



Lindenwood in Good Financial Health, Poised to Become a 'Great University'

Lindenwood is a very good university and is "poised to step over a historically significant threshold and become a great university," according to Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D.

Evans made this bold statement in a 96-page document he prepared last month for the Lindenwood University Board of Directors. Evans said his paper was a planning document that summarized the expressed vision of former President Dennis C. Spellmann, but also provided a comprehensive overview of Lindenwood University, circa December 2006, and Evans' suggestions for strategic direction over the next five years.

Taking that step toward greatness, Evans said, will entail meeting a twofold challenge of "image management and not holding ourselves back."

"The most notable characteristic of the Spellmann years was his extraordinary vision," Evans wrote. That vision "produced not only a surge in tuition revenues but also a magnificent increase in the number and quality of academic and extracurricular facilities at Lindenwood." Evans said Spellmann's approach merged "good higher education practices with good business practices."

Specifically, Evans noted that Spellmann's vision directly led to the launching of successful higher-education initiatives throughout the St. Louis region.

From its 2006 census of 13,718, Lindenwood's student population is projected to reach 16,000 by the year 2010, with most of that growth coming through



Jim J. Shoemake, (left) chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors, talks with Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D., after a recent meeting of the Lindenwood Executive Committee.

graduate and evening programs.

The main campus in St. Charles has reached its capacity for traditional daytime residential students.

The university currently has 161 faculty members, a majority of whom have terminal degrees in their fields of expertise. Lindenwood has 230 staff and administrative employees.

Evans said the University's financial condition "is the envy of most other universities in the Midwest." Lindenwood had an operating fund balance of \$23 million in December of 2006, a time of year when most universities are squeezed for cash.

In addition, Lindenwood's endowment stands at more than \$61 million and the university has a building fund reserve of \$18 million. Evans said a conservative financial analysis projects that revenues will show an annual growth rate of 3.5 percent for the next several years and that Lindenwood should remain debt-free during that period.

Evans' report will be studied by the strategic planning committee of the LU board of directors and will be presented for adoption by the entire board later in the year.

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Fine and Performing Arts Center on Schedule for 2008



Construction of the 136,000-square-foot Fine and Performing Arts Center continues on schedule and on budget. The building, located adjacent to West Clay Street on the southeast edge of campus, is scheduled to open in the spring of 2008. Current work includes brick work, steel erection and some work in the mechanical room. The building will include a 1,200-seat main auditorium, a 150-seat black box theatre, gallery space, practice rooms, classrooms and office space.

Monsanto Provides Major Gift for Greenhouse Renovation

The newly remodeled greenhouse adjacent to Young Science Hall will be named Monsanto Greenhouse, thanks to a \$100,000 gift from the Monsanto Foundation toward the facility's renovation completed last summer. The gift was packaged with gifts from alumni and friends to pay for the \$150,000 project.

The greenhouse, built in 1965 with Young Science Hall, had never been renovated. Marilyn Abbott, Ph.D., dean of the Sciences Division, said the renovation included all new thermal pane glass, which replaced plastic panes in place previously, new climate control systems and other touches, like a motorized interior sun shade and automated, computer-controlled watering and misting systems. The renovations allow for the growing of more types of plants throughout the year.

The new greenhouse includes 1,800 square feet of floor

space, including a propagating room, a transplant garden area, work areas for potting, and cold storage. The new facility provides opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning and a better overall learning environment to help prepare students to meet the expectations of the scientific community and potential employers.

Additionally, the facility will be used for student recruitment to Lindenwood's biology program and related majors. Currently, Lindenwood has 180 students majoring in biology and related fields, and 500 science majors overall.

"The new greenhouse greatly enhances our ability to challenge our students in the plant sciences area," Abbott said. "These state-of-the-art facilities will permit us to maintain a year-round collection of unique plant varieties and to conduct student-run experiments under a variety of controlled conditions."

New Residence Halls are Planned for West Side of Campus

Lindenwood University's board of directors has agreed to spend an estimated \$13 million to construct two additional residence halls on the western side of the school's main campus above the Lou Brock Sports Complex.

Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D., said that Lindenwood would spend about \$6.5 million apiece on the structures, which will house 190 students each.

The new buildings will likely house young men but

Evans said "we are not making that designation permanent." Construction will begin in March and the new buildings will be occupied in the fall of 2008.

Evans said the new dorms are needed to "respond to a very strong demand for on-campus housing."

After the two new residence halls are complete, Lindenwood will have constructed eight new dormitories in a decade.

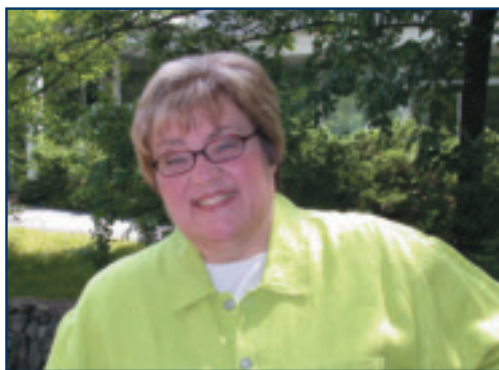
Ackmann to Lecture on Secret NASA Project in the First of an Alumni Lecture Series

After decades of silence, a little-known secret about the U.S. space program has been revealed—and the story’s author is coming to Lindenwood University to share her amazing tale.

Martha Ackmann, LU Class of ’73 and author of “The Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight”, will speak at 7 p.m. March 8 at Lindenwood’s Hyland Performance Arena. The event is the first in a new series of lectures in which high-profile alums return to campus to speak.

Ackmann is a member of the gender studies faculty of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Her best-selling book tells the remarkable story of women pilots who were secretly tested to be astronauts in the early days of the U.S. space program. When the women scored too well, NASA scrapped the experiment.

“The Mercury 13” received the Amelia Earhart Medal for outstanding contributions to women and flight and the Media Prize from the American Institute of Aero-



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nautics and Astronautics.

Ackmann has appeared on the “Today” show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC. A popular speaker, she has lectured at the Kennedy Space Center, for many colleges around the country and abroad and for audiences ranging from the Arizona Women Lawyers to the Texas National Guard.

Seating for Ackmann’s lecture is limited. For information on tickets, please call Community Relations Director Charlsie Floyd at 636-949-4909.

LU to Grant Doctoral Degrees in Education

Lindenwood University has received approval to offer its first doctoral program ever—a Doctor of Education degree. The program will be launched in spring 2007 semester.

“Demand for this degree has been overwhelming,” said Rick Boyle, Ph.D., dean of the education division. “We are very excited to offer the doctorate to the St. Louis region. I am certain the program will be filled quickly, and we will begin populating a waiting list.”

The program will accommodate 50 students initially and eventually will have more than 200 students at any one time. Boyle, said the smaller initial number of students will allow the procedures to be well established before enrollment is expanded. Boyle said interest in the program has been high among the education

community, especially among alums who have received Lindenwood’s Educational Specialist degree (which is one level above a master’s degree) and want to move on to the next step.

“We added the specialist degree in 2001 as an intermediate step between a master’s and a doctorate,” Boyle said. “It has been very popular, and many of the students in that program were asking when we would have a doctorate available.”

For more information about the new program, email John Dougherty in the Lindenwood Education division at jdougherty@lindenwood.edu or call him at 636-949-4937.



Dean of Education and Faculty, Rick Boyle



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Lindenwood Hires Montgomery as New Alumni Director

Lindenwood University has a new alumni director, Katy Montgomery, who is an alumna herself, both at the undergraduate level and the graduate level. Montgomery, who started December 4, is also director of annual giving.

A native of Hannibal, Mo., Montgomery transferred to Lindenwood in her sophomore year and earned her bachelor's degree in business in 2003. She earned an MBA in December of 2005 with an emphasis on marketing and has worked in retail management since then.

"Lindenwood was like home to me when I was here," Montgomery said. "I lived in Blanton Hall and was an RA, and I really enjoyed my time here. I think that will help me to connect with alumni of all ages."

In addition to keeping currently active alumni involved in the school, Montgomery said that she will reach out to more recent graduates, who have not been as involved in the school.

"My main goal is to get more alumni involved," Montgomery said. "We're going to plan some events designed to bring in people from all eras that will be fun and that people will be talking about."

Acting President James D. Evans said he believes that



Katy Montgomery

Montgomery's work experience and time at LU should be beneficial to getting alumni involved at Lindenwood.

"We are very pleased to have Katy on the staff," Evans said. "She has a great background with Lindenwood, and her qualifications and personality will help her tremendously in reaching out to the alumni."

For more information about alumni affairs or annual giving, Montgomery can be reached at 636-949-4975.

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Dear Alumni, Constituents and Friends,

Lindenwood University has given me the opportunity to work with you in the area of planned giving. My name is Eric Stuhler (Class of 1978), and it is my job to help you help Lindenwood.

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My office will make itself available to you in all aspects of planned giving and contributions. Please allow me to help you help Lindenwood by giving me a call at (636) 949-4617. Thank you for being a Lindenwood supporter!

Sincerely,



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

DISCLAIMER: Lindenwood University believes this information to be accurate. It is not engaged in giving legal or tax advice. Please consult your own legal advisor if assistance is needed.

Planned Giving is Easy for Lindenwood Alumni

There are a variety of opportunities available to alumni who want to help assure the continued success of their alma mater. The university relies upon alumni, corporations, foundations and friends in order to remain financially secure and academically strong for the generations of students to come.

Your support of the Annual Fund and referral of students top the list of support options. The Annual Fund is considered the backbone of the university as it sustains a scholarship program that affects thousands of students and provides for everyday operations of the university. Referring a student keeps the university strong because a robust enrollment and tuition also help us to make ends meet.

Lindenwood alumni can now take advantage of online giving through the university website, www.lindenwood.edu. When accessing the site, click on "Alumni and Friends" and the category "Donate Online" and enter your payment arrangements, or simply use the convenient envelope provided with your Connection. If you would like to refer a student, call the admissions office at 636-949-4949 and they will be happy to assist you.

There are a number of other planned giving options to consider. They include:

Butler Society

This group is named in honor of Colonel James and Margaret Leggat Butler, who, during the early 1900s, funded construction of nearly half of the Heritage campus buildings with an investment that today would equal more than \$25 million.

Butler Society members provide necessary resources for a variety of University needs. Membership is available at the

Associate level with pledges of \$25,000 or more; Members level with lifetime gifts of \$25,000 and above; Patron level with lifetime gifts of \$50,000 and more, and Benefactor level, with lifetime gifts of \$100,000 and above.

Sibley Heritage Society

Named in honor of Lindenwood founders Mary Easton Sibley and Major George Sibley, membership in this group requires your written notification to the Lindenwood development office that you have remembered Lindenwood in your estate plans.

Charitable Remainder Trust

Property and other assets can establish a trust that provides you a lifetime of income, after which assets will be conveyed to Lindenwood.

Endowed Scholarships and Honors Awards

Lindenwood's endowment fund secures a strong and stable future through a responsible, diversified investment strategy. Endowment funds are permanently invested and provide a growing income in perpetuity.

You may establish endowed scholarships in your name or the name of a loved one, or endow lectures, professorships, performances or student honors awards.

These are just a few of the many opportunities you might consider to support your alma mater. To discuss philanthropic planning strategies, call Eric Stuhler, director of planned giving, at 636-949-4903. Lindenwood provides consulting services to its alumni and friends with the assurance of confidentiality and at no charge.

Campus Recovers From Ice Storm

It is business as usual on Lindenwood's 500-acre campus. But that wasn't anywhere near the case Jan. 12-15.

A powerful storm paralyzed St. Charles Jan. 12-13, with ice so heavy that it toppled many trees and damaged hundreds of others. The ice storm left the campus and much of the city without power for several days.

Two thousand students were on campus at the time, taking J-term classes. Because of the power outage, classes were cancelled for two days. Many of the students returned home, but those who couldn't stayed in the residence halls that did have power or in the Performance Arena.

Chief Operations Officer Julie Mueller said a handful of Lindenwood employees remained on campus as many as 36 hours straight over the fateful weekend, clearing campus roadways, ensuring resident students' safety and comfort and removing hazards to students, faculty and staff.

AmerenUE finally restored power to the campus on Jan. 15.

Calvert Receives Sibley Medallion



Nancy Calvert, LU Class of '61, was awarded the Sibley Medallion. She is pictured with Acting President James D. Evans, left, and LU Board of Directors Chairman Jim J. Shoemake. Calvert received the honor in November to recognize her deep commitment to Lindenwood University.

2006 Homecoming and Re

On the afternoon of October 20, 140 Lindenwood alumni came to the Hyland Performance Arena on the main campus for a reception kicking off 2006 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Several members of the class of 1956 (which was celebrating its 50-year reunion) were in attendance, as well as a number of Lindenwood faculty and administration members.



Sandra Sather Lovinguth (Class of 1971) and Edward Lovinguth (Class of 1975).



The Class of 1956 from left: Ruth Kluck Lauer, Marie DeBasio / Carlisle Boltz, Phyllis Meadows Millen, Penny Creighton D



Debbie Schneider Montgomery (Class of 1971) and Planned Giving Director Eric Stuhler (Class of 1978).



Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D., welcomes alumni to the Homecoming festivities.



Professor Ann Canale and Denise Hackenwerth Michaels (Class of 1986).



Joan Maupin and Carolyn Bloebaum, both from the Class of 1963.

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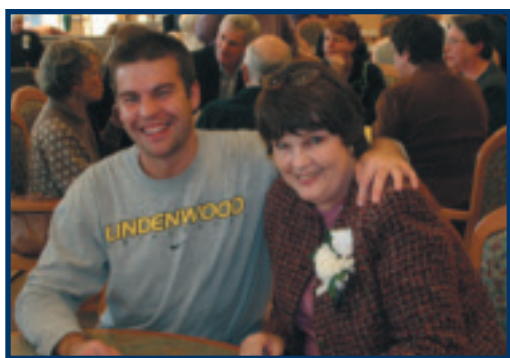
Reunion Weekend



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on Dewell, Joan Fox Dixon and Starlin Edwards Compton.



Mary Lou Reilly Garbe, Gay Pauly Bryant, Nancy Calvert, Step-
hanie Harms Smith and Jane Horning, all from the Class of 1961.



Basketball Coach Ryan Cherepkai (Class of
2005) and Marie Mahaffy (Class 1963).



Alumni and Parents Breakfast in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room.

Visiting alumni enjoyed the reception, in addition to tours of the campus and a variety of other activities, including a breakfast with Acting Lindenwood President James D. Evans the next morning. Other activities available during the weekend included theatrical productions, sporting events and gatherings for members of individual classes.

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'Dedicated' Panagos Receives Emerson Teaching Award

Lindenwood University professor Rebecca Panagos was presented an Emerson Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Panagos, who is hearing impaired, was recognized for her work in the teacher education program at Lindenwood University, where she specializes in elementary reading programs and special education.

Panagos has a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Missouri—Columbia. She has been a professor at Lindenwood since 1996, prior to which she worked for 20 years at the Special School District of St. Louis as a school counselor, vocational evaluator/counselor and resource teacher. Panagos specializes in special education and elementary reading programs.

Dr. Rick Boyle, dean of the faculty, said that Panagos specializes in mentoring students seeking certification in special education and elementary education and that she is known throughout Missouri for her work in reading and special education.

"She is current and relevant and is known around the state as one of the most knowledgeable reading and special education teachers in Missouri," Boyle said. "She is very deserving of the Emerson award. Dedication to her teaching and her students and the profession as a whole—she embodies all of that."

Boyle said that Panagos' hearing impairment makes her



Professor Rebecca Panagos was honored recently with the Emerson Award for Excellence in Teaching.

achievements and her day-to-day work all the more inspiring. Part of her work, he said, is to take her elementary reading methods program to schools, where part of the curriculum is to take the lessons immediately into class with elementary school students.

After 23 Years, Pettit Returns to Teach Journalism

By Tom Pettit

Assistant Professor of Communications

Lindenwood University's turnaround under the leadership of Dennis Spellmann held special interest for me the past decade and a half as I observed from the position of Copy Desk Chief for the St. Charles Post, the late community newspaper published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Before joining the Post in 1983, I taught journalism and advised the student newspaper, the Lindenwood Ledger, for two years. However, the 1980s proved to be tough times for Lindenwood.

Fast-forward to August 2006. Fresh from a happy buyout by the Post's new owner, I accepted LU Program Manager Julie Beard's invitation to help build a print journalism curriculum to complement the highly successful broadcasting program in the university's Mass Communications Department.

My reporting classes require students to gather facts; to seek enlightened, interesting comments from decision makers and those affected by their decisions; and to write clear, concise, balanced accounts of newsworthy events and issues. As the journalism program matures, a traditional paper and online publication outlets will give students the necessary

channels to become part of vital communication links within the LU community and beyond. Newspapers continue to play a pivotal role in delivering information and ideas, and the World Wide Web offers communication and employment opportunities limited only by the imaginations of our students.



Professor Tom Pettit

Regardless of whether our new journalism majors pursue work in the media as reporters, writers or editors, they will receive an education that will prepare them to become more effective communicators in business, education, law and government, and more sophisticated consumers of media reports. In addition to understanding and practicing traditional reporting and editing skills, our students will develop an appreciation for the role of reporters, newspapers and information outlets in a free society, and for the importance of the First Amendment.

Alumni Notes

Kessel Welcomed to MySci

MySci, a program that is cultivating the region's next generation of scientists by engaging children in kindergarten through second grade in science curriculum, recently added Steven Kessel as a program specialist.

Kessel earned his master's degree in elementary education from Lindenwood in 2004.

Cerny Director of Broadcasting

Officials at New Mexico State University have named Glen Cerny director of university broadcasting. He will oversee KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM, the public television and radio stations at NMSU. Cerny is a former communications professor at Lindenwood and general manager of KCLC, Lindenwood's radio station.

40 Under 40 Professionals

Jeremiah G. Dellas, LU Class of 2001, has been selected as one of the St. Louis Business Journal's

top "40 under 40" professionals for 2007. A resident of Chesterfield, Mo., Dellas is a financial planner for UBS Financial Services in St. Louis. He and his wife have one child, age 2.

Beth Keserauskis, LU Class of 2006, was named one of the St. Louis Business Journal's top 40 under 40 business professionals for 2007.

Keserauskis, 30, is director of marketing and enrollment for Rankin Technical College. She received her M.S. in marketing from Lindenwood just last year. Keserauskis lives in Belleville, Ill., with her husband, Kyle.

Quick-Killian

Racheal Quick married Staff Sergeant David Killian of the United States Marine Corps on September 30, 2006, in Forest Park. Racheal received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2005.

Obituaries

LU Mourns Loss of Janet Fever

Lindenwood University is mourning the loss of Dr. Janet Fever, who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, after a battle with cancer. Dr. Fever had been a member of the Education Division faculty since 1989, prior to which she worked as a special education and gifted education teacher and as a school administrator at a number of levels, including superintendent.

She was a member of a number of professional and service organizations and was the first female president of the Phi Delta Kappa Gateway East chapter. She held a bachelor's degree and a doctorate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Alice Kingsbury Burrows

Alice Kingsbury Burrows ('28), who was Lindenwood's oldest living alum, died in Carit, Texas, in October. Burrows, who was 99, visited the campus two years ago to see it one last time.

Aleta Fuerst

Longtime teacher Aleta R. Fuerst, who attended Lindenwood in 1965, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Delmar Gardens in O'Fallon, Mo. She was 84 and a resident of O'Fallon. She was a special education teacher for the Fort

Zumwalt School District from 1957-1991.

Natalie Lacey

Natalie Lacey of St. Charles, 29, died January 2, 2007. She received her master of arts degree in library media in 2003 from Lindenwood.

Mary Alice Carmichael

Mary Alice Carmichael, 85, of Oklahoma City, passed away Nov. 15, 2006. She was born January 14, 1921, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, to Essie and Halbert Lillard. She grew up in Shawnee and graduated from Shawnee High School, attended two years at Lindenwood, then attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in drama. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

She married James Carmichael August 29, 1942. They had two daughters, Jody and Mary Ann.

Linda Leonard

Linda Anne (Leonard) Sutherland, who attended Lindenwood in 1965, died at her southeast Boise, Idaho, home on Oct. 19. She had struggled with cancer for 18 months. Linda was born Nov. 18, 1943, in Des Moines, Iowa, the only child of Halden and Anna Leonard. Linda graduated from Storm Lake High, spent a year at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., then eloped with her high school sweetheart, Robert Perry.

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St. Clair 'Gets High Praise,' Receives President's Award

Terry L. St. Clair, assistant professor of criminal justice, has been honored with the 2006 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. St. Clair received the award at a recent Lindenwood University faculty meeting.

St. Clair is manager of LCIE Criminal Justice degree programs. Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D., said St. Clair was a model for "complete service as a professor."

"He not only gets excellent reviews for his teaching, but he gets high praise for his advising of students and he is an excellent recruiter," said Evans.

St. Clair received an associate's in Law Enforcement from Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and a bachelor's in Business Management from Tarkio College in Tarkio, Mo. He holds a master's in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University.



Professor St. Clair receives the 2006 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching from Acting President James D. Evans, Ph.D.

Water Polo Wins National Title

The Lindenwood men's water polo team cruised to its first-ever national crown last month, winning the Division III national collegiate club championship.

"The kids went above and beyond expectations and brought home the gold," said head coach Ted Greenhouse.

The Lions advanced to the title round after a 15-5 win over Grove City (Penn.) and an 11-5 victory over Tufts (Mass.). Lindenwood was never threatened in either contest, grabbing the lead in each game by halftime and then pulling away in the final two periods.

In the championship match, Lindenwood faced two-time defending national champion, and host school, Wesleyan (Conn.). The two teams were tied at five in the final quarter when Danilo Lazarevic took the game over by scoring three straight goals. Wesleyan managed a late goal, but the Lions ran out the clock for an 8-6 victory.

Lazarevic was the story at nationals. He scored 22 goals in the team's three games, including six goals in the championship match, and was named the tournament MVP. Lazarevic, who came to Lindenwood from Belgrade, Serbia, finished the season with 180 goals.

The national title was the 21st all-time for the Lindenwood athletics program, including the 20th since the start of the 2001-02 school year.

Ice Hockey

Both Lindenwood ice hockey teams are off to outstanding starts for their 2006-07 seasons.

The Lady Lions, the defending ACHA national champions, are currently ranked first in the national poll. Lindenwood has opened the year with a 20-2-1 record.

The team is averaging 7.0 goals a game and allowing just 1.6 goals. One of the top players has been Kristy Leng, who has 27 goals and 25 assists.

The men's hockey team is also ranked in the top-10 nationally and has a season record of 14-7-0. The Lions are putting the puck in the net 5.1 times a game, and allowing 3.5 goals a contest.

One of the team's leading scorers is Dan McNabb who has 14 goals and eight assists. Earlier this year, he became just the third Lindenwood player to record 50 goals during his career, and he also surpassed the 100-point milestone.

Wrestlers Remain Tops in Nation

The Lindenwood wrestling team has been the elite NAIA program since 2001.

Over the last six years, the Lions have finished among the top-five in every national meet, including winning the national championship in 2002 and 2005. In that span, the program has won 12 individual national titles.

That rich tradition looks like it will continue as the early signs are that the Lions will not slow down one bit this year. In the first part of the 2006-07 season, Lindenwood has competed in five tournaments and has had one of the best semesters in school history.

"We have had more wrestlers place in the top-three than ever before," said head coach Joe Parisi. "The high placements show that the program is improving."

The great start has not gone unnoticed. Lindenwood was ranked first in the preseason NAIA national poll, and remained number one in the first regular season poll. In that latest poll, 11 different Lion wrestlers were individually ranked.

"The rankings are a monkey on our back," said Parisi. "But, one thing that wrestling teaches you is how to deal with that type of pressure."

As always, the goal for Lindenwood is to be holding up the national championship trophy on March 3. The team will likely take the maximum number of 12 wrestlers to the national meet, which is being held this year in Sioux City, Iowa. However, Parisi feels that his

squad has at least 15 wrestlers who are good enough to advance to nationals and earn all-American honors.

Volleyball

The Lindenwood women's volleyball team captured the school's first Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) title for the 2006-07 school year.

The women tied with William Jewell for first-place in the regular season standings, with both teams having an 8-2 conference mark. Those two teams also decided the conference title when they met in the championship match of the HAAC Tournament.

The Cardinals just edged LU in game one by a 30-28 score. Lindenwood roared back, however, winning the next three games by scores of 30-22, 30-19 and 30-27.

The Lady Lions finished their season at the NAIA regional tournament. Lindenwood won its opening round match, but fell just shy of a bid to the national tournament after a loss to Missouri Baptist in the semifinals. Lindenwood concluded its year with a 29-12 overall record.



Lindenwood's water polo team celebrates its victory over Wesleyan.

Download New Lindenwood University 'Toolbar' Today

Lindenwood University faculty, staff, alumni and friends have an opportunity to streamline their internet searching, help LU financially and keep up-to-date with what's going on at LU by downloading a new toolbar.

Acting President James D. Evans has signed an agreement with BenefitBar.com to create a special Lindenwood toolbar. There is no cost to download the toolbar, and no cost to Lindenwood University.

"BenefitBar provides a constant stream of information for our alumni, faculty, staff and friends," said Evans. "And it allows us to generate revenue, too. The toolbar has a Yahoo search engine, and each time a person uses the search, Lindenwood shares in the revenue generated by that search."

BenefitBar is free of spyware, adware and viruses, and will respect a user's privacy. Once installed, users will be able to do searches in a very convenient and easy way, as well as get to the Lindenwood website and other links Lindenwood offers with a simple click.

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Welcome From the Alumni Board President

I am sometimes asked by fellow alums, "Why should I contribute to Lindenwood University?" After all, don't we publicize, quite proudly, that the university is debt-free?

The fact is that giving a gift of any size to Lindenwood provides a real benefit to the university in a couple of ways. To begin with, unrestricted individual donor gifts allow for programs and physical improvements that would have otherwise been paid for with funds from other areas. During this time of rapid growth and improvement, the importance of individual gifts has never been so profound.

A robust donor base also helps Lindenwood obtain large grants and donations. When corporations and foundations are approached for significant donations or grants, we are asked to provide the percentage of alumni giving to the University. So, even a small gift can help Lindenwood to attract much-needed larger donations and grants—the kinds of contributions that have helped keep Lindenwood debt-free.

Lindenwood's graduates are a source of pride to the school. Your donations are a way to say that you are proud of Lindenwood as well. There are a number of ways you can donate, from planned giving options to simply returning the donation envelope in this publication with the gift of your choice. It is a great way to help keep your alma mater strong and growing for years to come.

For more information about donating to Lindenwood, please call Katy Montgomery, Lindenwood's director of alumni affairs, at 636-949-4975.

Sincerely,



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