

Leonard Durant leaps into the endzone to score a touchdown for Lindenwood during the Homecoming game.



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The Natural Science Club strives to help Lindenwood's campus go 'green.'

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# The Legacy

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## Online registration and grade access available

By Jordan Lanham and Chelsea Lewis  
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Online is the only way to register for classes, starting with the upcoming January term.

President James D. Evans mentioned in February 2007, that he hoped it would "be the last time students will need to stand in line for registration."

Lindenwood students look forward to the change.

Junior Rebekah Gresham is a transfer student from the University of Dallas in Texas, where registration was done online. She described Lindenwood's previous methods of registration as "a hassle."

"It takes so many more people to go through

each student, and if the technology exists to do it differently, it makes sense to use it," said Gresham. "It just seems more logical to do online registration."

The school started with a testing phase, which delayed CAMS, a product of Three Rivers Systems, Inc. and stands for "comprehensive academic management system", from going live until this upcoming semester.

While online registration "will be the regular," according to Shawn Haghghi, CAMS Project Manager and associate professor of Computer Science, there will still be some registration instances requiring paperwork to be turned in to the Registrar's office.

For instance, those signing up for indepen-

dent study courses or courses which require special permission to enroll, will need to get the proper forms signed and returned to the registrar. Add/drop forms will also need to be signed and turned in by hand.

CAMS is currently in use by approximately 300 schools nationwide. Other schools in the St. Louis area utilizing the CAMS system are Missouri Baptist University and Covenant Theological Seminary.

CAMS also offers the new Student and Faculty Portals. "[The Student Portal] is a personal application geared specifically toward the students' needs," said Haghghi. "The student has the capability of checking his own Financial Aid file, billing, schedule and transcript," he said.

Freshman Robby Baker said that he found out about the portals through his Freshman Experience class and that he will continue to use the system throughout the semester, because it is convenient and environmentally friendly. "It's good that the grades and classes are online," Baker said. "It saves paper."

Junior Javier Brice said that he heard students talking about the portals but he didn't know what they were. When he found out, he said that he thought the portals were a helpful tool for students. "You can keep track of your grades and you can feel confident about how well you did, or what you need to improve on," he said. The faculty portal allows professors access to lists of their advisees,

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## Homecoming Highlights



Legacy photos by Megan Brown

(Clockwise from top) Students pack stands at Hunter Stadium to cheer for their favorite Homecoming class representative during Friday's pep rally. The Lindenwood Lions football team gets ready to charge onto the field for the Homecoming game. The Golden Lion Marching Band and LU cheerleaders get ready to welcome the team back to the game. A Cross Between rides their Candyland-themed float in the first Homecoming parade. Students and alumni view items from the time capsule.

## VOTE: Church is polling place for LU students

By Ashley Christopher  
Contributing Writer

The Nov. 4 elections are quickly approaching and Lindenwood students registered to vote in St. Charles County have several things to keep in mind.

Registered voters should receive a Notification of Election card one to two weeks before the election.

This card states the election date, along with the appropriate precinct's address.

Voters who have not received a card at least one week prior to the election can call the St. Charles County Election Authority at (636) 949-7900.

On-campus students will cast their ballots at Precinct 31, located at the Presbyterian Church at Gamble and Sibley streets.

Polling stations open at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, and close at 7 p.m.

At the polling station, voters must present one form of identification.

Acceptable forms of identification include a Missouri driver's or non-driver's license; an out-of-state driver's license; a U.S. passport; a university ID card; or a bank statement, paycheck or utility bill with the voter's address on it.

If none of these is available, voters can cast ballots if they have two supervising election judges, one Democrat and one Republican, attest to know them.

Several elections will be included on the ballot, as listed below. Five propositions will also be decided.

For each of the following positions on the ballot, voters will be asked to choose one candidate.

### President/Vice President

Barack Obama/Joe Biden: Democratic Party  
John S. McCain/Sarah Palin: Republican Party  
Other parties represented on the presidential ballot are the Libertarian Party, headed by Bob Barr; the Independent Party, featuring Ralph Nader; and the Constitution Party

### Missouri Governor

Jeremiah (Jay) W. Nixon: Democratic Party  
Kenny Hulshof: Republican Party  
Other candidates--Andrew W. Finkenstadt: Libertarian, Gregory E. Thompson: Constitution Party

### Missouri Attorney General

Chris Koster: Democratic Party  
Mike Gibbons: Republican Party

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William C. Haas: Democratic Party  
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# Students make campus environmentally friendly

By Tierney Knigge  
Contributing Writer

Lindenwood University has taken its first steps toward "going green," or making the campus more environmentally friendly.

"The entire green campaign was initiated at Lindenwood due to a group of concerned students," said senior Darcy Chase, president of the Natural Science Club. Such so-called "green" groups are

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conducted in 2002. "With growing enrollment and nearly 4,000 campus residents, it was felt that more green practices should be implemented," Chase said.

The LU Campus Y provides paper recycling receptacles in many buildings and classrooms around campus, for instance, and a disposal site is located in the low-

parking lot near the Spirit Shoppe. Chase encourages both residential and commuting students to utilize the service, as well as LU staff.

"Several students and faculty members have requested bins that allow the recycling of not only paper, but aluminum, glass, cardboard and plastic," Chase said. Chase is joined by fellow

classmates and faculty members in trying to make this request possible in the near future.

"We are in the process of starting a pilot program in Young Hall where there will be bins to place anything recyclable," she said. "If this is successful, it will hopefully spread throughout campus." Construction at Lindenwood also is progressing quickly, with "green" technology in mind. The same goes for changes and updates to existing buildings. Cost estimates weren't available.

forming on college campuses around the country, Chase said, and LU is the perfect candidate to join the effort.

The movement reflects a 2006 Sierra Club poll that shows the number of Americans who say they worry about the environment "a great deal" or "a fair amount" has jumped from 62 percent to 77 percent since a poll

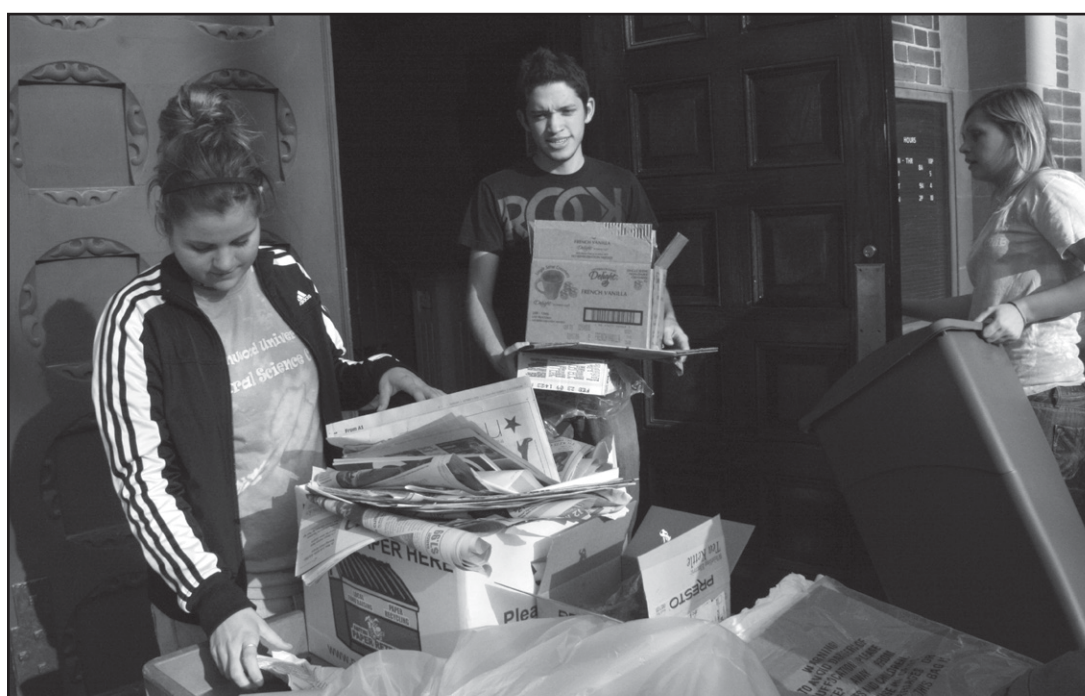
without having to hassle with shades or blinds on each of the many windows in the new center, the windows will be tinted, and a few classrooms already are completed.

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"So far the university has begun using energy efficient light bulbs and windows equipped for better insulation," she said. Ali Blankenship, a member of the Natural Science Club said, "Hopefully, going green at Lindenwood will encourage everyone to not only practice sustainable habits on campus, but to also take those practices with them out into the world."

Lindenwood's "GO GREEN!" Facebook page, which Chase manages, has 588 members, and she hopes more students will gain interest and get involved.



Natural Science Club members Darcy Chase, Jesus Caceres and Lejla Kadric collect recyclables in the Butler Library on Oct. 14. Members helped clean the campus for Homecoming week. Legacy photo by Lauren Kastendieck

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without having to hassle with shades or blinds. Chase suggests that having tint on the windows also will cut heating and cooling costs. She was, however, unsure exactly how much the university will save by incorporating these changes.

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## LU School of Education receives 'successful review'

### Missouri State Board approves program for seven-year reaccreditation following extensive evaluation process

By Ashley Christopher  
Contributing Writer

Lindenwood University's teacher education program was recently approved for seven-year reaccreditation by the Missouri State Board of Education following an intensive review process.

Dean of Lindenwood's School of Education Cynthia Bice said that this is the second cycle of accreditation in the evaluation process known as the Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP).

The program, implemented in 2000, approves professional education units and programs for certification. This certification allows graduates to obtain their state teaching licenses.

Along with assuring graduates jobs, Bice added, accreditation gives Lindenwood's teacher education program a positive appearance.

"Accreditation assures the public that we are in compli-

ance with state standards," she said.

As part of the reaccreditation review process, a team of peer reviewers representing MoSTEP spent five days on campus evaluating the education department in March.

The team examined data presented in a report by Lindenwood regarding curriculum, test scores and survey results from the past seven years, Bice said.

"It was intense," she said. "They also interviewed both students and faculty members, and visited some of our student teaching sites."

The report prepared by the department covered eight unit standards in the School of Education and 42 program standards, one for each subject area where teacher certification is offered at Lindenwood.

After the visit, the peer review team recommended reaccreditation to the Missouri State Board of Education,

who in turn accepted the recommendation.

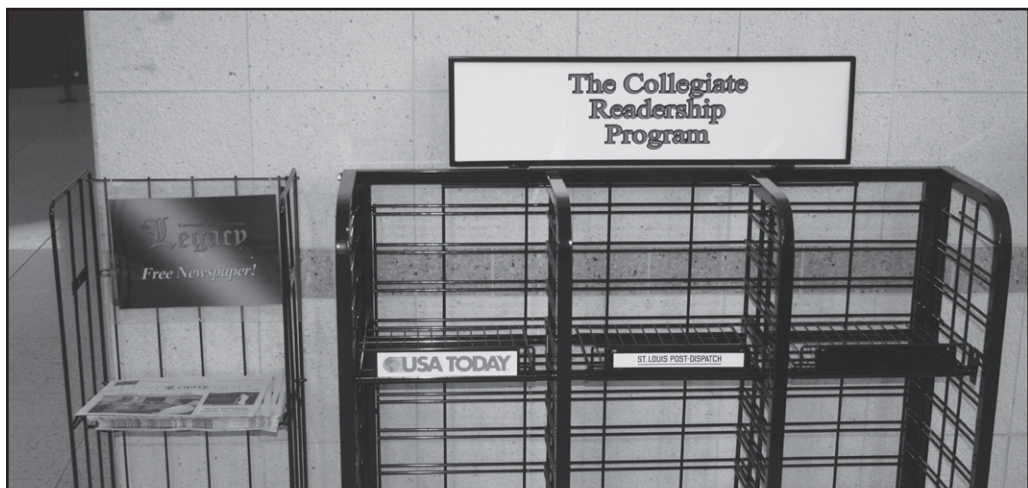
Bice said that the board was impressed with the report put together by her department, and that she plans on using it as a guide for educator preparation programs in the MoSTEP educational handbook.

However, Bice said that the School of Education can not take full credit for the successful review.

"Reaccreditation really says something about how special not only the School of Education is, but the entire university," Bice said.

"Our reaccreditation is tied to every degree area, and was only achieved because of massive cooperation between all of the schools, as well as the university."

The School of Education will not have to be reaccredited again until 2015.



Legacy photo by David Haas

## Collegiate readership program on campus proves popular with students, faculty

By Hiroko Furuhashi and Nao Koike  
Staff Writers

Lindenwood University will continue the Collegiate Readership Program for the rest of the 2008-2009 academic year, according to John Oldani, the vice president for Student Development.

The decision was made after its pilot program ended with a post-survey on Oct. 3.

Lindenwood has determined to reduce the number of newspapers based on the results from the post-survey given by USA TODAY, which organizes the Collegiate Readership Program.

Robert Duffy, senior account manager of USA TODAY, said all the papers were provided for free during the pilot weeks, but the program has a specific budget for the remainder of the year.

Oldani said, "It was more successful than we thought it would be."

The post-survey indicated positive feedback from students who utilized the program. About 85 percent of Lindenwood students stated that newspapers are very important, or important to their education.

The post-survey also showed that 74 percent of students believe that increased knowledge of national and international news is the primary benefit from reading a newspaper periodically.

The program gained compliments from faculty members as well, said Oldani. Some liked the idea of students having convenient access to newspapers, since the newspapers on campus were only available at Butler Library before.

The recycling bins next to each newspaper rack are also a part of the program, according to Duffy. USA TODAY and its partner publications (The New York Times and The St. Louis Post-Dispatch) provide the bins.



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Students' top election issues

By Lauren Kastendieck and Natasha Sakovich  
Staff Writers

*"The economy because it's really bad right now."*  
—Jessica Roberts  
freshman



*"Abortion."*  
—Tommy Purk  
freshman

*"Tax increases."*  
—Corey Johnson  
freshman



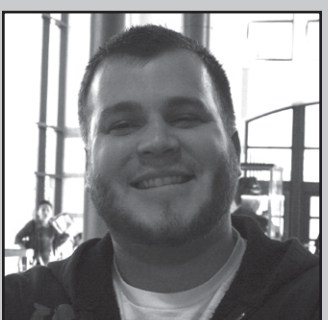
*"When people are not informed and don't know who they are voting for."*  
—Christie Parker  
sophomore

*"Healthcare, the economy, how schools will be effected, racial issues, and retirement funds."*  
—Ryan Wood  
junior



*"Social security, the economic crisis, healthcare, and personal rights."*  
—Lauren Miller  
sophomore

*"Abortion and gay marriage."*  
—Katie Mech  
freshman



*"Abortion and taxes for small business owners."*  
—Matt Swaringim  
freshman

*"Healthcare and small business taxes."*  
—Caty Riordan  
sophomore



# Don't waste your rights - vote

Upcoming elections are about two weeks away and I'm still undecided about which candidate I will support Nov. 4th, 2008, unlike many other students I've spoken to in the past month. Most have made their choice. However, the portion of voters that are undecided- like me- might contemplate simply not voting because the likelihood that their one vote will make much of a difference is an absurd notion.



Sam Werbiski

I may not be decided, but I am closely monitoring and researching each candidate's political policies and perspectives on critical and controversial issues. I want to be well informed of each candidate's plans and strategies that will affect the development of this country for

the next four years so as to make the best decision in my opinion. However, I DO know that I WILL vote.

Those that merely decide their vote is not necessary to determine the outcome of the election are greatly overlooking two significant consequences of not voting. Sure, the likelihood of one vote deciding the future president is quite slim, but if all those that decide their vote doesn't matter actually decide NOT to vote, then there is a great portion of the population that is not accounted for in the election.

Through logical deduction one must realize that the unity of all those votes that were not accounted for could actually change the outcome of the election, affirming the saying that one person does make a difference. If everyone actually thought that one vote could not

change the outcome of the election, then I suppose the voting polls would be entirely empty. How would any election be decided in this situation?

The U.S. of A is known for its liberties and the opportunity to exercise these liberties as freely as reasonable. One of these is the right to vote. Other nations do not grant these same liberties to their citizens and yet, Americans overlook them because they have become common and therefore lost the special quality they once had. This perspective persists and meanwhile voting is cast aside like a used napkin.

I urge all those that are even slightly contemplating not voting for ANY reason to rethink this decision. Those that don't vote have decided not to accept that responsibility. There are no excuses for neglecting to foresee the consequences of not voting. Rationale and choice must triumph in the voting booths.

# McCain campaign turns ugly before election

As October slips into November, we see a different presidential race. Candidates squabble trying to charge up campaigns and lose baggage amid last-minute attacks and huddles. It's win or go home, sink or swim, fight or flight, or whatever tired metaphor suits the situation.

This race is different in that I'm only seeing one candidate having trouble with image - John McCain. His image looks tarnished not just over Sarah Palin, but in his campaign's effort to dim Barack Obama's image. While America focuses on matters of greater discourse, McCain and Palin are reduced to attack dogs.



Justin Curia

Look at the rally fiascos involving unruly crowds. When Palin says "Obama doesn't see America as you and I do," she's fueling hate. Is this a moral way to run a campaign? In the midst of an economic collapse, McCain changes his economic plan every week while keeping up baseless and tired ACORN and Ayers attacks.

While Obama has repeatedly made

clear his associations, McCain has had opportunities to prove himself, but he lets the far Right smother any chance of it happening. He'd rather stay the same erratic course.

He's showing himself as a curmudgeon - no one's doing it for him. In the end, McCain is the boss of his campaign and can change its disposition.

The McCain of 2000 wouldn't have stood on such a stark platform. The McCain of 2008 revels in it.

In a recent editorial in the New York Times entitled "Fire the Campaign," Bill Kristol suggested that "the attacks on Obama just aren't working. There's no reason to think they're suddenly going to." A week earlier, he suggested to Palin in an article entitled "The Wright Stuff" that "Obama surely had a closer connection to the Rev. Jeremiah Wright than to Ayers - and so, I asked, if Ayers is a legitimate issue, what about Reverend Wright?"

As for the candidates' polar differences, I'm going to vote for the one who is calm and reassuring, not fidgety and angry; who sees America for what it

can be, not as the crippled shell of fear and aggression McCain sees; who talks during a financial crisis about that issue instead of conjuring up three different economic plans while attacking the opponent to divert attention; who doesn't pander to an uninformed crowd by inciting racial inequality within his own party and separating the intelligent party members from the ignorant ones.

I'm voting for a candidate who picks an experienced running mate, not one who chooses an incompetent hopeful simply to help reel in the religious Right.

I know Obama has flaws - some people he has associated with raise concern.

But I'm no longer concerned because I've concluded that these people, however malicious, will not affect the way this country is governed, nor does it reflect the personality and goals of Obama.

Though my stance is obvious, this isn't some liberal agenda.

This is a real question of whether McCain has Americans' core ideals of progression, and if he has the necessary mental and political preparedness to lead in a time of economic strife.

# Palin is concern



Cindy Muehlbacher

With the election two weeks away, my concern over the outcome of the presidential election is growing.

As an international student I am not allowed to vote, but I have followed the campaigns and I'm interested in how everything will turn out.

One thing that strikes me as odd is how in the world the republicans came up with Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as a vice-presidential candidate.

First, Palin has basically no experience in federal government and her experience in state government amounts to less than two years.

And being mayor of a small Alaskan town (Wasilla) doesn't really qualify Palin as a vice president, let alone as president in the worst case scenario.

Her bachelor's degree in journalism is neither relevant nor beneficial, apart from the fact that it took her six years and five school transfers to

obtain that degree, according to the *Anchorage Daily News*.

As mayor (1996-2002), Palin's policies are puzzling. She is pro-life and referred to abortion as "an atrocity." However, she would permit abortion in cases where the mother's life was in jeopardy but not in case of rape or incest.

According to CNN, part of her policy as mayor included charging rape victims for their own rape examinations - \$1,200.

But the scariest Palin item for me is that she apparently has no idea what a vice president's responsibilities are. In July, she told CNBC's Larry Kudlow: "I tell ya, I still can't answer that question until somebody answers for me: What is it exactly that the VP does every day?" I hope she found the answer.

Palin even admitted her lack of experience in the debate when she said that "she's only been in this for five weeks now," indicating that she still has to figure out how things work in Washington, D.C.

This might be understandable just starting a political career, but not for the next vice president.

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# Sean Kingston



Clockwise from left: Sean Kingston, an R&B artist who grew up in Jamaica, signs autographs for his fans before his performance in the Hyland Performance Arena Friday, October 10. Kingston crooned to a crowd of around 1,200 students, faculty and staff. The show opened with performances by local rap artist Ludy and R&B singer Torre Sanders. Sean Kingston's performance also gave crowd members a chance to participate in "dance offs." Each participant showed off their dance skills, and the winner was decided by applause.

## Student ID still good for free tickets

By Amanda Hayes  
Arts & Opinion Editor

Due to some confusion on the Lindenwood Web site, as well as some rumors that I heard, I felt it was worth mentioning that Lindenwood student IDs still vouch for two free tickets to a Mainstage Theatre show.

Since only the regular prices are listed online for any Mainstage performances that are coming to the new fine and performing arts center, I thought they had negated this student privilege.

Naturally, this upset me. Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan confirmed that it is "business as usual" with the student IDs. Simply go to the box office to get your tickets.

So, although the tickets to regular shows are rather expensive, you can still support the LU Mainstage performances without burning a hole in your wallet.

# Area haunted houses rank among scariest in nation

By Tierney Knigge  
Contributing Writer

During October, many students too old for trick-or-treating visit haunted houses for "spooky" entertainment. Lucky for St. Louis residents, horror is close to home.

Missouri has a variety of haunts in the metro area, including those both historic and over the top.

According to the Haunted House Association, the typical haunted attraction averages around 8,000 paid guests per season.

The two most visited haunted houses in St. Louis are The Darkness, located next to Souldard Market at 1525 S. 8th Street, and Creepyworld, located in Fenton next to Kollar Plastics at Highway 141 and 13th Street.

Larry Kirchner, who owns both haunts, has kept Darkness popular with thrill seekers since 1994.

"For years we made The Darkness our sole focus," said Kirchner. "All of our energy went into making it the best haunted house in the nation."

Kirchner's hard work has paid off. The Darkness has been named one of America's top haunts for the past 10 years by many, including: USA Today, AOL.com, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Hauntworld.com.

Designing and planning a haunted house is not thought of as easy work, and most staff members find themselves celebrating Halloween and preparing for the opening of the attraction all summer long.

"Two years ago we made a financial and creative commitment to make Creepyworld the biggest and best outdoor Halloween and haunted attraction in America," said Kirchner.

The Creepyworld property contains five haunted houses instead of one, and visitors pay one price to walk through all five.

"It is totally worth going to see," said Lindenwood senior Krista Brunkhorst. "Creepyworld is much longer than any other haunted house in the area, and it is very realistic."

The Travel Channel recently chose to film segments at both Creepyworld and Darkness for its upcoming show, "America's Scariest Haunted Attractions."

According to The Travel Channel, The Darkness and Creepyworld were chosen to be on the show due to their national reputations, attention to detail, special effects and because they rank as some of the scariest haunted attractions in the United States.

"Creepyworld and Darkness pride themselves on remaining in a category separate from local competitors," Kirchner said.

The Scarefest Web site, scarefest.com, explains that the time spent walking through Creepyworld varies. Completing all five houses, which are about 25,000 square feet each, can take up to two hours.



Courtesy photo

"Terrifying but a blast at the same time," said Lindenwood junior Lauren Stein. "I was impressed with how detailed the different sets were."

Cost also plays a role when deciding which house to visit. Creepyworld charges \$20 for adults and Darkness charges \$16, while some

haunted attractions can cost up to \$65. Scarefest.com offers discount coupons to Creepyworld and Darkness, and also offers the option to buy speed tickets, thus bypassing long lines. Both haunts are open Sunday through Thursday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.



## Lions chalk up five-game winning streak

By Micah Woodard  
Sports Editor

The Lions enjoyed a sweet Homecoming week, winning their fourth and fifth straight games to improve to 5-1.

Special teams struck again as Lindenwood defeated the Benedictine Ravens 36-33 at their home stadium in Atchison, Kan. on Oct. 11.

Down 23-22 in the fourth quarter, the Lions blocked a Ravens field goal attempt and Brandon Gould returned the block 80 yards for a score.

The special teams touchdown put the Lions ahead for good as the Lions added a touchdown rush by Nate Orlando to seal the game, his second score of the contest.

"It was a great win for the program," said Head Coach Patrick Ross. "Our guys did a great job of staying together and using teamwork."

The Lions converted a crucial, game changing blocked-kick return for a touchdown for the second time this season. The first came against Baker University when Mike Bunton returned a blocked punt for the game winning score on Sept. 20.

"We put a lot of time into special teams in practice, and we spend a lot of time trying to perfect them," he said, adding that exemplary team depth was also a factor.

Gould also intercepted a pass in the first quarter, which led directly to a Lions touchdown. He was named the NAIA Defensive Player of the Week for his defensive achievements against Benedictine.

"He's a special player," said Ross. "He just has that great feel for the game, that natural instinct you can't teach."

The Lions came out fast, jumping out to an early 14-3 first quarter lead thanks to a Ben Kisner 40-yard pass on 4th and 2 to senior receiver Terry Martin and an Orlando touchdown rush.

But Benedictine would take back the momentum, outscoring the Lions 23-8 in the next two quarters. Lindenwood's lone score was a 48-yard touchdown reception by receiver Rudy Fleming.

But the fourth quarter special teams touchdown regained momentum for the Lions, and they never looked back.

"Anytime you can get an extra score from defense or special teams, it's really encouraging," said Ross. "It really lifts your spirits, and it's always fun and exciting to get that different kind of touchdown."

And the spirits of players and fans alike were certainly lifted one week later at Lindenwood's annual Homecoming game, a 49-3 thrashing of the Graceland University on Oct. 18.

Graceland had struggled this season, entering the game with a 1-5 record. But they played the Lions tough early, putting up a field goal for the lone score of the first quarter. "They came out and were ready for us," said Kisner.

But then the Lions started moving the ball downfield aggressively, going for it on fourth-and-one at the end of the first quarter and fourth-and-seven in the second.

"I felt confident we could move the football, so we took some chances," said Ross. "We have a high potent offense, and if we can't get a yard or two in crucial situations, we don't deserve to win anyway."

Both attempts were successful and led directly to LU touchdowns.

"The only way to keep things going was to keep moving the ball," said Kisner. "We knew we were going to [convert]."

After the scoreless first quarter, the Lions would score 49 unanswered points to put away the outmatched Yellowjackets.

Kisner scorched the Yellowjackets secondary, completing 22 of 30 passes for 356 yards and four touchdowns (tying the school record).

"This is by far my best Homecoming; we came out here and put on a great show," he said.

Fleming, Lindenwood's leading receiver, grabbed four receptions for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

Leonard Durant also reached pay dirt twice, rushing for 31 yards on seven attempts.

An injury struck the Lions when Dario Comacho suffered a concussion during a kickoff in the second quarter. His status is undetermined, but Ross hopes he'll be back



Legacy photo by Micah Woodard



(Above) Freshman defensive back Blake Conreux intercepts a pass. (Left) Senior running back Leonard Durant leaps over Brent Hodgkiss for the Lions fourth touchdown of the game. (Below) Senior receiver Brian Williams attempts to make a move downfield. The Lions thrashed the Graceland Yellowjackets 49-3 at the Homecoming game on Oct. 18.

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Legacy photo by David Haas

## Lady Lions aim to preserve their undefeated mark

By Micah Woodard  
Sports Editor

The undefeated LU women's soccer team is heading into the final weeks of competition with a target on their back.

With a 9-0-2 record, Lindenwood is contending with defending HAAC champion Graceland University for the conference title.

The Lady Lions have outscored their opponents 31-7, and their recent success has vaulted them up two spots into a Top 20 national NAIA ranking.

Only Graceland ranks ahead of LU among HAAC teams.

The Lady Lions have been led by stellar defense, allowing only 7 goals in 11 games.

Starting goalkeeper Kristen Prest has played all but 12 minutes for the Lady Lions this season and has put together an exemplary GAA (goals against average) of .587 goals per game, allow-

ing only seven goals on 55 shots.

The Lady Lions have been led offensively by junior midfielder Mackenzie Creamer and freshman midfielder Lindsey Shea, who have accounted for almost half of the team's offense.

Creamer has amassed eight goals and six assists on the season, accumulating 22 points. She has also scored four game winning goals, averaging about one every four games.

Shea has been equally impressive, scoring six goals for 18 points, second on the team to Creamer. She has also been extremely efficient with her shooting, putting 16 of 23 shots on net.

Part of the Lady Lions success can be attributed to their ongoing domination of shots-per-game. On the year, Lindenwood has out shot their opponents 173-98, and the effects have shown on the scoreboard.

Lindenwood has been especially impressive in close

contests, winning overtime games against Robert Morris, Benedictine University and Baker University.

The Lady Lions are led by Laurie Kaminski, who has head coach for women's soccer for the past four years. Kaminski is in charge of all facets of the program, including "recruiting, scheduling, training, and game management," according to the Lindenwood website.

After a 10-6-1 record in the 07-08 season, the Lady Lions are poised to grab the HAAC championship with a strong finish.

On Nov. 1 the Lady lions will host the Graceland University in a bout that could likely determine the HAAC regular season champion. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Hunter Stadium.

A victory would put the Lady Lions in prime position to advance to the NAIA regional tournament for the third time in four years.



Legacy photo by Lauren Kastendieck

Senior defender Lydia Elking launches a kick downfield against Missouri Valley on Oct. 14. The Lady Lions won the game 4-1 to improve their record to 9-0-1. Lindenwood is still undefeated with a mark of 9-0-2.



# LU bowling teams start rolling into action

By Alex Jahncke  
Staff reporter

Both the men's and women's bowling teams started on the right foot in their first tournament of the 08-09 season, the 38th Hammer Midwest Collegiate, which took place Oct. 4 in Wisconsin.

The women took third out of 29 teams while the men won the whole thing. They defeated 41 other teams to become victorious. Bowler

Dean Richards was recognized on the All-Tournament team after a top 5 finish. Head Coach Randy Lightfoot was confident that this momentum will continue throughout the season.

"I don't think there is anyone we can't beat if we bowl the way I know we can," said Lightfoot.

The men are watching out for Wichita State, who has been the most dominant team in years past. But according

to Lightfoot, Wichita St. is not the team he is worried about.

"I think we bowl Wichita real well when we see them," said Lightfoot. "One team we have to watch out for is Saginaw Valley State. They have a good team and a guy who I think is the best in the nation."

As for the women, the competition is the same for the most part with a tough Central Florida team mixed

in. Central Florida won the women's Hammer Midwest Collegiate.

There is a lot of talent that comes from both teams. The men have a lot of faith in sophomore Richards. Richards made the Jr. Team U.S.A. and finished with a silver medal.

"Last year Richards was really consistent and got a lot of top 15's and top 20's. This year he is more focused and he wants to win tourna-

ments," said Lightfoot.

The women have a few talented bowlers themselves, including Laura Fonniegria and Corina Bakoylis. Bakoylis led the women's team at the Hammer Midwest Collegiate with a 196.9 average.

Fonniegria, who is from Columbia, has also shown some tremendous talent.

As a matter of fact, she did not make it to this past weekend's Orange and Black Classic tournament.

She was competing in a major tournament so she was not able to make an appearance for Lindenwood.

With a long season ahead, both the men and women are looking like real contenders.

"I am really excited to watch us bowl this year. I have a great bunch and I think they are ready," said Lightfoot.

Both will be in action Oct. 25-26 at the SI Elite Invite in Lebanon, Ill.

## Swimming and diving teams jump in

By Aisha Foster  
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams started their season on the third week of Sept. and are preparing for competition by training hard and maintaining a positive team chemistry.

Craig Penrose, head coach of both teams, has been coaching Lindenwood for 11 years and has already expressed his hopes for the teams.

"My goal for the teams is for the guys to be placed top three and girls top five at the NAIA National Championships this season," said Penrose.

For the third straight year, Nationals are to be held the first week in March at LU's home, the St. Peter's Rec Plex.

According to Penrose, the teams work hard and swim about 10 times a week. Practice time is approximately five hours a day and there are three practice times that the athletes can choose from.

In the morning, practice is held at the Boys and Girls Club in Blanchette Park at 5:15-6:45 a.m. and 7:30-9 a.m.

Evening practice moves to the St Peter's Rec Plex from 1-3 p.m.

Both teams practice together twice a week, which helps with their chemistry because they see so much of each other.

The swimmers and divers do strength training alike, along with their respective specific drills.

There are two events in

college diving: one meter diving (the low board) and three meter diving (the high board).

Swimming has 13 different events, the most famous of which include the butterfly, freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke and relays. There is also an event called the Individual Medley which combines all those events.

There are 34 members on the women's team and 39 members on the men's team.

The key swimmers on the men's team are the team captain Thomas Bourdin (from France), and Simon Morley (from England); they are both backstrokers.

On the diving team, Derik Scott from St. Louis is also a top athlete.

Swimmers to watch on the women's team are Sarah Billamosa (from Hawaii) and team captain LeeAnn Kelso (from California),

along with diver Ashlee Wilhite (from St. Louis).

Penrose said that the junior varsity team has competed in one meet for the season with the women winning by 22 points and the guys losing by four points.

The first varsity meet, the Show Me Invitational, which comprises all colleges and universities in Missouri was held on Oct. 18 at Mizzou.

Penrose is most looking forward to seeing his team improve individually.

"This would help the team as a whole because individual times would be better in different events including the relays," he said.

The swimming and diving teams will be in action again on Oct. 25 at the Rose Hulman Relays.



Senior forward Henri St. Arnault receives a pass in LU's 8-1 victory over Saint Louis University on Oct. 16 at the Lindenwood Ice Arena. Legacy photo by Lauren Kastendieck

## Lions ice hockey starts season 10-0

By Andrew Tessmer  
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Lions men's hockey team continued their undefeated season by winning all three games on the road Oct. 10-12 in Ohio.

The Lions played two games at Ohio University and one at John Carroll University.

Lindenwood defeated the Ohio Bobcats in two games Oct. 10-11 as well as John

Carroll University Oct. 12.

The Lions defeated the Bobcats in game one 6-2.

Lindenwood's Steve Balcint started the scoring at 15:47 in the first period, and the offensive barrage continued for LU until the 14th second of the third period when Kyle Kaiser scored the final goal on a power play.

LU continued the scoring in game two by netting the puck twice in the first period prior to Ohio's single

goal in the game. The Lions followed up with a single goal in the second period, scored by Jake Ebner, and scored twice more in the third. The Lions defeated the Bobcats 5-1 in game two.

The Lions traveled to Cleveland to cap their three game road trip.

Lindenwood scored 12 times while denying John Carroll a single goal. The Lions scored three goals in the first period, four in

the second, and five in the third.

Cory Spradling, Chad Boeckman and Carson Hamill had two goals each, and goalie Chris Abbot earned the shutout. The final score was 12-0.

The LU Lions won these three road games to bring their record to a perfect 8-0 for the season. The Lions will take on Iowa State University in a two game duel October 24 and 25.

## Students compete in Lion pride games

By Micah Woodard  
Sports Editor

two dorms each, competed alongside a faculty team in the tournament.

Participants competed in three separate events, with points being allotted to the first, second and third place finishers in each respective game.

Irwin/Bezemes Hall placed in every event and was crowned the tournament champions with a final score of 80 points, edging out Parker/Sibley Hall,

which finished second overall with 70 points.

In the balloon stomp, four members of each team had a balloon tied to their ankles and attempted to pop every opponent's balloon.

The men and women of Ayres Hall took first place, with Irwin/Bezemes placing in third.

The second event was a tug of war. This tournament was worth the most

points and was a huge factor in the determining the tournament champion, as Irwin/Bezemes grabbed the victory.

The third event, an obstacle course, consisted of four separate legs. Matthews/Calvert Rogers won this event, with Irwin/Bezemes taking second.

Teal said the Lion pride games had a large turnout and were extremely successful.



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Sports around the **Globe**

## Sumo wrestling big in Japan

Sport a cultural symbol for men and women

By Nao Koike  
and Hiroko Furuhashi  
Staff Writers

Sumo wrestling is the national sport of Japan, and it has been a cultural and spiritual symbol as one of the oldest Japanese martial arts over the centuries.

Today it is enjoyed by people around the world.

The origin of sumo was said to be the contest of strength between two gods, according to Japanese legend.

Thus, its disciplines are deeply liked in Shinto, Japan's native religion.

Around the eighth century, it became the ceremony of Imperial Court with a lot of music and dance of the wrestlers.

When Japan entered its long war period in the 12th century, the sumo wrestlers were valued as a military force.

However, after samurais joined the force, sumo changed its concept to entertain ordinary people through performances in large stadiums.

The rules of sumo are simple. In the match, the wrestler who puts the opponent out of the circle on the sumo ring, or who throws the rival in the ring gains the victory.

If the wrestler's body except his foot touches the surface of the ring, he loses.

There are about 82 sumo techniques. One of the basics

*There are currently about 300 women sumo competitors in Japan and at least 17 countries have organizations.*

—New Sumo Federation

is called "Tsukidashi," (frontal thrust out) which is when the wrestler pushes the opponent to the edge of the circle. These styles are identified by Japan Sumo Association.

Today, sumo has become a popular past time of all ages. It is especially favored by the elderly.

The Grand Sumo Tournament, the official tournaments presided by Japan Sumo Association, is held six times a year.

All matches in the tournaments are broadcasted on a national network.

In addition to the professional sumo, the sport is practiced by amateurs.

A number of companies, universities, high schools and junior high schools have sumo clubs.

Small children can start practicing sumo as early as they are in elementary school.

Sumo wrestlers used to be

only Japanese, but in recent years, the globalization in sumo has rapidly increased.

There are 60 foreign sumo wrestlers in Japan, including 34 from Mongolia, six from China, five from Russia, and three from the Eastern European country of Georgia.

Asashoryu, who is by far the strongest wrestler, is from Mongolia. He is currently the only foreign Yokozuna, the highest rank in Sumo.

Women are also entering to sumo.

Sumo had been barred to women due to its close relationship between Shinto.

The present official rule of sumo still says that women are prohibited to touch the ring.

In 1997, Japan held its first sumo championship for women.

According to the New Sumo Federation, there are currently about 300 women sumo competitors in Japan and at least 17 countries have organizations.

Women's sumo is strictly amateur today, unlike men's sumo. However, sumo has taken a historical step by allowing women on the ring.

Despite its popularity, it is difficult to find the sumo wrestling in the United States.

The California Sumo Association, an amateur group founded in California, has hosted US SUMO OPEN events since 2001.



Photo illustration by Wes Murrell

It is the only American association that holds sumo tournaments.

The other opportunity can be found in the St. Louis. Missouri Botanical Garden annually hosts the Japanese Festival during Labor Day weekend.

At the festival, the visitors can enjoy various kinds of Japanese performances, including sumo wrestling.

## Correction

In the volleyball story of the Oct. 8 issue of *The Legacy*, Head Coach Ron Young's name was mistakenly written as Ron Howard.

## SCOREBOARD

**Men's Football****Ranked 8th in NAIA**

Sep 6- MidAmerica Nazarene, L 26-16  
Sep 13- Avila, W 59-9  
Sep 20- Baker, W 25-21  
Sep 27- Culver-Stockton, W 68-12  
Oct 11- Benedictine W 36-33  
Oct 18- Graceland, W 49-3  
Oct 25- William Jewell 1 p.m.  
Nov 1- Evangel 1:30 p.m.  
Nov 8- Central Methodist 1 p.m.  
Nov 15- Missouri Valley 1:30 p.m.

**Men's/Women's Bowling**

Oct 4- 38th Hammer Midwest Collegiate  
Oct 18- Orange and Black Classic  
Oct 25- SI Elite Invite  
Nov 1- Brunswick/Coca-Cola Southern Classic  
Nov 8- Boilermaker Classic  
Nov 22- Knights Classic  
Nov 28- National Team Match Games  
Nov 30- NCAA/USBC Invitational  
Dec 6- Leatherneck Classic

**Men's/Women's Cross Country**

Aug 30- Washington Early Bird,

3rd/4th

Sep 6- Miner Invitational, 4th/2nd  
Sep 20- Southern Stampede 6th/8th  
Oct 4- Greater Louisville Classic, 16th/19th, 8th/20th  
Oct 11- Lucian Rosa Invitational 1st, 19th/1st, 30th  
Oct 25- Graceland Invitational  
Nov 8- HAAC Championships  
Nov 22- NAIA National Championships

**Men's/Women's Cycling**

Aug 29- Gateway Cup  
Aug 30- MWCCC MTB Race  
Sep 6- MWCCC MTB Race  
Sep 11- Collegiate Track Nationals  
Sep 13- MWCCC MTB Race  
Sep 20- MWCCC MTB Race  
Sep 20- Le Tour de Ste. Genevieve  
Sep 27- MWCCC MTB Race  
Oct 4- MWCCC MTB Race  
Oct 11- MWCCC MTB Regionals  
Oct 19- Bubba Cyclocross Series #1  
Oct 23- College MTB Nationals  
Oct 26- Bubba Cyclocross Series #2  
Nov 1- MWCCC Cyclocross Race  
Nov 8- MWCCC Cyclocross Race  
Nov 15- MWCCC Cyclocross Race  
Nov 23- Bubba Cyclocross Series #6  
Dec 6- Bubba Cyclocross Series #8  
Dec 7- Missouri State Cyclocross

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Dec 11- Collegiate Cyclocross Nationals

**Men's Golf**

Sep 1- Missouri Intercollegiate, 3rd  
Sep 13- Mt. Mercy College Classic, 2nd  
Sep 22- Lindenwood Fall Invitational, 11th  
Oct 3- Delta State Invitational, 5th  
Oct 13- Illinois State Invitational, 13th  
Oct 23- NAIA Preview Invitational  
Nov 3- Mobile Fall Classic

**Men's Hockey**

Sep 26- North Dakota State, W 15-2  
Sep 27- North Dakota State, W 10-1  
Sep 28- North Dakota State, W 15-1  
Oct 3- Central Oklahoma, W 7-1  
Oct 4- Central Oklahoma, W 2-1  
Oct 10- Ohio, W 6-2  
Oct 11- Ohio, W 5-1  
Oct 12- John Carroll W 12-0  
Oct 16- Saint Louis (Mo.) W 8-1  
Oct 17- Saint Louis (Mo.) W 6-1  
Oct 24- Iowa State 7:30 p.m.  
Oct 25- Iowa State 7:30 p.m.  
Oct 31- Liberty (Va.) 7 p.m.

Nov 1- Liberty (Va.) 4 p.m.

Nov 7- Western Michigan 7 p.m.  
Nov 8- Western Michigan 4 p.m.  
Nov 14- Eastern Michigan 7 p.m.  
Nov 15- Eastern Michigan 4 p.m.  
Nov 21- Illinois 7 p.m.  
Nov 22- Illinois 4 p.m.  
Nov 28- Oklahoma 7 p.m.  
Nov 29- Oklahoma 4 p.m.  
Dec 5- Kent State (Ohio) 7:15 p.m.  
Dec 6- Kent State (Ohio) 7:15 p.m.

**Men's Soccer**

Aug 30- Lee (Tenn.) L 2-1  
Aug 31- Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) L 2-0  
Sep 7- Marian (Ind.) W 3-1  
Sep 12- Rogers State (Okla.) W 3-0  
Sep 13- Grand View (Iowa) T 1-1  
Sep 17- Columbia, W 2-1  
Sep 20- Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) W 3-0  
Sep 27- MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) L 3-2  
Oct 4- Benedictine (Kan.) L 1-0  
Oct 6- Missouri Baptist, W 2-1  
Oct 8- Central Methodist (Mo.) W 5-0  
Oct 11- Baker (Kan.) W 2-1  
Oct 14- Missouri Valley, W 1-0  
Oct 18- Avila (Mo.) W 2-0  
Oct 25- William Jewell (Mo.) 8 p.m.  
Oct 28- McKendree (Ill.) 7 p.m.  
Nov 1- Graceland (Iowa) 8 p.m.  
Nov 4- Culver-Stockton (Mo.) 3 p.m.

**Women's Field hockey**

Aug 23- Sewanee (Tenn.) W 5-4  
Aug 24- Rhodes (Tenn.) W 3-1  
Sep 6- Missouri, W 6-0  
Sep 9- Missouri State, L 8-0  
Sep 12- Indiana-Purdue Indianapolis, L 2-0  
Sep 13- Seton Hill (Pa.) W 2-1  
Sep 21- Missouri, DNP  
Sep 24- Hendrix (Ark.) W 1-0  
Sep 28- Bellarmine (Ky.) W 3-2  
Oct 3- Saint Vincent (Pa.) W 1-0  
Oct 4- Seton Hill (Pa.) L 4-3  
Oct 17- Hendrix (Ark.) (Homecoming) W 3-1  
Oct 21- Bellarmine (Ky.) 7 p.m.  
Nov 2- Rhodes (Tenn.) 2 p.m.  
Nov 27- National Hockey Festival (Nov. 27-30) TBD

**Women's Golf**

Sep 14- Western Illinois Tournament, 9th  
Sep 21- Southern Indiana Tournament, 7th  
Sep 27- Millikin Tournament, 2nd  
Oct 6- UMSL/Washington Tournament, 6th  
Oct 12- Maryville Tournament, 1st  
Oct 27- Lindenwood Fall Invitational  
Nov 3- Mobile Fall Classic

**Women's Ice Hockey**

Sep 26- Grand Valley State (Mich.) W 9-1  
Sep 27- Grand Valley State (Mich.) W 10-2  
Oct 3- Robert Morris (Ill.) L 1-0  
Oct 4- Robert Morris (Ill.) W 4-1  
Oct 11- Michigan W 10-0  
Oct 12- Michigan W 6-0  
Oct 18- Michigan State, T 1-1  
Oct 19- Michigan State T 3-3  
Nov 1- St. Benedict (Minn.) TBD  
Nov 2- St. Benedict (Minn.) TBD  
Nov 8- Ohio State 6:30 p.m.  
Nov 9- Ohio State 12 p.m.  
Nov 15- Northern Michigan TBD  
Nov 16- Northern Michigan TBD  
Nov 22- Liberty (Va.) 3:15 p.m.  
Nov 23- Liberty (Va.) 9:45 a.m.

**Women's Soccer****Ranked 22th in NAIA**

Aug 30- St. Norbert (Wis.) W 3-0  
Aug 31- Robert Morris (Ill.) W 2-1  
Sep 6- William Woods (Mo.) DNP  
Sep 12- Rogers State (Okla.) W 4-0  
Sep 20- Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) W 8-0  
Sep 27- MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) T 2-2  
Oct 4- Benedictine (Kan.) W 2-1  
Oct 6- Missouri Baptist, W 3-1  
Oct 8- Central Methodist (Mo.) W 1-0  
Oct 11- Baker (Kan.) W 2-1  
Oct 14- Missouri Valley, W 4-1  
Oct 18- Avila (Mo.) T 0-0  
Oct 21- Bethel (Tenn.) 3 p.m.  
Oct 25- William Jewell (Mo.) 6 p.m.  
Oct 28- McKendree (Ill.) 5 p.m.  
Nov 1- Graceland (Iowa) 6 p.m.  
Nov 4- Culver-Stockton (Mo.) 1 p.m.  
Nov 6- Lyon (Ark.) 2 p.m.

**Men's/Women's Swimming and Diving**

Oct 4- Intrasquad Meet  
Oct 18- Show Me Invitational 5th/3rd  
Oct 25- Rose Hulman Relays  
Nov 1- Lindenwood Five Team Meet  
Nov 7- Missouri State  
Nov 22- Washington Thanksgiving Classic

**Women's Volleyball****Ranked 8th in NAIA**

Sep 2- MidAmerica Nazarene, W 3-0  
Sep 5- Columbia Tournament, L 3-1, W 3-1, L 3-0  
Sep 12- Graceland Tournament, W 3-0, W 3-1, W 3-1, L 3-0  
Sep 16- Evangel (Mo.) DNP  
Sep 19- Graceland (Iowa) W 3-0  
Sep 19- Texas-Brownsville, W 3-0

Sep 23- Quincy (Ill.) W 3-2  
Sep 26- Taylor, W 3-2  
Sep 26- Saint Francis W 3-1  
Sep 27- TBA (St. Francis Challenge) W 3-1, W 3-0  
Sep 27- Cedarville W 3-1  
Sep 27- Campbellsville W 3-0  
Sep 30- Culver-Stockton (Mo.) W 3-0  
Oct 1- Missouri Baptist, W 3-2  
Oct 3- Lindenwood Invitational, W 3-0, W 3-0  
Oct 4- Lindenwood Invitational, W 3-0, L 3-1  
Oct 7- Missouri Valley, W 3-0  
Oct 9- Baker (Kan.) W 3-1  
Oct 11- Benedictine (Kan.) W 3-0  
Oct 14- Central Methodist, W 3-0  
Oct 17- Avila (Lindenwood Tournament) W 3-0  
Oct 17- Madonna (Lindenwood Tournament) W 3-0  
Oct 18- Robert Morris W 3-0  
Oct 18- Columbia (Lindenwood Tournament) L 3-1  
Oct 24- Indiana Wesleyan 1 p.m.  
Oct 24- St. Xavier (Georgetown Tourn.) 5 p.m.  
Oct 25- Georgetown (Georgetown Tourn.) 11 a.m.  
Oct 25- TBA (Georgetown Tourn.)  
Oct 30- William Jewell (Mo.) 7 p.m.

**Men's/Women's Table Tennis**

Sep 6- Lindenwood September Open  
Sep 20- Badger Open  
Oct 11- Bernard Hock Open  
Oct 19- Rockford Hills Open  
Nov 9- NCTTA Midwest Fall Regional  
Nov 15- Butterfly/South Shore Open TBD

**Men's Water Polo**

Sep 5- Central Florida Sun, W 15-12  
Sep 5- Concordia, L 14-5  
Sep 6- Gannon, L 14-7  
Sep 6- Naval Academy JV, L 14-7  
Sep 7- Mercyhurst, L 11-6  
Sep 12- Lindenwood "B" W 24-2  
Sep 13- Washington, W 16-3  
Sep 13- Saint Louis, W 17-6  
Sep 14- Missouri, W 15-4  
Sep 26- Michigan State, L 6-5  
Sep 27- Loyola, W 15-7  
Sep 27- Purdue, W 8-6  
Sep 28- Michigan, L 6-4  
Oct 4- Miami (Ohio) W 11-10  
Oct 4- Illinois-Chicago, W 11-6  
Oct 5- Western Illinois, W 12-5  
Oct 5- Northern Illinois, 16-2  
Oct 24- Missouri Valley Division Championship

**Women's Wrestling**

Sep 19- World Team Trials  
Oct 4- Oklahoma City  
Oct 25- Missouri Baptist  
Oct 29- Black and Gold Scrimmage  
Dec 3- Missouri Valley

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 Wes Upchurch: Libertarian Party  
 Denise C. Neely: Constitution Party

Other positions on the ballot include the state treasurer, representative, senator, Supreme Court judge and Court of Appeals judge; the St. Charles County Commissioner; and the Missouri Lieutenant Governor.

For an official sample ballot that lists all candidates in all positions, visit the Web site of the St. Charles County Election Authority at <http://election.sccmo.org/election>.

**State Propositions**

On the ballot, voters will be asked to vote either yes or no on each proposition:

**Amendment 1:** If passed, this amendment will specify English as the official language spoken at all governmental meetings where public business is discussed, decided or public policy is formulated.

**Amendment 4:** This amendment relates to the financing of storm water control projects, and would limit the availability of grants and loans and remove the cap on available funding. The cost to the state could be up to \$236,000 annually, but would save the state around \$7,500 for each bond issued.

**Proposition A:** Revision of Statutes Relating to Casinos and Gambling. If passed, this proposition will amend Missouri law to prohibit gambling loss limits, restrict the allowed number of casinos, increase the casino gambling tax and give more money from gambling to elementary and secondary schools. Up to \$137 million could be given to state schools annually.

**Proposition B:** Missouri Quality Homecare Council. This proposition would create the Missouri Quality Homecare Council, which would ensure the availability of quality home care services under the Medicaid program. It is expected to cost the state over \$510,000 annually.

**Proposition C:** Initiative Petition. Proposition C would require investor-owned electric utilities to have renewable energy sources equal to at least 2 percent of retail sales by 2011, increasing to at least 15 percent by 2021. The estimated direct cost to state governmental entities is \$395,183.

A full description of all propositions can be found at the St. Charles County Election Authority Web site.

By Kenny Gerling  
 Staff Writer

A presentation titled Video Game Nation: An Insight into Gaming Culture was held in Young Hall Auditorium on October 15.

The forum was in connection with the Gateway Media Literacy Week that ran from October 12-19. It was moderated by communications professor Jill Falk.

The event saw a turnout of about fifty people of all ages. The presenters spoke about how some popular video games are causing people to rethink the effects this form of media has on our culture.

The first speaker, Justin Sigoloff, gave a presentation titled "The Halo Universe and its use of myth: Does familiarity equal popularity". In it he attempted to show a relationship to the video game Halo's mythic themes and its extreme popularity. "Halo draws upon myth in

every aspect of its story," Sigoloff said.

Sigoloff spoke about how the game is heavily influenced by Greek and Norse mythology. This can best be demonstrated in the main protagonist, Master Chief. The hero possesses many of the qualities such as redeemer and warrior that also were characteristic of Hercules and the Norse god Thor according to Sigoloff.

The next to speak was Andrew Smith who gave a presentation titled "The Kids Are All Right/Online: Identity Formation in the World of Massively Multiplayer Games."

He began by briefly laying out the history of video games and how the industry went from Pong to photorealistic graphics in a relatively short period of time. His main focus was on massively multiplayer online role playing games, specifically World of Warcraft.

These games allow users to go "into an entirely separate world." where not only can they, but in many cases are required to interact with fellow users to complete tasks. According to Smith World of Warcraft had over 10 million players last year and has no signs of slowing down. These types of games are known to cause controversy due to their addictive nature.

The third segment was a discussion about Nintendo's popular gaming system the Wii.

The Wii has motion sensitive controllers and many games that require the player to use the devices to move around as opposed to just sitting like most game systems. Smith said, "It's bringing a different sort of interacting in video games."

With all this success comes criticism that these games are fostering antisocial behavior in kids during formative years of their lives.

Smith responded by saying, "Teens most seek belonging" and they want to "feel accepted and in control" and video games allow them to receive that.

"People who play, say (World of Warcraft), what's to say it's different than watching three movies in one night," he said.

Afterwards students had mixed reactions to the event. "It was a rather weak rehashing of all the justification for video games," said Angelo Stege regarding the overall tone of the forum.

But attendee Eddy Ohlms remarked, "You hear about all these games and it was nice to hear what all the fuss is about."

The presentations covered many aspects of the video game industry and gave those in attendance a taste of some of the issues and trends that are currently important to the gaming community.

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classes and students. From the portal, faculty can access any of their students' LionMail e-mail addresses, schedules and transcripts. The portal also allows professors to take attendance and enter grades.

Dr. Michael Whaley, professor of history, said that he thinks the system is handy and that he has not encountered any problems with it.

"Everything is much better than filling out paper all the time," Whaley said.

Rev. Dr. Michael Mason, professor of religion, agreed. He said that he thinks the system is great and that it seems to be working.

"Because of federal regulations, we have to keep track of our students," Mason said. He said that he thinks the system will help professors keep better records.

"The other thing that CAMS does is combine everything into one," Mason said. He said that before CAMS, the Registrar, Fi-

ancial Aid and other departments had separate computers, but CAMS helps combine all student information into one system.

"Each department had its own particular system which did not communicate with other applications," said Haghghi. CAMS should be the solution to that problem.

"CAMS is an integrated database," said Haghghi. "All modules involved talk to one another."

Mason also said that he thinks that in its final phase, CAMS will help eliminate the hassle of students enrolling in classes that they shouldn't.

This phase, called Degree Audit, will be able to tell what classes a student needs to graduate. Eventually the sys-

tem will prevent students from adding classes that require a pre-requisite that was not completed.

"It won't let you in classes you don't belong in," Haghghi said.

The CAMS team has been working to complete four phases of the CAMS program. The first phase, which went live in June 2008, created one system for use by Admissions, Financial Aid, Academic Services, Housing and Security.

About three weeks into August, phase two, the Faculty Portal, was complete. The Student Portal was phase three. The fourth and final phase of the system is expected to be complete by August 2009.



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