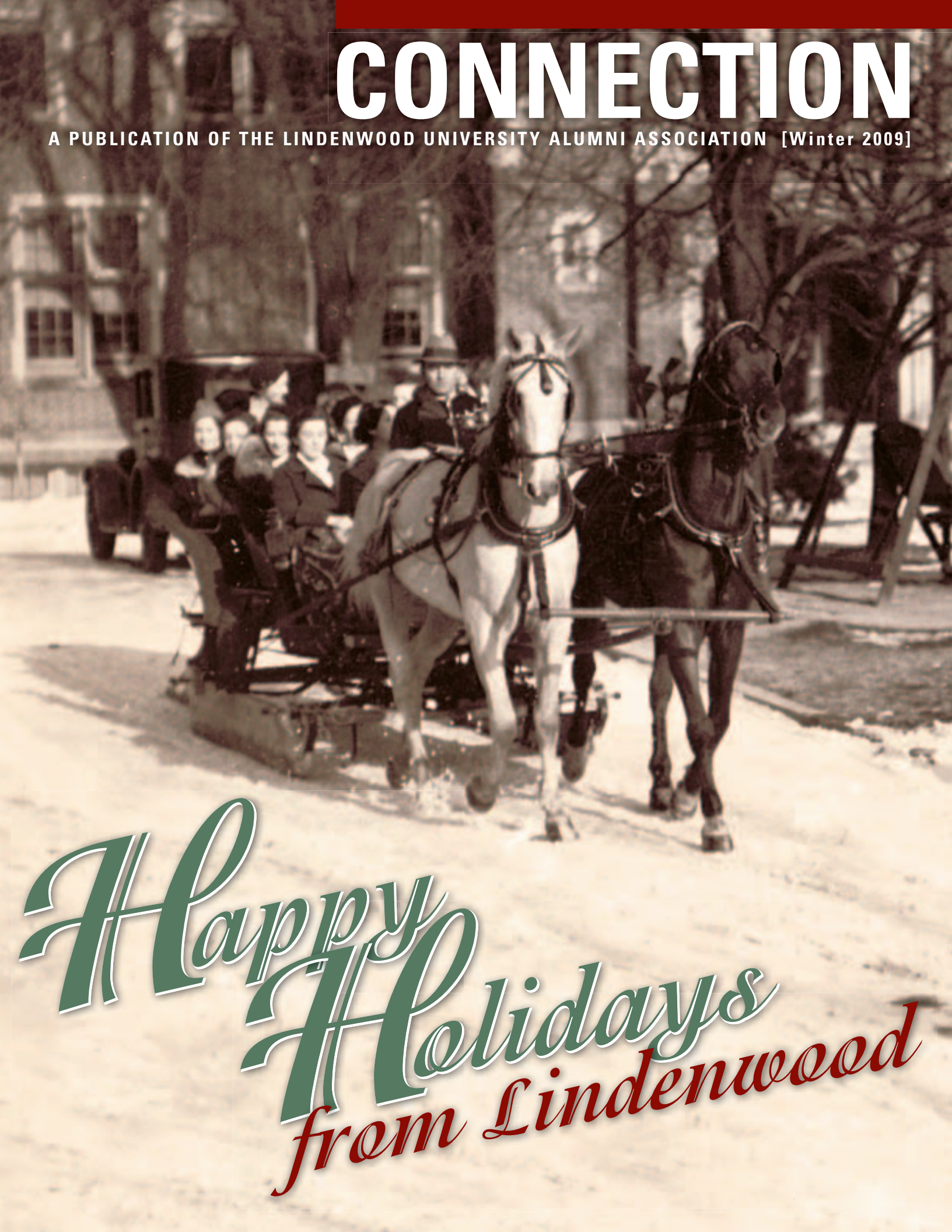


CONNECTION

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*Happy
Holidays
from Lindenwood*

A Message From President Evans

The Republic Is Here



In an earlier edition of *The Connection*, I expressed one of my highest goals for Lindenwood: That this University will continue to mature as a true Republic of Ideas that fosters an ongoing conversation among our students, faculty, and all other stakeholders of the University. I had communicated this aspiration in the acceptance speech given at my presidential investiture ceremony, in which I said this:

My personal hope is that we will be stewards of a University environment that prizes and nurtures a respectful and informed exchange of ideas and perspectives, as well as generating excitement about the search for new knowledge. That educational setting would engage all of the students and faculty members in the quest for higher understanding, clearer thinking, and effective communication and application of what is learned.

I believe that Lindenwood has already established much of the ideal learning environment espoused above. Here are a few examples that illustrate the latter claim:

Not only do our professors now edit and publish several learned journals (some mentioned in previous letters to you) through The Lindenwood Press, but we now feature several speaker series on campus – each being primarily for our students and their professors but also open to the public. Specifically, Lindenwood enthusiastically sponsors the following lecture programs:

- The Lindenwood University Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment
- The Professional Educators Series
- Lindenwood's International and Global Studies Speaker Series
- The Lindenwood Speakers Bureau
- Lindenwood's Coffee Conversations

All of these venues for the exchange of information and ideas feature prominent experts, visionaries, and intellectuals in the fields they represent. You can find many of the speakers' names, presentation dates, and topics on Lindenwood's Web page (<http://www.lindenwood.edu>).

On November 7, our Psychology Department hosted a state-wide conference for university students and their mentors, the fifth annual Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference, in which 16 Lindenwood students and dozens of their cohorts from other regional universities presented their research papers. How inspiring and rewarding it was to see what these young scholars had accomplished! This is but one example of the many conferences we host each year.

I no longer receive much "advice" from various quarters – both internal and external – about what subject matter Lindenwood professors or guest speakers should or should not be addressing.

Last year our Faculty Council and Educational Policies Committee collaborated to develop Lindenwood's modern statement on academic freedom and responsibility, which has been accepted and is supported by our administration. It reflects the essential components in the concept of a Republic of Ideas.

I would be very pleased to receive your thoughts on my thoughts. Lois and I send you and yours our best wishes for a memorable holiday season and the best New Year ever.

Very sincerely yours,

James D. Evans, Ph.D.
President

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On The Cover

Lindenwood students from the 1930s dash through the snow in a horse-drawn sleigh.

Luncheon Provides Opportunity for Scholarship Recipients to Meet Generous Donors

More than 130 students, endowed scholarship donors, and faculty and staff members attended the annual Lindenwood University Endowed Scholarship Luncheon October 28 in the Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room. The luncheon provides an opportunity for the endowed scholars and their donors to meet.

President James D. Evans provided a state of the University report and discussed the importance of scholarship to Lindenwood's students. Vice President Lucy Morros thanked the donors for their generous support of the scholars.

Leah Shipley, a senior studying elementary and special education, thanked the donors on behalf of all student scholars. She provided her personal story of how important the scholarship is to her as she pursues her degree. Leah is the St. Charles Alumni Club Scholar and is actively involved on campus as a Student Ambassador, member of Circle K International, and co-captain of the Lady Lion Dance team.

"Meeting my students who received financial help in my name and my late husband's is a very enjoyable experience," said Dr. Betty Osiek ('62). "The endowment is so much more meaningful to me because of getting to know the two individuals who are receiving the help to continue their studies. They were not solely names to me any longer, nor I to them. In addition, for them, it was a special moment of recognition for their past efforts and encouragement for their future studies."

The luncheon concluded with Joe Parisi, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, commending the student scholars for their accomplishments and for receiving, "a prestigious endowed scholarship."

Parisi said that the endowed scholarship program assists more than 200 students with an estimated \$370,000 annually in scholarship money.



Pictured at the luncheon from left, Krista Brubaker, sophomore Preston and Eloise Calvert Memorial Scholar; Marie Fitz, donor, and Ashley Frazetta, senior and Mark M. Fitz Endowed Scholar.

Attending this year's luncheon were the following endowed scholarship donors:

Chris and Dawn Lissner- Acropolis MBA and Lissner Family Scholarships

Ben and Carole Blanton- Beulah M. Boston Sacred Music, Belle C. Blanton Memorial and Billy B. Hagan Memorial Scholarships

Dan Winston and Matt Daniels- The Boeing Company Scholarship

Art and Carol Goodall- Art and Carol Goodall Math and Science Scholarship

Maurita Stueck ('43)- Maurita and Neil Stueck Scholarship

Nettie Weber and Randy Weber- William H. Weber Scholarship

Dr. Betty Osiek ('62)- Dr. Betty Tyree Osiek and Edward H. Osiek Memorial Scholarships

Nancy Cavazos- St. Charles Rotary Club Scholarship

James Brakensiek- St. Charles Lion's Club Scholarship

Judy Brown ('67)- St. Charles Alumni Club Scholarship

Carol Baum- Dierbergs Scholarship

Andy and Sondra Prydybasz- Christopher Ethan Prydybasz Memorial Scholarship

Barb Clark ('63) and Terry Rau ('71) – Frank Brockgreitens Memorial Scholarship

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Robert and Grace Moeller- Robert and Grace Moeller Scholarship

Dr. Michael Stein and Dr. Ray Scupin- Dr. Jessie Bernard Sociology Scholarship

To Create An Endowed Scholarship

Endowed scholarships require a gift of \$25,000 or more to provide scholarship assistance to students. Lindenwood endowed scholarships have helped thousands of students each year. Call (636) 949-4903 for more information.

Check Out Homecoming Photo Gallery on the web at www.lindenwood.edu/alumni/photos.cfm

Fashion Show Raises Money for Two Scholarships

More than 120 alumni, staff, and friends attended the St. Charles Alumni Club 15th Annual Fall Fashion Show, Luncheon, and Silent Auction Sept. 26. In keeping with tradition, most from the event will be used for scholarships.

“We vary from year to year based on the amount of money we raise,” said Barbara Broadfoot, longtime member and current club president. “This year we will award two, \$2,000 scholarships to deserving students.”

Each recipient must meet admissions

standards; remain a full-time student; maintain a 3.0 grade point average; attend St. Charles Alumni Club events, and model in the club’s annual fashion show.

Beneficiaries of last year’s scholarship funds Hannah Holman, Katherine Lowe, and Leah Shipley were among the student and alumni models who participated this year. Each model showcased fine apparel from Thro’s and Michelle’s Clothing Stores, located on historic Main Street in St. Charles.

Cynthia Bice, Ed.D., ('91) Dean of the School of Education, modeled several garments as her mother, Mary Seabaugh Francis, visiting from West Palm Beach, Fla., watched from the audience. Bice and her mother recently established the Alvin M. Francis Educational

Leadership Award in honor of Bice’s father, who passed away in 2008.

“The award and the St. Charles Alumni Club fundraiser are both great causes that reward excellence” Bice said. “My mother and I are proud to be a part of organizations who recognize the talent and hard work of others.”

The St. Charles Alumni Club not only awards scholarships but also provides prize money for the top floats during the annual Lindenwood Homecoming Parade and contributes to the upkeep of the Alumni Museum.

“We don’t keep much in the kitty because it’s for others,” Broadfoot said. “We are very proud of our event, and we extend sincere thanks to those who donated to the auction and to those who attended because we wouldn’t be able to accomplish what we do without them.”

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Charles Alumni Club, please call Broadfoot at 636-723-7671 or the Lindenwood University Alumni Office at 636-949-4975.



Barbara Olive ('85), Barbara Broadfoot ('70, '87), and Marlene Holliday ('93)



From left: Virginia Terry ('59), Sharon Tebbe ('82), Sandy Hayes ('89), Cheryl Lammers ('69), and Jan Ell ('89)



Judy Peters ('84) models clothing.

Bobbie Netsch—Loyal Supporter of Lindenwood Fashion

Bobbie Netsch ('66) didn't plan on being in the retail business. It was during her pursuit of a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Lindenwood University that she met the man she would marry and who would set her on a new professional course.

“I met Frank in college and he was already involved in his family’s business, Thro’s Clothing Company,” Netsch said. “We married the summer before my senior year, we opened Michelle’s alongside Thro’s in O’Fallon in August of 1965, and I earned my degree in 1966.”

Bobbie and Frank Netsch have operated Thro’s and Michelle’s clothing stores ever since, downsizing throughout the years from four locations to one in downtown St. Charles. They have provided fashions for countless fundraising events in the area, including the Lindenwood University St. Charles Alumni Club Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

“I was asked at the beginning and we’ve just been fortunate enough to keep going,” said Netsch. “I’m glad it’s worked out so well.”



Bobbie and Frank Netsch

Men at Lindenwood?

History Class Project Revisits 1969 Switch Allowing Males on Lindenwood Campus

Turbulent would be a good word to describe 1969 on college campuses across the country. There were sit-ins and other protests about issues like the Vietnam War and race. On the Lindenwood campus, an additional issue on the minds of students and faculty was a shift in enrollment policy allowing male students for the first time in the school's 142-year history.

Now, a class called History of Gender in the United States, taught by Professor Kris Smith, is revisiting that time with a project designed to add to the University's oral history. Each of the class' 11 students is producing a 10- to 12-page paper on some aspect of the gender integration of the school; they are each interviewing students from that period about their attitudes and experiences during that time. The finished papers will eventually be placed in the University's Mary Ambler Archives, where they will be accessible for viewing by anyone who wants to look at them.

"Throughout the course, I try to pull in as much as I can about Lindenwood since our history often mirrors national issues with gender," Smith said.

Lindenwood Archivist Paul Huffman proposed the idea after coming across a copy of President John Brown's Jan. 6, 1969, report to the Board of Overseers regarding the change in policy.

"We ... were founded to meet a need that no longer exists," Brown wrote, "for



This cartoon, which appeared in Lindenwood's student newspaper, *Lindenwood College Bark*, took a humorous look at the controversy surrounding the addition of male students to the campus.

women are now welcome at almost all the great citadels of learning."

He went on to report that surveys of the top quarter of female high school students indicated that fewer than 5 percent would consider attending a women's college.

Connie Bixler ('71), who received a bachelor's in education from Lindenwood,

said she was personally not in favor of the change in enrollment policy, however, she recalled in her interview with senior Tina Smith, "Most students knew that if Lindenwood was to survive, they would need to do something different."

Mary Ratliff Clark ('70), a second generation student whose mother and aunt also graduated from Lindenwood, said in her interview with sophomore Julian Barr that she also recalls resistance to the change, not just among many students, but among alumni.

"You have to understand," she told Barr, "I hung around with a group of my mother's friends who had gone to Lindenwood. 'Aghast' was not a strong enough word to describe the way they felt about the school accepting men."

She described that first group of 15 male students as an "eclectic" group and remembers that she only had a few classes that had men in them.

Bixler, who went on to a career in education and whose daughter completed an MBA at Lindenwood, said she enjoyed taking part in the project and that it brought back many good memories.

"Lindenwood is a wonderful school and I am excited to see it growing and becoming a major landmark in St. Charles," Bixler said.

Sophomore Julian Barr interviews Mary Ratliff Clark ('70) for the project.



“I Waited 50 Years” — Youthful 80-Year-Old Enrolls in Classes

Florissant resident Tom Gibbons decided to pursue a master of fine arts degree in creative writing and enrolled in the fall term of Lindenwood University’s College for Individualized Education (LCIE) accelerated degree program. This doesn’t sound unusual, until one considers that Gibbons is 80 years old and recently finished chemotherapy treatments for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

Gibbons said he feels now is a perfectly good time to undertake a new challenge.

“I waited 50 years,” he said. “It’s the first time I feel like I really have enough time to try to do this.”

Gibbons grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and began pursuing a degree in English in 1947 at St. John’s University, before honorably serving in the Korean War. After the war, he returned to St. John’s to complete his degree in 1958.

Gibbons applied his love of writing throughout his life by writing numerous business pamphlets for his job in sales and later in environmental work. He still teaches English part-time at a local community college and is the official storyteller for the local Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish Catholic fraternal organization.

Gibbons and his wife, Ann, have raised



Tom Gibbons is one of the oldest students in Lindenwood University history.

five children. They have been a host family to a dozen high school and college-age students from around the world.

While Gibbons’ hectic schedule may have finally settled a bit, his insatiable appetite for knowledge and adventure has not.

“This is just for me because I love to learn,” he said. “I really don’t know what I’ll do with my career after I get my master’s. Maybe I’m just going to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing I got it.”

Board Member Ohmes Receives 2009 Sibley Medallion of Honor

Ronald W. Ohmes, a member of the Lindenwood University Board of Directors since 1991, received the Sibley Medallion of Honor on November 6 for his deep, ongoing commitment to the institution.

Ohmes retired several years ago from Kirchner Block and Brick, which has supplied an estimated 4.4 million bricks for Lindenwood construction projects since 1994. Before he retired, Ohmes led Kirchner through a period of growth and expansion, not unlike what Lindenwood has experienced over the years. Ohmes serves on the facilities committee and the finance and audit committee of Lindenwood’s Board of Directors. He is a generous donor, naming rooms in both the J. Scheidegger Center For the Arts and Harmon Hall.

“Ron’s love for Lindenwood has grown along with the campus,” said John Hammond, treasurer for the Board of Directors. “...when he retired in 1999, he began stepping away from all the community organizations and boards he had loyally served for so many years. But he didn’t step away from Lindenwood.”

Hammond and President James D. Evans presented the award to Ohmes at Lindenwood’s Butler Society Dinner at the Lindenwood University Club. The exclusive



Board member John Hammond, left, President James D. Evans, center, and Sibley Medallion winner Ron Ohmes, right.

dinner is held annually to recognize the institution’s top donors.

Ohmes and his wife, Janice, live in

Roach, Mo., at the Lake of the Ozarks. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dust Storm of 1934 Had Unique Impact on Lindenwood Girl

Dear Alumni Office,

As I relive my Lindenwood years (what else do 91-year-old women do?) I thought of the night the big dust storm hit the campus. In fact, I wondered how much of the history of the dust storms was being taught, aside from *The Grapes of Wrath* book and movie.

The dust storm in the fall of '34 took the entire St. Louis area by surprise. No one had predicted they would come that far east. Certainly the campus of Lindenwood was caught completely by surprise. Others may have different memories.

At that time only upperclassmen were permitted off campus during the week. Freshmen thus were denied any chance of seeing a movie that would be in St. Charles for only three days during the middle of the week. As I was teaching the freshman class of tap dancing (under the request of Marg. Stookey, head of the dancing department), I really wanted to see Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers starring in a movie at the local theatre in St. Charles. But of course, that meant the house mother of Niccols would have to stay up to let me in as all doors were locked at 10 p.m., and absolutely no permission was granted.

Not to be deterred, I talked my roommate, Marie Christensen Robb, into joining me. We waited until we were quite sure all the upper classmen had left for the movie, and we left via the fire escape on the back of the dormitory. We were shocked to find a flood light mounted on our building. As we were adjacent to the golf course, we ran across the course to the stone fence bordering the campus along the highway. We scrambled over the fence to walk on the street parallel to the main street to town

Submit Your Alumni Memories

Do you have an interesting story to share with us? Please send your interesting stories or memories of your time at Lindenwood to Director of Alumni Relations Whitney Fraier at alumni@lindenwood.edu or by U.S. Mail to Lindenwood University, Attn: Whitney Fraier, 209 South Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301.

to avoid any chance of being seen. We arrived just as the movie began and slipped into seats in the back row. We truly hated to leave the movie before the end, but we could not risk the chance of having to be seen.

As we ran out of the theater and down to the corner we were met with a blast of wind and dust that nearly knocked us off our feet. We stumbled and ran hoping we could find our way back in the darkness. When we came to the highway we actually had no idea where the campus ended. Relieved to feel the stone wall after we ran across the highway in the dark, we followed as far as we felt was beyond the campus. Scrambling over it we were delighted we were on the golf course, and a dim light showed up on the right in the distance. Yes, it was the flood light on the back of our dorm.

As we scrambled up the fire escape we prayed that no one had seen the window open and closed it. We congratulated ourselves as we were able to scramble through, getting to our rooms unseen. Nobody saw us, but two sets of very dusty footprints from the fire escape to our bedroom was all the housemother needed to see the next morning.

We were told to report to Mr. Motley in the admissions office for punishment and that he would report our crime to the student body, who would meet in assembly the following day. They would report from the stage how long we would be “campused” and we would be humiliated as the entire student body would laugh.

Trembling with fear, we entered his office. He greeted us with a “controlled” smile. “How was the movie?” he asked. We both replied at the same time, “Wonderful! You have to see it!” After a sufficient pause he asked, “And how did you find your way back in the storm without being seen?” As we related the tale of finding our way across the golf course, our fear of being seen by a sophomore, his smile broadened. He explained the seriousness of being off campus without permission. Two incidents and you are sent home. After assuring him it would never happen again, he promised to keep it to himself. He would not tell the student body president.

Mr. Motley kept his word. No wonder he was so well-loved by the students. As for the dust storm, it covered everything on campus. Dusty footprints entered every building. The sneezing and coughing and red eyes of most of us lasted only a day or so. I don't believe as heavy a dust storm hit eastern Missouri again.

I hope that you get a good laugh out of my memory of 1934, and that everyone has an enjoyable year (and no dust storms).

Sincerely,
Joan Spangler Bancel ('38)

Students Give Kubicek Hope for Future of Mental Health Care

Ken Kubicek's first taste of teaching at the college level came in 2006, when he was invited to come teach a couple of classes by Marsha Buono, the coordinator of the counseling program at Lindenwood's Belleville campus at that time.

"She had seen a couple of local articles I had written for a magazine called *Health Now* in the Sunday *Belleville News Democrat* and called me asking if I would be interested in coming in to teach some classes in substance abuse and family counseling," Kubicek said in his neatly organized office in Lindenwood—Belleville's administration building. "That was the summer of '06, and I had taught as an adjunct for the first time in spring of '06 at Saint Louis University. I really liked it and told her that if she ever had anything permanent available I would be interested."

About eight weeks later, Buono called about an opening, and he has been on Lindenwood's full-time faculty at Belleville ever since. Kubicek's career started in teaching at the high school level; he was a math teacher at St. Henry's Prep Seminary, an all-boys' boarding school in Belleville. Most of the teachers there were priests, he said, and because he had a couple of accounting classes on his transcript, he was



Dr. Ken Kubicek works in his office on the Lindenwood University—Belleville campus.

"I enjoy teaching, particularly having input into the future careers of people entering the mental health field."

—Ken Kubicek

also appointed the school's bookkeeper.

He later transferred to a position as business manager at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, but after four years he wanted

to get back into teaching and was appointed retreat coordinator at King's House, a retreat center in Belleville.

"The hot topic at that time was adult children of alcoholics," Kubicek said. "So, I designed a series of retreats, workshops, seminars, and support groups for people like that. I realized my heart was in mental health and chemical dependency, so I got a job at Memorial Hospital in Belleville and started my doctorate in counseling and family therapy at Saint Louis University."

Kubicek worked for 16 years in inpatient and outpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency at Edgewood Chemical Dependency and Treatment Center in Edwardsville, Ill., and Memorial

Hospital, which is where he was when he got that fateful call about teaching at Lindenwood.

In addition to teaching, Kubicek has also published a book, *Recovering Alcoholics: Why They Say They are Successful*, and is working on another one that focuses on alcoholics who have quit drinking without the help of Alcoholics Anonymous or other external support.

"I enjoy teaching, particularly having input into the future careers of people entering the mental health field," Kubicek said. "It surprises me, the quality of people going to work in mental health—the intelligence and desire to help people. It gives me hope for the future."

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Belleville Campus CÉLÉBRATÈS

At right, students and others wave to the crowd at the beginning of the Belleville campus' 6th Anniversary and Groundbreaking Celebration. Continuing clockwise: A photo of the early stages of construction of the new Welcome Center; the first Lindenwood-Belleville basketball player, Christopher Hursey, signs with Lindenwood as Coach Scott Spinner and Sandra Mulitsch look on; Jerry Bladdick, Vice President for Lindenwood—Belleville, addresses the crowd; Melissa Robinson sings the National Anthem; Shovels are prepared for the ceremonial groundbreaking; and President James D. Evans with St. Clair County Board Chairman and Lindenwood Board Member Mark Kern, Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert, and Lindenwood University Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake.



IT'S A FIRST for the Chicago Area

What do a banker, marathon runner, finance professional, police officer, doctoral student, University board member, writer, musician, and interior designer have in common? They are all Lindenwood University alumni!

Lindenwood President James D. Evans and his wife, Lois ('77, '85, '98), hosted the first-ever event for Chicago area alums on September 17. Although those gathered varied widely in background, and age they all share a special bond—they are proud Lindenwood alumni.

More than 20 people gathered at Mon Ami Gabi-French Bistro in Oak Brook, Illinois. In attendance were alumni: Elaine Anderson Fellowes ('43) and her friends Bill Williams and Marella, Marian "Ruth" Hordtke Tobias ('42-'43), Carol Kellogg Stoub ('57), Lindenwood Board of Directors members Nancy Calvert ('61) and Jane Calvert Rogers ('67) (who flew in from Boston to be at the event), Jerry Jirus ('88), Jacqueline Zaczek Mackowiak ('91), Anrita Brown ('92), Tamara Jackson ('92), Charlotte Skoien Norgaard ('92), Kevin Tate ('93), Briana Steele ('03), and Emily Rademan ('07). Representing the alumni office were Dr. Lucy Morros, and Whitney Fraier ('09).

The Chicago event was filled with interesting conversation, networking, and great food. Alumni enjoyed sharing stories with one another about their Lindenwood experience, their favorite memories of campus, and what they have been doing since their graduation. Evans brought the group up to date on what is going on at Lindenwood today.

The following are some interesting tidbits about the talented group of alums in attendance:

- Elaine Anderson Fellowes was a chemistry major when she attended Lindenwood in 1943. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting her fellow alums and hearing about all of the changes on the campus.
- Kevin Tate is a police officer on Chicago's south side, and while at Lindenwood he was a star basketball player.
- Marian "Ruth" Hordtke Tobias writes music and has been a performer for most of her life, even singing for the Chicago Cubs baseball team for several years. She said that attending Lindenwood made her a more confident person.



Bill Williams, Lindenwood Board Member Nancy Calvert ('61), and Elaine A. Fellowes ('43)

- Carol Kellogg Stoub has been involved with Lindenwood in many capacities over the years. A former member of the Board of Directors, she would love to see more alumni activities develop in the Chicago area.
- Tamara Jackson and Anrita Brown were college roommates and both work in the financial industry. They had a wonderful time reconnecting.
- Charlotte Skoien Norgaard is an author and recently traveled to the campus with a group of her former classmates for a "mini" reunion. She wrote a story about the event that was featured in the Fall 2009 *Connection*.
- Jerry Jirus is a business professional with years of experience who is seeking employment. At the event, he learned about the Lindenwood Career Services job posting site offered for free to Lindenwood alumni.
- Briana Steele is a talented interior design consultant who recently opened her own consulting firm. She is also an avid runner and completed a marathon in Chicago the day after the event.
- Emily Rademan is pursuing her doctoral degree in psychology and truly loves Lindenwood. She is still actively involved on campus having served as a guest



Charlotte Skoien Norgaard (left) and Tamara Jackson, both from the class of 1992

speaker for the Psychology Department. She attended the recent Homecoming and Reunion, where she was elected to the Alumni Board.

- Jacqueline Mackowiak is a marketing specialist and was on the first women's volleyball team at Lindenwood. Following the event she has been motivated to reconnect with several of her classmates.

Plans are in the works for the next Chicago area event and alumni events in other parts of the country in the coming months.

More than **500** Gather for Homecoming and Reunion

Homecoming and Reunion 2009 was a big success with more than 500 alumni in attendance from the classes of the 1930s to the present, traveling from both coasts and numerous states in between to celebrate their honored class reunions.

The weekend started with campus bus tours for alumni, guided by Lindenwood Board of Directors member Nancy Calvert ('61) and Vice President for Operations and Finance Julie Mueller ('91). Afterward, the annual Alumni and Friends Reception was held in the Hyland Performance Arena. More than 150 alumni, friends, professors emeriti, faculty and staff attended the always popular event, after which many alumni attended the opening night performance of *CATS* at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

On Saturday, the campus was brimming with activity. More than 125 alumni, students, and parents enjoyed Breakfast with the President, which was followed by the annual Alumni Association meeting.

In the late morning, alumni, students, parents, and community members lined campus streets for the second annual Homecoming and Reunion Parade, which

was led by Grand Marshals Groff Bittner, and his wife, Fern Palmer Bittner ('57), who was in charge of the equestrian program at Lindenwood for many years. Both are professors emeriti. President James D. Evans and his wife, Lois, along with members of the Homecoming Court, were chauffeured in luxury cars that were provided by Plaza Motors.

Many student organizations prepared floats on the theme, Decades of History, vying for the attention of members of the St. Charles Alumni Club, who judged the parade from a reviewing stand. "A Cross Between" was awarded a cash prize by the club for its efforts.

Also on Saturday, alumni took a stroll around campus and down memory lane, led by current students. While visiting their old residence halls and favorite haunts, many of the alums commented that they were surprised and pleased to see how much of Lindenwood's historic campus remains unchanged, even amid the campus' expansion and growth.

Later that day, alumni, students, and parents enjoyed a tailgating party in the parking lot of Harmon Hall. Guests enjoyed

live entertainment and an afternoon of good food and conversation, after which the Lions did not disappoint the big Homecoming crowd, defeating Baker University 52-30 in the football game with more than 250 alumni watching from the VIP seats at Harlen C. Hunter Athletic Stadium.

Later that day, alumni and friends gathered at a rededication of Goodall Parlor in the Memorial Arts Building, where the beautifully renovated rooms and a painting of Arthur S. Goodall by Lindenwood Art Professor John Troy were unveiled.

Finally, more than 75 alumni, friends, and supporters gathered in the lobby of the J. Scheidegger Center to honor Professor Bittner for 50 years of service and dedication to Lindenwood and her students. A seven-foot Steinway grand piano was dedicated in Bittner's honor.

Next year's Homecoming and Reunion on Oct. 15 and 16, 2010, promises to be even bigger and better. It's not too early to mark your calendar.

More than 150 attended the annual Alumni and Friends Reception, including:

(top left) Emily Brock ('67), Tom Downing, Tanya Russell Downing ('87)

(top right) Suellen Purdue Johnson ('59), Diane Floyd Goldtrap ('59 & '94)

(Bottom left): Donald Kuenzi and Martha Reid Kuenzi ('51) of Kansas City, Mo. This was the first reunion Martha has attended.

(bottom right) Mary Rankin Carlin ('59), Ann Elise Horstmann Deddens ('59), Bob Ninker, Mary Warner Ninker ('59)



2009 HOMECOMING



Above, Fern and Groff Bittner as co-grand marshals of the Lindenwood Homecoming Parade.

Below, Luke and Jessica Miers, both from the Class of 2009, at the breakfast.



Above, the Lindenwood football team enters the stadium for the Homecoming game.



& REUNION WEEKEND



Below, President James D. Evans shakes hands with Art Goodall during the rededication of the Goodall Parlor. To the left of the president is Goodall's wife, Carol, and their daughter, Jacquelyn Goodall ('83).

Jane Calvert Rogers ('67) took time out of her homecoming trip to visit Brittany Hoelscher, a junior from St. Peters, Mo. Hoelscher is resident director of Calvert Rogers Hall, the dorm Jane named for her family. Jane is a longtime member of Lindenwood's board of directors.

Below, Betty Bower Bishop, Ruth Ann Ball Haymes, and Ruth Wilke Woodland, all from the Class of 1949, enjoy the Alumni Reception on Friday.



Thank you

Reunion '09 Rousing Success!

By Whitney Fraier ('09)
Director of Alumni Relations

I would like to express a special thank you to everyone who attended this year's Homecoming and Reunion. It was truly wonderful to see everyone come out and support the weekend's festivities. One of the great things about our reunion is the opportunity to witness former classmates reconnect as if the years had never passed by. Many alums from honored classes had not seen one another for decades, and they thoroughly enjoyed catching up and sharing fond memories of their years on campus!

At the Alumni Association's annual meeting on Saturday, we elected new officers: Janet Lewien ('85, '04, '07) as president, Judy Brown ('67) first vice president, Peter Cohen ('98) second vice president, and Mary Ellen Kantz ('77 and

'91) secretary. We also welcomed alumna Emily Rademan ('07) as our newest board member.

Thanks to the generosity of our loyal alums, we were able to increase our alumni financial support level this year. Your gifts not only allow us to provide a first-class academic experience but help us to better serve our students now and for the future.

We hope that our alumni continue to be involved with the University and that you will contribute your time and talent to your alma mater. There is something for everyone: attend alumni events, become a class agent for the 2010 Homecoming and Reunion, serve as a student mentor, recruit and refer prospective students, and attend performances at our wonderful J. Scheidegger Center. There are so many ways you can be involved, and we urge you to become an active alum!

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail or feel free to drop by the alumni office so I can meet you in person. I look forward to working with you, and hope to see you at upcoming alumni events. Thank you for your terrific support of your University; we want you to be as proud of Lindenwood as we are of you.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

2010 Homecoming & Reunion October 15-16

**HONORED REUNION CLASSES:
1950, 1960, 1970, 1980,
1985, 1990, 1995,
2000, 2005**

Pioneer Days at Historic Daniel Boone Home a Fun Event for All

The Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village hosted its annual Pioneer Days this September 19-20. This year, Pioneer Days was reinvented, offering more activities and programs to guests, as well as the return of the pre-1840s muzzleloader competition. The full day of action helped create record numbers for the Boone Home. Guests were able to meet and see first-hand life on the frontier and the many challenges faced. Reenactors camped and wandered the village sharing stories, music, and tricks of the trade.

Pioneer Days this year also provided several special programs and demonstrations throughout the day. Some of these programs included cordage demonstrations, pioneer dancing, frontier cooking, and a chance to meet Daniel Boone and Lewis and Clark. There were also several music demonstrations, such as fiddle music performed by William Ray.

Demonstrations and programs were not the only activities to participate in. Children had a chance to explore the Kid's Village. Kids of all ages were able to play pioneer

games, such as graces, tug-of-war, checkers, tomahawk throwing, and walking on stilts. However, the favorite activity by far was the pie-eating contest in which kids were able to dive into their favorite pies.

The Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village are owned by Lindenwood University. The property remains a popular tourist attraction, but also serves as an important Lindenwood educational site.



Two campers who participated in Pioneer Days. The small boy was dressed after the famous Daniel Boone.



Kids diving into their favorite pies during the Pie Eating Contest.



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.

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

Musings on Legacies, Emergency Textbook Fund, Endowed Gifts, and More

By Eric O. Stuhler

Director of Planned Giving and In-House Legal Counsel

As I conversed with alumni during Homecoming this year, I was met with a host of questions concerning articles I had written over the last three years. I was shocked by the number of persons reading this column (you, for example) and the items they remembered. As I begin my fourth year as your Director of Planned Giving, I am compelled to bring you up to date on a multitude of topics.

Year-End Appeal It's that time of year. As I prepare to don my Santa suit for another Christmas Walk, it just seems right to put Lindenwood on your holiday gift list. Plan to be one of the many donors making a gift to Lindenwood towards our year-end appeal. Your deductible donation makes many things here at Lindenwood possible and allows you to show your generosity while reaping tax advantages. Just use the envelope inside this magazine and make your University proud!

Planning Your Legacy Many of you responded to the reminder to make a future donation to Lindenwood of \$1,000 or more in your estate plan. Giving in this manner makes you a member of the highly regarded Sibley Heritage Society. The number of members continues to grow, making planned giving expectancies the key in our development efforts.

IRA Rollover Institutional Advancement just processed another savvy donor's IRA rollover gift. This popular opportunity may come to an end after December 31, 2009, so take advantage of this extraordinary benefit to qualifying donors 70 1/2 years or age or older. Please call my office at (636) 949-4617 for details.

Hammers I received many inquiries about the number of hammers I now own.

After turning 50, I realized that it was time to stop acquiring stuff and divest by doing some "living giving." I am down from the original 19 hammers I had in my possession to 12. I still have a way to go in my giving . . . and maybe you do too, in terms of an annual gift. Do you, by any chance, need a hammer?

Emergency Textbook Fund The idea of a textbook fund was explored after learning that we sometimes lose students simply because they cannot afford their textbooks. We are seeking grants and endowing programs, yet a multitude of smaller gifts is necessary to keep this popular fund going.

I had a student walk into my office who needed a book for a class assignment the next day. The fund was dry at the time, so I lent him \$160 until he could process his student loans. I failed to ask his name as he left my office, but three weeks later he left a bank envelope on my desk with the money and a big "thank you." We need your gifts for textbooks during these tough times for students.

Weight Watchers Remember how I was conned into joining the campus Weight Watchers group by our CFO? Well, thankfully, after losing a few pounds, it disbanded. I have now been targeted by students working toward their degrees as personal trainers at our newly acquired High Intensity Training Center (designed to enhance our athletes) and have agreed to be a guinea PIG for their weight reduction training. Here I go again! Maybe you could pledge a dollar for each pound I lose.

Life Insurance My daughter and son-in-law (both teachers and Lindenwood grads) have celebrated a year of marriage and have built themselves a home as they

plan for their future. This is a good reminder for younger alums to take advantage of record low insurance rates to fund a substantial donation to Lindenwood. There are ways to realize substantial tax savings with such a planned gift. Life insurance is a very effective way to maximize one's giving. Oh, by the way, I still have one single daughter available to the right applicant.

Time Capsule The contents of Dr. Roemer's 1929 time capsule are now on public display on the first floor of Roemer Hall. We still do not know why he put a stick of grape chewing gum into the capsule. A stainless steel time capsule has been procured to replace the old lead one, and the President has it in his office for future use.

Duct Tape - Endowed Gifts Thea Born, a new benefactor to the University, has now joined the ranks of Judge Watson who left a substantial bequest for an endowed gift to the institution in 1878. She still enjoys going to the theater here on campus and never misses a performance. Tax-deductible endowed gifts are the duct tape that holds things together during uncertain times. Thanks, Thea!

The Linden Tree My donated linden tree, which survived the summer, still has eight leaves on it. I am sure that it will grow straight and strong and become a symbol of planned giving here at Lindenwood. One does not always enjoy the shade of a newly planted tree, but others yet to come will be grateful for the foresight. Make your tax-deductible planned gift by year's end, save money on taxes, and be a part of Lindenwood University's unprecedented growth and success.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have lost some of our alums over the years and we need your help in trying to find them.

To view a complete listing visit us online at www.lindenwood.edu/alumni.

Help us find your classmates, so our 2010 Homecoming & Reunion is a success!

Get Your Lindenwood Lifetime Email Account Today!

As you change jobs, addresses, and Internet access providers throughout your lifetime, your Lindenwood e-mail address (for example jane.doe@alumni.lindenwood.edu) will remain constant. Friends, business associates, and family will always be able to reach you. 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" tab. For additional information please 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!



The Russian State Ballet Theatre will perform Tchaikovsky's timeless *Swan Lake* at 8 p.m. on Jan. 22 at Lindenwood's Bezemes Family Theater in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. Tickets, which run from \$25 to \$55, are available in the Scheidegger Center Box Office—(636) 949-4433—or online at www.lindenwood.edu/center. And don't forget Shen Yun, which features classical Chinese dance and music, February 11,12,13.

Russian State Ballet Theatre Returns to Lindenwood

Alumni and friends will have a rare opportunity in January to see Tchaikovsky's immortal *Swan Lake* performed by one of Russia's premiere ballet companies. The Russian State Ballet Theatre will present the full-length ballet at 8 p.m. on Jan. 22 at Lindenwood's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

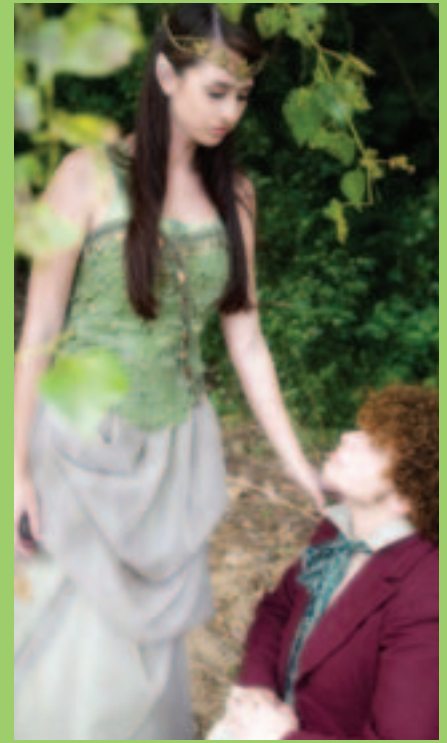
Presented in the center's 1,200-seat Bezemes Family Theater, the performance will be one not easily forgotten. This will be the second time in two years the company has performed at Lindenwood. Tickets for the performance range from \$25 for balcony seats to \$55 for "Platinum" seating. Parterre

seats cost \$35, and orchestra seats cost \$45.

To purchase tickets, visit www.lindenwood.edu/center or call the Scheidegger Center Box Office at (636) 949-4433. The Scheidegger Center is located at 2300 West Clay St. in St. Charles, one block west of First Capitol Drive.

Set to music by Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky, the ballet tells in four acts the story of a young prince who falls in love with a maiden transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer. The Russian State Ballet Theatre was founded in Moscow in the late 1980s.

Upcoming Student Productions J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts



From the Lindenwood Theatre season opener *The Hobbit*

Improv
Jan. 29-30; 7:30 p.m.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
Feb. 18-20; 7:30 p.m.

Student One-Acts
Feb. 25-27; 7:30 p.m.
March 18-20; 7:30 p.m.

"Anything Goes"
Feb. 25-27; 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28; 2 p.m.
March 4-6; 7:30 p.m.
March 7; 2 p.m.

Dance Concert
April 22-24; 7:30 p.m.

Musical Revue
April 30-May 1; 7:30 p.m.

Voices Only Concert
May 3-4; 7:30 p.m.

Student Conductor Series
May 6; 7:30 p.m.

Fashion Show
May 7-9; 7:30 p.m.

Class Notes

'50s

Eloise Batts Hobday ('51) was married to Edward Hobday in August 1950. She resides in Newark, Del., and has six children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sally Snelling Howell ('55) and her husband, Dr. Ray Howell, Jr., were recently featured in the Lindenwood 2009 Homecoming and Reunion brochure. A picture of the couple was used for this year's reunion pieces, and the photograph was taken on Lindenwood's campus when they were dating. Sally and Ray have been married for 56 years, and they reside in Florissant, Mo.

Marian Mann Frederick ('59-'60) was recently married on August 19, 2009, and is a retired school teacher. She majored in art while attending Lindenwood and currently resides in West Des Moines, Iowa.

'60s

Mary Gibson Montgomery ('62) majored in physical education at Lindenwood and lived in Nicolls and Sibley Halls. She is very proud of her four children and enjoys spending time with her nine grandchildren. She currently resides in Leesburg, Fla., in an adult community.

Patricia Thurmond Wade ('63) was recently honored for her community involvement at the 2009 CornFest Business and Community Luncheon in Obion County, Tenn. Pat was recognized for her involvement in many projects and commitments that benefit her community artistically. She is a member of many local and national organizations and is a well known painter whose artwork and murals grace the walls of many local buildings in her hometown of Union City, Tenn.

Drewanna King Schutte ('64) graduated with a nursing degree from Lindenwood. She is a proud alumna and is happy to report that her grandson is currently attending Lindenwood as a freshman this year. She resides in Warrenton, Mo.

Bertita Trabert Graebner ('67) is self-employed as a life coach. She recently completed her Ph.D. with a concentration in transpersonal psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. She recently published a book entitled *A New Tree of Knowledge-Metaphor in Christian Community*. She resides in Menlo Park, Calif.

'70s

Jerry Weems ('78) was recently elected district governor for the Rotary Club International District 6060 (Eastern Missouri). Jerry has been involved with the Rotary since 1980 and is also very active in his community. He was honored as the Ambassador of the Year with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and is also involved with the United Way of St. Francois County. He has also served on the Friends of Scouting Steering Committee. He graduated with a bachelor's in communication arts and broadcasting and resides in Farmington, Mo.

'80s

Anne McCormack ('81) recently received the 2009 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She has been a teacher for 36 years and has taught at St. Gerard Majella School for three years. She teaches computer education to students in grades three through eight. She resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Laurie Eileen Kannawurf ('83) graduated with her bachelor's from Lindenwood and currently resides in Fenton, Mo., with her 5-year-old son Kyle.

Earl Austin Jr. ('86) has written a book "You Might Need a Jacket: Hilarious Stories of Wacky Sports Parents." It is a collection of more than 200 stories and anecdotes that chronicle the behavior of "Straitjacket Parents," which is the term that Austin and his friends created to describe these moms and dads who go overboard in their support of their children's sports activities. Austin, an award-winning sports journalist, lives in Ferguson, Mo., and is an inaugural member of Lindenwood's Athletics Hall of Fame (2007).

Dan Korte ('88) has been appointed president, defense aerospace, for Rolls-Royce, the global power systems company. Prior to joining Rolls-Royce, Korte served as executive vice president and general manager for Global Strike Systems, a division of the Boeing Military Aircraft business. He has an MBA from Lindenwood and a bachelor's in electrical engineering from Southern Illinois University. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Laura Jenkins Boitnott ('89) is the district sales manager at Wausau Paper. She and her two children, Meghan and Corbin, live in St. Peters, Mo.

Elise Eberwein ('89) was recently promoted to executive vice president, people and communications, for US

Airways. In this role, she will lead all human resources and communications efforts for the airline. She was a mass communications major at Lindenwood and resides in Scottsdale, Ariz.

'90s

Keith Zimmer ('93) is a real estate agent with RE/MAX Results. He played football while attending Lindenwood and currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Edward "Donnie" Dillard ('95) is an accountant for Tech Data Corporation in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he currently resides. He was recently inducted into the 2009 Lindenwood Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. He was a track and field All American and national champion and also played football while attending Lindenwood.

Chris Richardson ('96) is currently working for Wells Fargo Bank as an implementation manager. While at Lindenwood, he was a member of the varsity football team. He and his wife Jill live in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Darian Westerfield ('97) is employed at Indiana State University as a fundraiser. He was a member of the wrestling team at Lindenwood and majored in political science. He currently resides in Terre Haute, Ind.

Ryan Wilkie ('97) is a detective for the City of Pittsburg, Calif. He resides in Brentwood, Calif., with his wife Cynthia and children Jackson and Jenner.

Thomas Winkelman ('97) is the director of operations for Winkelmann Sons Drug. He ran cross country and participated in track and field while at Lindenwood. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Martha Ahner ('98) is on the materials and process engineer staff at Lockheed Martin Company in Palmdale, Calif. She received her bachelor's in chemistry from Arizona State University, a master's in material engineering from California State University in Northridge, and her MBA from Lindenwood. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Rosamond, Calif.

Nina Balsam ('98) recently served as the keynote speaker for The School of Social Work Fall Conference at the University of Missouri. She has been a long-standing advocate for victims of domestic violence and is a consultant in the areas of restorative justice, domestic violence, nonprofit management and public policy. She has a J.D. from Washington University and a master's in human service agency management from Lindenwood and resides in St. Louis, Mo.

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Dr. Denise Bickel-Swenson ('98) graduated with her Ph.D. in social work with an emphasis in end-of-life care from the University of Missouri-Columbia in May 2009. She currently resides in Rocheport, Mo.

Cortney Hupper Lenk ('99) and her husband Adam announce the birth of their first daughter, Blair Dwyer. Blair was born on May 26, 2009. Cortney was the Lindenwood Alumni Association Board of Directors president from 2005 to 2009, and she resides with her family in Troy, Mo.

Kathia G. Arjona Jiménez ('98) is currently a homemaker, taking care of her two children, Kamila and Samuel, with her husband Julio Adames. They reside in Panama.

'00s

Marlo G. Barsallo ('00) is working for the United Nations in Panama, where she currently resides. She received a BA in marketing from Lindenwood.

Chris Grass ('00) is owner of Gordon's Stoplight Drive and Grass Properties and coaches high school football. He was a member of the 1996 to 2000 Lion football teams and majored in business administration. He resides in Crystal City, Mo.

Leslie Pohlmann Payne ('00) and her husband Scott have had the privilege of adopting two children. Owen is now 4 and was born in South Korea and Avery, 2, was born in Vietnam. She taught kindergarten and second grade in the public school system and then transferred to the Little Guppy Child Development Center, where she is currently the director. She and her family reside in St. Charles, Mo.

Christopher Schoener ('00) is an account representative at Enterprise Rent A Car. He was a member of the men's soccer team and played from 1996 to 2000. He currently resides in Dearborn, Mich.

Andrea Glenn Story ('00) is the PAT educator at Charleston High School. She resides in Charleston, Mo.

Cindy Rubattino ('01) is the chief assistant at the Panama Education Ministry's Language Department and is working on a degree in English at Universidad Cristiana de Panama. She resides in Arraijan, Panama, with her daughter Cindy Jaramillo Rubattino, who is 2 years old.

Ron Huskey ('02) is employed by Sears as a store manager. He was an all-conference player on the Lindenwood football team from 1998 to 2000. He currently resides in Crystal City, Mo.

Jessica Kruse Hays ('00 & '03) is a MCR generalist for The HON Company in Muscatine, Iowa, where she currently resides with her husband Kevin and children Ethan and Mason.

Travis Bailey ('03 & '05) was recently married to Leann Allemann of Washington, Mo. The couple was united in marriage on April 25 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Washington. Travis earned his BFA and MFA in Studio Art and is employed as a graphic designer at Paramount Apparel Inc., in Bourbon. The couple resides in Union, Mo.

Silvia Barbagallo-Young ('03) is a paraprofessional for the Fort Zumwalt School District. She has recently obtained a master's in education from University of Phoenix and she currently resides in O'Fallon, Mo., with her husband Jay, who serves in the U.S. Army.

Nicole Evans ('03) was appointed as the new principal for the Craig Elementary School in the Parkway School District. She previously served as a certified administrative assistant at Parkway School District's Hanna Woods Elementary School from 2005 to 2009. She received her master's in educational administration from Lindenwood and is pursuing her Ed.D. at Maryville University.

Gregory Fisher ('03) was recently married to Kelly M. Steagall on May 15, 2009. He is a sales professional with CINTAS and resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Mike Schmerold ('03) has been appointed principal of Mason Ridge Elementary School in the Parkway School District. He previously worked in the Wentzville School District as an early childhood principal, elementary principal, and assistant principal. He received his specialist in educational administration degree from Lindenwood. He resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Dustian Blomker ('04) was recently hired as a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments. He resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Matthew Seeds ('04) has been appointed by St. Charles Mayor Patti York as the city's new community relations liaison. He recently served as the campaign manager for Missouri State Rep. Mark Parkinson of St. Charles County and state Sen. Scott Rupp of Wentzville. He resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Martin Tichenor ('04) has recently accepted a position as the executive director of the Foster Grandparents organization in Marshall, Mo., where he currently resides. He received a master's in human service

agency management from Lindenwood.

Bond Wilkison ('04) recently formed his own general practice law firm, Wilkison Law Offices, L.L.C., in St. Louis after working for Cline & Dykhouse, L.L.C. in Columbia, Mo. Areas of his practice include family law, criminal law, personal injury, business law, and estate planning. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Ryan Aubuchon ('05) is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Florissant, Mo. He resides in Wright City, Mo., with his wife Melissa and two daughters, Alyssa and Jillian.

Melissa Ann Berger ('05) is the Physical Education/Health Teacher for the Hazelwood School District. She played softball for Lindenwood and continues to coach and resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Gregory D. Cannon ('05) recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Gerald Connor ('05) is a probation officer and currently resides in St. Paul's, St. Kitts. He was a member of the soccer team from 2001 to 2005 and graduated with a degree in social work.

Tiana Ringor Montgomery ('05 & '08) was married to James Montgomery II of Belleville, Ill., on August 1 in O'Fallon, Ill, where she currently resides. Tiana is currently the assistant principal at North Elementary School in the Alton Community Unit School District #11. She is currently working on her doctor of education degree at Lindenwood.

Joseph Murphy ('05) is a YMCA camp director for the Auburn YMCA in Auburn, N.Y. He ran cross country while at Lindenwood, and currently resides in Auburn.

Joi Wills ('05 & '09) has been named principal of Fulton Junior High School in O'Fallon, Ill. Previously she was the assistant principal at Fulton Junior High, special education teacher at Belleville East High School, and special education teacher at Cahokia's Wirth Middle School. She received her master's degree in education administration and her specialist degree in educational administration from Lindenwood. She resides in Shiloh, Ill.

Stephen L. Cox ('06) is a business account manager for AT&T Mobility. He lives in O'Fallon, Mo., with his wife Samantha and their five children.

Katie Franke ('06) is a graphic designer at Independent's Service Co., located in Hannibal, Mo. She currently resides in Frankford, Mo.

ALUMNI

Stephen Knubley ('06) became a Missouri licensed professional counselor with national certification and launched in September 2009 a private practice, Knubley Counseling LLC, in Des Peres, Mo. He sees a wide range of clients and takes some insurance plans. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Jamie Hairston Rinella ('06) is an accountant at the Boeing Company. She resides in O'Fallon, Mo. with her husband Anthony.

Louisa Robinson Swafford ('06) recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary to Bradley Swafford, II ('06), and they are expecting their first child in April 2010. She currently is employed by Universal Forest Products and resides in Wentzville, Mo.

Roudina Thomsen ('06, '07 & '08) was recently recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in customer service. *Who's Who* is an exclusive organization that recognizes and empowers executives, professionals and entrepreneurs throughout the world. Thomsen is the assistant registrar for Lindenwood and has held the position for five years.

Tammy Fisher Curry ('07) was recently married and relocated to St. Charles, Mo. While at Lindenwood, she majored in early childhood education.

Jennifer Frazier ('07) is a community support worker for Bridgeway Behavioral Health. She resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Stephanie Hartman ('07) is currently an athletic trainer for TERRIO Physical Therapy and Fitness and works at Graces Memorial High School. She played volleyball while attending Lindenwood, and currently resides in Bakersfield, Calif.

Eric Rowe ('07) has been named administrative intern for Parkway West Middle School. Rowe taught world history at Mary Institute and Country Day School and literature and social studies at Loyola Academy. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Mollie Birkhead Shaw ('07) was married to Edward Shaw II on Sept. 12 at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic

Church. She graduated with a degree in early childhood education and is employed by Elaine Rosi Academy for Children in Wildwood, Mo.

Jamie Swope ('07) is beginning her second year as music teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in University City, Mo., and was accepted as the conductor of the St. Charles County Youth Orchestra for the 2009-10 season. She resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Mike Brinks ('08) was appointed superintendent of High Mount School District 116 in Illinois. Previously he served as the principal of High Mount School for nine years, prior to which he taught there for three years. He received his specialist in educational administration degree at Lindenwood and currently resides in New Baden, Ill.

Erica Phillips Jackson ('08) is currently pursuing her master's in teaching with a concentration in secondary English at Fontbonne University. She resides in St. Louis, Mo., with her husband Robert and children Robert Jackson Jr., Cidney, Alyssa, Theodore, and Elizabeth.

Brian Karraker ('08) was appointed superintendent of New Athens School District 60 in Illinois. Previously he was the principal at Emge Junior High, principal at Signal Hill School, math teacher at West Junior High and math teacher at Central Elementary School in the district. He received his specialist in educational administration degree at Lindenwood and resides in Belleville, Ill.

Andrea Leach ('08) is a music specialist at the Overton and Maedgen Elementary Schools in the Lubbock Independent School District. At Lindenwood she was a music education major, was a member of the choir, band and Sigma Alpha Iota, and was the Lucette Stumberg Flanagan Scholar. She is a member of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and resides in Lubbock, Texas.

Jared West ('08) is a project manager/sales manager for H2O Sprinklers, Inc. He played football while attending Lindenwood. He currently resides in Irving, Texas.

Bo Caddell ('09) is currently a substitute teacher for the Somerset School District in Somerset, Texas, where he resides. He was a member of the Lindenwood men's baseball team from 2005 to 2009.

Tom Coppotelli ('09) was appointed to assistant chief of the Collinsville Police Department. His experiences range from patrol to investigations, to the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, and he was promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, and ultimately, major, earning multiple certifications. Tom received his bachelor's in criminal justice and resides in Collinsville with his wife, two children, two stepchildren and two grandchildren.

Mark Fedak ('09) is a police officer for the City of Maryland Heights, Mo. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Davina Horton ('09) was recently promoted to promotions assistant for Bonneville Media Group in St. Louis. She resides in St. Charles, Mo., and has a bachelor's in communications.

William Lindman ('09) was recently accepted into the Peace Corps service and in August began training in Uganda. He will be working as a community health and economic development volunteer. He received his bachelor's in criminal justice and is from Jackson, Mo.

Molly Metz ('09) was recently hired as a job developer for MERS/Goodwill in St. Louis. She is a recent graduate of the nonprofit administration program and resides in Ballwin, Mo.

Lauren Ramirez ('09) is the development assistant for the Texas Can Academy in Dallas, Tex. She was a graduate of the Nonprofit Administration program and currently resides in McAllen, Texas.

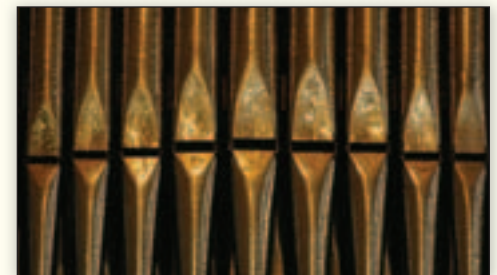
Bill Senti ('09) has been assigned assistant principal for Northeast Middle School in the Parkway School District. He served as an administrative intern at Parkway West Middle School and was a teacher at the Rockwood School District. He currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Guess What This Is

Can you tell what is pictured at right and where it is? If so, please email your answer to alumni@lindenwood.edu. Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. Five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

In last issue's "Guess What This Is," the picture was of Lindenwood President John Roemer's two dogs, Kurt and Lin, who would often be seen many places around campus.

The winner from the Fall 2009 Connection is Steve Williams ('01).



NEWS & NOTES

Tom Wallace — *A Dear Coworker and Beloved Friend*

It is with great sadness that the Lindenwood Community grapples with news of the sudden death of Tom Wallace, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, in Lindenwood's Institutional Advancement office.

Tom was a seasoned professional who taught his co-workers so much about donor and alumni relations activities. His experience transcended day-to-day operations; he taught us even when we didn't ask. He spent countless hours volunteering at alumni events such as the Alumni and Friends picnic and Homecoming and Reunion, to mention a few.

A behind-the-scenes organizer and implementer, Tom was in charge of setting up meetings with corporate and foundation leaders and was the key leader in Lindenwood's School of Business and Entrepreneurship Campaign, the Lindenwood United Way campaign, and our annual University appeals.

Tom taught us that you can be successful and still maintain high ethical standards and your individuality. He was a humble man who never expected praise but was highly respected by those with whom he came in contact. He was chosen as Lindenwood's employee of the month for July.

Tom was devoted to Lindenwood, but was also a devout family man. He was proud of his family, his wife Linda, four children and two grandchildren, who would often be present at Lindenwood alumni events. One of his sons, Jeffrey, is a Lindenwood senior.

Tom was a role model and a mentor, and he taught us that the heart of life is good. He will be missed, yet the time and memories that were shared with him will be forever cherished.

In an email to faculty and staff about Tom's death, President James D. Evans described him as "modest and unassuming but knowledgeable and utterly devoted to his family and Lindenwood."



Tom Wallace at the 2009 Alumni Picnic.

In Memoriam Alumni

Viola Wolfort Gautier-Farrey ('28-'29)

Florida City, Fla.

Margaret Wilhoit Stanfield ('32)

Kansas, Ill.

Marjorie Filkins McEniry ('34)

Birmingham, Ala.

Beulah Geyer Latash ('36)

Prairie Village, Kan.

Virginia Simpson Burroughs ('37)

University City, Mo.

Margaret Wedge Blackburn Clausen ('38)

Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

Jennie Sager Moulton ('39-'40)

Moultonboro, N.H.

Joyce Davis Striegel ('39)

Sioux City, Iowa

Martha Munday Baier ('40)

Boulder, Colo.

Lillian Hays Huff ('40)

Albuquerque, N.M.

Johnnie Lou Brown Bingman-Dugger ('41)

Okmulgee, Okla.

Geraldine Radal Kleist ('41)

Ogallala, Neb.

Irene Altheide Korte ('41)

Virginia Beach, Va.

Vera Douthat Sink ('41)

Fairway, Kan.

Louise Heins Laitner ('42)

Carrollton, Mo.

Wilhelmina F. Jashemski

Lindenwood Faculty '42-'45

Silver Spring, Md.

Jo "Jody" Baker McCaslin ('43)

Tulsa, Okla.

Peggy Davidson Thompson ('44)

Merriam, Kan.

Phyllis Ann Willson Connally ('45-'46)

Tulsa, Okla.

Betty Schroer Friauf ('45)

Atlanta, Ga.

Alice Kimbrough Williams ('45)

Richmond, Va.

Rosalie "Lee" Eddy Hough ('46)

Sikeston, Mo.

Jean Paulson Plotz ('46)

Delray Beach, Fla.

Jimmy Bartle Taylor ('46)

Fort Worth, Texas

Betty Grimmer Rosenberger ('47)

Fort Sumner, N.M.

Marcia Ashland Connell ('48)

Clear Lake, Iowa

Elizabeth Leeper Millbern ('48)

Longwood, Fla.

Frances Woldridge ('52)

Springfield, Mo.

Jacqueline Owens Berry ('55)

Santa Fe, N.M.

Elizabeth Schnurr Schwartz ('56)

Louisville, Colo.

Roxie Greene Donahue ('58)

Langley, Wash.

Marleta Callahan ('63)

Bryant, Ark.

Linda Spradlin ('63)

Wilton Manors, Fla.

Jane Curtis Gurokovich ('64)

Dayton, Ohio

Susan Russell Martin ('69)

Avondale, Pa.

Joan Singley DeKruif ('71)

Bluffton, S.C.

Jean Payne Volz ('78)

Ashburn, Va.

John Contos ('83)

Waterloo, Ill.

Ronald Eaton ('85)

Maryland Heights, Mo.

Richard Butler ('86)

St. Peters, Mo.

Kenneth Tate ('88)

Chicago, Ill.

Peter McGuire ('03)

St. Charles, Mo.

Shelby Russell ('04)

St. Charles, Mo.

Tracey Luhr ('07)

Waterloo, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

Tom Wallace

Lindenwood Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Hall of Fame Adds Nine to Membership

The Lindenwood University Athletic Hall of Fame opened its doors during Homecoming Weekend and ushered nine new members into the exclusive club that represents the very best in the history of Lions and Lady Lions sports.

The Class of 2009 was inducted at the third annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Oct. 10 and more than 100 people were present at the emotional event welcoming in the newest members.

Leading the 2009 class was meritorious service winner Randy Biggerstaff, a Lindenwood employee since 1997 who started the school's athletic training education program. Biggerstaff fondly remembered inductees Steve Crotz, Max Brown and others, and thanked the Lindenwood administration for the "opportunity of a lifetime."

Crotz, who served as Lindenwood's athletic director in the mid-1990s, earned induction honors in the coaching category for leading the women's basketball team to five conference championships in his six seasons at the school.

Five student-athletes earned a place in the Hall of Fame: Max Brown (football), Marijke Callebaut (women's soccer), Edward Donnie Dillard (track and field), Skip Hall (men's basketball/baseball), Branko Savic (men's soccer), and Kelli Wind (diving).

Brown was a three-time all-conference quarterback who led Lindenwood to its first postseason appearance in 1998. Brown joked with Biggerstaff, his former trainer, and said he would love to play again on the turf at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium.

Callebaut was a three-time All-American and led the Lady Lions to three NAIA



The 2009 Hall of Fame class includes (back row from left) Max Brown, Edward Donnie Dillard, Matt Novak, Ken Moeser, Rhys Boschert, Andy Hayes, Chris Kahre, Mark Abney, Dave Kozlowski (front row from left) Skip Hale, Randy Biggerstaff, and Steve Crotz. Not pictured, Kelli Wind, Marijke Callebaut, and Branko Savic

quarterfinal appearances.

Dillard was the first Lindenwood athlete to win an individual national championship when he won the 60-yard dash at the 1994 NAIA Indoor Championships.

Hale was a two-sport star who earned all-conference honors in baseball and basketball in the late 1970s.

Savic collected 80 goals and 58 assists, and was a four-time All-American in his career from 2000-03.

Wind was a three-time national champion diver and was named the NAIA Diver of the Meet in 2002.

The final induction was the 2001-02 roller hockey team which won the NCRHA National Championship and started a string of seven straight national titles for the program.



Max Brown Sr. snaps a photo of his son's induction into the Hall of Fame.

Volleyball Continues Dominance; Soccer, Field Hockey, Water Polo Wrap Up

It is a great accomplishment for any team to go undefeated for an entire conference season, but the Lady Lions volleyball team has taken it to another level though in 2009 by not losing a conference match for the third consecutive season. Lindenwood went 28-11 during the regular season and captured its fifth straight HAAC Championship.

Soccer

Both Lindenwood soccer programs had roller coaster 2009 campaigns, but when the dust settled the Lions and Lady Lions tied for fifth in the HAAC standings. The women's soccer team defeated four nationally-ranked teams but struggled

offensively in conference play and finished with a 4-4-1 mark. The men's team played for second-place in the HAAC on the final day of the regular season but lost and ended with a 5-3-1 HAAC record.

Field Hockey

Under first-year head coach Meg Lake, the Lindenwood field hockey team won six of its final seven games to finish with a 6-5 record. The late season push enabled the program to finish above .500 for the third straight season.

Men's Water Polo

The first conference championship of the 2009-10 school year came in the pool

when the Lions water polo team won the Missouri Valley Division Championship. Lindenwood went 14-5 during the regular season and advanced to the Division I National Tournament in its first season at that level.

LindenwoodLions.com

For up-to-the-minute news on all 46 Lindenwood varsity athletic teams, including postseason results for the fall sports teams, check the official athletics website at www.lindenwoodlions.com.

Undefeated Lions Enter Postseason on Top

Lindenwood University football Coach Patrick Ross has built such a strong program that expectations are always high. Despite the lofty goals for the 2009 Lions, Lindenwood easily exceeded them during the regular season with one of the top teams in school history and one of the most explosive offenses in NAIA history.

The No. 3-ranked Lions finished the regular season with a 10-0 record, just the second time at Lindenwood that a football team has not lost a game before the postseason. Lindenwood captured its third Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) Championship in the last six years and extended its conference winning streak to 19 games.

The turning point when the Lions

turned their season into something special came during week three of the season against nationally-ranked Missouri Valley. Quarterback Philip Staback led a last minute drive and threw a game-winning touchdown pass with just 20 seconds remaining. A week later in a top-10 showdown with MidAmerica Nazarene, Lindenwood delivered an early knockout blow with 21 straight points in the first five minutes of the game. With wins over the other two top teams in the conference, Lindenwood cruised through its final six games without another game being closer than 10 points.

Editor's note- The deadline for *Connection* was before the 2009 football playoffs. Visit lindenwoodlions.com to see how the Lions fared in the postseason.



LU quarterback Phillip Staback looks for a target downfield.

Lion Boosters "A Perfect Way" to Reconnect with your Team

Lindenwood University's new Athletic Booster Club is getting quite a bit of attention in alumni circles and throughout the community.

President James D. Evans launched the endeavor this fall and hired Jane Baum to direct the University's Booster efforts. Alums from many sports are showing interest, Baum said, and a wildly successful fundraising breakfast on October 29 contributed to the club's notoriety.

"We have thousands of alums who are

former Lindenwood athletes," said Evans. "By joining the Booster Club, they can reconnect with some of their teammates and get involved in a new and exciting effort."

The club's first event, "Breakfast with Brad," was a basketball fundraising event headlined by new Lindenwood University men's basketball coach Brad Soderberg. Baum said other fundraisers are in the works, including luncheons next fall with football coach Patrick Ross and much more.

"Attendance is up at our athletic events,

and Lindenwood is developing quite an athletic profile," said Baum, herself a former Lindenwood basketball, softball, and volleyball player. "The Booster Club is a perfect way for our athletic alums to plug in to Lindenwood once again."

For more information on becoming a member of the Booster Club, call Baum at (636) 949-4427 or email her at jbaum@lindenwood.edu.



Lindenwood coaches Joe Parisi, left, and Brad Soderberg, right, discuss the University's new athletic booster club with assistant athletic director Chanda Jackson. One of the first things the Booster Club did was fund the new Hyland Arena shades in the background.

Athletic Game Alumni Discounts

Alumni can now receive half-price tickets to regular season LU sporting events by presenting a Lindenwood Alumni Card and driver's license.

Any family member who accompanies an alum will also receive \$1 off regular season ticket prices.

To get your Lindenwood alumni card today email alumni@lindenwood.edu

Come out and support your Lindenwood Lions Athletics!

New Alumni Association President is Elected

By Jan Lewien, '85, '04, '07
Alumni Board President

What a joy it was to see hundreds of former Lindenwood students returning to the campus to participate in the 2009 Alumni Reunion festivities. As the incoming president of the Alumni Association, the reunion provided me with an opportunity to visit with alumni representing past decades of Lindenwood students. Alumni weekend began with a reception at the Hyland Performance Arena. We were honored to have many members of the 60th reunion class return, including one all the way from Alabama.

Several other former students from honored classes were also in attendance, as were many other alumni. What was even more fun was visiting with "suite mates" who went through the Lindenwood years together and hearing them reminisce about their experiences – many of them returning to the campus for the first time in years! There were several festivities planned for the weekend, and we were all kept busy looking at the changes throughout the campus.

Even as the campus now returns to its regular schedule of classes and student activities, the Alumni Board will start to plan for next year's Reunion Weekend, and we will be working with honored class representatives to continue to build alumni participation at this event. In the upcoming months, we also plan to meet to discuss and create alumni projects that will enhance our institution, and that will provide alumni with opportunities to get involved.

I encourage alumni to continue their support of Lindenwood, through attending any of the events sponsored at the university as well as productions presented at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. And, if



Jan Lewien '85, '04, '07, has been elected as alumni board president, replacing Cortney Lenk, whose term expired. Lewien assumed her position in October.

you are thinking of returning to school for advanced learning, consider Lindenwood's excellent master's and doctoral programs.

The members of the Alumni Board and I greatly appreciate all of you who have supported the University through your donations, volunteer time, and continued presence on the campus. As we come into the holiday season and remember those who have impacted our lives, I hope you remember Lindenwood and how important this great University is to all of us.

I look forward to serving you and Lindenwood,

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

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