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A Message From President Evans Fundraising for the Student

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Spring is budding out on the Lindenwood quad to greet our students as they meander, amble, hike, or dart from class to class. What a prototypically beautiful season we are having on this campus – a canvas painted by God’s hand! Wherever you are, I hope your present situation is as picturesque as the one provided by this remarkable setting.

One of my responsibilities is to work with our Office of Institutional Advancement to seek gifts and donations in support of Lindenwood’s students, programs, and facilities. For as long as most human minds can clearly recall, fundraising in higher education has emphasized capital gifts to help defray the costs of buildings and other components of the campus physical plant. In fact, we have tended to focus on the University’s many wonderful facilities initiatives through much of our advancement effort for several years running. Donor help with facilities funding is important because first-rate higher learning opportunities must have a physical context that is comfortable, functional, and – in this age – technologically equipped. However, hard economic times require that we give special attention to fundraising projects that benefit students directly – especially students who have appreciable financial need.

More than has been true for a very long time, we are hearing signals of distress from many students and their families, for understandable reasons. Lindenwood is committed to making a college education accessible to any qualified, motivated student, which is why we budget millions of dollars in direct Lindenwood grants and scholarships annually. As a consequence of these extraordinarily challenging times, however, we will be redoubling our efforts to raise additional external contributions to help our students make ends meet, remain in school, and persist in their pursuit of a Lindenwood degree. Specifically, we will be seeking additional funding for these areas of giving:

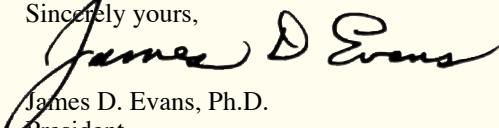
Students’ Emergency Textbook Fund: This fund makes it possible for certain students to continue their college education even when circumstances have left them without means to purchase books in a particular term. This resource depends entirely on donations from generous friends and alums of the University. We hope to make it an endowed fund in the foreseeable future.

Dedicated Scholarships: Some of Lindenwood’s generous benefactors have established scholarships for selected areas of workforce development. For example, one donor has established a matching relationship with the University to help young professionals of modest means pursue MBA degrees that otherwise would exceed the students’ financial wherewithal. Another benefactor donates a handsome sum each year to enable area teachers to take classes in the teaching of mathematics and science.

Named Endowed Scholarships: Several Lindenwood alumni, board members, and friends in the community have made donations to establish scholarships for deserving students. In these cases, the donor names the scholarship and sets the selection criteria. A recipient who remains in good standing typically qualifies for the scholarship for up to four years.

These funds and scholarships are just a sampling of the many generous and creative ways that Lindenwood’s benefactors help ensure a better world by making a college education accessible to future leaders who might not realize their potentials without a little help. If you are interested in making a student-dedicated gift this year, please let me know what form that might take. Here’s wishing you a great spring!

Sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.
President



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On The Cover

Under the supervision of Lindenwood’s Art Department faculty, students constructed a “found objects” sculpture on the quad as part of the Sibley Day activities on Feb. 25. The sculpture, which remains in place, functions as an archway over one of the quad’s walkways.

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Around the World in 28 Years

Scupin Redefines Focus at Lindenwood

Ray Scupin has traveled around the world researching humanity, culture, and religion. Now in his 28th year as a professor at Lindenwood University, he feels his focus has shifted from researcher to mentor.

“The principle research role in my life at this time is to evaluate the work of younger scholars concentrating on anthropology studies,” said Scupin, professor of anthropology and sociology. “My job now is to assist them in the different stages of their careers.”

Scupin’s own professional experiences make him more than qualified to serve in that role. To name a few, he has served in the military, served as a cultural liaison for Proctor & Gamble, and conducted research in several Asian countries.

As the author of a number of books on anthropological and sociological issues, Scupin also is the recipient of several scholar and teaching awards. He’s lectured at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Northern Kentucky University; and Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Southeast Asian country of Thailand has been a source of life-long interest for Scupin. He lived there for two years with his wife, Susan, while conducting research in pursuit of his doctoral degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has returned

to Thailand several times to continue his research.

“It is a fascinating country,” Scupin said. “Thailand is unique in Southeast Asia because it was never influenced by European colonialism. It is a rapidly developing economy with a mix of Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and even a small percentage of Christian religious traditions.”

Scupin brings these insights and more to the students taking his sociology and anthropology classes. He has taught more than 20 different courses during his time at Lindenwood.

“I thoroughly enjoy being in the classroom and bringing the knowledge of Asia, Islam, sociology and anthropology to undergraduate students,” he said.

A dedication to the promotion of cross-cultural exchanges recently inspired Scupin to propose and launch the Center for International and Global Studies at Lindenwood. The center will manage the university’s international enrollment, undertake corporate fundraising efforts, work to obtain grants for faculty to conduct international research, and manage the student Intercultural Club.

Plans under the center’s direction also include the creation of a peer-reviewed e-journal and a guest lecture series. A new master’s degree in international studies will be offered in the fall of 2009, supplementing



Professor Ray Scupin brings his cultural experiences abroad into the classroom.

the existing bachelor of arts degree.

“When I was an undergraduate, some of my closest friends were international students,” Scupin said. “I had nothing but good experiences and I would like to encourage our American students to get more involved with our international students here at Lindenwood.”

Why is Improving Lindenwood’s Alumni Giving Rate So Important?

Many college ranking organizations view alumni participation as an indicator of alumni satisfaction. In addition, when evaluating the university for grants, many corporations and foundations consider alumni participation as a measure of the college’s stature and stability. So your gift of any amount helps Lindenwood receive more funding, climb in the rankings, and it adds to the value of a Lindenwood degree.

What are we doing to increase our alumni participation above 10%?

We have been talking with you, listening to your thoughts and suggestions through e-mails, letters, surveys, and phone calls. We are seeking to connect with the alumni more effectively and to respond to

your needs and requests. To this end we have put in place a number of programs:

Alumni Re-Connections Program:

Many years ago Lindenwood had many alumni gatherings around the country. This year we have begun by organizing events in New York City; St. Charles; Belleville, Ill.; and Tucson and Scottsdale Ariz. We are in the planning stages for next year and would love to hear your suggestions about places and people.

Alumni Communication Program:

We are expanding our communication with alums by introducing an on-line alumni newsletter to complement the quarterly alumni magazine the *Connection*, sending

alumni e-mail blasts to communicate the latest information, improving alumni services and benefits, and enhancing customer service by more effectively managing the alumni data base. In addition we are focusing on educating our current students about becoming future alumni.

Alumni Free Will Program

The Free Will Program offers alumni free estate planning. To take advantage of this we ask that you remember Lindenwood by leaving at least \$1000 to the university in your will or trust and become a member of the Sibley Heritage Society.

Improving Lindenwood’s alumni participation rate adds to the value of a Lindenwood degree.



Carol Keeney is excited about the economic and social implications of having a college in Belleville.

Memorial Hospital, the Casino Queen, and the Gateway Fountain.

Carol Keeney grew up in Southern Illinois, went to St. Teresa Academy High School, and earned her baccalaureate of arts degree in English from SIU-Edwardsville. She is a strong and committed advocate for the growth of the region, a Rotarian, a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Fairview Heights, and serves on the board of Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council. She takes a great deal of pride in her business, her region, and in the role that Lindenwood is taking in Belleville.

Pyramid Electrical Contractors has joined many others in supporting the expansion of Lindenwood's Belleville campus. As a member of Lindenwood University President's Gold Circle in the current Belleville fundraising campaign, she and her husband not only financially support the growth and development of the Belleville campus but also are vocal about the economic and social impact of the university on the region.

Carol Keeney sees the community rallying around Lindenwood as the university offers new degree programs, a sports program, arts, cultural, and educational opportunities for the citizens of Southern Illinois, as well as plays and other entertainment which will enhance the quality of life in the community.

Lindenwood is so pleased to have Keeney, a productive citizen and a leading business woman, as a Lindenwood donor and active supporter in Belleville.

Keeney Backs Lindenwood's Day College in Belleville

Carol Keeney, president of Pyramid Electrical Contractors in Fairview Heights, Illinois, is excited about the economic and social impact that Lindenwood University will have in the region.

"Belleville needs a university to prepare its students to function in this complex world," said Keeney. "Lindenwood already knows how to educate the whole person. The new location in Belleville is not starting from scratch; it is continuing the 182-year university mission in a new location."

Lindenwood University recently announced plans to offer daytime, semester-based programs at its Belleville campus. Currently, the campus is used exclusively

for Lindenwood's accelerated evening programs. Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D., said the university will offer courses in business administration, communications, criminal justice and health management, starting in the fall of 2009, for junior- and senior-level students.

For the past 15 years, Keeney has been the president of Pyramid Electrical Contractors, working closely with her husband, Ken, who serves as the CEO. Their company, which serves both Illinois and Missouri, has worked on schools, hospitals, convention centers, nursing homes, airports, Metro Link, Scott Air Force Base and many other projects, including the Martin Luther King Bridge,

Daytime Classes Will Usher in a New Era at Belleville Campus

Student recruitment efforts have been in full swing at Lindenwood University's satellite campus in Belleville, Ill., since the school's announcement it would begin offering day classes in the fall of 2009. Designed to give local two-year college students a place to continue their education close to home, semester-based programs will be offered to junior-and-senior-level students only.

The move is expected to eventually quadruple the current enrollment of 1,400 students and result in the eventual hiring of more than 100 full-time employees. The first additional employees to be hired include Lacey Levin, ('04, '05, '08) associate director of day admissions, Melissa Shreve, admissions counselor and financial aid officer, and Dan Hogan, head men's and women's soccer coach and admissions counselor.

Since coming on board early this year, the trio has been engaging in community activities and spreading the word about the school's expanded course offerings. They travel regularly to local community colleges and businesses, handing out flyers and speaking with potential students.

"Every day we are visiting somewhere," Levin said. "We are rarely in the office, since we are always doing some kind of visit."

While Levin and Shreve's concentration is on the recruitment of day students, Hogan's focus is on the addition of student athletes. In conjunction with the launch of day classes at Belleville, the campus is forming male and female soccer squads to begin competition in the fall. The teams will initially compete as a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA); but the

department hopes to meet the requirements necessary to join the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) within two years.

"We've talked with almost every contact in the area regarding athletic programs, and everyone I've spoken with about our programs has been very receptive," Hogan said. "We've already had athletes from Southwestern Illinois College visit to learn more about our campus."

In addition to face-to-face recruitment efforts, a new television commercial and website provide information on the school's academic programs, admissions processes, athletic programs, and much more. The commercial will air on several Charter Communications channels in selected counties. It's also available under the "About Belleville" section on <http://belleville.lindenwood.edu>.

BLOGGIN' AT THE 'WOOD

Many Lindenwood Professors use Blogs for Teaching, Expression

In recent years, the blog has become an increasingly ubiquitous form of communication. Many use blogs to communicate with their friends, colleagues and families. Bloggers are also quoted in news stories and are used as a barometer of public opinion on everything from sports to foreign policy.

At Lindenwood, some professors use blogs, which is short for “web log,” or “Wikis” (web sites that various “members” can edit) to communicate with their students. Others use blogs to write about their professional pursuits or individual interests. Blogs are generally found on organizational websites or specific sites that specialize in hosting blogs. Blogs may include text, pictures, video, and links to other websites — whatever the author chooses to put in them.

The following is a list of Lindenwood professors who write blogs and, where applicable, links where you can find them:

Alan Meyers (Christian Ministry Studies): A Presbyterian minister, Meyers contributes periodically to a blog called “Homiletical Hot Tub,” which provides ideas for preaching on each week’s scripture passages. The blog can be found at <http://www.goodpreacher.com/blog/>.

Jeanie Thies (Human Services): Last semester, Thies used a blog to present a tutorial for her victimology course and is doing the same this semester as well.

Melanie Bishop (Education): Similar to Thies, Bishop uses blogs for her classes on a regular basis.

“Utilizing the blog has been an excellent addition to the courses,” Bishop said.

In addition, Bishop is currently working toward her doctorate in education at Lindenwood and is doing her dissertation on the effective use of blogs in the classroom.

Sue Tretter (Humanities): Currently teaching in Germany on a Fulbright award, Tretter is keeping a diary of her experiences so that her colleagues and friends back home can read about her time representing Lindenwood and teaching American studies



Communications Professor Jill Falk works on her blog, “Media Talk with Jill Falk,” which she uses in her classes. Her site includes blogs from her students as well.

in Leipzig. Tretter started her Fulbright post in January and will teach there through May. You can find her blog at <http://stretter.travellerspoint.com>.

Jill Falk (Communications): Falk and her students have been blogging as part of her classes since 2007. Her class blog, “Media Talk with Jill Falk,” includes her own thoughts on the particular instructional units for the class, as well as links to blogs by her students. You can read her blog and those of her students at www.jillfalk.com.

Luke Bobo (Christian Ministry Studies): Bobo, an ordained minister and director of the Christian Ministry Studies program in the Lindenwood College for Individualized Education, writes a regular blog called “Ruminations of a Practical Theologian.” In the blog he regularly records his thoughts on a variety of issues, from cultural diversity to the absurdity of the salaries of some professional sports figures. His blog can be found at www.lukebobo.wordpress.com.

International Studies: **Ray Scupin** says

that Lindenwood’s new Center for Global and International Studies plans to launch a blog in the near future that will be generated by international students at Lindenwood about their experiences and issues of importance to the international community. The blog will be generated in consultation with Scupin and Ryan Guffey, who also supervises the center. Stay tuned for an announcement when that blog is launched.

Nancy Durbin (Humanities): While she did not write the blog, French Professor Nancy Durbin and her January Term class were featured on a blog on the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts website.

“For J-Term, my students trained to give tours, in French, at the Pulitzer,” Durbin said. “They then gave the tours to area high school students.”

There are other entries from past projects, but this was the most current one. It can be viewed at <http://2buildings1blog.org/pulitzer/author/amy/>.

One Year and Counting ...



Whitney Fraier

By Whitney Fraier
Director of
Alumni Relations

Wow! I can't believe it has been a year since I was hired to serve as your alumni director, and what a whirlwind it has been. It has been such an honor to have had the

opportunity to meet and speak with many of you. Lindenwood has an outstanding group of alumni, and it is a privilege to get to work with each of you.

Great strides have been made this last year to encourage alumni to become more involved. We have hosted many successful alumni events such as our Alumni and Friends Picnic, 2008 Homecoming and Reunion, Lindenwood Pre-Game Football Night, and alumni events held in Jefferson City, Mo.; New York City, N.Y.; Belleville, Ill.; and Scottsdale and Tucson, Ariz. Plans are being made to host more in the future. We are committed to reconnecting with many of you, and hope to continue to increase this initiative through the use of media and publications. We have just recently introduced *Linden Bark* which is the new monthly digital alumni newsletter, and we will continue to keep you informed in quarterly issues of the Connection.

As you may know, alumni participation is vital to the sustainability of Lindenwood, and we appreciate everyone who has supported us and who has joined us for any of the aforementioned events. There are many ways you can become more involved and contribute your skills and talent to your alma mater: attend alumni events, become a class agent for Homecoming and Reunion, serve as a student mentor, recruit and refer prospective students, and attend performances at our wonderful new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

On May 15, I will join the thousands of alumni as I proudly become an official graduate of Lindenwood University. I will be graduating with my master's degree in nonprofit administration. I will be honored to be one of you.

I am very grateful for the incredible response and support that I have received since coming to work at Lindenwood and hope that we can continue to improve and strengthen relationships. 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 hope to see you at upcoming alumni events.



My Sonata

Alumna's Love of Music Flows into Memoir

A large Steinway piano is the most prominent feature in the home of alumna Cordelia Buck Stumberg. Her love of the instrument is unwavering, which is evident in her aptly named memoir, *My Sonata*.

Stumberg's autobiography recounts stories from every chapter of her life, including her decision to journey from her hometown of Little Rock, Ark., to then-Lindenwood College in 1936.

"It was the height of the Depression and I was naive," said Stumberg. "My mother sent me to a local college to visit, and by the time I got home I was scared to death. Mother told me about this wonderful women's college in St. Charles. Then she said money would be tight and she would have to make all my clothes if I decided to go to there and that it was my choice. She was so wise."

When she arrived at Lindenwood, Stumberg's talent as a pianist did not go unrecognized. Her grandfather had instructed her at a young age how to transpose music, or how to change the overall key of a piece. During an evening prayer service, then-president John Roemer called upon her to remedy a situation involving one of his favorite songs.

"He was displeased because the new hymnals were more contemporary," Stumberg said.

"So I went to the piano and began fingering out the tune of the older hymn. He was impressed, and he ended up giving me

an accompanist scholarship."

It was also during her time at Lindenwood that she met the man who would eventually become her husband. Kriete Stumberg was the son of local physician and Lindenwood board member Dr. Kurt B. Stumberg, who had been in charge of the construction of Butler Library in 1929.

After her graduation and subsequent marriage, Stumberg went on to pursue a master's degree at Southern Illinois University. There she was afforded the opportunity to attend the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria, and performed in venues across Europe.

She finished her master's degree upon her return and became a music teacher until her retirement at the age 65. She and her husband raised a son and a daughter in their beloved home in St. Charles.

It wasn't until after her husband passed away in 1999 that Stumberg decided to pen her memoir. At a friend's suggestion, she also recorded a CD of her music.

"It's been wonderful therapy," she said. "And it's important to show others that we, as older people, have a lot to give."

Stumberg still resides in her home and regularly plays her treasured Steinway. Just as her affection for music remains untouched by time, so does her fondness for her alma mater. She remains an ardent supporter of the university and last fall attended the opening of the time capsule encased in a wall of Butler Library.

"I tell everyone," Stumberg said. "The discipline, the attention, and the education I received at Lindenwood — those were four of the happiest years of my life."



The Bruére House circa 1914. The home is currently Stumberg Hall, a women's residence that houses up to 20 students.

a family affair

Lindenwood Home to Many Bruéres over the Years

Stumberg Hall has been used by Lindenwood University for many purposes through the years — as a music hall, a health center, and a dormitory. While it has certainly proved useful for the school, perhaps no one appreciates the building's value more than members of the Bruére family.

"My great grandfather immigrated to St. Charles from Germany in the late 1830s," said Lindenwood alumna Lisa Bruére ('72). "His son, my grandfather, Theodore Charles Bruére, II, built that four-square house on campus somewhere around 1910."

Theodore Charles Bruére, II, lived in the home with his wife and children until they sold the property to Lindenwood in 1932. By that time, a family tradition of attending Lindenwood had already become well established. Between the late 1870s until the mid-1970s at least 15 Bruére women attended Lindenwood.

"All my grandfather's sisters, all but one of his daughters, and all of his daughters-in-law went there," Lisa Bruére said. "At that time a good education was stressed and Lindenwood was the premier women's school in the Midwest."

In an ironic twist to the family's ties to the university, Lisa Bruére's own mother and father both lived in the building at different times. Robert Bruére was born in the home when it was a



Lindenwood alumna Rosanna Bruére's senior class portrait, circa 1940.

private residence and lived there until the family moved in the early 1930s. Eight years later, the home served as Senior Hall dormitory and was home to Lindenwood University senior Rosanna Veach ('40).

"I had to think about that the first time I heard my mother and father lived in the same house," Lisa Bruére said. "But once it clicked in my head that it was eight years apart I just thought it was really neat."

Lisa Bruére also pointed out that her mother remained a strong supporter of Lindenwood throughout her life.

"Mother was very active at the school," she said. "She was president of the Alumni Association in the 1970's and did all sorts of things there."

When Rosanna Veach Bruére Meyer passed away in the summer of 2008, the family requested that memorials be sent to the Lindenwood emergency textbook fund to assist students in need. And while Lisa Bruére was in town to attend her mother's funeral, she stopped by the university.

"I was with one of mother's former roommates and we drove through the newer part of campus," she said. "I knew it had gotten bigger, but it was just incredibly big now. We were just so amazed and excited, and we are so glad they are doing well."



Gallery Debuts with Art Show

Karen and Rick Boyle

Boyle Gift Helps LU Students, Faculty Showcase Their Work

One of the gems in the crown that is the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts is the Boyle Family Gallery, which celebrated its grand opening on Thursday, March 12, with the opening of the Lindenwood Art Faculty Exhibition. The gallery is named for the family of Richard Boyle, Lindenwood vice president for human resources, in recognition of his generous gift toward the center.

The exhibition, which showcases the work of Lindenwood's talented art faculty, will remain on display through March 29. The Boyle Gallery complements the performance spaces at the Scheidegger Center

as a first-class display venue for traveling art shows and local exhibitions alike. It includes cutting edge lighting and display fixtures that can be rearranged to fit the needs of many different types of art installations.

From April 19 to May 1, it will house the Lindenwood Juried Student Exhibition, where the finest of Lindenwood's student artwork will be on display.

"I'm happy that we now have a really amazing space that can be utilized by students, faculty and the Lindenwood community to enjoy great artwork," Boyle said.

Boyle's wife, Karen, is an educator and a 2000 alumna.





Spreading HOLIDAY CHEER



Leo the Lindenwood Lion roamed the mall at Crestwood Court for Colin's Cause at the inaugural Epilepsy Foundation of the St. Louis Region Holiday Walk on Saturday, December 6. Two hundred people walked to raise awareness about epilepsy and generated a total of \$15,000 for services to help children and adults with seizures. A large group of people came out to support this cause, including Lindenwood cheerleaders and cheerleading Coach Carrie Nichols.

Nichols had a special reason for organizing the Colin's Cause team – her

3¹/₂-year-old son Colin has myoclonic astatic epilepsy. The enthusiastic group of 50 included Colin, his dad Pat, his sister Hailey, Lindenwood cheerleaders and their parents, and Nichols' family members and friends. Colin's Cause and the Lindenwood volunteers raised over \$5,000.

Several Lindenwood cheerleaders were unable to attend the Holiday Walk but still contributed. Also, the cheerleading team had dinner together at Sopranos in O'Fallon one night before the walk, and the management donated a percentage of the tab.

The Lindenwood students are very dedicated in their efforts to raise awareness and funds for the Epilepsy Foundation and are making a difference in our community.

"We can't thank Carrie and her cheerleaders enough for all their efforts in support of our event," said Epilepsy Foundation CEO Darla Templeton. "And what fun having the Lindenwood Lion along for the walk!"

This is just one example of how Lindenwood students are actively supporting worthwhile causes in the community.



The Colin's Cause Team and Lindenwood cheerleader volunteers with Lindenwood Mascot Leo the Lion at the Holiday Walk

A Day Off from Class,

but not from learning

There was no class for Lindenwood University day students on February 25, but there was plenty of learning.

The university held its first ever Sibley Day in honor of Lindenwood founders Mary and George Sibley. Organizers hope they have started a new campus tradition.

Each of the Lindenwood schools presented a selection of seminars and workshops throughout the day to enhance and enrich the students' education. Included were workshops on everything from fly fishing to finance.

Activities included: freshman and sophomore students thinking of entering the School of Education attended a discussion on becoming a teacher; the

School of Human Services offered a program on racial profiling and another simulating living under poverty; the School of Business and Entrepreneurship offered presentations on 403(b) retirement plans and CEO compensation; the School of Fine and Performing Arts offered programs on sculpture, song writing and dance; and the American Studies Program offered a gripping dramatization of a dialogue between a slave and her owner.

"The first annual Sibley Day is an opportunity for Lindenwood to celebrate itself as an intellectual community and to challenge itself in further defining its purpose and promoting its mission," said Professor Ana Schnellmann, one

of the day's organizers. "In creating and contributing to these programs and presentations, faculty and students will have an opportunity to learn and grow in a manner that will enhance our everyday university life. Sibley Day 2009 is the start of a vital LU tradition that will help us celebrate what we are, have been and will become."

In the days leading up to Sibley Day, the programs were promoted a number of different ways, including the circulation of free Sibley Day t-shirts to the students along with schedule booklets of the day's activities. Programs were typically very well attended.



Professors Ryan Curtis (left) and Lorenzo Trujillo conducted a song-writing workshop with the other music faculty.



Maryann Townsend, of the School of Education, held court in the Spellmann Center with a group of students eager to learn how to tie flies.



The Lindenwood School of Human Services sponsored poverty simulation exercises for students to participate in during Sibley Day.



Grady Manus and Angela da Silva performed a dramatization of a gripping dialogue between a slave and her owner.



A major renovation to Harmon Hall is well under way.

MBA Plus Program Has Much to Offer

The Lindenwood School of Business and Entrepreneurship has a newly redesigned MBA Plus program that is sure to attract the interest of alumni. The program provides a valuable opportunity to obtain a graduate degree in business. Academic research indicates that at age 30, MBAs earn 40 percent more than BS/BAs and at age 50, MBAs earn 100 percent more than BS/BAs. There's no doubt a graduate degree more than pays for itself over a

lifetime.

The Lindenwood MBA Plus program prepares students with the knowledge and skills to advance in their careers or enter new fields. The courses are taught by a world-class faculty who are well qualified academically and have years of professional experience and expertise to bring to the classroom. Classes are small, which allows for individualized student attention, and program tuition is one of the lowest in the

St. Louis and St. Louis County areas.

The MBA Plus program curriculum was redesigned in the fall of 2008 to include more core courses to add breadth to the graduate's knowledge in business law and ethics, management, international business and statistics and quantitative analysis – all extremely relevant in today's complex business world. The first MBA Plus students under the new curriculum will begin graduating this May and are looking forward to putting their new skills to practical use.

In fall 2010 a new building will showcase Lindenwood's School of Business and Entrepreneurship (SBE) and the revised and improved MBA program and will house a diverse group of business faculty members bringing a wealth of professional and academic experience to the new, high-tech SBE classrooms. The building will provide exciting new delivery methods for both graduate and undergraduate business programs in an ultramodern setting using futuristic technologies and up-to-the-minute curriculum.

The Lindenwood School of Business and Entrepreneurship MBA Plus degree program is the best value in business education in the region and offers a first class education from a first class faculty for an affordable price — a modest investment for a life-time of potential earning power.

For more information on Lindenwood SBE graduate programs please contact Sandi Lafata at slafata@lindenwood.edu.

Fraier Named LU Employee of Year for 2008

Lindenwood University's alumni participation has been growing dramatically in the past year. So it is no coincidence that Lindenwood's director of alumni relations, Whitney Fraier, was named Employee of the Year for 2008. Fraier's award was announced at the Lindenwood faculty and staff Christmas party on Dec. 12.

"I was really surprised and shocked," Fraier said. "I had no clue it was going to be me; I thought it would probably go to someone else."

Fraier was presented with an engraved clock commemorating her selection as employee of the year. She had been named employee of the month in recognition of her work on the successful 2008 Homecoming Weekend.

Fraier said Homecoming was marked by about 300 participating alumni (roughly twice the number from 2007), 50 of which were from the honored class of 1958. She credits the heightened participation to a robust publicity push in the months leading up to the event, including e-mails, letters and articles in the alumni magazine

Connection.

"We had many out-of-town alums who had not been to campus, in 20 or 30 years," Fraier said. "I'm very excited alumni support is increasing, and we look forward to providing additional opportunities for alums to participate throughout the year and not just for the one big event."

Prior to coming to work at Lindenwood, Fraier was membership and special event manager at the Magic House in Kirkwood. Before that, she worked for the St. Charles Convention Center. She is currently working toward a master's degree in nonprofit administration at Lindenwood.

Fraier pointed out that her work is part of a group effort and she feels it only appropriate to direct the credit for her achievements to her entire department.

"We will continue to work really hard to accomplish our goals as a department," Fraier said. "Our goal is to get as many alumni as possible interested in Lindenwood and in what's taking place here."



Whitney Fraier

Newest Satellite Campus Opens to Fanfare in Downtown St. Louis

Lindenwood University held a grand opening and open house January 22 at its newest campus in Downtown St. Louis. The new location, Lindenwood's 10th extension campus, is at 1409 Washington Avenue in one of St. Louis' vibrant loft districts.

Classes began at the new building on Jan. 6 at the start of the 2009 winter quarter. The ceremony was marked by speeches from Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D.; St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay; Lindenwood Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake; and Jim Cloar, of the Downtown Partnership. Brett Barger, Lindenwood's dean of evening and graduate admissions, was master of ceremonies, and an invocation was delivered by Lindenwood Provost and Vice President Jann Weitzel.

"With the large number of talented professionals again taking up residence in the city, we feel the Washington Avenue campus will serve a vital need for higher education services in the downtown area," said Evans.

The extension campus features newly constructed classrooms with Internet access and other high-tech features. Initially, classes offered at the new facility include undergraduate courses in communications and graduate programs in business, communications, and human resources, all of which are offered in Lindenwood's accelerated evening program LCIE (Lindenwood College for Individualized Education).

Also present at the event were some alumni and prospective students, including Dustin Bevard, who graduated from Lindenwood in 2007 as a standout



Cutting the ribbon at the new downtown campus are, from left, President James D. Evans, Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemake, Mayor Francis Slay, Downtown Partnership's Jim Cloar.

basketball player. Since then, he has played professional basketball for two teams in Europe and is currently exploring a return to school. He was interviewed at the event by Sharon Stevens of KSDK-TV, which covered the opening along with KTVI-TV,

KMOX radio and the *Post-Dispatch*.

"I'm looking at going back to LU to get my master's in the LCIE program," Bevard said. "The more education you get, the farther you can go in life."





Joe Thorp, resident director of Cobbs Hall, and Michelle Giessman, director of student housing, stand near one of the restored railings in the dorm.

Research Leads to Cobbs Hall Restoration

When Lindenwood University introduced a new Historical Methods course last fall, no one could have predicted the enthusiasm with which it would be embraced. By the end of the semester, what initially began as a class research project had resulted in several renovations to the historic Cobbs Hall.

At the outset of the course, instructor Kris Runberg Smith, Ph.D., was searching for an assignment that would give students basic, hands-on experience using primary research tools. Coincidentally, Lindenwood was preparing at that time to open a 1929 time capsule encased in the cornerstone of Butler Library.

“We were celebrating our history, so it seemed fitting to have the students research the older buildings on campus,” Smith said. “So, their assignment became to prepare reports on Sibley, Ayres, Butler, Roemer, Young and Cobbs halls.”

The students’ findings were then printed on decorative boards and placed on display during the time capsule opening.

Each student also took a turn presenting his or her report on the university’s high-definition cable television channel, LUTV.

One student, junior Joe Thorp, took a particular interest in the project. While his initial assignment was to research only Ayres Hall, he chose to complete a report about Cobbs Hall as well.

“I’m the resident director of Cobbs,” Thorp said. “Once I got into the project and started learning more about the history of the building, the guys really took an interest and wanted to know more too.”

Thorp worked with Paul Huffman, university archivist, to uncover the dorm’s fascinating past. It was constructed at a cost of around \$250,000 in 1949 and named after board member Thomas Harper Cobbs.

“At the time, it was the most modern dorm on campus,” said Thorp. “It had a popular restaurant called The Tea Room on the lower level, a sun deck on the part of the roof that was flat then, and a swimming pool in the back where the parking lot is today. It was the place to be on campus.”

Today, Cobbs is a male residence hall that houses 116 students. Once the residents learned about the pride that was once taken in their building, they set out to restore its original character.

“We’ve been working with the director of student housing, Michelle Giessman, to make upgrades around Cobbs,” said Thorp. “So far we’ve gotten railings fixed, filled the main lounge with some great donated furniture and plants, created lounge areas on each floor, and painted new murals of the Lindenwood Lion on the walls.”

But Thorp isn’t stopping there. He plans to continue working with Giessman to make additional improvements, such as painting two new murals about the history of the dorm on the main floor.

“These guys are all freshman, and to see them take so much pride in where they live is great,” Thorp said. “We’re going to keep building on that.”

G R A D U A T I O N

1858

Lindenwood students in a history capstone course last fall examined this photograph of the school’s 1858 commencement exercises. It was the first graduation ever to be photographed.

Under the instruction of Jeff Smith, professor of history, the students conducted research on the lives and times of the people in the photograph. Also studied was an accompanying article from the June, 12, 1858, *St. Charles Reveille* newspaper.

Smith said the project provided the students experience in researching and interpreting the historical record.

“What they found out was that a picture can be worth thousands of words, and offer an opportunity to investigate the lives and times of the people in this one picture—about servants and students, pageantry and place, classes and curriculum.”

Using Duct Tape During Challenging Times

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

To prepare for all of those repairs and quick fixes necessitated by daily life, you can either go to Sears (assuming they don't go out of business this year) and buy a whole toolbox full of tools . . . or you can go to Wal-Mart and buy just one roll of duct tape. Duct tape can fix almost anything and I have seen it used virtually everywhere except to seal ductwork. I guess that's what it is supposed to be used for and why it's usually silver (ironically, in certain states its use in ducts has now been prohibited). The amazing thing about duct tape is its longevity. Fix something with duct tape and it stays fixed.

Well before duct tape was invented in 1942, Lindenwood had a great friend and benefactor who could fix just about any problem facing Lindenwood. Watson Street, on the east side of our main campus, was named after Judge Samuel Watson. Sam lived across the street from the campus and made substantial contributions towards the building of Sibley Hall. He felt so strongly about our mission that he agreed to serve as the first president of the Lindenwood Female College Board of Directors.

June of 1878 was a pivotal month in the history of Lindenwood. Our founder, Mary Sibley, and Sam Watson both passed away.

Sam died on June 5th, leaving Lindenwood its first major endowed gift (a donation that provides interest income in perpetuity while leaving the original gift intact) assuring the college's future. Mary Sibley died on June 20th and for two weeks she had the peace and solace in the knowledge that the little college she founded would live on well past her own lifetime, due to Judge Watson's generous gift, no doubt giving her great joy.

Judge Watson made his bequest to Lindenwood over 130 years ago. I think we owe him a round of applause loud enough for him to hear in heaven for his generosity and foresight. His endowed gift of \$10,000 in 1878 would be worth almost \$300,000 in today's dollars. With the strength of duct tape, Judge Watson's gift, once applied, has done its job and will continue to work for the University. Maybe 130 years from now your name will appear in an article, such as this, remembering your generosity and foresight.

An endowed gift is an investment in the future which advances the University by increasing its institutional strength and viability. Endowed gifts that have been given to our university over the years represent the duct tape that has held this university together in troubled times. Imagine the uncertainty of being a student at Lindenwood today, whose whole life and perspective thus far has been through years of good economic times. Now, with money tight, the housing crisis, and tens of

thousands of job layoffs, at least for the short-run, I must quote the great Yogi Berra -- "the future ain't what it used to be." Our students need our encouragement and support now more than ever.

Please give us a little more duct tape. Think about a tax-deductible endowed gift to Lindenwood and gifts to the Emergency Textbook Fund. The Watsons and Sibleys funded their gifts through bequests which are the safest way of giving during uncertain times. There is no present cash outlay and such gifts are flexible enough for amendments in the future should your financial situation change.

You can contact me at (636) 949-4617 or estuhler@lindenwood.edu to discuss such gifts and possible naming rights in recognition of your generosity. Sam Watson and Mary Sibley would be most pleased.

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Eric O. Stuhler, '78



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Lindenwood Night at GCS Ballpark
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Saturday, May 23, 2009
7:05 p.m.
Gateway Grizzlies Ballpark, Sauget, Illinois

Free tickets are available to alumni, but are limited. To RSVP or for more information please contact Whitney Fraier, Director of Alumni Relations, at alumni@lindenwood.edu or 636-949-4975.

Don't miss out; this event is sure to be a home run!



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.

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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.

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 walkway. 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 over one hundred 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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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

President, Alumni Director Visit the Grand Canyon State

President James D. Evans and Director of Alumni Relations Whitney Fraier reconnected with some Arizona alums January 29-30 in Scottsdale and Tucson. It had been more than 40 years since LU hosted an alumni event in Arizona.

In Tucson we lunched at Tohono Chul Park, one of the 10 most beautiful botanical gardens in the world. Arcadia Farms Restaurant, which boasts a charming cottage and garden atmosphere, was the site of the Scottsdale event.

Both luncheons were a success with Lindenwood alumni and friends in attendance. Alumni and friends Judy Neff Bois ('59), Kathryn Vance Baron ('65), Alice Ingham Means ('31), Dale Little De Men ('69), Bonnie Doris, Nadine Boone and Fraser Leonard; Board member Gary Shaw and Mrs Shaw; President and Mrs. Evans, and Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, attended the Tucson event.



Alumni in Scottsdale enjoy reconnecting and sharing their favorite Lindenwood memories

The Tucson luncheon was a wonderful time for all, filled with interesting conversation and a great lunch. We were served a traditional Arizona drink-- prickly pear lemonade. One of the highlights of the event was hearing the stories of Lindenwood alumna Alice Means. She told about her life at Lindenwood from 1929-1931. She shared stories of the strolls she used to take around the town of St. Charles, the dates she would have on the swings on campus, her \$15 a week allowance while attending Lindenwood, and her memories of the Tea Hole. At her age of 98, she remembers many things about campus, and the group was impressed by her terrific sense of humor and her fascinating stories.

In attendance at the Scottsdale alumni and friends luncheon were Jan Wilhelm ('79), Janet Hoffmann ('70) and Tilden Edmonston ('72), Nancy Rapley Fagan ('75), Mary Martin Temme ('57), Judith Reeves ('61) and Jim Kuenzel, Martha "Martie" Porter Ingels ('50), Patricia Joan

Kirchherr Allen ('52), Bev Link, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaw, President and Mrs. Evans, and Whitney Fraier.

The Scottsdale luncheon was also another great opportunity for the alumni to share their stories and perspectives on Lindenwood. Alumnae Nancy Fagan and Janet Hoffman had interesting memories about the addition of males to the Lindenwood campus and shared with the group what life was like during the '70s. The alumni shared stories including their memories of the Tea Hole, KCLC, sneaking pets onto campus, attending church services, strict dress codes, dinners with the Lindenwood administration, and the memorable professors who had a great impact on who they are today.



Dr. and Mrs. James D. Evans visit with Lindenwood alumna Martie Porter Ingels Class of 1955

At both alumni luncheons, President James Evans, his wife Lois, Board Member Gary Shaw and his wife Joyce welcomed the alumni. Evans and Gary Shaw shared information with the group about the changes and happenings at Lindenwood. They discussed items such as the current tuition rates, job placement for students, the various new buildings on campus, the number of sporting teams, the opening of the new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts and its performances, and the Daniel Boone Home and its purpose as a historical and educational village for Lindenwood and the surrounding communities. The alumni were excited to hear about the changes and were very surprised to hear how things had changed. Many also expressed their desire to return to St. Charles to visit the campus.

Both events were a success and provided a wonderful opportunity for the alumni in these communities to converse and get to know one another. Lindenwood hopes to continue to reach out to our out-of-state alumni. Plans for alumni events in other locations are underway.



Alumni Office Launches Linden Bark Newsletter

This February marked the first edition of *Linden Bark*, a new online newsletter for alumni and friends. Through this publication, we hope to serve Lindenwood University's alumni and friends by keeping everyone informed about exciting opportunities and happenings on the Lindenwood campus.

Linden Bark will complement our quarterly alumni magazine, *Connection*. We also will be sending alumni e-mail blasts for quick updates. We have been talking with you, listening to your thoughts and suggestions through e-mails, letters, surveys, and phone calls.

We chose *Linden Bark* as the name for our newsletter to connect to our university's heritage. From 1914 to 1968, the student publication *Linden Bark* was produced to accurately report the activities of the students as well as help them to become better acquainted with the faculty and administration. The *Linden Bark's* original purpose was to be a voice of the campus. Although the publication ended many years ago, we want to continue to be a voice of the campus for our alumni through this new version of *Linden Bark*.

We want to hear from you and want to know what interests you. Please feel free to send any suggestions or ideas that you might have to alumni@lindenwood.edu. We hope to keep you current on all the latest Lindenwood news, so don't forget to update and share your email address with us by visiting www.lindenwood.edu/alumni/contactUpdate.asp to update your contact information.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Class Notes

'50s

Jean Kiralfy Kent ('50) is retired as the executive director at the American Red Cross. She currently resides in Columbus, Ga. with her husband Gerald and serves on the board of many nonprofits. She attended Lindenwood from 1946-1948.

Martha Reid Kuenzi ('51) is retired from the NKC school district after 16-plus years of teaching. She has gone on five medical missions with her husband and also enjoys volunteering in a literacy program. She has five grown children and ten grandchildren and resides in Kansas City, Mo. with her husband Donald.

'60s

Laurie Rhodes Bielejeski ('68) is currently retired. She resides in Fleming Island, Fla.

Patricia Wallace Birkhead ('68) is employed as the director of volunteers for the Orange County Regional History Center and is also an author. She has published two books: *CLAST, Clues to Success* and *We've a Story to Tell, History of First Baptist Church, Orlando, 1871-1996*. She is currently working on other books and resides in Apopka, Fla.

Kathleen "Tink" Belland Glenn ('63) has recently retired from Cameron University. She enjoys spending time with her daughters and grandchildren and currently resides in Leavenworth, Kan.

Kathryn Baldus Mourot ('64) is currently retired and enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren. She resides in Plumerville, Ark.

Becky Walker Scoggins ('64) resides in West Linn, Ore. with her husband Jerry. She is a retired realtor and has three children: Susan, Cynthia and Brad.

Pamela Townsend (1963-1964) is a retired professor from Park College in Parkville, Mo. She currently resides in Dallas, Texas.

'70s

Susan Hyde Cox ('73) is retired from a long career in the healthcare/clinical research field. She is very involved with horses and owns a very talented Andalusian who is a 10-time national champion. She resides in Lee's Summit, Mo. with her husband Ted and has 3 children and 6

grandchildren.

Amy Basore Murphy ('75) is the donor services and scholarship officer for the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation. She resides in St. Louis with her husband Keith and children Brandon, Peter and Sarah.

Dennis Reardon ('75) has recently been appointed by the governor to the State Board of Education in Ohio. He has served as the executive director and the associate director of the Ohio Education Association and also served in the United States Air Force. He received his bachelor's degree from Lindenwood and a master's degree from American University. He resides in Pickerington, Ohio.

'80s

Paula Sanvito Dotson ('84) is an international logistics specialist for Hussmann Corporation. She resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Judy Engel Rethwisch ('83) has recently been elected the vice-president of the Central Methodist University Alumni Association. She graduated from Lindenwood with a master's degree in theatre and is the fine arts coordinator for Affton High School. She also currently serves as the executive director of the Affton CenterStage Theatre Company in Affton, Mo.

'90s

Dr. Linda Buhr ('90) has been awarded the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award for Part-Time Faculty at Fontbonne University. She is an assistant professor of business administration. She previously won the Outstanding OPTIONS Faculty of the Year honors in 2006.

Elaine Carty ('08) has been selected to be included in the 2008 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. She has a Master of Arts degree from Lindenwood and currently serves as a vocal music teacher at Bowling Green R-1 Schools. *Who's Who of American Women* provides the credentials and achievements of America's most notable and successful women.

Tricia Casper ('95) & Monte Casper ('04) have recently opened a SeekingSitters babysitting service franchise in St. Charles and their company has been named by *Working Mother Magazine* one of the "Top 25 Women-Owned Companies in the U.S."

In May 2008 they were also featured on "The Big Idea" with Donny Deutsch. Tricia and Monte offer sitter jobs to Lindenwood students and they reside in St. Charles with their three children.

Shanna Weber Jones ('99) is an instructional designer at Edward Jones in St. Louis. She resides in St. Peters, Mo. with her husband Jason Jones ('00) and children Cohen and Mali.

Darian Westerfield ('97) is the Development Director for Indiana State University. He resides in Terre Haute, Ind.

'00s

Greg Amsinger ('01) has recently accepted a position with the Major League Baseball (MLB) Network as a studio host. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and has worked for organizations such as CBS Sports and hosted shows such as the "#1 College Sports Show," "Crystal Ball," and the "NCAA March Madness Highlights." He currently resides in New York City, N.Y.

Zac Atterberry ('08) has signed with the Washington Redskins as a punter for the 2009 season. He was signed with the Chicago Bears as an undrafted free agent in 2008. He played football for Lindenwood and is from Lewisville, Texas.

Terry Bell ('05) has recently been appointed as the chief of police for Highland, Ill. Bell, a Marine Corps veteran, has an extensive resume, including working with the Collinsville Police Department since 1988, and has been the assistant chief since 2005. He currently serves as an adjunct instructor for the Lindenwood Criminal Justice Department and also teaches at the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. He resides in Highland, Ill. with his wife Brenna and two children, Jessica and Jenna.

Julie Kniffen Broyles ('00) has recently been named one of the 2008 *St. Louis Business Journals* "Top Forty under Forty." She serves as legal counsel for MasterCard Worldwide, helping support MasterCard Global Technology and Operations organization in O'Fallon, Mo. She is also very involved with many nonprofits, and taught the JA curriculum at Heritage Elementary School in Wentzville. She resides with her husband Tom and her two children in St. Charles. She graduated with an MBA from Lindenwood.

ALUMNI

Ryan Coyne ('05) is currently starring in the fourth season of *The Contender*, the boxing reality show on Versus. Ryan is a St. Charles native and began boxing six years ago. He splits his time between St. Louis and Las Vegas as a full-time pro.

Jason Crowley ('08) is a material analyst for Midcoast Aviation in Cahokia, Ill. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance. He currently resides in O'Fallon, MO.

Christopher Desens, CEC, AAC ('04) a hospitality management graduate from Lindenwood, recently participated as a member of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Culinary Team USA at the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellunk International Culinary Art Competition "Culinary Olympics," October 19-22 in Erfurt, Germany. As a member he helped his team earn a gold medal in the international cooking competition and they placed sixth overall among 62 regional teams. As a chef, Chris has been preparing for this competition for many years and a lot of time and effort goes into a competition of this magnitude. According to a representative from ACF, "Chris is a very talented chef who played a large role in assisting the USA team in attaining their gold-medal win."

David Ellington ('00 & '02) is employed as an external marketing specialist for Maritz. He resides in Florissant, Mo. with his wife Maggie and children, Marin and Harris.

Glenn Eidman ('06) has been appointed to chief of police for Creve Coeur, Mo. He has been a member of the Creve Coeur Police Department since 1979 and has served as a patrolman, sergeant and lieutenant. Glenn received a Master's in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood and teaches as a criminal justice adjunct professor at Lindenwood.

Chris Eikenberg ('07) is the assistant golf professional at the Houston Country Club. He resides in Stafford, Texas with his wife Alice.

Sophie Emery ('08) has recently been appointed to the director of planning and development for the Jefferson County Community Partnership. She resides in Festus, Mo.

Tim Goede ('03 & '04) has recently opened his recruiting firm Personalized Management Associates in St. Louis, which specializes in the recruitment and placement of restaurant, hospitality, retail, healthcare and security industries nationwide.

Dianna Graveman ('05) Dianna and her husband, Don, were awarded a contract to coauthor a book about St. Charles for Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. *St. Charles: Les Petites Côtes* is scheduled to be released March 23, 2009, and includes a foreword by Mayor Patti York. Dianna is an editor for Liguori Publications and a freelance writer.

Chris Grote ('09) has recently been appointed to patrol captain for the Pike County Sheriff's Office. He has worked in law enforcement for many years including working for the Pike County Jail, Troy Police Department and as a detective. He lives in Bowling Green, Mo. with his wife and two children.

Amy Bailey Hess ('05) and her husband James welcomed their twin boys, Peyton James and Steven Michael, on January 29. Amy is an employee in the Business Office at Lindenwood.

Shunetta Mathis ('05) is employed at Wachovia in Quality Assurance. She resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew McClellan ('06) is employed with the Hazelwood School District as a teacher. He resides in St. Charles with his wife Meagan.

Denice McKeown ('05) has recently been named one of the 2008 *St. Louis Business Journal* "Top Forty under Forty." She is the government relations manager for the Ameristar Casino. Through her volunteer initiatives, professional achievements and personal aspirations, she demonstrates a sense of community goodwill that inspires her friends, family and colleagues. She is involved with many local nonprofits and graduated from Lindenwood with a bachelor's in business administration.

Kevin Mullins ('07), a Navy Reserve seaman, has recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. He completed a variety of training, which included classroom study on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. He has a bachelor's degree in human resource management and resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Sarah Whitener Otto ('04 & '06) and Erik Otto ('04) were married in June 2006 and reside in Sullivan, Mo., with their daughter Mattea Isabella, who was born in December 2007. Sarah is a school counselor at Sullivan High School and Erik is employed as an interpretive resource specialist II at Meramec State Park.

Leah Smith Patterson ('03 & '08) was married to Christopher Michael Patterson of Hannibal on June 7, 2008, in St. Charles, Mo. Leah is currently employed by Kindercare Learning Center and Christopher is employed at Regions Bank. The happy couple resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Laura Goehman Pinkerton ('06) is employed with Target Corporation as the executive team lead of guest experience and softlines. She resides in Tulsa, Okla., with her husband Craig.

Sarah Hayden Platt ('03) is employed with Kent H. Landsberg Co. as a customer service representative/sales support. She resides in St. Charles with her husband Zachary.

Jesse Politowski ('06 & '08) is the marketing manager for AXIS Integrated Solutions in St. Peters, Mo. He resides in St. Louis.

Jessica Rhodes ('07 & '08) has recently been appointed to the community coordinator for the Jefferson County Community Partnership. She resides in St. Louis, Mo.

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

Aaron Robinson ('08) has recently been named one of the 2008 *St. Louis Business Journal* "Top Forty under Forty." He is the network director of strategy and business development for SSM Health Care St. Louis and is based at SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles. He has been with SSM Health Care since 2002 and has been promoted to assume more responsibility three times over the past few years. He received an MBA from Lindenwood.

Wil Rodriguez ('07) has recently signed with the RiverCity Rage Indoor Football League for the 2009 season. The RiverCity Rage team is located in St. Charles. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Lori Hutchings Steinmann ('04) has recently been appointed associate director of marketing for Chaddock in Quincy, Ill.

Nicholas Strothmann ('05) is employed with Thompson Coburn LLP in St. Louis. He graduated with a political science degree from Lindenwood and currently resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Mark Trapp ('02) is co-owner of Push Fitness, a premier personal training facility, in Schaumburg, Ill. He graduated from Lindenwood with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

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Karen Clark Vehlewald ('00) and her husband Gary welcomed their second child, Katie Rose, on November 18. Katie Rose joins her big brother Zachary and the family resides in St. Charles.

Melissa Wilson ('03) has been awarded a 2008 MarCom Gold Award for the design of Independent Professional Seed Associations (IPSA) convention logo. In addition, Melissa, owner of Wilson Monnig Creative, is a recipient of the 2008 Davey Award for business to consumer marketing created for Schneider Real Estate-announced by the International Academy of the Visual Arts. Her company is located in St. Peters, Mo. where she resides.

Jesse Winters ('07) is a gifts officer with Rebuilding Together-St. Louis. He is also an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and resides in St. Louis.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth "Betty" Rutherford ('18)
Batesville, Ark.

Ruth Fuller Cross ('31)
Eureka Springs, Ark.

Bonnie Zink Rundell ('34)
Stafford, Kan.

Marjorie Danforth Singer ('34)
Pompano Beach, Fla.

Hilma Doddson Thompson ('42)
San Antonio, Texas

Wanda Cole Cooksley ('43)
Anselmo, Neb.

Jean Graham Johnson ('43)
Columbus, Ga.

Rebecca Rath Miller ('43)
Waterloo, Iowa

Doris Lucille Gwin Townsend ('45)
Dallas, Texas

Gwyned Filling Straus ('47)
Middletown, R.I.

Barbara Jane Carroll Jones ('48)
Fulton, MO & Stanton, Va.

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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*.

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Men's Coach Derek Schaub says early rankings don't mean a lot.

'Domination' Best Describes LU Hockey

When it comes to sticks and nets, no athletic program in the country can compete with Lindenwood's hockey programs. The Lindenwood men's ice hockey, women's ice hockey and roller hockey teams all made the finals of their national tournaments last season. This January, the three teams pulled off a historic first with all three being ranked first in the national polls.

"It's a great accomplishment for the programs to be number one," said women's head coach Vince O'Mara. "It reflects the hard work of the athletes and staffs, and also the excellent support that Lindenwood puts towards its athletic programs."

The seven-time defending national champion roller hockey team is the least surprising team to be number one. The Lions were undefeated after 23 games, including five victories over its top rival and last year's national runner-up, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Lindenwood is led offensively by Brandon Barnette, the leading point scorer for a team averaging 9.4 goals a game. Defense is where the team wins though, allowing less than two goals a game.

The women's ice hockey team has been in the top spot before, including winning national titles in 2006 and 2008. This season was supposed to be a rebuilding one though and the Lady Lions were not ranked first during the first semester.

That changed during a five-day span in January in which Lindenwood played three games against No. 1 Rhode Island followed by a two-game series against No. 5 Robert Morris. The Lady Lions went 2-0-1 in the showdown with Rhode Island, allowing just three goals. Versus the team that Lindenwood was matched up against in the last three national title contests, the Lady Lions swept Robert Morris. That stretch propelled Lindenwood to first in the rankings and made the Lady Lions the team to beat once again at the national tournament.

The newcomer at the top of the national rankings is the men's ice hockey team. Despite coming close to cracking the No. 1 spot at various times in its history, the Lions finally reached the summit on Jan. 30.

Lindenwood earned the ranking thanks to steady play in the middle part of its schedule. The Lions lost just one time in 22 games from the start of November to the end of January. In that span, Lindenwood's defense allowed two or less goals in 15 games.

"It's definitely a great feat to be number one in the rankings, but it's still early," said men's ice hockey head coach Derek Schaub. "Ultimately, it's the end of the year ranking that matters most."



Patrick Ross

Lindenwood Gets Its Share of Time on ESPN

The Lindenwood athletics department has been represented on national television numerous times in the past year. The trend started last year when former Lion track and field star Donald Thomas was mentioned during the Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

Lindenwood's other Olympian, Sean McLelland, was featured on television last winter on the television show *Time Warp*. The Discovery Channel show uses new technology to slow down activities so that people can process and learn from it. McLelland shot skeet targets and the educational program showed the impact of the bullet hitting its targets in slow motion.

ESPN brought its cameras to the Lindenwood campus in January for an interview with Lions football coach Patrick Ross. Ross appeared during a feature story on "Sunday NFL Countdown" about New York Giants running back Derrick Ward. Ross coached Ward for one year in college, helping Ward make a football comeback which led to his NFL career, a 2008 Super Bowl ring and a 1,000-yard rushing season last year.

Ross and the Lions are still basking in the glow of the top season in school history. Lindenwood reached the NAIA semifinals by winning the first two playoff games in program history. Facing national power Carroll in the semifinals, the Lions were one play away from an upset, but a two-point conversion was broken up in a 38-37 setback.

Lindenwood, which finished the year with an 11-2 record, finished third in the final national ranking of the year. Ross was named the National Coach of the Year by the College Fanz Network and offensive lineman Jeff Hynes received the Dave Rimington Award as the NAIA's top center.

Ross was not the only Lion to appear on ESPN this winter. The Lion Line dance team won its second straight Universal Dance Association national championship in January, winning the Hip Hop competition. The team also finished third in the Open Dance Division to complete their best showing ever at the national event. Among the honors that come with being national champions, the Lion Line's routines appeared in a later broadcast of the event on ESPN2.



LIONS LETTING MEMORY OF '08 INSPIRE THEM IN '09

In sports, a short memory is usually a good thing. The Lindenwood baseball team, however, cannot let go of a 2008 image and will use that memory as motivation throughout the 2009 season.

That image is the Lindenwood scoreboard showing a 5-5 tie with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and leadoff hitter Justin Lamar coming to the plate. That is the point in which last year's regional championship game against Missouri Baptist was rained out. Due to NAIA rules, Missouri Baptist was handed the regional title because they were the higher seed, and Lindenwood was left with an unsatisfactory end to its season.

This spring, the baseball team will look to finally erase that memory by earning a second trip to the NAIA World Series. In pursuit of this goal, head coach Doug Bletcher will fill out of his lineup card with one of the most talented teams in school history. Six members of the Lions roster have previously been drafted by a Major League Baseball team, and Bletcher is quick to point out that some of these are not even the top players on the team.

The top example of the improvement the Lions made in the offseason comes from their starting pitchers. Last year, Don Anderson was one of the top pitchers in the HAAC, recording 10 wins and having a 2.35 ERA. This season, Anderson is slated as the No. 3 pitcher in the Lindenwood

rotation behind a pair of NCAA Division I transfers. Chris Johnson, a former 11-game winner for TCU, should be the ace, followed close behind by former Missouri State hurler Kyle Boschert. Those three are among seven candidates for the starting rotation. The bullpen is also beefed up and anchored by closer Steve Mohr, a University of Missouri transfer who was nearly unhittable while at Forest Park CC.

The big question mark will be replacing the middle infield duo of Ryan Shockley and Chris Getz, the team's leaders the last few seasons. Brandon Newton will take over at second and Cristobal Rodriquez, a defensive specialist, will be the new shortstop. The corner infield positions will be fielded by returners in NAIA gold glove first baseman Mike Parson and third baseman Mark Ruiz, the Lions' top RBI guys in 2007. In the outfield, Sean Cunningham returns with another big RBI bat, and a slew of newcomers should add some needed power to the lineup. Behind the plate is another power hitter in former Indiana State University player Zane Chavez.

"Winning conference titles is nice, but that is no longer the number one goal for the Lindenwood baseball program," said Bletcher. "Starting with this year's team, I expect Lindenwood to be among the top five teams in the nation and regularly advance to the NAIA World Series."

Pictured above, LU's baseball team is off to a 5-1 start in 2009.



Coach Doug Bletcher is cautiously optimistic about the spring season.

Number One Teams

Besides the three Lindenwood hockey teams (see Page 21), two other Lindenwood sports teams earned the highest spot in their national rankings.

The Lions wrestling team won its third straight national championship this winter, the program's fifth since 2002. Matt Cauley was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Meet in Oklahoma City, OK after winning his second straight national championship. Ray Stephens also captured his second title and Jeremy Powell won the final individual title for Lindenwood.

The men's bowling team was the top ranked college squad in the first rankings during their season. In eight tournaments during the fall semester, the Lions won three tournaments, had four runner-up showings and one third-place finish.

New Sports Updates

The Lindenwood women's wrestling team finished its first season with an eighth place finish at the national meet. Priscilla Caldera made history by becoming the first All-American after she finished fifth in the 51kg weight class.

The synchronized swimming team started its history off with a big splash, winning its first competition. The Lady Lions took first in the three-team Lindenwood Invitational, which included a team from defending national runner-up Ohio State.

The table tennis program finished second in the Midwest Division Championship, losing just once during two regional tournaments. The team did enough in their first season to earn a Wild Card entry into the national tournament.

New Coaches

Two new head coaches were introduced over the Christmas break. Adrienne Murphy took over the cycling programs. She is also the head coach of the Mesa Cycles Racing team, a junior/under-23 team based St. Louis. Meg Lake was named the field hockey head coach after serving as the assistant coach during the 2008 campaign.

Basketball Teams Improve

Both Lindenwood basketball teams made the HAAC Tournament and showed improvement in 2008-09. The men's team

won five more games than last season and the women's squad had the most wins since 2000-01.

The Lions were led by the HAAC Newcomer of the Year Toriano Adams, who emerged as one of the top rebounders in the country as the season went along. Adams ranked fourth in the NAIA with 10.3 boards

a game and twice, recorded 20 or more rebounds in a game.

The Lady Lions were led by senior Natalie Hooss, who was named to the all-conference team for the second straight season and surpassed the 1,000 career point mark.



Sam Schmitz finished second in nationals and helped LU win its third NAIA crown.



Synchronized swimming is a hit at Lindenwood University.

You Might Recognize Employee of the Year

By Cortney Lenk
President,
Lindenwood Alumni Association



Cortney Lenk, '99

Dear Friends:
Spring is here, and the alumni department is full of good news! Big congratulations to Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, who was selected as Lindenwood's Employee of the Year. It was a great way to recognize all of Whitney's

hard work and dedication to the alumni!

Did you receive the first edition of *Linden Bark*? *Linden Bark* is the new monthly e-newsletter to keep alumni well informed of news and upcoming events. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter or submitting an idea, e-mail alumni@lindenwood.edu. The alumni office is very excited about this new publication and has received a tremendous amount of positive feedback. We thank you for your wonderful responses.

On behalf of the Alumni Association we would also like to thank everyone who attended the alumni luncheons in Tucson and Scottsdale, Ariz. We hope you had a wonderful time and enjoyed learning about the exciting things taking place on the Lindenwood campus.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and join us in June for the Second Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic. It will be a wonderful occasion and a great way for you and your family to kick off your summer. Check out the ad to the right — more details are on the way soon.

Guess Whose These are and Where They're Located?



Can you tell us whose glasses these are and where they are located on the LU campus? Please email alumni@lindenwood.edu with your answer. Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. Five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

Last issue's "Guess What This Is?" was the side of Lindenwood's historic water tower.

Winners from Winter Connection 2008: Carol Wolter ('55), Jan Nelson Murphy ('59), Alma Fleck Bergmann ('69), John Francisco ('98), Joseph Murphy ('05)



Lindenwood Alumni and Friends

PICNIC

Saturday, June 6, 2009 • 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars and get ready to join us for the Second Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic on June 6 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bring your spouse, date, kids, grandkids, friends and other alums for a day filled with great food, fun games, prizes and camaraderie.

The event will feature traditional picnic activities such as sack races, egg toss, tug of war, and water balloon toss for the entire family. Adults can tour the campus, reconnect with former classmates, and enjoy a late spring afternoon on the beautiful Lindenwood campus.

The event will take place on the main campus and is a great way to relive your days at Lindenwood, catch up with old friends, and make new memories.

More details will be provided later. To view a schedule of events, visit www.lindenwood.edu, click on our "Alumni Events" link in our "Alumni and Friends Section."

Don't miss out on this "fun-tastic" event!