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## A Message From President Evans You Can Go Home

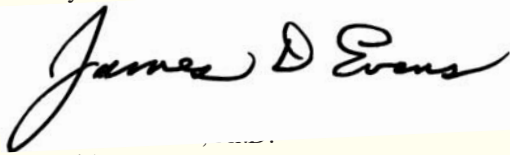
When I interviewed for a professorship here in 1974, I did so mostly to satisfy my curiosity. Although my heart had been set on securing a faculty position at a large research-oriented institution, something about the story and character of the little college in charming St. Charles, Missouri attracted my tentative interest. The rest is history. Although there were many times over the past three and a half decades when alternative professional opportunities beckoned, I have never caught sight of an incentive sufficient to pull me away from this beautiful higher-learning environment. Such is the inherent magnetism of Lindenwood. There is just something about the unique gestalt of the setting, people, and spirit here.

It delights me beyond words to think about the many colleagues and alumni who had been gone from campus but have returned specifically to serve their beloved frontier college. You might remember, for example, Dominic Soda, who was so appreciated perennially for his ability to bring advanced mathematics into the realm of mere mortals. Dominic is an emeritus professor who taught at Lindenwood from 1969 through 2006, the year in which he retired. But wait! Dominic is back, now serving as director of information Services. He re-entered the Lindenwood atmosphere to provide us with experienced leadership in the implementation of the University's new CAMS database system. You might also remember Drs. Lucy and Boyd Morros, who taught and mentored so ably in the 1960s and '70s, then left for about three decades to build notable careers in academic administration, both eventually becoming college presidents. Lucy and Boyd came back to us in 2007. She is vice president for institutional advancement, and he is dean of our Belleville, Illinois campus. Professor Tom Pettit departed from this hallowed ground in the early 1980s but returned to us in 2006 to resume the pursuit of his passion for teaching journalism. Musician par excellence, Groff Bittner, only pretended to retire several years ago and is frequently spotted on campus, still playing the piano and teaching our students the graceful art.

So many of our alums work here that we could fill this whole *Connection* with their vignettes. Here are just a few examples that might ring with personal interest for you: Marsha Parker (Class of 1971) left us for a few years to work for the City-County Library District but returned to Lindenwood to serve in several capacities, from admissions director to her present position of Dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts. Mike Wall (Class of 1993) departed from his alma mater to become a radio broadcaster of regional note, but, alas, he could not bear the separation. Mike rejoined the Lindenwood community in 2001 as a communications professor and is now the dean of our School of Communications. Eric Stuhler (Class of 1978) is our in-house legal counsel and director of planned giving, and his peer, Peter Bezemes (Class of 1979) is executive director of Lindenwood's new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. They simply love this school, and the feeling truly is mutual.

Yes, there's just something about this campus ... I hope your holiday season has been pleasantly memorable. Please stay in touch.

Very sincerely yours,



President



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## On The Cover

It was a busy fall at LU, and our cover reflects that. We've had archeology digs; internationally-acclaimed entertainers; a \$2 million donation; a wonderful Homecoming and Reunion featuring a large crowd from the Class of '58, the historic opening of a time capsule, an exciting parade, great home sporting events and a top-notch Hall of Fame banquet.

## 'Going Through Billhymer'

### *Requires Consistency*

No communications student at Lindenwood graduates without “going through Billhymer.”

Dr. Curtis Billhymer is one of the senior faculty members in the School of Communications. He has high expectations for his students.

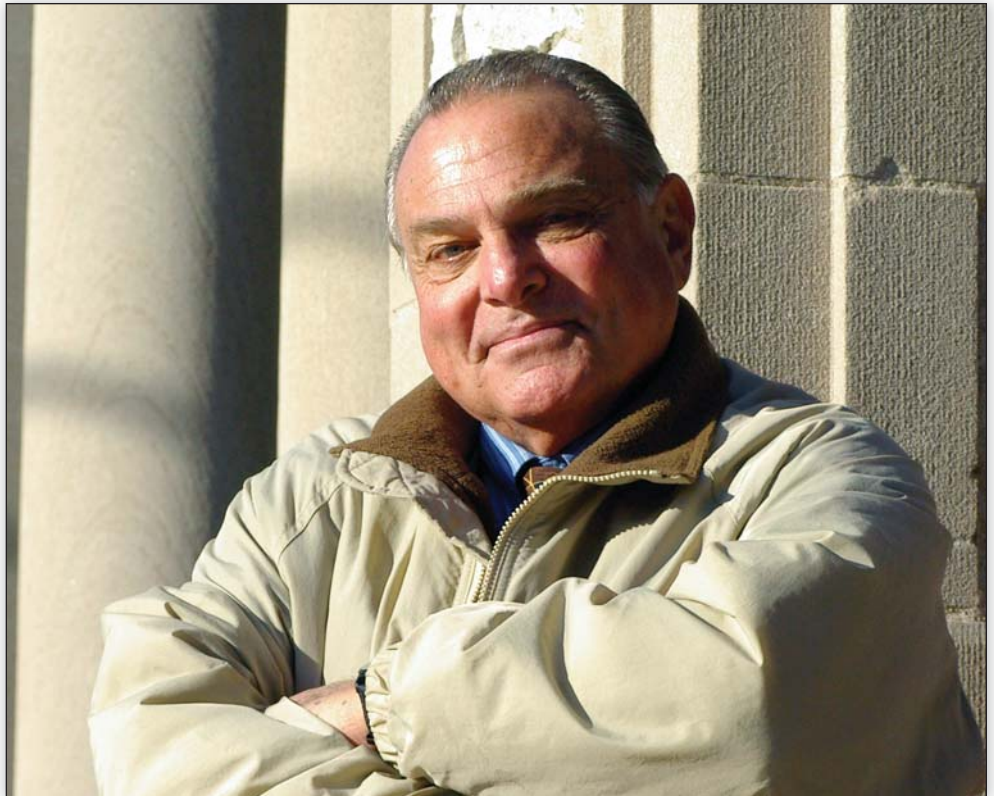
“I reward reliability,” Billhymer said. “People think I am rigorous because I give a lot of assignments and a lot of tests, and to do well requires steady and consistent application.”

Billhymer is a native Arizonian who earned a degree in English at the University of Utah and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Billhymer’s professional career is an intriguing collage of teaching and communications. He served on the faculty at Minnesota State Morehead and Northwestern and then worked as the spokesperson for agricultural banking in Farm Credit System. Just before coming to Lindenwood in 1991, he spent a year in the direct mail industry.

Because of his extensive professional background, Billhymer was hired to teach public relations to communications and business majors at Lindenwood. He maintains his professional ties as a member of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Billhymer believes that technological change is a major issue for educators.

“It’s my biggest challenge as a teacher,” he said. “How do I keep up with the media preferences these students prefer to use? In commercial terms, that’s the name of the game - all relationship marketing. Public



Professor Curt Billhymer stands in front of Lindenwood’s historic front gate.

relations is about building relationships. If employees are indeed any company’s most important asset, the name of the game for them is satisfactory communications. That’s what corporate communications is all about.”

He has a clear cut view of the future for LU students.

“Young people won’t tolerate non-

targeted messages,” he said. “Older people are very threatened by the learning curve to target messages, moving content across different platforms. Young people do it as a matter of course. That’s where the opportunities lie for them in the future. The downside is whoever doesn’t, or chooses not to, is like the Dodo Bird.”

## Four Lindenwood Faculty Award Winners Honored

The winners of Lindenwood University’s four faculty awards for 2008 represent teachers from the broad spectrum of the school’s program offerings, once again exhibiting the excellent quality of Lindenwood’s faculty across all curricula.

Jack Beckerle was named the Lindenwood Student Government Association Professor of the Year. The award is voted on by the membership of the LSGA. Beckerle is an associate professor of nonprofit administration and has been on the faculty at Lindenwood since 2001.

Peter Griffin is Lindenwood’s recipient

of the Emerson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Griffin is manager of the history program at Lindenwood and has been on the faculty since 1989. The award is conferred annually by the Emerson Electric Company to recognize outstanding teaching at all grade levels across the St. Louis region.

George Hickenlooper was presented the Scholar of the Year Award, which recognizes the highest level of professional scholarship over the past year. Hickenlooper, who is an accomplished, award-winning writer for the stage and screen, has been on the English faculty at

Lindenwood since 1992.

Paige Mettler-Cherry received the Scholar-Teacher Award, which is presented to the professor who most effectively merges professional scholarship with effective pedagogy. Mettler-Cherry, program manager for the biology department, has been published internationally and conducts research on threatened and endangered wetland species, focusing on species from large river floodplains.

# Having an **IMPACT**

## Scheidegger Gift One of Largest in LU History

Jerry Scheidegger is like many of us. He believes charity begins at home.

But to most people “home” means a single dwelling. Scheidegger’s home is St. Charles County. His philanthropic efforts don’t stop at his front door—they are evident all across the area.

Scheidegger’s most recent local gift is one of the largest donations in Lindenwood University history. In September, Scheidegger agreed to pay \$2 million for the naming rights to the university’s new 138,000-square-foot arts center, now called the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

The reason for his gift to Lindenwood?

“I’ve got a lot of pride in this community,” said Scheidegger. “And Lindenwood has done so many good things in the community. I just wanted to be a part of that. Knowing that your gift will have a positive impact on the future of young people—and helping them with their careers — is pretty special.”

Scheidegger is chairman of the board for the Corporate Group, Inc., which specializes in commercial and residential real estate leasing. Founded by Scheidegger in 1972, the company now owns and manages more than a million square feet of commercial property, as well as 140 residential units in prime locations.

The Corporate Group, Inc. has flourished over the years, and Scheidegger believes in “giving back.” He believes in it so much that “Charity Begins at Home” is prominently displayed in the lobby at Corporate Group’s offices. But while philanthropy is important to the 66-year-old Scheidegger, family is even more of a priority.

“My family is incredibly important to me,” said Scheidegger. “Two daughters work right here in the business, and I have a wonderful son and stepson...and of course, my wife, Ruth. I am pretty blessed with an amazing family.”

Corporate Group’s employees are even considered his extended family, and some have been employed there for decades.

“The entire family has a lot of pride in this gift to Lindenwood,” Scheidegger said.

Scheidegger’s connections to

Lindenwood are solid. He joined the LU board of directors in 2004. And his daughter, Kelley, got her MBA at Lindenwood in 1997.

His generous gift strengthens his ties to the university. The building’s new name will be displayed prominently on the exterior. Scheidegger’s thoughts about having his name displayed so publicly range from youthful excitement to reservation.

“I guess my parents would be proud,” Scheidegger said. “But I am most proud of the fact that this gift is going to help young people perform on a professional stage and work alongside the best in Broadway. That’s real impact.”

Scheidegger, of course, has some of the best seats in the Bezemes Family Theatre. He was front and center at the building’s opening performance by Liza Minnelli in early September.

“I saw Liza being interviewed the other day on one of the morning news shows,” said Scheidegger. “They showed a clip of the show that she did right here at

Lindenwood. It made me feel proud to have been there for the opening. She’s taking that very same show on Broadway.”

Scheidegger said Lindenwood has been able to do something that many businesses in St. Charles County have attempted over the years—bring “the St. Louis crowd” across the river.

“I saw the traffic that night after the opening show,” Scheidegger said. “Eighty percent of the crowd was headed back over to St. Louis. This beautiful new facility is good for the entire region.”

Scheidegger said he enjoyed seeing Hal Holbrook on stage at Lindenwood, and he is looking forward to the spring lineup of shows.

“The outside of the building is classy,” said Scheidegger. “And it carries through inside. It’s a very elegant place. It creates a sense of pride for those of us from St. Charles County who grew up watching little Lindenwood grow into what it is today. I am happy to be a part of it.”

Jerry Scheidegger, standing, with his daughters, Kim Scheidegger York, left, and Kelley Scheidegger Barbee and his son, Brian Scheidegger, at The Corporate Group offices.



# Scheidegger Center Has a **STAR-STUDDDED OPENING NIGHT**

A packed house greeted internationally acclaimed entertainer Liza Minnelli September 11 as she opened Lindenwood's elegant new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

Young and old were on hand to witness the opening of the stately building, and before they took in such memorable numbers as *Cabaret*, *New York, New York*, and others, the crowd joined in one of the largest gala receptions ever held on the Lindenwood University campus.

"We knew this would be an unforgettable evening in Lindenwood's long history," said President James D. Evans. "It was a wonderful, wonderful time. We had several alumni, friends, board members, community leaders, and many students in the house."

Evans said he is proud of the quality of entertainment coming to the building.

Besides Minnelli, Hal Holbrook sold out the house with his Mark Twain show later in September. Other shows included CherryHolmes, Guy & Ralna of the Lawrence Welk Show (Homecoming Weekend), and the Broadway musical *Movin' Out*, as well as Lindenwood's traditional *Christmas Carol*—this year's rendition is called *Scrooge: The Musical*.

What sets the J. Scheidegger Center apart from other entertainment venues, Evans said, is its unique academic purpose. Students in most cases get unmatched opportunities to work alongside these professional entertainers in a variety of capacities.

In addition, the building features two spacious dance studios, a MacIntosh laboratory, a fashion design studio, choral and orchestral rooms, music practice rooms, the Emerson Black Box Theatre, and the

Charter Communications high definition TV studio.

"Applications for the School of Fine and Performing Arts are way up," said Evans. "There aren't many other options for students who want to gain this special type of hands-on experience."

Evans has two Lindenwood University alumni running the building. Marsha Parker ('71 and '87), dean of Fine and Performing Arts, handles all academic matters while Peter Bezemes ('79), executive director of the J. Scheidegger Center, handles the professional shows.

For information on tickets to professional and student shows, please contact the Scheidegger Center Box Office at 636-949-4433 or go to [www.lindenwoodcenter.com](http://www.lindenwoodcenter.com).



The lobby was packed for the gala event prior to Liza Minnelli's opening show at the J. Scheidegger Center.



Liza Minnelli accepts a bouquet after her performance.



Lindenwood students gather before the opening night performance.

## Teacher Education Program Lauded; Accreditation Extended

The Missouri State Board of Education has extended the accreditation for Lindenwood University's teacher education programs for the next seven years. The approval was recommended by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education following an extensive review process that included a five-day visit from an evaluation team in March.

"There were many favorable comments from the state board members and president," said Cynthia Bice, dean of Lindenwood's School of Education. "We heard terms like 'phenomenal' and 'outstanding' from the review team. They were very impressed. Lindenwood University faculty and alumni from the past seven years can be very proud of this accomplishment and of the excellent reputation that our students have in this state and beyond."

Bice said the report covered eight "unit standards" within the School of Education and 42 "program standards"—for each of the subject areas in which Lindenwood offers a

teacher certification.

No deficiencies were detected in any of the unit or program standards. Because that is the case, the Lindenwood School of Education will not be reviewed again until 2015.

Prior to the March visit, the university submitted a comprehensive report to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), whose evaluation program, implemented in 2000, is known as the Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP).

After the visit, the state team evaluated the data from the visit and Lindenwood's submitted institutional report to arrive at their decision to recommend program renewal, which the DESE board formally ratified.

In July, Bice received a letter from DESE lauding the submitted materials and requesting permission to use them as a model to show other programs how to assemble their reports.

"You and your institution have

demonstrated and established a new level of excellence in developing your documentation; reporting the results; and hosting an excellent review," said Gale Hairston, director of educator preparation for DESE, in the letter.

Bice said much of the credit for the successful review belongs to Richard Boyle, who was dean of the Education Division during many of the seven years covered in the report; Boyle is currently vice president for human resources at Lindenwood. She added that the reasons for the success of the report and visit go well beyond the School of Education.

"I'm very proud of how we all came together as a university to put together the institutional report and hosted the review team," Bice said. "Because every division was involved in the preparation of the report and in the visit, the results are an endorsement not only of the School of Education but of the entire university. I want to thank everyone involved for making this possible."

## Lindenwood Poised to Expand in Downtown St. Louis

Classes begin in January at Lindenwood University's newest site—in downtown St. Louis near the popular City Museum and Windows on Washington.

Lindenwood will occupy an entire floor of a renovated building at 1409 Washington Avenue. It will be the university's 10th extension campus and will include newly constructed classrooms with Internet access and other high-tech features.

Classes will include undergraduate offerings in communications and graduate programs in Business (toward the MBA), Communications, and Human Resources.

All classes will be offered through Lindenwood's acclaimed accelerated program for adult learners, LCIE.

"An important part of Lindenwood's institutional purpose is to provide opportunities for professional preparation and lifelong learning," said Lindenwood President James D. Evans. "With so many working professionals again taking up residence in the city, we feel the establishment of a Washington Avenue campus will serve a vital need for higher education services in the downtown area."



From left: Lindenwood professor Rift Fournier, Director of Evening and Graduate Admissions Brett Barger, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, President James D. Evans, and downtown campus director Joanna Schlotmann.

## University Plans Day College in Belleville

Lindenwood has announced that starting in the fall of 2009, it will offer daytime classes at its Belleville, Ill., campus, which to this point has been used exclusively for the university's evening programs.

The program will be available strictly for junior and senior level students, so as not to compete with the nearby Southwestern Illinois College.

"We want to work with them and give the two-year college students a place to continue their education in Belleville," said Dr. James D. Evans, president of Lindenwood.

Evans also said he expects the move will eventually quadruple the current enrollment of 1,400 students at the campus

and will result in the hiring of more than 100 full-time employees. Lindenwood's Belleville campus opened five years ago and is located on the former site of Belleville West High School.

The daytime programs will initially include business administration, communications, criminal justice and health management. The campus will also have its own intercollegiate athletic teams, although specifics have not yet been decided.

Evans said a dean of students and a dean of admissions, as well as clerical workers and a couple of coaches, will be added in 2009 at the campus with additional staffing added as enrollment grows.

Cafeteria service will be offered on the campus with the start of daytime programs,

but residential facilities will not be added at the beginning.

Public officials, such as Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert and St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern, have praised the move, stating it will provide a needed service to Belleville-area students and could drive economic development in the area as businesses move in to serve the increased student population.

Evans said he expects as many as 2,000 daytime students within the next 5 to 10 years; as campus housing is added and programs are expanded, that number could increase to more than 5,500. Enrollment in evening program is also expected to grow during that period, continuing a four-year trend.

# Archeology Students Dig Deep into Boone History

From the moment visitors enter Lindenwood University's Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village in Defiance, Mo., they are fully immersed in 19th century frontier life. While engrossed in that history, many visitors remain unaware of the significant treasures Lindenwood students are unearthing all around them.

The Daniel Boone Home campus is also where students enrolled in archeology courses gain hands-on familiarity by conducting research digs. Each artifact offers new insight into the lives of the Boone family, who lived there from 1799 to 1825.

"The digs enhance what we already know, but also help us learn what we don't know," says Steve Dasovich, full-time archeologist and adjunct professor at Lindenwood.

He and his students currently are focused on two specific areas near the home of Daniel Boone's son, Nathan.

"From photographs obtained in the early 1900s, we know there were several sheds or outbuildings around the home," he says. "In fact, before the large, stone home was even constructed, early photos indicate there were log cabins around that same area. One of the key things we're hoping to accomplish is to discover where the slave quarters were located on the property."

The role of the African American on the frontier is an important story that David Knotts, Ph.D., dean of the Daniel Boone



Students work alongside their professor in an archeology dig at the Historic Daniel Boone Home.

Home campus, is adamant about sharing with the public.

"Whether slaves or freed workers, they were skilled artisans, laborers and agricultural maintenance workers," Knotts said. "Without them, none of this would have been possible."

"We hope some of our findings will help us learn more about the lives of African Americans living and working here during that time," Knotts continued. "Once we know the facts, we can share that knowledge and work to educate others."

Bearing that in mind, Dasovich and students sift meticulously through the dirt, uncovering everything from ceramics and glassware to tools and nails. Each item is carefully documented and labeled for further research.

Sometimes, the artifacts raise more questions than answers. A team of 18 students recently uncovered two Indian trade good items not previously known to be in the area during the time the Boones occupied the land.

"One was a tubular glass bead, and the other is what's often referred to as a 'tinkler,'" Dasovich says. "It's a brass cone that was often worn on clothing."

"We don't know anything about how the Boones dealt with the Indians while living here, so these are exciting finds that, hopefully, are the first of many that will help us better understand that relationship."

While the digs yield valuable information about the Boone family and the era in which they lived, Dasovich also sees each artifact as an important stepping stone on the path to the expansion of Lindenwood's archeology program.

"We are accomplishing memorable, documental discoveries that will help us know the right questions to ask and what to look for during future digs," says Dasovich. "The data we're gathering now will be useful in applying for grants to help the university become a field school."

For now, students enrolled in the elective archeology courses find gratification in bringing pieces of history to light. William Gravil, a philosophy major in his junior year at Lindenwood University, is considering changing his field of study after taking the course.

"I love it," he says. "It's amazing to unearth something that's been here all along, and people have walked right by it or over it without ever knowing."



A broken plate was one of the treasures discovered during the dig. The students are researching the piece to learn more about its origins.

# MARCHING BAND

Enriches Football Games, Parades

When the Golden Lion Marching Band takes the field at Hunter Stadium, it's hard to see the dynamic ensemble at only a fraction of its current size just four years ago. The large, shining group of nearly 100 students delivers polished performances that make it difficult to see the band's humble beginnings.

Joe Alsobrook, Lindenwood University music program manager and director of bands, remembers the early days of practicing in parking lots and using duct tape as yard line markers. The band's small size was another challenging factor to overcome.

"When I arrived at Lindenwood in 2003 there were exactly 27 people in the marching band," says Alsobrook. "Before I came here, I worked as the music director for Tulsa Union High School. There were 27 flutes in that band – just flutes alone."

Alsobrook was determined to make the program a more enriching experience for students. The school invested in new uniforms and equipment, and practices were moved to the afternoons to better accommodate band members.

"It's all about getting kids excited about participating," Alsobrook says. "It's about setting the tone for the experience, having the right equipment and environment, and having good leaders with common skills and knowledge," he continued. "We have empowered the students to be successful."

By 2005, the marching band had grown to nearly 60 students. The following year, that number had increased to almost 100. Retaining that count is no small feat.

"On average, we lose about 40 percent of our marching band every season," he

says. "Students graduate, have scheduling conflicts, or simply move on. The miracle is recruiting 40 students each year to meet the status quo."

Alumni often refer students to the Lindenwood music program, but the band remains largely comprised of resident students. Alsobrook says he 'plays specific recruitment by ear,' depending which instrumentalists are needed each season.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Alsobrook and the university, the Golden Lion Marching Band is now a dynamic performance ensemble that includes winds, percussion, and color guard. Their

spirited mix of music and motion entertains Lindenwood football audiences each fall, and leads them to performances in regional parades and contests.

"We're like a family," says Alsobrook. "It's always been a team effort. We've been fortunate to have great student leaders throughout the years, and the school has really given us the tools to run with the program," he continued.

"With the new J. Scheiddeger Center for the Arts as a resource, the sky's the limit."



Lindenwood's marching band proudly makes its way down John Weber Drive during the Homecoming Parade.



The trombone section marches in synch.



The drum section marches down John Weber Drive.





# A Parade With **PANACHE**

## Homecoming Parade Winds Through Lindenwood's Campus

"A Cross Between" campus ministry won contests for both best float and best banner at the parade.  
Winning float is pictured middle row left.



# University Remembers Warner at Dedication

Lindenwood University honored the memory of Dorothy DuQuoin Warner, a 1936 alumna and longtime member of the board of directors, by dedicating a building in her name on October 10.

The weather was perfect as President James D. Evans welcomed a crowd of about 75 for the dedication of Warner Hall. The building formerly served as the president's residence before being converted to host the offices of the growing School of Education.

Warner, who died in July, is one of the most influential and beloved figures in Lindenwood history. She is fondly remembered as intelligent and hard working, the epitome of style, tough but fair, and always a lady. Warner was a founding member of Lindenwood's Butler Society, and she funded renovations to the swimming pool inside of Butler Hall as well as renovations to the university's historic Sibley Chapel.

Quietly, Warner helped countless needy students complete their degrees. She also helped pave the way for a co-ed campus. Warner received Lindenwood's alumni merit award, the prestigious Sibley Medallion of Honor, and an honorary doctorate.

"Dorothy Warner would be pleased to have her name permanently associated with this building," said Evans. "It serves as offices for the faculty in our largest school, the School of Education, but it also served as the home of many Lindenwood presidents, and even housed students in times of overcrowding."

Dorothy Warner is one of the most influential and beloved figures in Lindenwood history.

Warner's son, John Warner IV, attended the dedication and said he was honored by the praise given to his mother. He thanked Evans, Board Vice Chairman Ben Blanton, Dean Cynthia Bice of the School of Education, and the entire audience for

attending the dedication in honor of his mother.

Bice was the final speaker, telling the group that she and her faculty are keenly aware of Warner's high standards and would work hard to live up to those standards.

"Dorothy Warner's standards of excellence and her care for young people and their success have become hallmarks for the Warner name," she said.



Board of Directors members Grace Harmon and Elizabeth Rauch ('44), with Dorothy Warner's son, John Warner, President James D. Evans, and Board Vice Chairman Ben Blanton.

## In Memory of Rick — Lindenwood Alum Dedicates Emmy Award

Lindenwood alum Joe Arnold ('89) has reported hundreds of stories during his 10-year career with WHAS-11 television in Kentucky. Recently, one story in particular earned him a regional Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

"Winners are chosen from station entries throughout the Louisville area," Arnold said. "I was nominated by my station for two stories and one of them won. It's nice to be recognized by your peers for good work."

His winning report uncovered a funeral home director who had been improperly disposing of human remains. Writing the report was an all-day project for Arnold, who says he and his team were editing

literally up to the minute the story aired on the evening newscast.

"That's the nature of general assignment reporting," he said. "Day-in and day-out is all about deadlines. By 5 or 6 p.m. you have to deliver the complete, finished product."

Arnold dedicated the award to his brother, Rick Arnold, who passed away in the spring. A talented writer in his own right, Rick often discussed with his brother the intensity of deadlines.

"I was thinking of him the entire time I was accepting the award," Arnold said of his brother. "Rick was an incredible man who overcame many challenges in his life. There are so many good writers and great journalists who are never honored for their

work and he was one of them."

A Belleville, Ill. native, Arnold graduated from Lindenwood in 1989 with a triple major—mass communications, history and political science. After graduation, he toured as a professional actor and singer for five years before moving to Louisville to become an on-air radio personality.

Arnold joined WHAS-11 in 1998 as a reporter on "Good Morning Kentuckian." In 2001, he began a five-year run as anchor of the top-rated newscast. He currently anchors the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts on Saturday and Sunday nights on WHAS-11, and the 10 p.m. weekend newscasts on the station affiliate WBKI-TV.

# The Memory of You in 2088

Dear Alumni, Constituents, and Friends,

Earlier this year, I ran into President Evans and asked him about a time capsule which President Roemer buried deep into the masonry of the Butler Library. It had been almost 80 years since the cornerstone was laid, and the history department had been curious since the capsule hit age 75 in 2004.

"How would you like it if you filled a time capsule as president and no one bothered to open it?" I asked. He pondered for a moment and then said, "We're going to open that time capsule!" The adventure had begun.

First, I had to find it. We had a few grainy pictures and some newspaper articles from 1929, but there was no plaque or directions. I spent considerable time coming up with my best guess as to its location. Prior to the ceremony, which President Evans scheduled for Homecoming, we had to confirm the capsule was actually there. (Remember Al Capone's Vault of Geraldo Rivera fame?)

On a crisp fall morning, Brad Sumpter, of our services department, began drilling and jack hammering into the brick entrance of the library. After removing the first couple of stones, Paul Huffman, our archivist, happened by and asked if we were going to drill at other locations. "Gee, I hope not," I gasped. Now I was nervous.

Brad kept drilling ever deeper into the limestone block, not making any progress. "Drill, baby, drill," I encouraged. He finally hit a void in the stone. A flashlight revealed the top of a lead box and a gold ribbon. "Whew!" (We did accidentally drill through the box, leaving a hole which we later

covered with a little epoxy. Please don't tell President Evans.)

The time capsule was later opened and the contents were revealed at a ceremony during Homecoming honoring the 1929 construction of Butler Library. Among the varied contents was a stick of Blatz Grape Chewing Gum. Blatz Brewing Company stopped brewing beer during Prohibition and began selling non-alcoholic products, including chewing gum. But why was it placed in the time capsule? What was Dr. Roemer's message to us? Was this his favorite gum? Was he being playful or was he just creating a mystery? (Send me your thoughts to [estuhler@lindenwood.edu](mailto:estuhler@lindenwood.edu))

In 1929, Dr. Roemer envisioned the year 2088 when he filled the time capsule with his treasure. Imagine 80 years from now. The year 2088 will be a year like all others, but how will you be remembered then?

Here are my suggestions:

1. A scholarship named after you or your family
2. A tree with a plaque (linden trees can live 100 years)
3. A brick with your message to the future (I bought 5 this year)
4. An endowed gift for a department, sport, or emergency books for needy students
5. Naming a building, classroom, or office

You could even give a gift to that person who has everything by taking advantage of a naming opportunity and making a donation in his or her name.

When was the last time you gave someone a gift that was tax deductible to you??? (Very smart)

Do not forget that you can once again make an IRA Rollover donation with extraordinary tax benefits (if you are 70 1/2 and meet other qualifications) and you should also consider making a year-end gift to reduce your 2008 taxes. Please call me at (636) 949-4617 if you need any help.

I wonder what taxes will be like in 2088. Happy holidays!

Sincerely,



Eric O. Stuhler  
Director of Planned Giving  
Lindenwood In-House Legal Counsel

*P.S. The time capsule and its contents are now on public display on the first floor of Roemer Hall. Please come by and see it.*

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Eric O. Stuhler

## IRA Rollover **EXTENDED**

It is now time to consider your year-end tax planning. The IRA Rollover Provisions of the Pension Act have just been extended which allow certain tax-free donations of your IRA for tax year 2008, but you must act before December 31!

This legislation grants an extraordinary benefit to individuals who are 70 1/2 years of age or older without recognizing income and without the necessity of taking a charitable deduction. This solves the problems of taxable mandatory withdrawal requirements, which would ordinarily be taxed, and charitable gift percentage limitations, which could limit your charitable donation tax benefits.

**DO YOU QUALIFY?** Individuals who are 70 1/2 years of age or older are allowed to make a gift from their traditional

or Roth IRA up to \$100,000 this year to Lindenwood University FREE of federal income tax. You could make a tax-free gift of \$100, \$1000, \$10,000, or any amount up to \$100,000. If you do not qualify, please pass this information on to a friend or loved one who would.

**HOW DO I DO IT?** Assets up to \$100,000 must be rolled over directly to Lindenwood University from your account. You should call your financial institution or advisor for a distribution form requesting a payout directly to Lindenwood. The process is simple and easy.

**WHEN SHOULD THIS BE DONE?** NOW! The limit for such gifts is \$100,000 and it must be completed by December 31, 2008. (Hint: If your spouse owns an IRA a second gift can be made to the university)

The IRA Rollover Gift is a great way to reduce the cost of your gift to Lindenwood and maximize the good that it will do to help our students succeed. Please consider this type of gift in your year-end tax planning.

Eric Stuhler, the director of planned giving, is available to help you in all aspects of gift planning and other contributions. You can contact him at (636) 949-4617. Thank you for being a Lindenwood supporter!

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# 1929 Time Capsule Revealed

A large crowd gathered in front of Butler Library during Homecoming Weekend to witness the opening of a time capsule that had been placed in the building's cornerstone on June 3, 1929, by then-President John Roemer. Curious faces watched intently as university administrators presided over the ceremony, poised to discover if the capsule's contents had stood the test of time.

Eric Stuhler, in-house legal counsel for Lindenwood University and time capsule committee chairman, kicked off the event by offering a few reminders of national and local events that took place nearly 80 years before.

"It was near the end of what history refers to as the Roaring '20s," said Stuhler. "The onset of the Great Depression was still four months away. President John Roemer had only been at the helm of what was then Lindenwood College for 15 years, and the school was thriving."

Nostalgia abounded as the Lindenwood choral group Voices Only sang a beautiful rendition of "Neath the Shade of the Massive Lindens." The same hymn had been performed in 1929 by Miss Ruth

Bullion, senior class president, and Mary Sue Wisdom, junior president, at the laying of the Butler cornerstone.

Kendra Kaine, president of the Lindenwood Student Government Association, read aloud lyrics to "The Lindenwood Hymn" before President James D. Evans stepped to the microphone to address the crowd.

"The time capsule was placed in these walls on a beautiful, sunny day just like today," Evans said. "This day encapsulates the essential spirit of Lindenwood, a spirit of knowledge that transcends individuals and time. We are eager to learn what messages Dr. Roemer and his students have left for us to find today."

Anticipation was high as Evans removed the time capsule from the wall and placed it on a nearby table. Attendants edged closer as one by one he pulled more than 20 items from the container.

Once the contents of the time capsule had been revealed, Evans read aloud the enclosed letter from Roemer and Vice-Chairman Ben Blanton read aloud the letter from Stumberg. Both letters wished continued growth and prosperity for the

university.

To conclude the ceremony, Voices Only gave a stirring performance of the Lindenwood University alma mater. The contents of the capsule remained briefly on display outside the library and have been put on permanent display in Roemer Hall.

"The day was historical excitement at its finest," Stuhler said. "I'm sure that Dr. Roemer and Dr. Stumberg were with us that afternoon, and it felt great to spend a little time in 1929."

Lindenwood University plans to form a committee dedicated to the development of a contemporary time capsule, which will be placed in the same location for the enjoyment of future generations.





On page at left, President James D. Evans holds up a banner from the Class of '28. Below, students crowd around the time capsule display tables. Above, President Evans removes the time capsule from the wall outside of Butler Library. At right, Board of Directors Vice Chairman Ben Blanton, Cordelia Stumberg ('40), Eric Stuhler, and President Evans with some of the time capsule's more valuable contents. Below, Stumberg reminisces during the ceremony. Bottom left, Blanton addresses the crowd. Bottom right, Voices Only sings songs from 1929.



## WHAT WAS INSIDE?

Editions of *The Banner News*, *St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor*, and *St. Louis Globe Democrat* • editions of the college's monthly bulletin and weekly *Linden Bark* • letters and notes from the year's senior, junior, sophomore and freshmen classes • names of the Board of Directors, officers of administration and officers of instruction • names of the homecoming committee • greetings from 15 additional classes from 1914-29 • a two-dollar bill from 1917 • a one-dollar bill from 1923 • a silver dollar from 1892 • brass letter opener • a class of 1928 banner • the 1929 commencement program • greetings from Dr. Roemer and chairman Dr. B. Kurt Stumberg • photographs of Dr. and Mrs. Lillie Roemer.



The following from the Class of '58 attended Homecoming events ... Sandy Taylor Baumann, Marilyn Moore Berry, Rev. Sue Potter Berry, Sylvia Link Bruere, Joan Broeckelmann Brumbaum, Lois Heath Callaway, Patricia Williams Charron, Doris Langeneckert Dieckgraefe-Mrazek, Dr. Ruth Ann Charles Finck, Constance Clark Freise, Karen Lewis Gibbs, Barbara Hollabaugh Gustafson, Nina Jones Hanslick, Sylvia LeCount Harder, Marilyn Aldridge Harkins, Marilyn Debeer Hoffs, Beth Devlin Jett, Barbara Koeller Kramer, Alyce Chevalier Kyser, Joyce Martin Logan, Yolanda Breeden Marshall, Maria Cherner Munroe, Ann Gatchell Nissing, Mary Ann Nowlin Pickering, Ann Stewart Posner, Mariva Dorman Scherck, Julia Spickelmier Schildmyer, Connie Gibson Stoecker, Carol Punt Straayer, Nancy Hulse Tirrell, Carol Gardner Transou, Nancy Wright Wardlaw, Marlene Kuhlman Wesson, Martha Rosenberger Zimmermann, Nedra Durham Zimmerschied



# Reunion & Homecoming

2022





# Weekend Celebration



*Above middle: Marilyn DeBeer Hoffs, right, and Alyse Chevalier Kayser from '58 hadn't seen one another in 50 years.*

*Above, Donald Tirrell and his wife, Nancy Hulse Tirrell ('58).*

*Far left: From left, Diane Kennedy Bauer, Ann Stukenbroker Callender, Fran Santoro Hamilton, Sandra Starr Moon, Glenda Raef Schaefer, and Jean Machens all from the Class of 1968.*



*At left: From left, Janet Lewis Riddle ('56), Carol Transou Gardner ('58), Bedford Transou, Marilyn Mitchell Gordon ('56) and Fern Palmer Bittner ('57).*

*Bottom left: Sara Jefferson Stukenbroker ('41) enjoys her visit to campus.*

*At left, Sally Lefler ('57) and Mariva Dorman Scherk ('58).*

TRACKING DOWN CLASS OF '58 WAS

# 'Like a Treasure Hunt'

Lindenwood University alumna Carol (Gardner) Transou was determined to bring her former classmates together for the Class of 1958's 50th reunion in October. Knowing she would need help, she recruited fellow alums Beth Devlin-Jett and Carolyn (Wood) Adamson to help her locate alumni and invite them. Through their massive efforts and dogged determination, the three were able to contact nearly every member of their original class.

Transou and Jett began their quest to locate classmates more than a year in advance of the reunion. Lindenwood University Director of Alumni Relations Whitney Fraier provided them with a class registry that listed nearly 160 women as freshman in 1958.

"I personally had phone conversations with 125 women throughout the year, and two of the three men who were at Lindenwood to be in the plays," said Transou. "We tracked down people through networks, friends of friends and so on. It was kind of like a treasure hunt."

During 21 months of phone calls and e-mails, Transou and Jett made some surprising discoveries.

"We discovered some women in our class who weren't even listed on the registry," Transou said. "Unfortunately, we also found that 21 of our classmates had passed away, and there were some we never found," she continued. "It just reminds us that life is short and you simply can't wait to do the things that are important to you!"

The flurry of communication heightened as Transou, Jett and Fraier shared their findings with Adamson. As the third member of the planning committee, she had been drafted to create a special "memory book" for the reunion, outlining the paths classmates had taken since graduation.

"In July of 2008, Whitney Fraier mailed a letter I'd written seeking biographical information to all the contacted classmates," said Adamson. "I received replies from 67 women for the memory book as it stands now. Some new information has emerged, and now I'm considering running a few expanded versions."

While creating the memory book and contacting classmates, the trio also was heavily involved in planning the special luncheon and dinners honoring the class of 1958 scheduled during the reunion weekend.

"Our correspondences with each other and Whitney Fraier took on a life of their own," Adamson said. "From discussing the

location, centerpieces, and place cards for luncheon and dinner, to the memory book, I literally have hundreds of e-mails."

The group's hard work paid off. Members of the class of 1958 came from all around the country to reconnect with their 50th reunion class, tour the campus, and visit with friends and faculty.

"Lindenwood is very special place, and I think we all recognize that," Transou said. "I just feel so lucky to have had the experience of attending the university, and it was great to see everyone share in the excitement of seeing each other and

remembering our Lindenwood years.

"We had alumna attend who came from New York, Texas, California, Florida, Arizona, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Illinois and Kansas. The classmates came from all over to visit Lindenwood, and it was a wonderful, meaningful and nostalgic experience to see the people and the place whose influence resonates in our lives today."

— Carol (Gardner) Transou

From left Carol (Punt) Straayer, Carol (Gardner) Transou, and Beth (Devlin) Jett, all from the class of '58, enjoyed lunch at Miss Aimee B's Tea Room during the Alumni Reunion Weekend.



The luncheon crowd assembled at Miss Aimee B's in St. Charles.





FIRST EVER

# Belleville Alumni Event Huge Success

More than 50 Lindenwood alumni, faculty, staff, and friends converged at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville on Tuesday, November 11, for an alumni get-together. Alumni from the Belleville and St. Charles campuses gathered for the first time to enjoy a night filled with networking, hors d'oeuvres, and good conversation.

President James D. Evans and Mary Radcliff, director of community development for the Belleville campus, welcomed alumni. Mayor Mark Eckert spoke about the importance of the Belleville campus in providing higher educational opportunities to the surrounding communities. Dr. Lucy Morros, vice president of institutional advancement, informed the crowd of the continued campus improvements and renovations to the Belleville campus. She explained the

importance of the proposed renovations to the Ittner Auditorium, which will provide the campus and community with a venue for performances, plays, music, dramas, community meetings and lecture series.

In attendance were alumni from Millstadt, Smithton, East St. Louis, O'Fallon, Fairview Heights and Belleville. Alumni shared memories of their favorite professors and experiences on campus. Alumnae Tijuana Macon and Deborah Qualls shared their personal stories. Upon completion of their degrees, they received promotions at work. Both women were happy with the convenience of the Belleville campus location and the quality of the education they received. Representing the group of alumni were professionals in law enforcement, social services, postal services, accounting, banking, radio

communications, teaching, nonprofit, senior care and academic tutoring. The careers and interests of the group were impressive, and it was exciting to see the paths the alumni have taken after leaving Lindenwood.

The event was a success and was a wonderful opportunity for the alumni in these communities to converse and get to know one another. Lindenwood hopes to continue to strengthen its relationships with its alumni and the Belleville community and plans to host additional alumni events in the future.

We hope to form a Lindenwood University Southwestern Illinois Alumni Club, and if you are interested in being an officer or participant, please feel free to contact Director of Alumni Relations Whitney Fraier at 636-949-4975 or [wfraier@lindenwood.edu](mailto:wfraier@lindenwood.edu).



Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert talks with Lindenwood President James D. Evans.



Blair Sartory, right, greets Linda Franklin. Both are from the Class of 2006.



Diane Hubbard ('07).



Craig Harp ('05) listens intently to Rita Sax.

# ALUMNI GATHER IN JEFFERSON CITY

Lindenwood alumni from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s gathered at the landmark Capitol Plaza Hotel located in Jefferson City on September 10. The Jefferson City gathering was the first event held in this region in many years. This networking opportunity and social happy hour was a great opportunity for alumni to remember Lindenwood days, catch up with good friends, make new memories and enjoy hors d'oeuvres.

In attendance were alumni Alvena ('84) and John Revell, Kristine Ricketts ('76), Brian Hauswirth ('93), and Nell Hawes-Davis ('61), longtime friends of the university Randy and Coralyn Halsey, and Lindenwood staff Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, Dr. Lucy Morros, vice president of institutional advancement, and Sara Wiedman, admissions counselor.

Alumni across the decades shared their favorite Lindenwood memories and stories. Dr. Lucy Morros talked about the importance of the liberal arts and sciences at Lindenwood. Many questions were answered relating to the arts and sciences curriculum, the new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, and the advancement efforts at Lindenwood. The careers and the interests of the group were impressive. Among the group was a scientist, a retired educator, two State of Missouri employees and a community leader. Fond memories were shared by the group, such as the influence of the statistics and psychology courses taught by President Evans and the joy of attending college and earning a degree at 50 years old.

Attendees left with party favors including the Lindenopoly game, key chains, car decals and informational packets filled with our recent publications. It was a small group that hopes to get together again soon and eventually establish an alumni club in Jefferson City.

Following the alumni event, the Lindenwood Admissions department held a recruiting event for students from the Jefferson



Back Row: Whitney Fraier, Director of Alumni Relations, Randy Halsey, Kristine Ricketts ('76). Front Row: Nell Hawes-Davis ('61), Coralyn Halsey, Alvena Revell ('84 & '86), John Revell, Dr. Lucy Morros, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

City area. More than 35 potential students and families were in attendance. It was a successful night for both the alumni and admissions department.

If you are interested in becoming involved and would like to host an alumni event at your home or in your community, please contact the Alumni Office at 636-949-4975.

## Alumni News — We Want To Hear From You

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# St. Charles Alumni Fashion Show a Success

The St. Charles Alumni club 14th Annual Fashion Show, Luncheon, Silent Auction and Raffle on September 27 was a smashing success. More than 100 St. Charles Alumni Club members, alumni, staff, friends, and individuals from the community raised more than \$6,000 for Lindenwood scholarships.

“This year we had an increase in the number of individuals who attended the fashion show and we were very proud to have everyone come out and support our efforts,” said Barbara Broadfoot, St. Charles Alumni Club president.

An interesting speech by President James D. Evans on the state of the university was followed by a silent auction and raffle, the latest fashions by Thro’s and Michelle’s modeled by Lindenwood students and alumni, and a wonderful lunch provided by Pfoodman Catering. This year

the attendees were able to see the latest fall trends, such as beautiful cocktail dresses, men’s suits, tailored trouser pants, swing jackets and much more. The trends of the season were jewel tones, bright colors, metallics, fur detailing and embroidery. Ruching, gathering, and detailing of blouses are still the height of fashion.

The St. Charles Alumni Club and Lindenwood University would like to thank everyone who attended the luncheon for their support. They especially thank the members of the club for their hard work and dedication, Anne Pals for graciously paying for the models’ lunches, Bobbie (’66) and Frank Netsch for providing the fashions from Michelle and Thro’s, and the students and alumni models for a job well done.

If you are interested in becoming involved, the St. Charles Alumni Club provides continued learning opportunities,

networking situations and a chance to give something back to your university. If you are interested in joining, call Barbara Broadfoot at 636-723-7671 or the Alumni Office at 636-949-4975.



Lindenwood student Shantel Roberts, left, served as a model in the fashion show, along with Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, Candace Roberts, (’06), a graphic designer in the LU Public Relations office, and Anne Ross-Weldy, a graduate student in Nonprofit Administration.



Front row: Barbara Landreth, Jane Thompson, Judy Brown, Carol Hamel, and Barbara Broadfoot. Back row: Dr. Jodie Ricketts, Judy Provasnik, Glenda Schaefer, Kathy Johnson, Mary Gismegian, Dr. Betty Osiek, and Barbara Newman.



From left are Judy Bliggenstoffer (’93), Dr. Betty Osiek (’62), Karen Boyle (’00), and Lois Evans (’77, ’85, ’98).



# Harmon Hall Renovation Under Way

The Lindenwood University family celebrated the kickoff to a two-year renovation and expansion of its beloved Harmon Hall on September 18.

After remarks from city, county and Lindenwood dignitaries, a symbolic groundbreaking was held. Named for the family of late Lindenwood Chairman of the Board Ray Harmon, Harmon Hall has housed the university's Fine Arts Department since 1969. With the 2008 opening of the school's new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, Harmon Hall was designated as the new location for the School for Business and Entrepreneurship.

"We want all those who have a stake in this— current and prospective business

students, board members, faculty, staff and administrators— to know exactly what this building initiative entails," said President James D. Evans. "It's about the redoubling of our efforts to produce the best and brightest talent for our region."

The multi-million dollar project will nearly double the building's size, adding 28,000 square feet to the 31,000-square foot structure. Expansion plans include the addition of nine classrooms and several seminar halls, breakout rooms and office spaces. The existing interior also will be updated and remodeled, and a new façade added to the entire building.

"The refurbished Harmon Hall will give our business students a sense of

cohesion and identification," said Ed Morris, dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship. "It will provide state-of-the-art facilities and technologies to prepare our students to successfully compete and contribute in today's highly sophisticated economy."

Each year, Lindenwood University confers more than 700 graduate and undergraduate degrees covering a dozen business majors. More than 90 percent choose to work in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

# Hammond Receives Sibley Medallion

Longtime Lindenwood University board member John Hammond received the prestigious Sibley Medallion of Honor in November for his deep commitment to the university.

Hammond, who serves as board treasurer and is on the executive committee, received the medal at the annual Butler Society Dinner recognizing Lindenwood's most generous donors and those who have remembered LU in their estate plans. The award was presented by Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake and President James D. Evans.

Hammond is a retired business leader from Chesterfield, MO. He spent 12 years as the McDonnell-Douglas program manager for DC-10 flight simulators and then went on to a very successful career with G.W. Composites, where he served as president for 23 years. He remains chairman of the board of directors at Frontenac Bank.

During his introduction of Hammond at the dinner, Shoemake praised him for his "unparalleled dedication to Lindenwood."

"John Hammond asks the questions lots of people do not want to ask," said Shoemake. "He is not afraid to tackle difficult or sensitive issues. He holds people accountable. He is hard-nosed, but all the while we know he is a fair and honest man."

Shoemake described Hammond as a careful watchdog of Lindenwood University's finances.

"He understands where the money

comes from and where it goes," Shoemake said. "He digs in like no other and has done a marvelous job."

Hammond is a Jefferson City, Mo. native and he holds a degree in electrical engineering from USC. He and his late wife, Sandra, who passed away recently, were married for 54 years.

Recent winners of the Sibley Medallion of Honor include Mark Kern (2007), chairman of the St. Clair County (Ill.) board and a member of the Lindenwood Board of Directors, Nancy Calvert (2006), an alumna and a member of the Board of Directors, and Steve Ehlmann (2005), St. Charles County Executive.



Lindenwood Board of Directors Chairman Jim J. Shoemake, left, with award winner John Hammond, center, and President James D. Evans.

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

## Class Notes

### '50s

**Ann Feldman Freeman ('59)** recently retired from the Physical Therapy department at Des Peres Hospital. She is currently enjoying traveling and resides in St. Charles.

### '60s

**Barbara Zelif Schifeling ('69)** was recognized in *Business First's* "Who's Who in Law" survey. She was one of the fifteen Damon & Morey attorney's recognized as the most skilled and effective attorneys in western New York. The honorees were chosen by attorneys and judges from the 8th Judicial District. She specializes in medical malpractice and resides in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Sondra Swindel Galperin ('61)** was chosen as a Coca-Cola ambassador of active living to participate as a U.S. torchbearer in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay. Galperin, one of only six torchbearers who carried the distinction of "Ambassador of Active Living," was selected by Coca-Cola from more than 1,000 nominations based on her dedication to living and promoting an active lifestyle to make a positive, sustainable difference in her local community. Galperin joined an exclusive group of Americans who carried the Olympic flame on April 9 during the San Francisco leg of the relay, the only U.S. stop of the five-month global event.

Over the past 30 years, Galperin has devoted much of her time and energy to teaching more than 1,000 children in her community the importance of water safety and life-saving swimming skills. An active board member of the Venetian Aquatic Club, she serves on the club's volunteer group of teachers, where she spearheads the ongoing swimming program and activities. At the age of 61, Galperin passed the physically challenging American Red Cross water safety instructor course, which certifies her to train new instructors and evaluate their progress.

### '70s

**Betsy Jeffery ('77)** is the senior systems administrator for Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation in

Milwaukee, Wisc. She resides in Wauwatosa and is involved in many professional organizations including NaSPA and SHARE User Group CMG.

**Beth Martin ('79 & '01)** is a theatre teacher for the Vicksburg Warren School District in Vicksburg, Miss. where she currently resides.

### '80s

**Helmer "Sy" Bryant ('81 & '83)** has recently retired and resides in Aurora, Ind. with his wife Elizabeth and two daughters Ashley and McKenzie.

**Christine Harris Gibson ('82)** is the associate vice president of finance for Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. She resides in Florida with her husband Marvin.

**Marvin Woods ('87)** was recently inducted into *Cambridge Who's Who for Excellence in Project Management* for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in project management. Marvin is a principal of Project Controls Group, Inc. in St. Louis and holds an MBA from Lindenwood and a B.S. in engineering management from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

### '90s

**Clint Bolser ('94 & '00)** has been recently appointed as president and chief executive officer of Noble of Indiana. Clint and his wife Stacy have two children and reside in Indiana.

**Mike Brink ('97 & '07)** has been promoted to superintendent of High Mount School District located in Swansea, Ill. Brink has worked at High Mount for 11 years, three years as a teacher and the past eight years as principal.

**Peter Cohen, Jr. ('98)** has successfully passed his Certified Treasury Professional designation. Peter serves as a member of the Lindenwood Alumni Board and is the vice president of cash management for Premier Bank. He resides in St. Louis with his wife Lisa and two children.

**Erick Fors ('96)** is currently a sergeant-homicide detective for the Minneapolis Police Department. He resides in Savage, Minn. with his wife, Ann, and children, Abby and Ryan.

**Margo Gleason ('92)** recently held her gallery opening at the Framin' Place and Gallery in Chesterfield, Mo. She graduated

with a B.A. in Studio Art and works in oil painting and black-and-white photography.

**Gwendolyn Standifer ('93)** is teaching in the Riverview Gardens School District and resides in Florissant with her children Kiara and Gerald. She plans to return to Lindenwood in the spring of 2009 to receive a second master's degree.

**Laura Matheny-Steinmeyer ('94)** is the assistant director of housing at Lindenwood. She resides in Maryland Heights with her husband David and children Bryce, Jordan and Samantha.

**Jamie Rensing Thompson ('99 & '02)** is a teacher for the Francis Howell School District. She resides in Dardenne Prairie and has one daughter, Isabella.

**Thomas Arthur Winkelmann ('97)** was recently appointed the new cross country and track coach at Fontbonne University. He resides in St. Louis.

### '00s

**Jeff Abeln ('06)** is the weekend sports anchor/reporter for WFXL FOX 31 in Albany, Ga. Jeff joined the sports team in February and resides in Albany.

**Jeff Atterberry ('03)** was appointed as the new assistant principal at Steger Sixth Grade Center and the Elementary Computer School in the Kirkwood School District.

**Jake Bleyenbergh ('01)** is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Bill Bourland ('04)** is the associate director of constituent records for the University of Chicago. He resides in Chicago.

**Erin Critchell ('07)** is currently a client relationship manager at Talx. She is pursuing her MBA here at Lindenwood and resides in St. Charles.

**Stephanie Devereux ('07)** has recently accepted a position as community development coordinator for BCI Foundation in St. Charles, Mo. She resides in St. Peters.

**Mike Donnell ('05)** was recently appointed police chief of the Marshall Police Department. He resides in Marshall, Mo. with his wife Deanna and children Kate and Jack.

# ALUMNI

**Glenn Eidman ('06)**. The Creve Coeur City Council approved in October the appointment of Eidman as chief of police. Eidman earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood in 2006, and currently is an adjunct professor at LU. Eidman has been employed by the Creve Coeur Police Department since December 1979. He has served as a patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant, and, most recently, as deputy commander of field operations and, community policing. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. During his accomplished career, Eidman has been recognized as Police Officer of the Year on three occasions and has been named Employee of the Year by the City of Creve Coeur.

**Craig Horton ('03)** is a logger for MTV Networks in Santa Monica, CA. He resides in Los Angeles.

**Vladimir Knezevic ('07)** has recently signed with the Chicago Storm, a professional indoor soccer team in the Xtreme Soccer League. A native of Serbia, he formerly played for Lindenwood and was also a defenseman for the American Indoor Soccer League's Rockford Rampage. This is his first season with the Storm.

**Aaron Layton ('03)** has recently accepted a position as a middle school special needs teacher at Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis. He resides in Black Jack, Mo.

**Jason Naucke ('00)** was appointed as the new principal of North Kirkwood Middle School in the Kirkwood School District.

**Ginger Roberts ('07)** is a teacher for the Pattonville School District. She resides in St. Charles with her husband Dave and her daughter Mollie.

**Jason Richter ('01)** was married on March 29, 2008 in Livonia, Mich. to Somer Davidson Richter of Garden City, Mich. They reside in Hurricane, W.V. where she is employed as a nurse and he is a Criminal Investigator/Deputy US Marshal.

**Branko Savic ('06)** has extended his contract with the Chicago Storm, a professional indoor soccer team in the Xtreme Soccer League. He is a Belgrade, Serbia, native and enters his third season for the Storm. Savic also played for Lindenwood and was formerly an assistant coach for the men's soccer team. In 2007-2008 Savic set a career high in goals and ranked second on the Storm in blocks.

**Lori Frederick St. Pierre ('03)** is the senior vice president for Trueman Bank in St. Louis.

**Megan Teal ('07 & '08)** is the director of intramurals at Lindenwood. She resides in St. Charles.

**Donnie Wieland ('03)** and Erika Orlando Wieland ('03) were married on September 14, 2008, in New Town in St. Charles. Donnie is employed with Grau Contracting as a carpenter apprentice and Erika is currently employed with America's Center as an event coordinator. The couple resides in St. Louis.

**Jeffrey Wilkens ('06)** is currently an Admissions Counselor at Ranken Technical College and resides in Millstadt, Ill.

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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*.

Alice Holman Ahrens ('59)  
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Nancy Joan Ault ('57)  
Cornelia Childs Beach ('59)  
Jane Kobel Biltonen ('59)  
Gail Cunningham Binswanger ('59)  
Patricia Wilborn Busboom ('59)  
Elizabeth Bohn Carlstrom ('59)  
Virginia Chistman Curtis ('59)  
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Betty Smith Douthett ('59)  
Suzanne Nichols Duffy ('59)  
Martha Hard Garske ('59)  
Emma Kayserili Gaser ('59)  
Caroline Bryan Harrell ('59)  
Joanne Jackson Hartfield ('59)  
Jean Haskell ('59)  
Carol Hopkins Hayward ('59)  
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Laurie McLeod Hetchler ('59)  
Bettie Teasley Hill ('59)  
Judith Walker Horn ('59)  
Ann Hamilton Hostetler ('59)  
Susan Freegard Hubbard ('59)  
Martha Latshaw Humphreys ('59)  
Marguerite Colville Ingram ('59)  
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Shelley Brooks Kirkland ('59)  
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Sally Slyfield ('59)  
Jetta Smith ('59)  
Shirley Smith Speckman ('59)  
Carolyn Gutzler Steigman ('59)  
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# NEWS & NOTES

## In Memoriam

Margaret Ellington Koch ('34)  
Checotah, Okla.

Ellen Skillman Iden ('36)  
Columbus, Ohio

Evelyn Bradley ('41)  
Louisville, Ky.

Ellen Schumacher Tennant ('45)  
Garden Grove, Calif.

Elizabeth Ann Dorris ('50)  
Mountain Grove, Mo.

Kathryn Swearingen Zigel ('51)  
Gasconade, Mo.

Mary Lucille Kirchherr Shoquist ('53)  
Edina, Minn.

Janet Marsha Jones Currie ('58)  
Chatham, Ill.

Sarah Tuepker Koelling ('59)  
St. Charles, Mo.

Cynthia Gail Willoughby Selmon ('73)  
Atlanta, Ga.

Pauline Hammen ('82)  
St. Charles, Mo.

Shawn Williams ('07)  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Larry Matthews  
Lindenwood Education Professor

## Family, Friends Ensure Williams' Show Goes On

As a young, up-and-coming designer in the St. Louis area, Shawn Williams was poised for greatness in the fashion industry. He graduated from Lindenwood in 2007 with an undergraduate degree in fashion design, and moved immediately into the pursuit of a master's degree.

Williams' designs had been published in *Alive* magazine, he had spoken with *Project Runway's* Tim Gunn about appearing on the popular television show, and his Eyekon clothing line was becoming quite recognizable in the region.

Sadly, in September 2008, he was struck by a vehicle in midtown St. Louis while walking to his car on his 23rd birthday. He succumbed to his injuries one week before he was to debut his latest women's clothing line, "Reconstructed Destruction" during Fashion Week in St. Louis.

Deerra Williams, 21, Shawn Williams' sister and fashion design student at Lindenwood; Florence Dewan, assistant professor of fashion design; and seven classmates banded together to ensure his collection debuted as planned. Working from his sketches and fabrics he'd purchased before his death, those who knew him best finished his garments.

"We came together and decided, 'We

must help him,'" Dewan said. "Students who were very close to Shawn each picked a design from his sketches and brought it to life. It was all done out of love. I was so touched I was in tears."

Deerra Williams says the dedication to her brother's vision is testament to the way he touched others' lives through his vibrancy, talent and kindness.

"Shawn loved to help people and he was full of love," she said. "He was always sharing, teaching, and helping others. They worked so hard to make those outfits. It was awesome. It was like Shawn's spirit was around, spreading that love and bringing out that potential."

In the end, her brother's show opened with a silent prayer, Deerra Williams walked the catwalk in a stunning denim and elastic design, and models showcased several of his other unique clothing items.

With the support of her family and the university, Deerra intends to keep her brother's memory alive. The Shawn Christopher Williams Scholarship Fund has been created through Bank of America, and a memorial foundation is in development.

While Deerra Williams is still in the early stages of pursuing her undergraduate degree, she plans to follow in her brother's creative footsteps. As her skills progress, she will work with Dewan to bring the detailed sketches Shawn Williams left behind into the beautiful creations he envisioned.

## 2009 Homecoming and Reunion Class Agents Needed

Want to be involved? The Lindenwood alumni office is looking for individuals to help with our 2009 Homecoming and Reunion on October 9 & 10. We are in need of individuals to serve as class agents and to serve on our 2009 Homecoming Committee. You can help spread the word about the class reunion celebration and weekend's events by contacting your Lindenwood friends and classmates by phone or e-mail, at your convenience. Invite them to join you at the 2009 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend and get involved in helping with the reunion plans. We'll provide you with the contact lists for alumni from your class.

Class agents are now needed for the following honored classes:

1949 • 1984 • 1959 • 1989  
1969 • 1999 • 1979 • 2004

The 2009 Homecoming Committee will be comprised of alumni from a wide range of classes. If you are interested in volunteering to be a class agent or to serve on the Homecoming Committee, please visit our alumni website at [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu) or contact Whitney Fraier by January 15, 2009, at 636-949-4975 or [wfraier@lindenwood.edu](mailto:wfraier@lindenwood.edu).

**Help make Homecoming 2009 Reunion Weekend a great success!**

# Lindenwood was Home to Cerny as a Student and Teacher

Glen Cerny is known to two generations of Lindenwood students, faculty and staff—one as a student in the early 1970s and one as the iconic professor and general manager of KCLC for 13 years starting in 1988.

It began, he said, when his high school advisor in Fond du Lac, Wis., told him he should look into Lindenwood College.

“How Lindenwood came to Fond du Lac I’m not sure,” Cerny said. “But I was interested in radio and he told me to look into it. I flew out of a snowstorm in Green Bay in April of 1970 and landed in St. Louis, where it was 57 degrees. I visited the campus and was hooked. It was the only application I filled out.”

Cerny was among the first male students to attend Lindenwood, which had gone co-ed the previous year.

“I still remember standing in the parking lot at Harmon Hall with tears in my eyes as my parents left,” Cerny said. “But, I turned around and walked up to campus and knew I’d found a home.”

Cerny was also on Lindenwood’s first basketball team, on which he played from ’70 through ’73. He said there were not tryouts for the team and described it as not particularly competitive.

“We were horrible,” he said. “I recall one game against Missouri Baptist that we lost 130 to 27. It was a great group of guys, though.”

More significantly, Cerny met Martha Boyer, who had started KCLC more than 20 years earlier.

“Hands down, still the biggest influence in my life was Martha Boyer,” Cerny said. “She saw something in me. She took me under her wing. She kicked my tail. There is no question I would not have accomplished what I did without her.”

After graduation in 1974, Cerny worked a number of sports broadcasting jobs, including an internship with the Milwaukee Brewers, before buying radio station WKIQ in Ohio with partners Rich Slaughter and Steven Dinkel.

“The main thing I learned was that I needed to go back to school and study harder this time,” Cerny said.

He did just that, earning a master’s degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio in 1984, a year after

selling the radio station. From there, he went to work for Buckeye CableSystems in Toledo doing ad sales and sports broadcasting. But, he said, Lindenwood was calling.

“Lindenwood gave me the confidence at the age of 23 to buy a radio station,” Cerny said. “When I say Lindenwood was calling, I mean just that. I wanted to return there.”

The opportunity came when friend Barry Freese, from the class of ’75 called and said he had heard Lindenwood was looking for a full-time general manager for KCLC.

“The lure of returning to Lindenwood and advancing the vision of Martha Boyer was extremely strong,” Cerny said. “It was the perfect job at the right time.”

Cerny began teaching as well in 1990, which allowed him to shape the future careers of numerous students. He also served as the faculty athletic representative.

“It worked out well for me,” Cerny said. “It’s extremely humbling to think you impacted someone’s life.”

Cerny left Lindenwood in 2001 to take

a job as head of Pioneer Public Television in Appleton, Minn. More than 100 current and former students attended his going away party. He later moved to the warmth of New Mexico when he took a job as director of university broadcasting at New Mexico State University, where he is in charge of the university’s NPR and PBS stations.

Today, Cerny says Lindenwood remains a significant part of his family. He and his wife of 35 years, Sue, have degrees from the school, as does his son, Kris, who graduated in 2000. Two other sons, Kyle and Kevin, attended Bowling Green State University. Cerny says all three of his sons “grew up on the Lindenwood campus.”

In October, during Homecoming weekend, Cerny returned to Lindenwood with Sue and son Kris to accept his induction into the Lindenwood Athletic Hall of Fame.

“When I got the letter, Sue told me, ‘It wasn’t for your basketball playing,’” Cerny said. “I was very surprised at how it impacted me. It took me back and made me stop and think. To get on campus and be treated the way we were was incredible.”



Kris Cerny tightens his father's tie after dad was inducted into Lindenwood's Athletic Hall of Fame.



## Hall of Fame Inducts Another Stellar Class

The second Lindenwood Athletics Hall of Fame class was inducted on Oct. 18 at the annual Homecoming Hall of Fame banquet.

Highlighting the Class of 2008 were seven former student-athletes: Brant Bruner (men's wrestling), Karen Goodman (softball/women's basketball), Amy Knobloch (women's track and field), Itzel Nieto (women's golf), Becky Stigen (women's soccer), Courtney Thompson (women's basketball), and Shannon Tierney (women's basketball). The meritorious service winner for this year was former Faculty Athletic Representative Glen Cerny. Rounding out the class were former Women's Soccer Head Coach Kevin Kilcullin and the 2002 National Championship men's wrestling team.

Also honored at the event, which was emceed by St. Louis radio personality and Lindenwood alumnus Randy Karraker, were the first recipients of the Lindenwood Student Achievement Award. This honor, which goes to current student-athletes, went to Olympic shooter Sean McLelland, a senior on Lindenwood's national championship shooting team, and women's wrestling World Championship medalist Tatiana Padilla, a freshman on the inaugural women's wrestling team at Lindenwood.



More than 120 people attended Lindenwood's second annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet.



Cortney Thompson ('90) received her award from President Evans and her brother, Earl Austin Jr. ('86).



National champion Brant Bruner ('04) speaks to the crowd.



The 2008 Hall of Fame Class includes (front row from left): Brant Bruner, Becky Stigen, Glen Cerny, Krista Neidenbach, Kevin Kilcullin and (back row from left) Karen Gaines, Itzel Nieto, Amy Knobloch, Courtney Thompson, Shannon Malek.



Lindenwood's 2002 national championship wrestling team included Back row from left: Coach Mike Ridings, Brant Bruner, Roger Miller, President James D. Evans, Josh Buchanan, Eric Brown, Wayne James. Front row from left: Justin Naumovitz, Chad Smith, Coach Joe Parisi, Dustin Zahursky, Coach James Kisgen.

# LU Celebrates Harlen Hunter Appreciation Day

Prior to the Nov. 1 football game, Lindenwood University held a recognition ceremony for the man after whom the athletic stadium is named, Dr. Harlen C. Hunter.

Hunter's donation to the school in the late 1980s led to many major renovations being done to the athletics facilities at the school, starting with new artificial turf for the stadium in 1988. This first step has led to Harlen C. Hunter Stadium today being one of the top venues in the NAIA. The stadium is used by the Lindenwood football,

men's and women's soccer, field hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse teams, and is used for practice by numerous other squads. It is also used for other community events, such as the High School Gridiron Classic every fall.

Hunter and his family returned to St. Charles for this ceremony which was held 45 minutes before the Lions' 56-7 win over Evangel. Hunter's presence seems to always bring good luck to the Lindenwood sports teams, as the men's soccer team won 2-1 after the original dedication ceremony in

1988.

Besides Hunter, speakers at the event included President James D. Evans, athletic director John Creer, and Hunter's longtime friend, LU athletic trainer Randy Biggerstaff.

While back at Lindenwood, Hunter donated some more of his time to the school, giving two lectures to student athletics trainers and other interested Lindenwood students.



Hunter was honored at halftime with Coach Patrick Ross and Athletic Director John Creer.



Dr. Hunter listens as his longtime friend, Randy Biggerstaff, addresses the crowd.



The Hunter family stands next to the permanent signage that bears their name.



Hunter was interviewed on Lindenwood's radio station, KCLC, during halftime.

## Two More From Lindenwood Reach International Stage

Lindenwood athletics is showing that the school's presence at the 2008 Summer Olympics was not just a one-time appearance on the international sports stage. This fall, two athletes with Lindenwood ties won national titles and advanced to World Championship events.

Tatiana Padilla, a freshman at Lindenwood and a member of the inaugural women's wrestling team, won the gold medal in September at the U.S. World Trials. She did not allow a point in three matches at the event. In the best-of-three finals, she pinned her opponent during the first match, and then won a 4-0, 3-0 decision to clinch the title.

With that victory, Padilla advanced to the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Padilla previously won two medals at the Junior World Championships, taking

silver in 2007 and bronze in 2008. She was just one win away from being on the 2008 Olympic team, a goal that is now number one for her as she shoots for the 2012 Games.

Lindenwood shooting head coach Sean Duloherly earned first-place in September at the USA Shooting Fall Selection Match in the International Skeet event. With the victory, he will represent his country next summer at the 2009 World Shotgun Championships in Maribor, Slovenia.

Duloherly's final score of 267 (out of 275 targets) was two shots better than 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist Vincent Hancock. Duloherly also defeated a couple of his own athletes. Lion Olympian Sean McLelland finished sixth with a score of 255, and Robert Auerbach was 15th in the final standings.



LU women's wrestler Tatiana Padilla, and shooter Sean McLelland, who participated in the Beijing Olympics, were the only current students honored at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet.

## LU to Host Swimming Championships in March

Lindenwood University will serve as the host school for the 2009 and 2010 NAIA Swimming and Diving Championships. The 2009 event will take place on March 4-7 at the Rec-Plex in St. Peters, Mo.

This is the second time that this NAIA Championship event has been awarded to Lindenwood. The Lions also hosted the 2005 and 2006 championships, and, after good reviews, the event will return for the

next two seasons.

The St. Peters Rec-Plex has a standing tradition of organizing prestigious swimming events including the U.S. Olympic Diving Trials and the U.S. Olympic Festival. The facility features a full complement of diving towers up to 10 meters, as well as springboards, and is home to a 50-meter pool suited for NAIA competition.

The NAIA Swimming and Diving Championships will bring more than 300 student-athletes to the St. Charles County area. Lindenwood and the rest of the NAIA swimming world will be trying to catch California Baptist at the meet. The Lancers have won the last four women's team titles and the last three men's championships.

## Football, Women's Volleyball, Others Finish Strong

The Lindenwood athletics department found much success in Fall of 2008. At one point, all six of NAIA sports programs were nationally ranked, and four of those programs ended up advancing to the national tournaments. Outside of the NAIA sports, Lindenwood won another national championship, with the men's water polo team winning a third straight title.

### Football

The Lions reached the NAIA Football Championship Series for the second straight season in 2008, the first time it has advanced to the postseason in back-to-back seasons. Lindenwood lost its season opener, but reeled off victories in its nine regular season games after that to finish second in the HAAC and earn the right to host a first-round game.

Fourth-year quarterback Ben Kisner had a record setting year, breaking Lindenwood's career records for passing touchdowns, passing yards and wins by a starting quarterback. He threw for 263.5 yards a game in the regular season and had 22 touchdown passes, and led an offense that ranked ninth in the nation in scoring.

Defensively, the Lions were also in the Top Ten nationally by allowing just 15.3

points a game. Among the leaders in that unit were Logen Wright, who had 59 tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss, and Brandon Gould, with 58 tackles and three interceptions.

### Women's Volleyball

The Lindenwood women's volleyball team continued its dominance over the HAAC in 2008, going 10-0 to capture the regular season title and sweeping all three matches to win the conference tournament. After one of the best regular seasons in school history, Lindenwood received a first-round bye and automatically advanced to the NAIA Championships for the second time in school history.

Senior setter Lisa Clark led the team, averaging over nine assists a game. Many of her assists went to Ellen Fandry, a freshman who led the team in kills with 3.29 a game. Defensively, Krista Yoder was the leading blocker with a 1.19 average, and Alyssa Showers had 4.62 digs a game.

### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team finished second in the HAAC in the regular season and was one win away from advancing to the NAIA Tournament. The Lady Lions reached the HAAC Tournament

Championship match, but fell 2-1 in the title game.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team improved by three wins in 2008, finishing the year with a 12-6-1 overall record. The squad finished fourth in the HAAC with a 6-3 conference mark.

### Cross Country

Lindenwood men's and women's cross country teams swept the team and individual Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) Championships. The men's title was the second straight for the Lions and its sixth HAAC Championship overall. The women won for the first time since 2004 and its sixth overall crown.

### Men's Water Polo

The Lindenwood men's water polo team won its third straight Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III National Championship with a 16-11 win over New York University in the championship game. The championship was the third straight title for the Lions as they became the first program to three-peat.

## Your Alumni Association is 'on the Move'



Alumni president  
Cortney Lenk, '99

Dear Friends,

The Lindenwood Alumni Association is on the go...literally. There have been a lot of recent events and several more upcoming exciting opportunities. First, our annual Reunion weekend in October was a huge success with over

300 people in attendance and approximately 50 from the class of 1958. A big thanks to class agents Carol Gardner Transou, Beth Devlin Jett, and Carolyn Wood Adamson for coordinating their 50th class reunion.

Other recent events include an alumni football game in September, an alumni event in Belleville, Ill., an alumni gathering in Jefferson City, Mo., an alumni gathering in New York City, and the St. Charles Alumni Club Annual Fashion Show. The alumni office is busy planning similar events in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., in January, and a possible Chicago event next spring. We are working hard to revive some of the alumni clubs around the country!

If you are interested in starting an alumni club in your city or would like any information about the Alumni Association, please contact Whitney Fraier, director of alumni affairs, at (636) 949-4975.

On behalf of the Alumni Board we wish you happy holidays and best wishes for 2009!

Sincerely,

Cortney Lenk  
Class of 1999  
President Lindenwood Alumni Association

## Poconos Offer A Weekend to Remember

In the fall of 1966, a group of girls met on the third floor of Niccolls Hall — all entering the gates of Lindenwood as freshman. The third floor wing of women became very close and has kept in touch over the years. Forty-one years later the same group decided to meet together for a mini-reunion. The ladies decided to meet in the Pocono Mountains in Northeastern Pennsylvania at Joy Esterly Stebbins' home.

Linda Stukenbroeker Rogers ('70), Brenda Johnson Johnson ('69), Ruth Kauder Wolff ('70), Janet Barbour Rose ('69), Sharyn Daniels Holmes, Lizzie Giron and Joy Esterly Stebbins had a weekend to

remember. Their long weekend felt like they had never left their dorm rooms and the ladies had a wonderful time reconnecting and making new memories. The ladies traveled from North Dakota, Colorado, Texas, Connecticut, and even all the way from El Salvador and Vienna, Austria! The ladies had such a wonderful time reminiscing about their days at Lindenwood College and now have decided to host another reunion in January 2010 in El Salvador. The classmates can't wait for their next mini-reunion and to see one another again.

## Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving

Shopping for someone who has everything? Consider a gift to Lindenwood in that special someone's honor. Some great stocking stuffers include

- Brick pavers inscribed with the honoree's name
- Trees planted on the LU campus
- Emergency Textbook Fund contributions

These gifts will share the joy of the season with Lindenwood students for a long time to come.

Pavers are \$100, trees are \$300, and the Emergency Textbook Fund donations can be any amount you choose. To order pavers or trees, contact Alumni Director Whitney Fraier at 636-949-4975 or wfraier@lindenwood.edu. We'll send a note to the honorees to let them know about your gift.

## Guess Where This Is?



Can you tell us where this object is 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.

Last issue's Guess What This Is? Was a hat rack beneath a chair in the Sibley Chapel.

Winners from Fall Connection 2008:

La'Tosha Harris '08  
Jamie Miller '06  
Betsy Jeffery '77  
Helen Bartlett '45  
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