amanda Sporcic ('99), assistant director of the Missouri Film Commission, was named the 2009 Communications Alumna of the Year for her accomplishments as a driving force in the local entertainment industry.

Sporcic credited the launch of her career with an assignment she received while attending Lindenwood as an undergraduate.

"I was in class with Professor Jim Wilson, and we were supposed to conduct an interview with someone that had a job we'd someday like to have," Sporcic said. "My phone calls and e-mails for that project eventually led to an internship with the St. Louis International Film Festival."

After earning bachelor of arts degrees in communications and theatre, Sporcic quickly landed a full-time position with the organization where she'd interned. She

was employed there for eight years, during which time she climbed the ranks from administrative coordinator to operations manager.

In 2005, Sporcic accepted her current position with the Missouri Film Commission. Since then she's worked on 21 films and one television series filmed in the St. Louis area.

"We are a state agency that partners with the University of Missouri to recruit movies, shows, music videos and such to the state of Missouri to support economic development," said Sporcic. "There's a lot of money spent on food, equipment rentals, and so much more when those projects come to town. It's good business for our local economies."

The most recent project for which Sporcic was responsible was the location of the upcoming film "Up in the Air," starring George Clooney.

"We started talking with Paramount Pictures in September or October about filming in St. Louis," she said. "They set up offices in town in December, and by April they were shooting."

Sporcic pointed out that she enjoyed the clever way in which an emcee tied her work on the project to her receipt of the communications award during the Lindy Awards show.

"He jokingly said, 'George Clooney wouldn't be here without Andrea, and Andrea wouldn't be here without Lindenwood. So really, George wouldn't be here without Lindenwood.'"

"It was really cute and a great way to put out there the ripple effect that can happen when a person leaves Lindenwood with the solid foundations that I gained during my time there."



Peter Carlos, associate professor of communications and LUTV station manager, Andrea Sporcic, recipient of the communications Alumna of the Year Award, Ben Scholle, associate professor of communications, and Mike Wall, dean of the School of Communications.

Thea Born's Journey

LEADS HER TO LINDENWOOD



By Eric O. Stuhler '78
Director of Planned Giving and
In-House Legal Counsel

A few short months ago, I received a call from a colleague who is a member of our local Bar Association. "Eric, I think you should meet this lady. She just moved here from Alaska and I am rewriting her will. She has an interest in education and I mentioned your name." A luncheon was set up at which I met a very confident, dignified, and intelligent woman who came to campus with her poodle, Tessie, at her side. I was soon to make two new friends: Thea Born and Tessie.

Over lunch, I noticed a distinct and very familiar accent and asked her where she came from originally. "I was born and raised in Berlin," she said. I replied that my grandmother appeared many times as an actress in Berlin and that my parents emigrated from Germany in the 1950s. We started speaking German together from that moment on. (Thank you, Professor Tom Smith, for all of those German grammar lessons in Roemer 210.)

Thea Born was born on January 2, 1920, and began her love of music and theater as a young girl singing in concerts for the Berlin Mozart Choir. She spent World War II in Berlin after being taken out of medical school to make gas masks at a local factory. She suffered the loss of both her husband, Bruno, and her 4 1/2-year-old son, Dieter, during the war. When Berlin was occupied in 1945, her first poodle, Mollie, was shot right before her eyes by

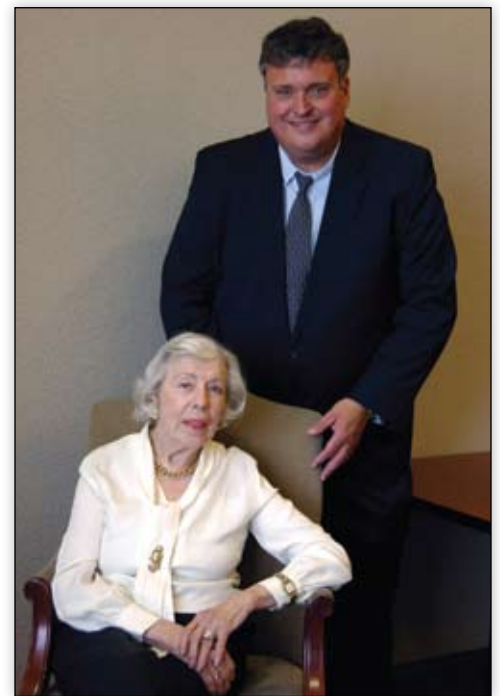
troops advancing into the city. She had to evacuate Berlin with only the clothes she was wearing. Born walked 250 miles to the Elbe River to escape to the American Sector.

Thea spent some time after the war in France and then was sent back to Germany to work for American Forces at the 53rd Quartermaster Depot. She soon had the opportunity to move to Canada, and then later to Wichita, Kan., where she studied engineering. Thea has lived throughout the United States, including St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco, and the last few years in Alaska. She now makes her home in St. Peters, where she is learning the lay of the land with the GPS in her new car and Tessie in the back seat.

Thea has enjoyed careers at major companies. She worked on the oil seals of the Mazda Wankel Rotary Engine, redesigned the electrical system for the Boeing B-52 Bomber, and working as a geological engineer in the oil exploration department of Chevron.

Thea has no previous ties to Lindenwood, but after a few visits and enjoying several theatre productions she remarked, "Everything I see here at Lindenwood is positive, and I really want to help the students."

During a campus tour she noticed linden trees which she remembered lined the boulevards of Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate. She even shared with our president the recipe for making a refreshing tea from the spring linden blossoms. Who would have ever known that



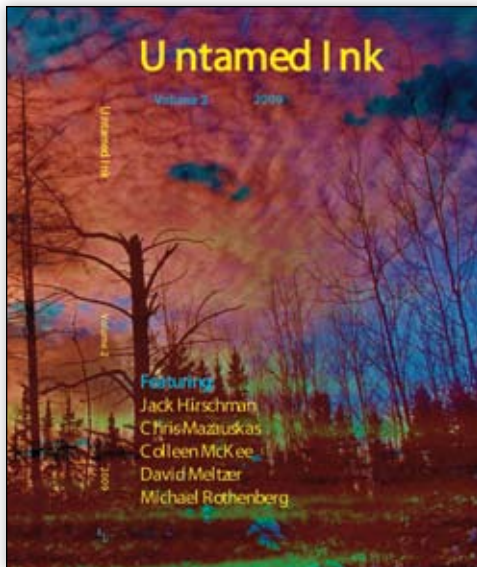
Thea Born and Eric Stuhler

one could make linden tea? Well, Thea, of course.

Thea Born has left the university a very generous bequest in her will, rivaling that given in 1878 by our first major benefactor, Judge Samuel Watson. When a new benefactor with 89 years of experience comes to Lindenwood with no prior knowledge of our campus, it truly gives us a better perspective of our University . . . a perspective that we sometimes take for granted.

LU Family of Publications

This fall, the Lindenwood community will have three Lindenwood Press periodicals to peruse, two of which will be making their debut and one which will be following up its award-winning first edition. The literary magazine *Untamed Ink* will be joined by the new regional studies journal *The Confluence* and the online *Journal For International and Global Studies*.



idea to fill a void, but more than that, they wanted the journal to be of the highest quality possible. The name of the journal has to do with freedom of thought and expression.

“We wanted to do something of a nationwide quality that people would be interested in picking up outside the St. Louis area,” Balogh said.



Mike Fetters and Alexander Balogh

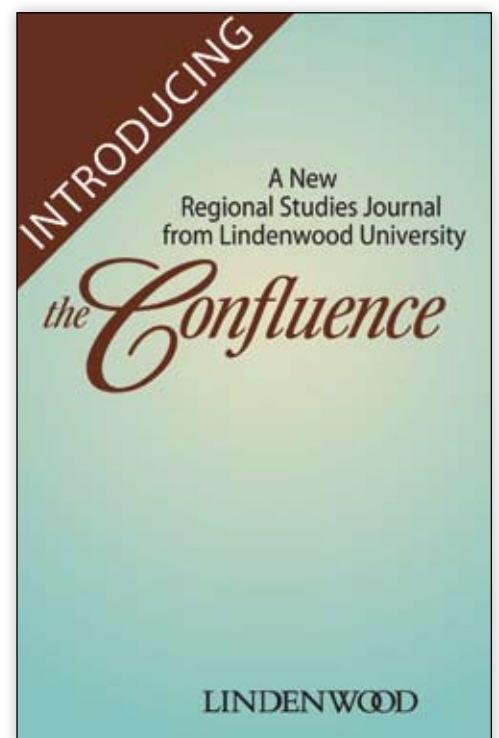
In 2008, *Untamed Ink* brought the literary journal back to the Lindenwood campus, where one had not been published in more than 10 years. Editors Alexander Balogh and Mike Fetters said they came up with the

The magazine won a 2009 Spur Award from Western Writers of America, Inc., for author Susan Salzer’s short story “Cornflower Blue,” which was published in the journal. The 2009 edition of the magazine is scheduled for release in September 2009 and will include four short stories and 41 poems from 24 poets, including well known world-class talents like Jack Hirschman, David Meltzer, Michael Rothenberg and Lindenwood faculty member Michael Castro.

Balogh said he and Fetters received hundreds of submissions. “We publish the best of what we receive,” Balogh said. “We hope that as we get better known we will receive more submissions.”

The journal can be ordered from its website, www.lindenwood.edu/untamedink, and may also be purchased on campus at the Lindenwood Spirit & Supplies Shoppe after the release date. Guidelines for submission of materials are also located on the website.

Also due out this fall is the inaugural edition of the new regional studies journal *The Confluence*, which is headed up by longtime history professor Jeff Smith. Smith said the idea for the journal came from a question asked of the faculty by President James





D. Evans shortly after he took office.

“He asked, ‘How can we become the best university we can be? From the perspective of your discipline, what should



Jeff Smith

Lindenwood look like?’” Smith said. “One answer was that we could publish more, and we decided that with respect to a journal like the one we were thinking of, it only makes sense to do it if a wide range of people want to read it.”

Consequently, *The Confluence* will include peer reviewed articles

encompassing not only regional history but also science, natural history, architecture, historical preservation, public policy, planning, social science, race, gender, and material culture—what Smith refers to colloquially as “stuff.” The articles will be peer reviewed and commented on because, as Smith points out, “No one on the planet knows about all those disciplines.”

Smith said the magazine should be of interest not just to academics but to anyone interested in the history, culture and make-up of the region.

“With the title, we’re talking not just about the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, which is just a stone’s throw from here, but also a confluence of ideas,” Smith said.

The magazine is slated to come out twice a year, in the fall and the spring. The inaugural edition will be available for free through the journal’s website, www.lindenwood.edu/confluence. Information can also be found there on how to submit an article.

Within the last year, Lindenwood launched its new Center for International and Global Studies to broaden Lindenwood’s study of and interaction with the global community. Along with that project is the launch of an online publication, *Journal For International*

and Global Studies, which is slated to debut in October with a second edition coming out in April, after which it will follow that schedule annually.

Ray Scupin, director of the center, and Assistant Director Ryan Guffey said the journal will include a collection of essays, reviewed by authoritative peers at institutions throughout the world, on a variety of subjects.



Ray Scupin and Ryan Guffey

“This is a multidisciplinary journal, so we have authors who are geographers, political scientists, religious studies specialists,

anthropologists, professors of higher education, etc...” Scupin said. “The authors of these essays [in the inaugural issue] are from the U.S., Germany, France, and the U.K. In future editions, we hope to have a more global reach into other areas of the world.”

Information on the new journal is available at the center’s website, www.lindenwood.edu/cigs, where the journal will be linked when it becomes available.

Lindenwood University celebrated its Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises on May 15 and 16 at the Family Arena in St. Charles. More than 1,500 students participated in the two events as thousands of their family members filled the stands to applaud their graduates. Rain and stormy weather marked the evening Baccalaureate and Graduate Commencement on May 15, but that did not dampen the spirits of the graduates, who heard a commencement address by St. Louis Cardinal great Lou Brock (second row, right).

Brenda Newberry (second row, center), founder, chair and CEO of the technology consultancy firm The Newberry Group, was the keynote speaker at the Commencement ceremony on May 16. Speakers throughout both ceremonies included Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D. (top row, left); Lindenwood Chaplain Michael Mason (top row, second from left); Lindenwood Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake (top row, second from right); Lindenwood Student Government Association President Kendra Kaine (top row, right); sports broadcaster and Lindenwood alumnus Randy Karraker (third row, center), who introduced alumni merit award winner Betty Osiek; and student Shelly Layton (third row, right), who presented the scripture reading at Baccalaureate. Criminal justice graduate Jared Queen (bottom row, left) smiles as the processional enters. The Lewis and Clark Fife & Drum Corps (bottom row, center) performed at processional and recessional in both ceremonies for the second straight year.





COMMIENCEMENT '09

Belleville Campus Renaissance Continues with Renovations, New Programs

Lindenwood is expanding its investment in the Belleville campus and the surrounding community with new and renovated facilities and the addition of a daytime, semester-based program at the campus this fall. The following are some of the exciting developments at the Belleville campus.

Members of the Greater Belleville Chambers of Commerce, including Executive Director John Lengerman, Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert, and Lindenwood officials, celebrated the opening of the newly renovated library classroom building on Friday, April 3, 2009, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The renovations to the building included 20 new “smart” technology equipped classrooms, an ADA accessible entrance, upgraded window replacements throughout, and improved restrooms with new fixtures and finishes. In addition a campus-wide security system has been put in place.

Lindenwood announced it will offer a daytime program for junior- and senior-level students, along with a range of extracurricular opportunities and an intercollegiate athletics program starting in the fall 2009 semester. The Lynx was chosen in a contest to select the campus’ new mascot.

Since Lindenwood took ownership of the campus in 2003, the university has offered graduate and undergraduate academic programs exclusively in its evening formats and currently has an enrollment of more than 1,500 students. The new day college is designed to complement area community college programs by enrolling junior and senior students.

The enrollment of juniors and seniors will allow graduates of schools like nearby Southwestern Illinois College to complete their bachelor’s degrees close to home. Lindenwood University—Belleville is playing an integral role in the economic growth and prosperity of the city.

“Lindenwood’s decision to offer daytime classes and intercollegiate sports is welcome news,” said Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert. “The new students that the programs are expected to draw will have a dramatic impact on the area’s economic growth. Because of the West Main location, more residents of Belleville will be able to attain higher levels of education. The increased educational level of the community will lead to economic



Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert (center), officials with the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce and Lindenwood officials celebrated the opening of the renovated library building on Friday, April 3.

development. Lindenwood University—Belleville is good for both the students and the community.”

The renovation, expansion and development of Lindenwood – Belleville is in full swing. With renovation of the Ittner Auditorium and the Library Building completed, next in line is a new Welcome Center adjoining the Ittner Auditorium, architectural drawings for which are

being prepared now. The fundraising goal of this project is \$600,000, and to date the community has contributed almost \$300,000. The Welcome Center will provide an expanded lobby and welcome area for the auditorium. There will be exhibit and reception space for large gatherings, new ADA-accessible restrooms, a concession and coat room, and a landscaped edge garden.

Take me out to the Ballgame

Lindenwood alumni, administration, staff, and students enjoyed the first Lindenwood Night at the Ballpark at the GCS Gateway Grizzlies Stadium on May 23. Prior to the game, President James D. Evans threw out the first pitch with a strike to home plate and Lindenwood student Caitlin Brand performed a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Guests at the Lindenwood Night at the Ballpark had a great time enjoying each other’s company and watching America’s favorite pastime.



Dr. James D. Evans delivered the first pitch and student Caitlin Brand sang the National Anthem.



Your Gift Counts!

Faculty and staff at the 2009 Honors Convocation.

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.

Graduate Student Conference Program Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to students to help defray costs of attending conferences and workshops. Attendance at conferences and workshops to present papers and to interact with researchers and practitioners is an

important component of graduate students' education and professional development.

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

Class Notes

'40s

Evelyn Wahlgren Summers ('42) resides in Philadelphia, Pa., and recently reconnected with Lindenwood. She has many fond memories of her days at Lindenwood and enjoys catching up with Lindenwood and reading the *Connection*.

Doris Fay Cadle Witt ('49) resides in Springfield, Mo., and recently retired as a senior tax advisor for H&R Block. She has two daughters, two sons, seven grandsons, five granddaughters, three great grandsons and three great granddaughters. She is currently involved with the St. Gregory Choir of Christ Church and volunteers at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts at Missouri State University and her local church thrift shop; she serves on the board of her Church Foundation, the *Springfield News-Leader* Community Advisory Board, and the Institute for Mature Learning at Drury University. She also prepared income taxes at a local senior center this year.

'50s

Susie Misener Tomion ('59) resides in Treasure Island, Fla., with her husband, Jon. She has three children, Christopher, Amy, and Anne.

Alice Margery Crabbe Stell ('52-'53) is a retired high school art teacher and attended Lindenwood from 1952-1953. She is currently a substitute teacher, and volunteers at her local art museum, theatre and church. She resides in Iowa City, Iowa.

Sondra Sue Beauchamp Weiser ('54-'55) recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary on September 6, 2008. She attended Lindenwood for one year. In the past she worked in the health field for many years, and currently enjoys spending time with her three sons, two daughters and three grandsons. She and her husband, Robert, enjoy traveling and reside on a lake in Mooreseville, N.C.

'60s

Bertita Trabert Graebner ('67) is self-employed as a life coach. She has received a master's in counseling psychology from the College of Notre Dame de Namur and a doctorate with a concentration in transpersonal psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. She resides

in Menlo Park, Calif.

Marilyn McCall ('63 - '65) is a professor of fine art at Suffolk County Community College on Long Island, N.Y., an institution of more than 20,000 students, where she has worked for the past 35 years. Although many of her colleagues have been retiring, she says she can't bring herself to give up teaching yet. In addition to painting and drawing courses, she also teaches a course in creativity. She is the recipient of the New York State Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her paintings and photographs have been shown at several local galleries.

'70s

Janet "Jan" Goldenberg/Robinson Baron ('74) is employed with the Community Health Charities of Kansas and Missouri and is the vice president of income development for St. Louis. She resides in Chesterfield, Mo.

Dr. Bruce P. Epps ('77 & '91) is the director of development for Lehman College/CUNY in Bronx, N.Y. He resides with his wife Marsha in North Bergen, N.J.

Dr. Sherry Neal Meinberg ('79) has recently published a children's book entitled *Autism ABC*, to raise public awareness of the condition worldwide, resulting in increased understanding, compassion and empathy. She has also published four other books and her stories have been featured in books such as *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul*. She has received many awards for her writing and also her community service efforts. She resides in Long Beach, Calif.

'80s

David Petersen ('89) is currently serving as the vice president of DFW-Business Banking Group at Wells Fargo, N.A. in Irving, Texas. He resides in Flower Mound, Texas.

Cynthia Miles Rothhass ('88) is employed with the U.S. Census Bureau. She received a B.S. in mathematics from Lindenwood and resides in Shady Side, Md.

Hal Simpkin ('83) & Chris Simpkin ('83) both enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren and reside in St. Louis, Mo. Hal has recently published his first fiction novel entitled *G-Eye*, a novel covering adventure, military and espionage. Chris retired from Graybar Electric Company, Inc. as a corporate risk manager.

She still works on a part-time basis for Graybar and currently does proofreading for freelance writers.

Dr. Rosanne Goad Vrugtman ('80) is a department specialist for the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She has completed a master's degree in HR management and development, a master's degree in education and recently received her Ph.D. in adult education. She resides in Hazelwood, Mo., with her husband, Rudi.

'90s

Kenneth Aiken ('90) has recently retired from GTE-Verizon in Wentzville, Mo. He resides in Licking, Mo., with his wife, Sandra.

Michael Francisco ('97) is an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton. He resides in St. Charles and graduated from Lindenwood with a degree in corporate communications.

Tanya Finley Sanchez ('98 & '09) is an English teacher in the St. Charles School District. She received her teaching certificate from Lindenwood and is currently finishing her MAT at Lindenwood. She resides in St. Peters, Mo., with her husband, Samuel.

Nichol Schoeneweis Sokolowski ('98 & '02) was married to Jeremy Sokolowski on May 23, 2009, in Alton, Ill. She is an elementary school librarian with the Hazelwood School District. Jeremy is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is a sales manager for GE Healthcare.

Susan Schneider ('98 & '00) is the owner of the boutique Consign by Design located in O'Fallon, Mo. She resides with her husband, Charles, in St. Peters, Mo.

Darrin B. Stanton ('94) is currently the sales manager with Kratos in Houston, Texas. He resides in Richmond, Texas, with his wife, Suzanne, and son, Logan.

'00s

Donald Albert ('04) is employed with DeSmet Jesuit High School as the director of alumni relations. He resides in St. Charles, Mo., with his wife, Cindy, and children Evan and Ami.

Garrett Anderson ('08) has recently accepted the position as economic development director in Branson, Mo. He was formerly employed in Centralia, Ill., as the planning and community development director. He will reside in Branson with his wife and two children.

NEWS & NOTES

Amy Ball ('05) and Simon Ahmed ('05) were married on April 4, 2009, in St. Louis, Mo. Amy is an art teacher at Truman Elementary School in the Lindbergh School District.

Harold Brewer ('01, '06, '09) has recently been promoted from business education teacher at Soldan International Studies High School in the St. Louis Public Schools to the data processing administrator position. He resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Baljaa Chinzorig ('07 & '08) is a program assistant for the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, D.C. She is actively involved in many organizations including Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and Alpha Sigma Delta Chapter. She resides in Arlington, Va.

Sarah Delaney ('06) and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their second son, Reid Kenneth, born on March 26, 2009. Reid was welcomed by his big brother, Rowan. Sarah is a behavior/learning specialist for the Pattonville High School and Todd is pursuing a degree at Lindenwood and is expected to graduate in 2010. They reside in O'Fallon, Mo.

Mary Beth Fortney ('00 & '07) has been appointed to serve as principal at Marvin Elementary School in the Ritenour School District in St. Louis, Mo. For the past two years, she has been the assistant principal at Kratz Elementary School. She also worked as a teacher at Hardin Middle School from 1995-2007 and was named the St. Charles School District Teacher of the Year in 2002-2003 and Outstanding Middle School Teacher in 2006-2007. She is currently working towards her doctoral degree in educational leadership at Missouri Baptist University.

Jacquelyn Griffin ('08) works for Hewlett-Packard in Little Rock, Ark., where she currently resides.

Jeremy Hicks ('08) is employed by Sea World in the Shamu Stadium as a trainer for Orca killer whales. He was an environmental biology major and a member of the swimming team at Lindenwood. He resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Rodney Hopkins ('02) has recently accepted a management and program analyst position with the Veterans Benefits Administration on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where he currently resides.

Rupak Guatam ('08) has recently accepted a position as a network administrator at CZ Consulting in Minneapolis, Minn.

Steve Johnson ('09) is employed at Wachovia Securities as an operations associate. He recently completed his MBA at Lindenwood. He resides in Belleville, Ill.

Tiffany Phillips Lang ('02 & '03) was married to Doug Lang on August 2, 2008, in Wentzville, Mo. They are expecting their first child, a baby boy, due in June. She is a public speaking (Com101) instructor at College of Southern Nevada and resides in Las Vegas, Nev.

Erick Lawing ('01) is a program manager for fraud investigations at MasterCard Worldwide. He resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Chris Martin ('03) is working as an associate for Dunn & Miller, PC, a general practice law firm in West St. Louis County. He resides in St. Louis, Mo., with his wife, Terri.

Amy Hoormann Miller ('05) was married to Jesse Miller on February 21, 2009. Amy was an elementary and early childhood major and is currently pursuing her master's in education from William Woods University. Jesse is a Kansas State graduate and the happy couple resides in Archie, Mo.

Aleisha Mulnix ('08) is employed as a teachers assistant at SSD- Northview School and resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Joe Murphy ('05) has recently accepted the position as the camp and teen director at the Auburn YMCA-WEIU in Auburn, N.Y., where he resides.

Erika Richert Nardi ('08) was married to Matthew Thomas Nardi of Naperville, Ill. on October 25, 2008, in O'Fallon, Ill. Erika is currently employed by Agrium as a human resources administrator and Matthew is employed at Build-a-Bear as a help desk analyst. The couple resides in Belleville, Ill.

Dr. Cheri Oliver ('00 & '07) is an administrator for the Rockwood School District. She resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Kathy Pfeifer ('08) has been appointed to serve as principal at Wyland Elementary in the Ritenour School District. She recently served as assistant principal there and has worked in the school district for more than a decade. She began her educational career as the director of early childhood education programs in the Maplewood-Richmond

Heights School District from 1981-1988 and then taught in Consolidated School District No. 4 in Grandview, Mo., and in the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

Ryan Pyle ('02) is a real estate agent. He resides in San Clemente, Calif., with his wife, Jamie, and son, Benjamin.

Nicole Renner ('07) is engaged to be married to Eric Dorner of Alton, Ill., on July 25, 2009. She is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Mascoutah High School and Eric is a senior software engineer with Northrop Grumman in St. Louis, Mo.

Teresa Ulrich Shell ('06) is a business analyst for Enterprise Iron in Iselin, N.J. She resides in Ballwin, Mo.

Connie Scott ('01 & '05) is the director of continuing education at Hickey College in St. Louis. She resides with her husband, Bradley, in St. Peters, Mo.

Phil Sherer ('06) is employed by Quilogy as a field marketing coordinator. He resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Elizabeth Smith ('08) is currently a research analyst with the Division of Clinical Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, Mo., where she resides.

Maria Castillo Tallmon ('03) is employed by Allstate Insurance Company as a human resources professional. She resides in Glenview, Ill.

Carolyn Webb ('09) is the computer coordinator for St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo. She resides in Moscow Mills, Mo.

Katie Weinhold ('05 & '08) is a benefits specialist with Schnucks Markets corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. She currently resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Jennifer White ('03 & '08) was recently named the 2009 Alum of the Year by the St. Charles Community College Foundation. White attended SCC from 1994-1996. She is the eighth grade assistant principal at DuBray Middle School in the Fort Zumwalt School District. She resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Emma Williams ('08) is employed as a senior accounting assistant at Missouri Botanical Garden. She resides in Belleville, Ill.

CPT Corey Woods ('02) is a logistics officer with the U.S. Army. He resides in Colonial Heights, Va., and is stationed at Fort Lee.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

In Memoriam

Camille McFadden Whitney ('36)
Osprey, Fla., & Taylorville, Ill.

Helen Spradling Boylan ('49)
Carthage, Mo.

Sally Wood Cox Buckley ('58)
Springfield, Illinois

Mary Farr Harrison ('42)
Norman, Okla.

Bonny Clark Haughwout ('49)
Carthage, Mo.

Jane Ely ('61)
Houston, Texas

Edith "Edie" Woodrow Watt ('43)
Westminster, Colo.

Charlotte Rupe Gibson ('49)
Edmond, Okla.

Jean Willmore ('64)
Madison, Wis.

Laura Brown Higgins ('47)
Jefferson City, Mo.

Joe Anne Malkovich ('50)
Benton, Ill.

Eva Rex Emory ('73)
Southaven, Miss.
Former Lindenwood Registrar

Betty Rhodes Kirkpatrick ('47)
Temple, Texas

Betty Ann Whitaker Branum ('55)
Bernie, Mo.

Corinne Harrison Hill ('82)
Green Valley, Ariz.

Mary Wood McCollom ('47)
Miamisburg, Ohio

Leona Wallin Kavan ('56)
Kansas City, Mo.

Brett Gutzler ('82)
Ellisville, Mo.

Ann Treadway Whitt ('48)
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Margaret Doumany Morton ('57)
Bakersfield, Calif.

Alumni News — We Want To Hear From You

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First Maiden Last

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Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Class Year, Degree (BA, MBA, etc.) _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate (Month/Day/Year) _____

Major(s) _____

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

Please send: Annual Report Fine & Performing Arts Schedule Undergraduate Admissions Information
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Return to: Alumni Office, Lindenwood University, 209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, Missouri 63301-1695
Or e-mail wfraier@lindenwood.edu

Please Help Us Find Our Lost Alums!

We have lost track of some of our alumni over the years and need your help finding them! If you have any knowledge of the people listed here, please send us a letter or an e-mail. We will publish a new list in each issue of the *Connection*.

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Fadil Al-Ghalib
Yagoub Al-Hajeri
Adel Al-Roomi
Ahmad Al-Salahat
Fahad Al-Zaid
James Baker
Saud Bakr
Jan Bauer
Paul Binder
Charles Calvert
Robin Collins
Carman Cox
Alice Hubbard Crenshaw
Mohamed Daghistani
James Dame III
Laurence Davidson
Edward De Leal
Daniel Deptula
Lawrence Doyle
Renee Dziak
Frieda Coil Faber
Janet Farr Fay
James Flaiz
Richard Goldberg
James Goodall
Brenda Hawkins
Beth Hunsaker
Mary Kennon
Mohamed Khalifa
Patrice Komoroski
Fred Lah
Ricardo Lenis
Sachie Mabuchi
Susan Mayo
Charles Miller
Rosanne Wettach Milroy
Jeanette Moody
Gary Orick
Carol Primeau
Shirley Rhodes
Betty Rogers
Cynthia Schultz Saalbach
Hershel Sams
Juan Sardi
Milton Schmidt
Tareg Shamsaldeen
Brian Smith
Mark Thomson
Paul VanHorn
Frank Varga
Bob Westenberger
Ernestine Zidzik

Class of 1999

Kwesi Adofo
Carolyn Ashmore Almansur
Marlene Alzamora
Felicia Amjali
Danielle Andrews
Mary Aulbert
Catherine Bale
Matthew Benish
Dana Hardaway Bakari
Chantelle Blevins
Barbara Surrentrup Boudreau
William Brinson

Heather Brooks
Stephen Brown
Marci Stephen Brunner
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Ana Bustamente
Betty Byrd
Mercedes Cabrera
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Wen Chang
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Elizabeth Clymer
Keith Cochran
Leon Codner
Lorri Eberhardt Conkin
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David Huber
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Michael O'Brien
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Julia Roache
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Sushanna Stone
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Michael Zapkowski

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Robert Allinger
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Nicole Barnholtz
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Annette Beavers-Forston
Sidi Larbi Bensouda
Kayra Berrocal
Lynne Beseau
Nenad Blazevic
Michelle Blevins
Bryan Boeckelmann
Michelle Bordeaux
Rachel Bradford
Sebastien Briffault
Joseph Burkemper
Stephanie Burkholder
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Martin Calvi
Jose Carrion
George Chadwell
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Lili Cheng
Chih-Cheng Chien
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Karen Conant
Girdon Connor
Angilla Corlette
Gareth Cosgrove
Dara Cox
Demaris Cox
Erica Crook
Amanda Davis
Roshanda Davis
Julio De Leon
Aaron Deakin
Dwight DeLeon
Debra DeSimone
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Rachel Diebal
Kristine Dubois
Dwyer Edmeade
Jonathon Elkins
Ronald Entwistle
Alieth Espino
Pugliese Fabrizio
Megan Farris
Katrina Farris
Kelly Francois
Barbara Fry
Cynthia Garrett
Jill Gatcombe
Marlon Gibbons
Troy Gill
Kelly Gingerich
Colette Giroux
Carly Graham
Janet Greaves
Brain Guilfoyle

Junior Documents Three-Week International Trip

While many students were enjoying a summer break from classes, a group of 10 Lindenwood undergraduates traveled to Baku, Azerbaijan, as part of a study program designed to increase cultural awareness. The three-week excursion was made possible by a partnership between the university's Center for International and Global Studies and the North Atlantic Treaty Origination (NATO) Summer School Program.

Upperclassmen majoring in international business, journalism, international studies, and political science earned 12 credit hours for their participation. Daniel Minnella, a junior at Lindenwood, undertook a special role as field documentarian of the trip.

Majoring in mass communication and digital cinema, Minnella jumped at the chance to try his hand at real field work.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it was really exciting," he said. "I was able to use the university's HD cameras and equipment so the footage will be around for years and years."

There was no shortage of material to capture on film. Students attended intensive



Daniel Minnella

classroom training on crisis management and conflict resolution taught by NATO diplomats, lectures taught by local faculty and government officials, and historical and cultural tours lead by university

and Azerbaijani government staff.

"When I got back, I edited the footage as part of my post-production practicum for an extra three credit hours," Minnella said. "It was a great experience and hopefully it will be helpful in finding a job once I'm finished with school."

Minnella plans to graduate in May, 2010, and hopes to work as a professional correspondent for an international news agency.

"I'd like to do an internship with National Geographic," he said. "Now is the time in my life to travel and experience new things, and I want to take advantage of all the opportunities I can to do that."

Lindenwood launched its Center for International and Global Studies in 2009

as part of its expanded international studies program. A primary goal of the center is to provide students with a variety of options through which they can experience cross-cultural exchanges.

"In creating the center, one of our goals was to develop unique opportunities for our students to study abroad," said Ryan Guffey, associate director of the center and assistant professor of international studies. "We hope to continue our partnership with NATO, and we're exploring offering a summer option similar to this one every year."

Also at the heart of the center is an international studies master's degree program, which will be offered in the fall of 2009 as a supplement to the existing bachelor of arts degree in the discipline.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing doctoral studies," Guffey said. "This degree will provide them with the necessary theoretical, historical and practical information needed to advance within the field."

Other current activities under the center's direction include the production of a peer-reviewed online journal and a guest lecture series.

For more information, please contact Guffey at 636-949-4475, or by e-mail at rguffey@lindenwood.edu.

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Heidi Hesselrode
Michael Hickman
Christine Higginbotham
Mary Hogan
Debbie Hudson
Kipplan Hunter
Roxanne Hutson
Gina Hutter
Gordon Inglis
Rich Ingmire
Felicia Jackson
Alejandro Jaen
Tiffany Johnston
Matias Kantor
Casandra Karch
Elizabeth Kean
Susan Kent
Tracy Killer
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Kristy Kraemer
Brian Kroeller
Crystal Kuenne
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Theresa Larrigan
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Juan Leila
Tina Lemp-Conner
Claudio Lombardo
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L' Tanya McKinney
Nancy Menger
Mike Miano
Amy Mills
David Miranda
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Gregory Orton
Leslie Pohlman Payne
Johan Perez

Michelle Perez
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Daniel Pillman
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Francis Piper
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Rochelle Plutchak
Daniel Poett
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Moises Rodriguez
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Greg Rounis
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Roberto Salcedo
Christian Sanchez
Randy Schaefer
Jeff Schuster
Tamara Schuster
Sara DeGenova Sellers
Gorata Seloma
Rachana Shrestha
Harry Simone
Gavin Skerritt
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Kristiane Summers
Russell Tate
Ryan Taylor
Valerie Taylor
Miko Thomas Tisdale
Laura Tipton
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Corie Wall
Jeffery Wareing
Rachel Washington
Angela Wasson
Gary Webster
Wei-Lun Weng
Tracie Werton
Charlotte Wienski
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Elvis Williams
Ervin Williams
Pamela Williams
Ashley Williamson
Marta Wojdyga
Debbie Woodman
Jamie Workman
Douglas Wright
Teresa Wulf

Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new LU Commons student center were Lindenwood's Lion mascot; Pat Sullivan, of the Board of Directors; Ashley Stewart, incoming Lindenwood Student Government Association president; Kendra Kaine, retiring LSGA president; Lindenwood President James D. Evans; and St. Charles Mayor Patti York.



STUDENTS JOIN IN LU COMMONS CELEBRATION

More than 200 people attended a groundbreaking event in May to celebrate the construction of Lindenwood University's new Student Commons. The \$20 million project will take approximately two years and will create 119,000 square feet of space in which students can enjoy food, fitness, and fun.

The LU Commons will feature three basketball courts and one multipurpose court, a suspended track, a variety of exercise and fitness equipment, an additional cafeteria complete with a la carte stations and a large central dining hall, music and game rooms, a mail room, laundry facility, and student organization meeting rooms and office space.

President James D. Evans, Ph.D, said

the building was designed solely with the needs and interests of Lindenwood's students in mind.

"We consulted many, many students about what they wanted and needed here," he said. "They are the fabric of this institution and our heroes, and it is an honor to build such a wonderful building for their use."

In keeping with the tone of the day, those attending were invited to arrive early and take part in fun festivities. There were free ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, a climbing wall and other games, and a live performance by the University Jazz Band.

"We have turned several ceremonial shovels of dirt here at Lindenwood over the

past decade," Evans said. "But I venture to say there's never been a groundbreaking quite like this one."

The official ceremony took place following remarks from city, county and Lindenwood dignitaries, as well as Kendra Kaine, retiring president of the Lindenwood Student Government Association. She addressed the crowd on behalf of the student body and expressed gratitude to Lindenwood administrators for their support of the project.

"We are excited about the future of Lindenwood," Kaine said. "We especially thank President Evans for listening to our requests for this building for the past several years. This is his dream and his vision and now it's going to become a reality."



Students tested their strength and agility on a rock climbing wall.



It was a close finish for two students racing in a three-lane inflatable bungee run.

Homegrown Talent

ESPN Radio Team Remembers its Lindenwood Broadcasting Roots

If you listen to ESPN Radio during the work week, you will likely hear the voice of a Lindenwood University alum. Bob Ramsey ('78) and Randy Karraker ('84) host the "Fast Lane" from 2-6 p.m. along with former Rams player D'Marco Farr.

As a highly-respected veteran in the St. Louis sports media scene, Ramsey has worked in the St. Louis market for 23 years. His experience ranges from the local to the national level in both radio and television, including the 1998 season when he called the play-by-play for the St. Louis Cardinals on KMOX. Ramsey has been involved with St. Louis University athletics for more than 20 years serving as the "Voice of the Billikens" for men's basketball games. During SLU basketball broadcasts you can also hear another Lindenwood alum and LU Athletic Hall of Famer, Earl Austin, Jr.

"My four years working at KCLC were invaluable to my career," said Ramsey. "Without it I do not know where I would be. It was a remarkable start. The hands-on experience that I gained at KCLC was unlike any experience you could get anywhere else and prepared me for my career. The broadcasting program at Lindenwood is a tradition that I am very proud to be a part of."

Ramsey's path back to St. Louis had a couple of stops, but for Karraker, KMOX in St. Louis came calling before he even graduated from Lindenwood. Karraker was hired as an intern at KMOX in 1983 and was hired as a full-time employee in 1984 while he was still attending Lindenwood.

"As it turns out, Lindenwood was far and away the best institution I could have gone to in preparation for the real world," Karraker said. "When I got to KMOX as an intern, I quickly recognized that I was far more prepared than students from other schools. If I had had gone to a school where experience in the industry was limited, I'm sure I wouldn't have known as much and would not have gotten the opportunities I did at the professional level."

Although they have more than 50



Bob Ramsey, left, and Randy Karraker in the ESPN Radio studio in St. Louis.

combined years in the media business in St. Louis, "The Fast Lane" is the first time that Randy and Bob have worked together on the air.

"Since both of us are baseball guys, we have always seen and interacted with each other in the press box at games but this is the first time we have gotten to work together," Ramsey said.

But the Lindenwood connection does not stop with Ramsey and Karraker. The show's producer, Chris Gardner, also attended Lindenwood, along with many contributors to the show.

"We talk about having such a Lindenwood influence all the time," Karraker said. "We affectionately call Lindenwood The Starmaker, on the show. Our producer is a Lindenwood alum, along with Greg Amsinger of the MLB Network, who's a regular contributor on the show. We're proud of coming from LU, so our Lindenwood discussion is always genuine."

So it wasn't much of a stretch when the FastLane invited new Lindenwood

basketball coach Brad Soderberg to visit the studio for a segment last month. Karraker and Ramsey both are excited about Soderberg's return to St. Louis (he formerly coached at Saint Louis University), and they anticipate great things for the Lindenwood basketball program.

Ramsey and Karraker still come back to the campus often. Karraker is a member of the LU Alumni Board and has emceed many events along with speaking at graduation.

"I love the idea of coming back and seeing the progress of Lindenwood, and making sure the students realize how great they have it," Karraker said. "The growth of the campus is remarkable, so I enjoy seeing that. I try to drive my kids through campus a couple of times a year so they can see how incredible it is."

Even though these two veterans have made their names outside of the University, they faithfully remember their alma mater and the good old days in the studio of KCLC.

New Athletic Website Debuts This Summer

The new field turf at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium is not the only renovation taking place this summer for the Lindenwood Athletics Department. A less visible renovation is taking place as the Lions and Lady Lions are getting a new athletics website.

Lindenwood has teamed up with Internet Consulting Services to create the new fan friendly site. ICS is one of the

largest companies for college athletics web-based content management with nearly 300 universities, including 40 NCAA Division I schools. Lindenwood will be the 23rd NAIA school with ICS, including Savannah College of Art and Design, whose website was voted best in the NAIA in 2007-08.

The top new feature on the website is that video broadcast from LUTV of Lindenwood football home games

and numerous other sporting events will be shown live over the computer. Other features include more photos of Lindenwood athletes, live stats of selective sports, video highlights and stories, and more interactive stories, schedules and rosters.

The new website is scheduled to go live in August before the start of the fall sports season; it is to be located at www.lindenwoodlions.com.

Soderberg Hopes to Lead Lions to National Title

An announcement and a dream helped bring a large crowd to the Lindenwood's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on May 15. Many of the St. Louis sports media, members of the men's basketball team, Lindenwood faculty and staff, and other friends of the athletics program gathered to watch President James D. Evans, Ph.D., introduce Brad Soderberg as the Lions' head men's basketball coach. The dream for many in the audience was that Soderberg will lead Lindenwood to the biggest prize in the NAIA, the Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

Soderberg is the highest profile head coach in Lindenwood athletics history with a resume that includes six seasons as a head coach at the NCAA Division I level. He led five of those teams to a winning record and coached in one NCAA Tournament and two NITs. In all, he has been a head coach for 13 years, has won 211 games, and has only had one losing season.

The job at Lindenwood will allow Soderberg to return to St. Charles, a place he and his family consider home. Soderberg arrived in the St. Louis area in 2001 when he was an assistant coach at Saint Louis University. The next year, he was named the head of the Billikens' program, a position he held for the next five years.

His first two seasons as the head coach at Saint Louis led to postseason berths, making Soderberg just the third head coach at the school to accomplish that feat. In his final two seasons, he helped the Billikens make the move to the Atlantic-10 Conference as they finished in the upper half of the standings both years. The last year, Saint Louis won 20 games, the only 20-win season for that program over the last 11 years.

While taking the Lindenwood job will bring the Soderberg family home, the position will also allow Soderberg to chase the one thing that has eluded him in basketball -- a national championship. Most notably, he was a member of the University of Wisconsin coaching staff in 2000 that helped the Badgers reach the Final Four. Wisconsin and its dominating defense allowed just 55.2 points a game in the NCAA Tournament as it reached the semifinal round before falling to Michigan State, the eventual national champion.

Less known is that as a player Soderberg nearly won the same title that he will now be chasing at Lindenwood. In 1984, Soderberg, with some help from future NBA All-Star Terry Porter, led the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to the NAIA Division I National Championship game. Along the way, the



Brad Soderberg is introduced by President James D. Evans as Lindenwood's head men's basketball coach.

ninth-ranked Pointers upset the No. 1 team in the nation, West Virginia Wesleyan College, by 27 points, and No. 4 Westmont College by 26 points. In the championship contest, No. 2 Fort Hays State University and Wisconsin-Stevens Point went into overtime before Fort Hays State prevailed 48-46. After the tournament, Soderberg was voted the recipient of the Charles Stevenson Hustle Award.

Soderberg's goal now is to lead his new team to Kansas City and take a run at the NAIA title.

"The NAIA is one of the best tournaments that I have ever been to," said Soderberg. "I would love to go back there, and I am going to passionately pursue a national championship at Lindenwood."

No. 3 Lions Preparing for 2009

The Lindenwood football team was one play away from the national championship game in 2008. The program has been busy since then so they can reach that next level in 2009.

Last year's offense was the most explosive in school history and next year should be no different. Leading the highlight reel will likely be Rudy Fleming, who had the best year among Lion wide receivers in 2008 with 67 receptions for 1,056 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Defensively, a pair of first-team all-conference performers will anchor a unit that often gets overshadowed. Linebacker Logen Wright and defensive back Brandon Gould combined for 155 tackles, six interceptions, three pass breakups and two

fumble recoveries in 2008.

The big question mark is about who will replace four-year starting quarterback Ben Kisner. That answer won't be known until training camp. A talented mix of returners, transfers and freshmen will all vie for that position in August.

The Lions, which will start the year ranked No. 3 in the nation, open the season on the road on Sept. 5 at Evangel. The home opener is a week later versus Central Methodist. The Homecoming Game on Oct. 10 will be against Baker.

National Titles Continue Rolling in

The Lindenwood men's ice hockey and men's volleyball programs have been at the door of a national championship in the past, but have always found themselves locked out from their ultimate prize. But all that changed this spring as both teams found the keys and claimed the first national title in their program's history.

The men's volleyball team, which has finished as the national runner-up three times in its 10-year history, was ranked second in the NAIA for much of the season behind California Baptist, a team that the Lions lost to twice back in February. After those losses, Lindenwood never lost again, winning its final 26 matches including a 3-0 sweep over California Baptist in the championship match. Jared Kreienkamp had 15 kills in the title game and was named the tournament MVP.

The men's ice hockey team competed in the ACHA Division I National Championship contest on March 18 against Illinois, the team that defeated the Lions in last year's title contest. This year, Lindenwood scored three times in the second period, including two goals by Carson Hamill, for a 3-1 lead. Lindenwood's defense, which allowed just five goals in four games at the national tournament, did the rest, shutting the Illini out in the final period for the 4-1 victory.

Lindenwood won five other national championships during the spring semester. The run started with the Lion Line dance team, which won nationals for the second time in as many years. The men's wrestling team remained the No. 1 program in the NAIA with a third straight national crown. The Lady Lions ice hockey team came from behind in three consecutive games to capture its national tournament. The clay target shooting squad continued its dynasty with its sixth successive national title, and the junior varsity roller hockey squad won its division for the sixth consecutive year.

Congrats to Lindenwood's New Graduates

By Cortney Lenk
President,
Lindenwood Alumni Association



Cortney Lenk, '99

It was another successful academic year at Lindenwood! On behalf of the Alumni Board, congratulations to the recent graduates; we are very happy that you will now be a part of the Alumni Association. It was wonderful to see such a

large group of students participate in the commencement ceremonies this past May.

A big thank you to all who attended the May 23 Gateway Grizzlies Lindenwood Night at the Ballpark. We hope you had a great time at the game and thank you for coming out to support this event. We hope to see you at alumni events in the future.

Although summer has just started, fall will be here before you know it. Make sure to mark your calendars for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, October 9 and 10! It is sure to be a fun-filled weekend where you can catch up with old friends and relive your days at Lindenwood.

The Alumni Office is also focusing on improving communication with our stakeholders and increasing alumni participation. I encourage you to stay connected to your alma mater and to become involved. You can stay connected by updating your information through the Lindenwood alumni website or by contacting Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, at (636) 949-4975 or e-mail alumni@lindenwood.edu.

Have a wonderful summer!

Social Work Program Receives Key Accreditation

Lindenwood University's Social Work Program has achieved a key accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education as the culmination of a process that spanned more than four years.

Carla Mueller, dean of the Lindenwood School of Human Services, said the Social Work Program was launched in 1998 and became a candidate for CSWE accreditation in 2005. This was followed by four site visits by teams from the council in the fall of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, as well as submission of a 510-page report that covered everything about the program and how it fits within Lindenwood University.

CSWE has been accrediting social work education programs since 1974; currently 400 programs throughout the United States have completed the stringent evaluation process and hold accreditation from the council.

"Each social work program is required to articulate its unique approach to social work education," Mueller said. "At Lindenwood, our themes are cultural diversity, critical thinking, communication skills, values and ethics, and populations at risk."

As a result of the accreditation, Lindenwood students in the program will enjoy advanced standing in master of social work programs and will be able to enter two-year master's programs anywhere from a semester to a full year ahead when they attend full-time.

"This makes the Lindenwood undergraduate program a combination of an undergraduate program and graduate program at the same time," Mueller said. "Our graduates are also eligible for state licensure because of the accreditation."

Guess What This is and Where it is Located?



Can you tell us on what and where these Linden trees are located on the LU campus? Please email alumni@lindenwood.edu with your answer. 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 glasses belonged to Professor Jean Fields and are located in the Alumni Museum.

Winners from Spring Connection 2009: Joe Fields ('01)