

Superstar Will Smith held a charity event to benefit the St. Louis Food bank and promote his new movie *Seven Pounds*.



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Goaltender Heather Rossi pitches a shutout in a 6-0 victory against the University of Michigan.

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Lions fall play short of title game



Legacy photo by David Haas

NAIA semifinal gamble for win in final minute ends bid for national championship

By Micah Woodard
Sports Editor

A magical 2008 season featured Lindenwood's first playoff victories in school history but fell just one play short of the NAIA Championship game.

The Lions lost 38-37 to the No. 1 ranked Carroll College Fighting Saints last Saturday on the Saints' home field in St. Helena, Mont.

The Fighting Saints grabbed the momentum and lead early in the semifinal game, holding a 24-10 advantage at halftime.

Trailing 38-17 with 5:20 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Lions' fate seemed to be sealed.

"A whole lot of teams would have folded in that

situation," said Head Coach Patrick Ross. "It's all about mental toughness."

The Lions didn't lie down, however, and battled back with two quick touchdowns to pull within seven points at 38-31.

After an 17-play, 95-yard drive by the Lions, the stage was set.

On a fourth-and-goal play with only 38 seconds left in the game, senior quarterback Ben Kisner threw a

4-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Rudy Fleming to bring the score to 38-37.

Conventional wisdom would have called for the game-tying extra point to send the game into overtime.

But Ross decided to put the fate of the Lions' sea-



Legacy photo by Micah Woodard

(Top) Junior receiver Rudy Fleming breaks a tackle on his way to a touchdown in the Nov. 22 home playoff victory, the first in school history. (Bottom) Junior cornerback Adarrious Ross intercepts a pass near the endzone. Lindenwood defeated the Lambuth Eagles 65-48.

son into his high-powered offense's hands, electing instead to go for the two-point conversion, the lead and, perhaps, the victory.

"It was a great opportunity for us to win the game. We had a lot of momentum," Ross said. "When you have an opportunity to beat a team like Carroll on

one [play], you want to take advantage of it."

But the two-point conversion failed in the form of an incomplete pass from Kisner to Fleming.

And the ensuing unsuccessful onside kick ended the Lions' magical comeback season.

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New center awaits city thumbs up

By Natasha Sakovich
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Soon Lindenwood students will see construction begin on a new student commons area.

The date this construction will begin remains in question.

Julie Mueller, vice president for operations and finance, said that construction on the new building is "to begin as soon as possible."

However, Lindenwood must wait for the city of St. Charles to review and approve its proposal before beginning construction. The plans were sent to the city a few weeks ago, and the proposal could take several weeks or even months to be reviewed and eventually approved.

The start date for construction depends on when the city gives the approval. "The minute they give us approval, we will immediately begin construction," said Mueller.

Rivaling the 112,000 square feet of the Spellmann Center, the proposed student commons is scheduled to be 115,000 square feet. The projected cost of the building is expected to be around \$20 million.

Mueller said that the new commons will be connected directly to the Hyland

Performance arena in the grassy area adjacent to dormitories Pfremer and Flowers.

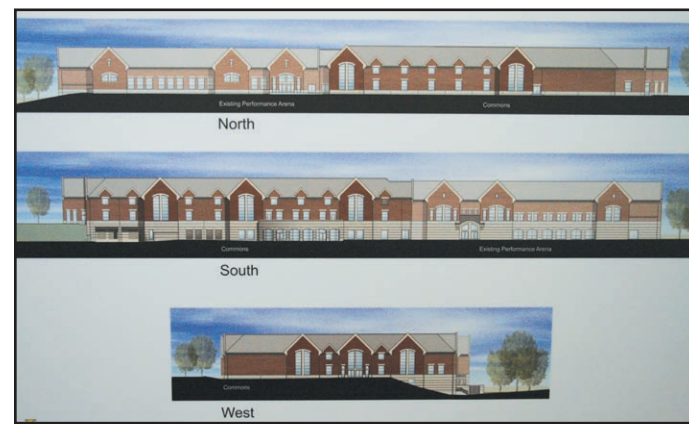
"The building poses unique challenges with the site plan because of parking space and other buildings," Mueller said.

Students can expect to find many new features in the commons area. A cafeteria, four gym courts, a suspended upper floor track, mail room and laundry facilities are all proposed for the new commons.

Students will also find a fitness center complete with new components as well as meeting rooms and offices for the Lindenwood Student Government and Student Activities organizations. The new commons will provide many new places and activities for students in the future, as well as some relief from long lines.

Earlier this year in a news release, President James Evans said that the new cafeteria will "ease long lines and crowds at the cafeteria in Spellmann Campus Center."

According to Evans, the long lines are due to the 4,200 full-time students, including about 3,475 who are living on campus. As the number of students increases each year, the new commons will be a welcome relief from overcrowding.



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An artist's rendition of the new student commons building shows how it will be directly connected to the Hyland Performance Arena. The darker portion in the drawings represents the new commons area.

Students' dissatisfaction with cafeteria food leads to waste

Uneaten food amounts to 'four or five' full trash bags by end of night

By Nao Koike
Contributing Reporter

Untouched bananas. Half-eaten sandwiches. Platefuls of pizza and other uneaten food.

They all pass through Lindenwood's cafeteria dish-room by the bags full each day, amounting to an unknown amount of waste.

"By the end of the night, we get four or five, maybe six full trash bags [of food]," said Linda Hauser, who refers to herself as "the boss of

the dish room."

The cafeteria, located on the second floor of the Spellmann Center, also usually gets between five and six of 56-gallon trash bags of wasted food after lunch and two of them after breakfast.

PFOODMAN, the vendor that has served Lindenwood since 2001, has been working on portion control to reduce the waste. Ralph Pfremer, chief executive officer of PFOODMAN, said that portion control tries to de-

termine the amount of food the average student eats in a meal. Based on this calculation, servers give a certain amount of food at a time to discourage students from taking too much food.

"If you are still hungry, you can come back and get more," Pfremer said.

Russ Hunt, general manager of PFOODMAN, noted the difficulty of having buffet-style dining.

Hunt said that controlling the portions is harder in some



Legacy photo by Hiroko Furuhashi

Students leave plates of uneaten food in the cafeteria each day.

food lines, such as the salad and pizza and bakery sec-

tions because consumers can take as much as they want.

Fouad Ghazzaoui of Lebanon agreed. "You cannot control how many bananas a person can take," Ghazzaoui said.

Ghazzaoui said he tries not to take more than he needs, but sometimes the food doesn't satisfy him. "I expect it to be good when I put it on my plate, and I discover later on [it is] so bad, I cannot even eat it," he said.

Denise Andre, a junior Please see **Waste**, Page 2

LU students get J-term options

By Jessica Conaway
Contributing Writer

While students at other college campuses around the area enjoy a winter break, some Lindenwood students head back to school for J-term.

J-term is the semester that falls between the fall and spring semesters.

During this time students are allowed to take one class and get full credit without any additional costs.

Originally started in the '70s, J-term was designed as a helping tool for students. J-term fell off the schedule for a time but returned in 2000.

Jann Weitzel, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said that J-term is helpful both economically and as a recruiting tool.

"Sometimes student loans are only good for four years," said Weitzel. "J-term allows students to graduate on time, or even early. Taking a J-term course every year for four years is just like getting a full semester for free."

Until this year, J-term offered more general education courses, Weitzel said. "However, students weren't getting what they needed academically. Courses offered now

and what's expected in the future are courses designed to be more innovative and creative," she said.

In years to come, J-term will undergo many changes. It will last 2½ weeks rather than three weeks; however, the 35-hour requirement will still have to be met.

"Faculty are encouraged to be creative with their time," Weitzel said. "Some faculty may offer their classes at night for those who work during the day, or some might meet their 35 hours required in one week. A more flexible schedule will allow more students the opportunity to take classes."

J-term is not only a way to receive credit for free but also a good time to schedule internships and study abroad.

These opportunities allow students to experience certain programs without the courses getting in the way of other schooling.

The last day to enroll for the 2009 J-term is Dec. 29. Students should arrive at class on Jan. 5 with the required books and a completed assignment.

First day assignments can be found on PC Common or on the Lindenwood Web site under Academics.

Events mark MLK day

By Amelia White
Contributing Reporter

The Martin Luther King national holiday has been around for 22 years, next month celebrated on Monday, Jan. 19. Past efforts to honor the day at Lindenwood have gone nearly unnoticed, but the university's Black Student Union (BSU) aims to change that in 2009.

Members of BSU are planning activities to remember and honor the civil rights leader, slain by an assassin in 1968. Senior Constance Jones, president of BSU, said, "We are going to acknowledge him on Jan. 19 with a prayer and reading his ["I have a dream"] speech in front of the cafe, but we will also do a bigger celebration during Black History Month"

in February.

Like Jones, junior Jon Robinson thinks that King should be honored. "I believe he is as influential to American history as Abe Lincoln or George Washington, not only for black civil rights but also non-violent protesting."

Senior Gabby Green suggested that more advertising is needed to support the holiday and events. "If they do plan an event, put it on LUTV or something. I don't even remember seeing fliers" in the past.

Co-sponsor of BSU Cathy Hart agreed with Green. More ads, "perhaps through posters, the Web site, fliers," should promote greater attendance, she said.

For more information and to participate, contact Jones at cejm11@hotmail.com.

Waste

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Denise Andre, a junior who transferred from Missouri State University in Springfield, agreed. "Sometimes the food just isn't that tasty," said Andre, who likes Lindenwood's cafeteria for the most part, compared with the cafeteria at her previous college. "It offers more selection, and it is better prepared than [the food at] my other school."

Gillian Couture, a senior, said that Lindenwood students tend to waste more food than the students at her previous college, where they had to pay for every meal separately. "People usually eat what they paid for because they had to pay for it," Couture said.

Lindenwood students do pay \$1,500 for a meal plan and the scan their IDs to enter the cafeteria.

Couture said that students should know that wasting food amounts to wasting their own money, "but students don't see that."

Lukasz Lach, assistant manager of the cafeteria, agreed. "It hurts to look at [the amount of waste] because there are some countries where people get nothing to eat."

Dr. John Oldani, vice president of Student Development, referred to wasting food as a moral issue. Oldani added that when international students, who might not have experienced hunger but have seen it firsthand, see food wasted, it is disheartening.

He wants international students to share their experiences, so that people can get a different perspective.

"We have so many cultures here that we can all learn from each other," Oldani said, "and we have a lot to learn from each other."



Legacy photo by Lauren Kastendieck

Communications Director Scott Queen and Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan work from their new location at 1165 First Capitol Drive.

Public relations staff settles into new home

By Joe Varrone
Staff Reporter

Lindenwood's public relations department has moved from the bottom floor of Roemer Hall across the street to 1165 First Capitol Drive.

The relocation was made after it was decided that the business and financial aid departments needed more space for their day-to-day operations.

Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan reminded students that "just because we're not in a central part of campus, it doesn't make us less accessible."

The department's responsibilities include originating news from or

professional," he said.

The "tight situation" was not enough space for all the workers in the department. Queen said that the office has four full-time workers, a graduate assistant and numerous Work and Learn students.

Despite the move across the street, the department will still play a vital role for the university.

Public Relations Director Scott Queen is excited about the move. "I'm very pleased with the move because it gives us more room to work. We had a really tight situation in Roemer. The new offices just look more

about Lindenwood, emergency text messages, producing alumni magazines, creating brochures for the admissions department and university advertising.

Queen added that sometime in the near future, LU officials plan to put up banners along First Capitol Drive.

He said it would create what he called a "cathedral effect" as people approach the university.

"It's going to be really neat to see those banners," he said.

For more information on the public relations department, call Queen at 636-949-4920 or Duggan at 636-949-4913.

Underclassmen register for spring classes

By Jordan Lanham
and Joe Varrone
Staff Reporters

Freshmen and sophomores avoided the hassle of early registration lines by registering for spring classes online for the first time on Nov. 17-18.

Registration was met with the same mixed reactions expressed by the upperclassmen the previous week.

"Overall, it went really well," said CAMS Project Manager Shawn Haghghi, "By the end of freshman registration, 4100 students registered."

Many students who experienced problems got online to register at 7 a.m. when the program first opened.

Freshman Emily Bizaillion got on at 7 a.m. and said that she didn't have any problems. "I got kicked off once, but other than that I got all of the classes I needed with no other problems than it being really slow."

Although some said that

the system was slow, most agree the procedure is more efficient than the previous procedure which required waiting in long lines.

Haghghi said the system was slow from 7-9 a.m. because so many students were attempting to register at once.

"We are improving our network infrastructure," Haghghi said. "We are looking at purchasing a higher powered server."

Other underclassmen said that they experienced problems with classes being closed.

"It was a nightmare," freshman Daniel Jones said, "I think it's a good idea if they get it working right."

Like many others, Jones said that he started trying to register at 7 a.m., but the system was moving so slow he had to wait until 1 p.m.

Jones is on the golf team and said that he needed morning courses to accommodate his schedule, but by the time he registered most

of them were taken.

"I had to take the [classes] in the afternoon, so I don't know what's going to happen now," Jones said.

Jones said that the concept of online registration is good, as long as the kinks are worked out.

A few students said that although online registration was much quicker than the previous method, they wished they had an adviser around to make suggestions when classes were closed.

Bizaillion said that it made her "a little nervous" to register without the help from Lindenwood faculty. "It's different when you have an adviser there because if you didn't get the class you want, they can get you other classes that fit the criteria," she said.

Sophomore Alicia Boland said that when her classes were closed she used her bingo sheet to find what she needed. Bingo sheets are a list of general education and major requirements, available on PCommon or from

a faculty adviser.

Haghghi said that he estimates around 5% of students had a problem while registering.

"The students who had problems, neglected to check their Lionmail accounts and once they did, everything was fine from there," Haghghi said.

Online registration help was sent to student Lionmail accounts before registration began.

Freshman Jordan Brake said that she called a friend to help her through the process. "I was kind of confused and tried to look up the instructions that the school sent out but they wouldn't come up," she said.

Boland also consulted the directions that were sent to her Lionmail account for help.

"It was pretty self-explanatory," she said. "I probably could have done it without it, but reading it before really helped."

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Native St. Louis rapper Nelly, visits a table at his annual Black and White Ball on Nov. 30. The BSU announced a new scholarship at the event.

Star-studded ball launches new scholarship

Nelly, Orlando Pace and Steven Jackson among celebrities at event

By Reginald Cunningham
Contributing Reporter

On Sunday, Nov. 30, local music artist Nelly and Jermaine Dupri hosted their annual Black and White Ball event.

The event featured performances by 4-time Grammy winners Boyz II Men and St. Louis Rapper Murphy Lee.

At the event, Nelly, Lindenwood's Black Student Union, and Plaza Motors announced a new scholarship program to provide two students from the St. Louis region with financial aid.

This aid would consist of 4-year, full-tuition scholarships/grants to Lindenwood University.

The scholarship program is monumental because the BSU is such a young organization, begun last school year.

The new scholarship will give Lindenwood national recognition.

It has appeared in media outlets such as Forbes.com, CBS, allhiphop.com, and black-americanweb.com.

"The Black Student Union is very excited to be involved in this prestigious honor," said BSU President Constance Jones.

The event was attended

by the executive board of the BSU: Jones, Charo Richardson, Vania Joiner, Karl Jackson and Reginald Cunningham, as well its faculty advisers, Pernell Witherspoon and Shane Williamson.

"The Black Student Union is very excited to be involved in this prestigious honor."

—Constance Jones
BSU President

"The Black and White Ball was a wonderful experience that was enjoyed by all and I am thankful for Professor Witherspoon's efforts in establishing these scholarships and partnerships," Williamson said.

Also in attendance were

celebrities Ashanti and St. Louis Rams Orlando Pace, Steven Jackson and Alex Barron.

Laurence Maroney, Roland Williams, Ernie Isley and several other local TV/radio personalities also attended the event.

"It was an amazing and wonderful experience and a proud moment for Lindenwood and the Black Student Union to be a part of," said Richardson, BSU's vice president.

The scholarship is open to all incoming first-year students who meet the university's requirements for admission and exhibit leadership qualities.

Demonstrating academic success and financial need are also factors in the decision process.

Program helps students win in classroom

By Victor Lillo Bertoldi
Contributing Reporter

Especially during this time of year, in the middle of finals week, many students find themselves struggling with school.

What many don't know is that Lindenwood University offers a program for students who have trouble maintaining their grades.

Located in the Student Development Office on the fourth floor of Spellmann Center, the Office of Student Success Program, led by Director Cathy Hart, helps students overcome their personal obstacles to success.

Lindenwood started the program about 15 years ago at the direction of then-president Dennis Spellmann.

It was designed as a means to help students grow up and be able to achieve the education they came to get at Lindenwood.

Multiple reasons explain why students find themselves in the program.

According to Hart, students can be required to join the program after they have

been on academic probation for two consecutive semesters, if their cumulative or semester grade point average (GPA) drops below 1.0 or if a student is failing most classes by midterm of a semester. Hart also said that students can volunteer to join the program.

"The most frequent reasons students find themselves in the program are time management, off-campus working hours, personal or family issues and homesickness," Hart said.

"Every student has a different story and it is interesting to hear some of the reasons students give for not doing what they are supposed to be doing."

She said the best known part of the program is the Success Contract, in which students agree to meet with a success adviser, attend their classes, complete assignments and adhere to select

strategies designed to help them attain academic success.

Usually the contract is in effect for one semester at a time.

Students who meet all requirements of the contract within that semester have the chance to get out of the program.

But to leave the Success Contract, students need to achieve good academic standing, which is a cumulative and term GPA of 2.0 or better, Hart said.

Ultimately, the program aims to equip students with the skills and ability to meet the challenges of achieving success in school while living a balanced life.

"The Student Success Program helped me strengthen my attendance skills and made me more aware on how

I was doing in my classes," said junior Erin Mitchell. "The program has given me the opportunity to become a better student."

Hart has been director of the program since 2005 and

enjoys helping students, even though her job isn't easy.

"I would say that the most challenging aspect of my job consists of trying to help students who are not committed to helping themselves," said Hart.

When it comes to rating the overall success of the program itself, the program has helped students raise their grades about 63 percent of the time, whereas about 29 percent of the students in the program fail again, Hart said.

Since its beginning about 15 years ago, the Student Success Program has undergone a couple of changes.

"The program now has an all-volunteer staff of advisers," Hart said.

"In addition, it has become part of the Student Development Office and also includes student success groups."

"The program has given me the opportunity to become a better student."

—Erin Mitchell
Junior

New emergency text system ready

University now using Rave system to provide alerts to students

By Tim Jennings
Contributing Writer

Students, faculty and staff of Lindenwood University have a new emergency text message system designed to keep them informed during emergencies on campus.

The new service, provided by Rave Wireless Inc., started Nov. 14 and should improve campus safety and communication, university officials said.

The university has been using a text message system since 2007, but like leaders at other colleges and universities around the country, officials decided to upgrade the wireless messaging system for campus alerts, according to a press release. The alerts will be used for weather warnings, safety emergencies or major disruptions to services.

All students are registered through LionMail, but only half are registered by cell phone. Providing a cell phone number would ensure that individuals would receive notification quickly through Rave Alert.

Although the messaging service is free, cell phone providers may charge for the text message.

Individuals that have previously signed up to receive text messages with the former system will continue to receive them through Rave.

For the system to work properly and to ensure that all those participating will receive alerts, officials urge individuals to make sure that their cell phone numbers are up to date. To access the Lindenwoodalertapplication, logon to <https://www.getrave.com/login/lindenwood>. After logging in for the first

time, the password can be changed. For questions about Lindenwood alerts or how to set up an account, contact the Lindenwood helpdesk at helpdesk@lindenwood.edu.

Dr. James Evans, Lindenwood president, stated in a news release, "I encourage all of our students, faculty and staff to participate in the system.

This is an important part of our overall effort to ensure the safety of everyone on campus."

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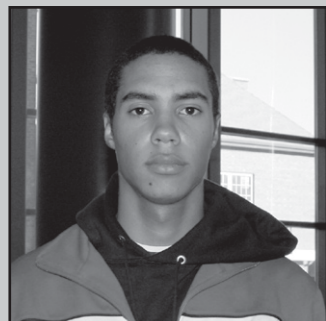
Current Events

What are your holiday traditions?

By **Lauren Kastendieck and Natasha Sakovich**
Staff Writers

“We open presents by starting with the youngest kid opening one, and then everyone else opens one present at a time.”

—**Krista Blankenship, sophomore**



“We open our presents on Christmas eve.”

—**Jeremiah Murrell, freshman**

“We eat tamales on Christmas.”

—**Tatiana Padilla, freshman**



“Back home we have a festival in the Bahamas the day after Christmas.”

—**Prince Wilson, senior**

“We go to Iowa to visit family.”

—**Kacie Schoenwetter, freshman**



“Family comes in from out of state.”

—**Kyle Riddell, senior**

“Christmas Eve my mom gives us an ornament.”

—**Lauren Garrett, freshman**



India terrorism affects students

In the past few months it can easily be seen that the people of India have been living in terror. The first attack of the year came in the city of Jaipur on May 13, followed by attacks in Bangalore and Ahmedabad in July. In September, a series of blasts in the capital Delhi killed about 30 people and injured more than 90.

The recent and most deadly attack that received international attention came in the financial capital of India, Mumbai. It started Nov. 26 and ended Nov. 29 after Indian security forces took control of all the attack sites in the city.

About 172 people, including about 30 foreign nationals, have been confirmed dead and more than 300 injured.

One common thing about all these attacks is that market areas and other largely crowded places have been targeted. In Mumbai, a railway station, hospital and movie theater were the targets along with the two five star hotels, the Taj Mahal and Palace Hotel and the Oberoi Trident Hotel. The attackers have not been confirmed and the investigation is still in process.

The Indian media has reported that a previously known organization called Deccan Mujahideen has claimed responsibility for the previous attacks in New Delhi, via e-mails sent to news organizations. The Indian government

mainly suspects Pakistani Islamic groups in the attacks.

Pakistan is one of the major countries lying at the epicenter of terrorism, and in fact, the one surviving terrorist arrested by the Mumbai police during the recent attacks revealed that the attackers belonged to a Pakistani based Islamic group named Lashkar-e-Taiba.



Sakshi Bagai

India is in a moment of crisis now. Those who witnessed it are still terrified. The gunfire and explosions along with fire was reported by the victims who survived. To me, it seems as if terrorists follow no norms of humanity or rules of brotherhood. Humans killing humans; this is all wrong.

India and Pakistan have always been in the news because of their relationship with each other, especially over the Kashmir issue. This recent attack in Mumbai has made the already strained relations between the two countries worse.

The Pakistani government's failure to restrain terrorism that has originated from its own soil could be a big problem for its relations with countries all over the world. These attacks now have become intolerable, the havoc has reached its peak.

In a news interview over the Thanksgiving weekend, Pakistan Ambassador Husain Haqqani said on the Fox news channel, “The target of this terrorist attack was not just India. It was also Paki-

stan's fledgling democracy.” India has made efforts to have a peace agreement with Pakistan, but everything has failed. If these two governments do not come together and talk, the terrorists will not stop killing innocent people.

The FBI is also working with the Indian government investigating the attacks.

Criticism of Indian politicians by the general public led to the resignation of the Minister of Home Affairs, Shivraj Patil, and other government officials. India is also asking Pakistan to cooperate and support further investigation and act against the militants.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs also summoned Pakistan High Commissioner Shahid Malik on Dec. 1 to lodge a formal protest against Pakistan's inaction against terrorist groups operating within the country.

One Lindenwood student from Mumbai worried about family and friends when he heard about the attacks. Senior Aakash Parikh said, “When my uncle called from New York and asked me about my family, then I called my parents to make sure they are fine and safe. Their first reaction was that everything was OK, but later they found out that it was a bigger deal.”

After these terrifying attacks in India, tension between the two nuclear-armed rivals, India and Pakistan, may enter a more deadly phase.

The Pakistani government should fully cooperate with investigations to track down those responsible for such terrible acts.

Black Friday risks lives for holiday deals

The Black Friday '08 official death toll: three. In Long Island, N.Y., a Wal-Mart worker was left dead as frantic shoppers trampled over him after the store's doors opened. And in Palm Desert, Calif., two men were shot to death following a disagreement at Toys 'R' Us.

My brother and I were driving home from our annual Thanksgiving feast at our uncle's house Thursday evening when I noticed a herd of people gathered outside of Best Buy.

“Black Friday,” my brother laconically stated.

“Oh, right,” I replied. “People

are savages when it comes to a deal. I bet somebody dies.” I won the bet but I wish I hadn't.

Is this where our society is headed? We're more civil than this, aren't we?

Humans used to kill for food, now it seems we're killing over \$400 flat screen televisions.

It's obvious that stores need to implement a few policies

before next year's event since it's becoming apparent that people can't control themselves.

A good deal brings out the primitive animal in us.

We want our Xboxes at half price, and we'll callously flatten anybody who stands in our way.

One of the problems here is quantity. Stores offer

these extreme deals, but their quantity of these items is limited.

They should hand out num-

bers – first come, first serve. Anything to avoid, or at least lessen, the stampede of customers racing to get the last “hot” item.

Stores need to start taking responsibility and work on creating a safe and controlled environment during these hectic holiday shopping days.

So next year when you're sitting around watching football on Thanksgiving, remember, if you want to see a real sport – where not only the last laptop is on the line, but actual lives – go shopping the next day.



T.J. Grigone

Nearly there and not so bad after all

It's about time I've come back. As the semester winds down, I am at ease from waking up and trekking out in the cold weather to classes. I've racked up overtime in Work and Learn.

I survived my midterms, and I dread my first finals week.

I am anxious to leave the dorm, go home unpack my belongings and eat my mom's home-cooked meals.

I'm most looking forward to catching up on lost sleep, raking in extra money I've horribly spent, and finding my missing clothing or socks here and there.

After that window of freedom, it'll be time to squeeze in holiday shopping, get my new textbooks, and hopefully escape somewhere for a weekend.

Basically, I'm glad to finish up my first semester as a freshman, and I'm only a semester away from being a sophomore.

At the beginning of the se-

mester in August, I was nervous and thought negatively about not making it to December.

Now I look back and say, “Hey, this wasn't that bad.”

I've endured several roller-coaster days when my professors gave me an assignment the same day I turned one in.

Then the next week there's another assignment waiting to be done.

I'm actually excited to make it to the end of the first semester of college and come back in the New Year with more energy that will slowly sink by late April.

I am starting to like this cycle much better than that of high school.

There are windows of flexibility, and I would suggest taking those opportunities to relax for a day.

Personally, I feel relieved to just say this: I am done for a month.



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Will Smith visits St. Louis for 'Seven Pounds'

Actor attends screening, encourages holiday donations to STL area foodbanks

By **Jordan Lanham**
Co-Editor

Editor's note: Actor Will Smith held a charity event in St. Louis at the AMC Creve Coeur Cinema on Nov. 19, where fans brought canned goods in exchange for a raffle ticket and chance to screen his new movie, Seven Pounds, with Smith himself. In addition, Smith donated 300 turkeys to the St. Louis Food Bank.

In the movie *Seven Pounds*, Will Smith plays a suicidal man determined to accomplish a few specific goals before he takes his life. While on the road to his demise, he falls in love.

It's Will Smith like you've never seen him before. Absent are notable Smith qualities like his charming humor from the early days of *Bel-air* or the admirable heroes from *Independence Day* and *I Am Legend*.

But audiences will not be disappointed when the film hits theaters on Dec. 19. *Seven Pounds* is Will Smith at his best.

Smith delivers a vastly dif-

ferent but powerful performance in the dark, emotional story of Ben (Smith) and how one careless moment ruined his and several other lives.

Smith has been moving in a more serious direction with his last few films, starting with *The Pursuit of Happiness*, directed by Gabriele Muccino.

Smith spoke to a panel of journalists at the Four Seasons Hotel on Nov. 19.

"I've been studying story for about the last eight years and I've been having such revelations," he said.

Smith said that his studies also include ancient history and foreign languages.

"The whole purpose of telling a story is to reveal a pattern about life," he said. "There's the other side of a revelation of a pattern."

This darker side is what Smith focused all of his energy on for *Seven Pounds*, and Smith said that he thinks this movie marks the point where he first got a hold of that side.

Smith teamed up with Muccino once again for *Seven Pounds*. "He's a fantastic director," Smith said. "He makes male chick flicks."

While the movie starts with confusing flashbacks and vague voiceovers, viewers won't take long to piece the fragments of Ben's tragic past together.

Ben's tragedy is the driving force behind his depression and the need to redeem himself by helping seven strangers.

Smith said that the darkness of this movie affected him more so than any other role.

"It gets on your spirit if you want to be able to perform it well," he said. "The next one's going to be a comedy," he joked.

While most of Smith's previous characters are lovable for their humor or courage, Ben will have audiences sitting on the fence as they try to decide if he is the good or bad guy.

Ben is easy to hate in an opening scene where he taunts and depreciates the life of a friendly blind salesman named Ezra (Woody Harrelson); however, viewers see a softer side and can empathize when he meets Emily (Rosario Dawson), and falls in love with her, which complicates his plans and forces



Legacy photo by Chelsea Lewis

Will Smith donated 300 turkeys to the St. Louis Foodbank for Thanksgiving. He promoted his new movie, *Seven Pounds*, at the AMC Creve Coeur Theater. People that brought non-perishable foods to the theatre received tickets for a drawing. Winners watched the film with Smith.

him to make a tough choice. Smith's emotionally-ranged performance as Ben is brilliant and will have audiences struggling with their

emotions and reaching for tissues.

"What we landed on in this movie is as film makers, we didn't want to make

a choice," Smith said.

They decided it was up to the audience to decide whether Ben was a coward or a hero.

Scrooge Musical makes its debut in the new theater Dec. 4-7

Jannah Hotchkiss
Contributing Reporter

Last weekend's six-show Lindenwood theater production of "Scrooge" left the audience saying anything but "bah humbug".

This year, the Theater Department put a musical spin on what has become an annual performance of *A Christmas Carol*.

The musical retells Charles Dickens' classic tale of a sour old hermit who changes his perspective of Christmas through a series of night visitors and who experiences the true spirit of generosity, family, and

holiday cheer.

Peter Colombatto played a nearly flawless Scrooge, complete with snarls and grimaces. He made the audience forget for a moment that under all that makeup was a college student instead of a miserly old man.

Other cast members included Devon Norris as Scrooge's humble assistant Bob Cratchit and Jimmy Krawczyk as Scrooge's cheerful nephew. Homer Smith played Scrooge's dead partner Jacob Marley with a humorous blend of satire and pessimism. The roles of the ghosts of Christmas past, present,

and future were filled by Maggie Murphy, Mike Dowdy, and Jimmy Flint-Smith, respectively. A group of about 15 children from the community completed the extensive cast.

The musical numbers were diverse, ranging from the humorous to the melancholic.

The tongue-in-cheek song "I Hate People," feels like the perfect theme for Scrooge as he growls lines like, "People are despicable creatures, loathsome, inexplicable creatures, good for nothing kickable creatures!" A drowsy love song, "Happiness," is a duet sung

between a younger Scrooge and his then-sweetheart. Even Tiny Tim warbles an especially heartwarming little tune.

The performance closed with the entire cast belting a rollicking "Thank You Very Much."

The technical aspects of the production went smoothly other than some issues with sound not being projected well, especially from the children.

Static from microphones rubbing against clothing was also an issue. Ghosts made their entrances "flying" through the set attached to wires hung from the ceiling.

The ghost of Christmas future emerged from underneath the stage in his characteristic black hooded robe and a cloud of fog.

Appropriate lighting complemented the colorful period costumes and a carefully crafted set.

Performances were December 4-7, with matinees on Wednesday and Friday morning attended by classes from local public schools.

About 600 people attended Thursday night's performance, and Friday and Saturday nights were expected to have even more attendance.

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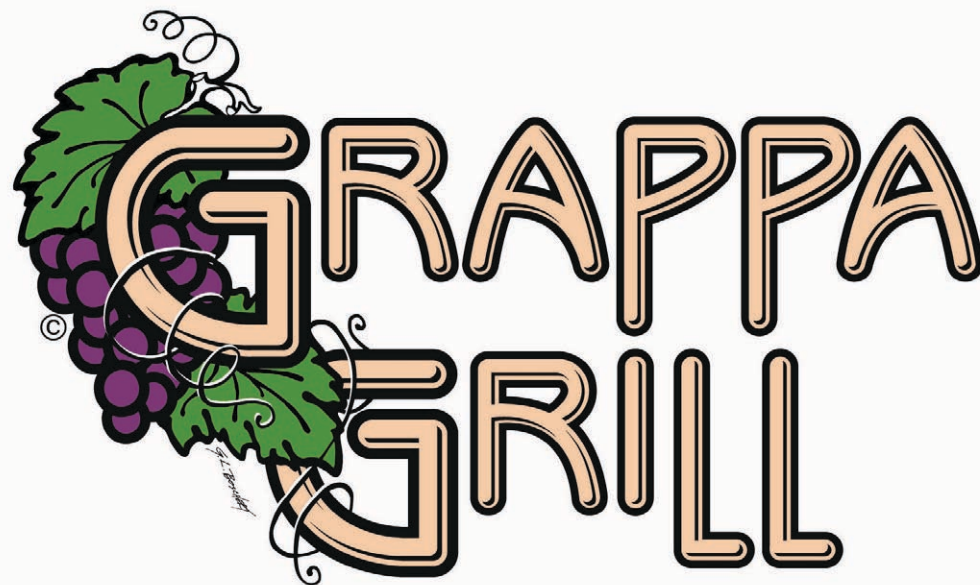
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Ladies skate to seven-game winning streak

By Andrew Tessmer
Staff Reporter

Thanks to a seven game win streak, the Lady Lions ice hockey team will go into their winter break with a season record of 12-2-2.

For the Lady Lions, winning has become an ongoing theme.

Lindenwood started the season with a win on Sept. 26 at Grand Valley State in Michigan and ended with a win over Liberty University in Virginia on Nov. 23.

The Lady Lions have not lost a single game at home this season and have only lost two on the road- a difficult task.

Lindenwood will go into the winter hiatus with a conference record of 8-0-2 and a non-conference record of 4-2-0.

Concerning the split records, the Lady Lions have a home record of 4-0-0, and an away record of 8-2-2.

The Lady Lions have great numbers for the first half of the season. In the first 16 games the Lindenwood out-shot their opponents 716-257 and out-scored them 87-19.

This translates to an aver-

age of 5.4 goals per game in comparison to their opponents' 1.2 goals per game.

Mandy Dion leads the team with 87 shots on goal and 15 scored on the season.

Ashley Rebeck leads the Lady Lions with a total of 25 assists on the season.

Alexandra Johansson leads the team with five power-play goals on the season.

The Lady Lions defense has been able to keep opponents shots down to a minimum, but when a shot is taken, goalkeeper Becca Bernet takes control.

Bernet leads the defense with a total of 118 shots-on-goal saved on the season.

With 342 minutes in goal, Bernet maintained a save percentage of .926.

The team has played a well balanced game, and they are only half way through the season.

Lindenwood is leading the division with an undefeated record and are poised to keep up their winning ways.

The Lady Lions will pick up where they left off on Jan. 10 when they take on St. Benedict University in Michigan.



Sophomore goalie Heather Rossi makes a save in a 6-0 victory against the University of Michigan on Oct. 12. The Lady Lions are currently 12-2-2.

From club sports to NAIA teams, LU has variety

By Doug Kamm
Contributing Reporter

Lindenwood is sanctioned as a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school, yet its wide range of sports teams extends beyond the NAIA list of sports. Many of these non-NAIA teams play NCAA schools' club teams. For example, the Lindenwood men's ice hockey team's biggest rival is the University of Illinois club team.

Traditionally, club sports such as flag football and Ultimate Frisbee are more for recreational purposes. Therefore, these sports do not traditionally receive funding from the school.

At Lindenwood, however, most athletic activities are funded by the school. These funds cover travel and uniform expenses. All athletic activities listed on the university web page are funded by the school.

Lindenwood Athletics Director John Creer said, "All sports at Lindenwood are funded the same way. We do not separate funding for NAIA sports from other sports. We are heavily tuition-driven and funding income comes from the students."

Many athletic programs now accredited at Lindenwood started out as club sports. Two years ago, cycling was a club sport and now

has become a school-funded sport.

Head Coach Darren Marhanka said, "I am very excited about the implementation of the cycling program at Lindenwood. Cycling is one of the nation's fastest growing sports and it will be a great opportunity for students to participate in the growing sport while attending a high-quality university."

According to Creer, the current issue with adding new sports is where to play. Syncro-swimming and syncro-skating were easily added because the facilities were available. Syncro-swimming was added because Lindenwood pays for time at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, which was not being utilized. Syncro-skating has been approved and will begin next year at Lindenwood's ice rink facilities in Wentzville.

However, additional field or indoor sports would be difficult to add because currently the Hyland Performance Arena and Hunter Stadium are full with sports.

Rugby currently is a sport-developing club at Lindenwood. Creer said the team is able to participate in leagues in the St. Louis area. Fencing and cricket are other club sports mentioned as possibilities.

To develop a club sport, students must go through Student Activities as an organization.

"All sports at Lindenwood are funded the same way."

—John Creer
Athletics Director

NAIA Sports

Fall Sports

Men's & Women's Cross Country
Men's Football
Men's & Women's Soccer
Women's Volleyball

Winter Sports

Men's & Women's Basketball
Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving
Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field
Men's Wrestling

Spring Sports

Men's Baseball
Men's & Women's Golf
Women's Softball
Men's & Women's Tennis
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track
Men's Volleyball

Non-NAIA School Sponsored Athletics

Fall Sports

Men's & Women's Bowling
Men's & Women's Cheerleading
Men's & Women's Cycling
Women's Field Hockey
Men's Water Polo

Winter Sports

Men's Ice Hockey
Women's Ice Hockey
Men's Roller Hockey
Women's Varsity Dance

Spring Sports

Men's Lacrosse
Women's Lacrosse
Women's Water Polo

All Year Sports

Men's & Women's Shooting Sports
Men's & Women's Table Tennis
Men's & Women's Wrestling

Lady Lions fall in national tournament

By Micah Woodard
Sports Editor

After reaching the postseason for the second consecutive season, the Lady Lions volleyball squad fell in pool play at the NAIA National Tournament held from Dec 2-6 in Sioux City, Iowa.

The tournament consisted of a single-elimination round, a pool play round and a final elimination bracket to determine the champion.

Thanks to a perfect conference record (including a 31-7 overall record and the HAAC Championship), Lindenwood was ranked No. 9 in the nation and was awarded a first round bye.

After the single-elimination round, the original field of 36 teams was dwindled down to 24, and pool play began.

The Lady Lions competed in Pool D with the No. 4 ranked Bellevue University (Neb.), as well

as Vanguard University (Cal.) and Doane College (Neb.).

This round consisted of round robin matches (that is, Lindenwood played one match against each opponent within its pool).

The top two teams from each pool would advance to the elimination brackets.

Lindenwood got off to a quick start in its first pool match on Dec. 2, defeating Vanguard 3-1.

After losing the first game 25-19, the Lady Lions turned it on and swept three consecutive games, including a close, crucial third game (25-20, 30-28, 25-19).

But then Lindenwood was swept by Doane in their second pool game on Dec. 3, losing in straight games (25-20, 25-23, 25-17) to even out the squad's pool play record to 1-1.

The final round robin match would determine Lindenwood's tournament hopes.

After two games, every team in

Pool D had a record of 1-1, which meant it all came down to the final match.

The two winners would advance to the final round.

The two losers would head home.

And the task couldn't have been any more daunting, as Lindenwood took on the No. 4 ranked Bellevue Bruins (the top team in Pool D) on Dec. 4 in what was virtually an elimination match.

Unfortunately, The Lady Lions fell to the Bruins and were eliminated from contention.

Ironically, this match was the exact opposite of LU's first victory.

Only this time it was Lindenwood taking the first game 25-22.

However, the Lady Lions then dropped three consecutive games (25-18, 25-22, 25-18) to put an end to an otherwise successful season.



The Lady Lions compete in the HAAC Championship game on Nov. 15 against Baker.

Cycling squad to close out a successful fall

By Aisha Foster
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood cycling team is looking forward to the close of a good season when they compete at the Nationals of the Cyclocross on Dec. 14 in Kansas City, Mo.

Head coach Darren Marhanka said that they have performed well over the season, and expects them to be in the top 10 at the national level.

"I think they'll be good contenders for the national championship," Marhanka said.

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—Coach Marhanka

According to Marhanka, who has been coach to the team since its inception, cycling is a relatively new sport to Lindenwood, existing for two years before gaining varsity status in January 2008. He said that the program is going well thus far with 17 members on the team and four recruits expected to come this following spring.

The key cyclists are Paddy Kilmurray, Owen Belton, Alex Bowden, Nick Phillips, Tammy Pastor, and Natalie Oskvarek, (the only two women on the team). Marhanka said that there would be a new coach by the

name of Adrienne Murphy that would be replacing him in the spring.

"One of her priorities is to add more females to the team," he said.

Cycling season is comprised of four seasons, starting in early September. The first is Track Cycling, followed by Mountain Bike, Cyclocross and then Road-biking, which starts in the spring.

Markhanka was satisfied with the team's performance throughout the season. "They are really good riders, and they compete well," he said.

His high points of the season were the team taking fifth in track cycling nationals, seeing John Mc Nail, a freshman walk on and do really well in the mountain bike events, and Nick Phillips winning races in his category.

Marhanka said the team chemistry is also good because most of the teammates know each other and are close knit.

The team has come a long way, establishing a decent foundation for cycling at Lindenwood. Marhanka said that the team is still in its building phase, so wins and improvement are a great bonus.



Courtesy photo

Freshman forward Ian Coppersmith tracks down freshman defenseman Russell LaForest in the Lions' annual black and gold game on Sept. 12.

Lions top No. 1 ranked Illinois Fighting Illini

By Alex Jahncke
Assistant Sports Editor

The second-ranked Lindenwood men's ice hockey team has been on a roll as of late. They are only halfway through the season, and they are already making an impact.

Their most notable victory so far was against the No. 1 ranked Illinois. This was not just a victory on the score card but also a mental victory as well.

The Lions played Illinois the weekend of Nov. 21-22, where they split the games one a piece. Although they lost the first game 4-0, the second game was another story. They shut out the Fighting Illini 5-0.

The game was extremely one sided and Lindenwood had a great night on the power play, scoring four of their five goals while up a

skater. Robi Cavallari had a fantastic night in goal, not only picking up 23 saves, but also pitching the shut-out as well.

"I was very satisfied with splitting the games. Any time you beat the number one ranked team, you know things are going well," said Head Coach Derek Schaub.

This win will give them the mental edge over Illinois because they will have the last win between each other until their next meeting, which can only come in the playoffs.

Along with big wins, the ice hockey team also has

been producing big time players. Both Jake Ebner and Steve Balint hit personal milestones by reaching the 100-point mark. It was not only impressive to get

to the mark, but they were also the fastest to do so by (being the first sophomores to accomplish the feat).

"It is special for any player to get these types of milestones. It shows the time and effort they put in practice and in the weight room," Schaub said. "It also shows hard work pays off. It also helps the other players on the team. It motivates them to try and get 100 points for

themselves." Cavallari has also been a huge part of the team this year. His only loss on the season came to Illinois.

"[Cavallari] is very consistent. Even when we don't play that great offensively we can count on him to steal us a game or two," Schaub said. "He has good competition with our backup Chris Abbott and I think that helps. It's good to know that if Robi goes down or needs a night off, we can trust Chris."

Schaub wants to keep the team working and healthy on through the playoffs.

"We need to keep winning games. Since we are ranked second nationally, our opponents really go after us. Teams fighting for a playoff spot want to beat us, so we have to keep working hard," said Schaub.

"Any time you beat the number one ranked team, you know things are going well."

—Coach Schaub

SCOREBOARD

Men's Football

Ranked 7th 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, W 20-17
Nov 1- Evangel, W 56-7
Nov 8- Central Methodist, W 35-7
Nov 15- Missouri Valley, W 21-18
Nov 22- Lambuth, W 65-48
Nov 29- Morningside, W 34-31
Dec. 6- Carroll, L 38-37

HAAC Standings

School, HAAC Record, Overall
MidAmerica Nazarene 10-0, 10-0
Lindenwood 9-1, 9-1
Baker 8-2, 8-3
Missouri Valley 7-3, 7-3
Benedictine 6-4, 7-4
Evangel 4-6, 4-7
William Jewell 4-6, 4-7
Central Methodist 3-7, 3-8
Avila 2-8, 3-8
Graceland 2-8, 2-8
Culver-Stockton 0-10, 0-11

Team Leaders

Passing
Ben Kisser
263/411, 3655 yds, 33 TD's/15 Int's

Rushing

Dario Camacho
151 attempts, 796 yds, 13 TD's
Nate Orlando
101 attempts, 611 yds, 6 TD's
Leonard Durant
64 attempts, 261 yds, 3 TD's

Receiving

Rudy Fleming
67 receptions, 1056 yds, 11 TD's
Matt Bramow
39 receptions, 388 yds, 1 TD
Marcel Thompson
30 receptions, 498 yds, 5 TD's

Defense

Billy Ray Uren
7.5 sacks
Stephen Frichtl
3 fumble recoveries
Brandon Gould
5 ints.

Men's/Women's Bowling

Oct 4- 38th Hammer Midwest Collegiate, 1st/3rd
Oct 18- Orange and Black Classic 2nd/2nd
Oct 25- St Elite Invite 1st/6th
Nov 1- Brunswick/Coca-Cola Southern Classic, 2nd/2nd
Nov 8- Boilermaker Classic, 2nd/1st
Nov 22- Knights Classic, 2nd/7th
Nov 28- National Team Match Games, 1st/8th
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, 1st/2nd
Nov 8- HAAC Championships, 1st/1st
Nov 22- NAIA National Championships, 17th/22nd

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 Champ.

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, 1st
Nov 3- Mobile Fall Classic, 4th

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, L 4-3
Oct 25- Iowa State, L 4-3
Oct 31- Liberty (Va.) L 5-4
Nov 1- Liberty (Va.) W 6-1
Nov 7- Western Michigan, W 9-2
Nov 8- Western Michigan, W 8-4
Nov 14- Eastern Michigan, W 12-2
Nov 15- Eastern Michigan, W 7-5
Nov 21- Illinois, L 4-0
Nov 22- Illinois, W 5-0
Nov 28- Oklahoma, W 5-3
Nov 29- Oklahoma, W 4-3
Dec 5- Kent State (Ohio) W 4-1
Dec 6- Kent State (Ohio) 7:15 p.m.

CSCHL Standings

School, W-L-SOL-OTL-Pts
Lindenwood 20-2-1-0-41
IowaStateUniversity 19-4-1-0-39
Illinois 15-2-0-0-30
Michigan-Dearborn 13-9-0-0-26
Kent State 12-8-1-0-25
Robert Morris 10-10-0-1-21
Ohio 9-6-0-0-18
Western Michigan 8-8-1-0-11
Eastern Michigan 4-14-3-1-12

Team Leaders

Goals
Carson Hamill- 20
Chad Boeckman- 18
Steve Balint- 16
Assists
Steve Balint- 30
Henri St. Arnault- 26
Kyle Bailey- 24
Points
Steve Balint- 46
Carson Hamill- 40
Henri St. Arnault- 39

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, 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.) W 3-0
Oct 28- McKendree (Ill.) L 2-0
Nov 1- Graceland (Iowa) L 2-0
Nov 4- Culver-Stockton (Mo.) W 7-0
Nov 11- Baker (HAAC tournament) L 2-0

HAAC Standings

MidAmerica Nazarene 8-1
Graceland 6-1-2
Benedictine 6-1-2
Baker 6-3
Lindenwood 6-3
William Jewell 4-3-2
Missouri Valley 2-6-1
Central Methodist 1-7-1
Avila 1-8
Culver-Stockton 1-8

Team Leaders

Goals
Ignacio Novas- 12
Ivan Mijatovic- 8
Hannes Backstrom- 6
Assists
Jose Nogues- 9
Franke Ellis- 5
Ivan Mijatovic- 3
Goaltending
Bryce Flynn- 12-4-1, .874 GAA

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.) L 3-2
Nov 2- Rhodes (Tenn.) W 2-1
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, 1st
Nov 3- Mobile Fall Classic, 3rd

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.) L 3-0

Nov 2- St. Benedict (Minn.) W 5-2
Nov 8- Ohio State, W 3-1
Nov 9- Ohio State, W 4-1
Nov 15- Northern Mich., W 12-0
Nov 16- Northern Mich., W 10-0
Nov 22- Liberty (Va.) W 4-1
Nov 23- Liberty (Va.) W 7-1

CCWHA Standings

School, W-L-T-OTL-Pts
Michigan State 11-2-3-0-25
Lindenwood 11-1-2-0-24
Grand Valley State 8-5-0-0-16
Michigan 5-8-0-0-10
Western Michigan 4-7-0-0-8
Ohio State 1-11-2-0-4
Northern Michigan 0-7-1-0-1

Team Leaders

Goals
Mandy Dion- 15
Ashley Rebeck- 12
Alexandra Johansson- 11
Assists
Ashley Rebeck- 13
Mandy Dion- 10
Lauren Campbell- 9

Goaltending
Becca Bernet- 4-1-1, 1.52 GAA
Alexa Bauer- 2-0-1, .84 GAA

Women's Soccer

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.) L 5-0
Oct 25- William Jewell (Mo.) W 2-1
Oct 28- McKendree (Ill.) L 1-0
Nov 1- Graceland (Iowa) L 2-0
Nov 4- Culver-Stockton (Mo.) W 5-0
Nov 5- Lyon (Ark.) W 1-0
Nov 12- Baker, T 1-1
Nov 14- Benedictine, L 2-1

HAAC Standings

School, HAAC record, Overall
Graceland 8-0-1, 17-0-2
Lindenwood 6-1-2, 12-4-3
MidAmerica Nazarene 6-2-1, 9-6-4
Benedictine 5-3-1, 13-4-3
William Jewell 5-3-1, 9-6-2
Baker, 4-4-1, 10-8-2
Avila 3-4-2, 6-7-3
Missouri Valley 2-6-1, 5-11-1
Central Methodist 1-8-0, 6-12-0
Culver-Stockton 0-9-0, 1-17-0

Team Leaders

Goals
McKenzie Creamer- 8
Lindsay Shea- 7
Ashley Tankersley- 5
Assists
McKenzie Creamer- 6
Paige Hickey- 5
Kelly Stearns- 4
Goaltending
Kristen Prest- 12-4-3 .966 GAA

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Junior receiver Rudy Fleming breaks downfield against Lambuth during a 65-48 playoff victory on Nov. 22

Title

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After losing their opening game, the Lions won 10 consecutive contests to capture the No. 7 seed in the NAIA Championship tournament.

The Lions' first playoff game against the No. 16 Lambuth University Eagles featured two high powered offenses, and the contest certainly lived up to its billing.

Lindenwood defeated Lambuth 65-48 on Nov. 22 at Hunter Stadium in a game where the teams accumulated 1,245 yards of total offense.

The Lions took advantage of three early Lambuth turnovers, going ahead 14-0 by the end of the first quarter.

"We knew we were playing against a good offensive team," Kisner said. "On offense we knew we had to capitalize whenever they turned the ball over."

Leading 51-27 early in the fourth quarter, the Lions seemed to have put the game away, but 21 unanswered points by Lambuth (along with a couple of beautiful inside kicks) put the Eagles within three points at 51-48.

But the Eagles tried one inside kick too many, and the Lions recovered the ball and acquired a short field.

The result promptly turned into a 22-yard touchdown run by Dario Camacho to seal the deal.

Kisner had one of the most efficient games of his career, completing 25 of 32 passes for 352 yards and five touchdowns. He was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the game.

Junior cornerback Adarrius Ross was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player, accumulating six tackles, four pass deflections and an interception.

"The coaches all put us out in the right spot," he said. "We just made the plays."

The Lions' win marked the first postseason victory in Lindenwood football history.

"This is a huge win for the program," Kisner said. "I'm speechless."

On Nov. 29, Lindenwood traveled to Sioux City, Iowa, for a quarterfinal match against the No. 6 Morningside College Mustangs.

The Lions led the Mustangs for most of the second half, but a late Morningside touchdown knotted the game at 31-31 with 45 seconds left.

But Lions drove downfield quickly and placed their hopes on the leg of junior kicker Halley Ferrell, who had set a Lindenwood record for most career field goals, but had missed three field goal attempts earlier in the game.

"I wasn't approaching the ball correctly and finishing through," Ferrell said, adding that bad snaps/holds also contributed to the previous shortcomings.

But redemption came in the form of a perfect 25-yard field goal, sending the Lions to the semifinals against the champion Fighting Saints in Montana.

Ross said it was amazing to watch the character and courage that the Lions showed throughout the season, as they put themselves in a position to compete for a national title.

"This was the best year of coaching in my life," he said.

"This was the best year of coaching in my life."

—Coach Ross

Hopes high as track teams open

By Kristen Gunder
Contributing Writer

Big expectations are ahead for Lindenwood University's 2008-09 track teams. Last year both the men's and women's teams dominated competition, receiving all first places at the HAAC Indoor and Outdoor conference meets.

Coach Paul Wright was predicting outstanding performances as a team and also as individuals as the season began Sunday at noon with a meet in Illinois. "It's our first meet, so I'm not really expecting much," said Wright. "It's a low-key meet but still Division I competition; we're the only NAIA school there."

Wright said this meet was just a treat for the kids who trained hard and were getting excited for the track season to start.

He also said the meet was just to see where everyone was.

The teams' next meet is scheduled for Jan. 11 in Columbia, Mo., for the Missouri Invitational.

Games of the Week

On Thursday, Dec. 11, the Lindenwood men's and women's basketball squads will continue conference play as they face off against Evangel University.

SCOREBOARD

Men's/Women's Swimming and Diving

Oct 4- Intrasquad Meet
Oct 18- Show Me Invitational 5th/3rd
Oct 25- Rose Hulman Relays, 2nd/1st
Nov 1- Lindenwood Five Team Meet
Nov 7- Missouri State
Nov 22- Washington Thanksgiving Classic

Women's Volleyball

Ranked 9th 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 (Mo.) W 3-0
Sep 30- Culver-Stockton (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, W 3-2
Oct 24- St. Xavier (Georgetown Tourn.) W 3-1
Oct 25- Georgetown (Georgetown Tourn.) L 3-1
Oct 25- Campbellsville (Georgetown Tourn.) L 3-2
Oct 31 7:00 PM MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) * Home W 3-0

HAAC Standings

School, HAAC record, Overall
Lindenwood 10-0, 34-7
Benedictine 7-3, 20-9
Central Methodist 6-4, 26-11
William Jewell 6-4, 20-11
Baker 6-4, 23-13
Graceland 6-4, 19-12
Evangel 5-5, 23-14
Culver-Stockton 5-5, 12-25
MidAmerica Nazarene 3-7, 13-18
Avila 1-9, 3-26
Missouri Valley 0-10, 2-27

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
Feb 8 TBD NCTTA Midwest Spring Regional Home

Feb 14 TBD Macy Block Giant RR Open Away
Feb 21 TBD ACUI Region 11 Singles Away
Mar 7 TBD Killerspin Arnold Challenge (March 7-8) Away
Mar 21 TBD Lindenwood March Open (March 21-22) Home
Apr 2 TBD NCTTA National Championship (Apr. 2-5) Away
May 2 TBD St. Joe Valley Open (May 2-3) Away

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 25- Missouri Valley Division Championship, W 16-5, W 16-4
Oct 26- (Missouri Valley Division Championship) W 16-5
Nov 1- (CWPA National Championship) W 23-7, W 18-3
Nov 2- (CWPA National Championship) W 16-11

Women's Wrestling

Sep 19- World Team Trials Away
Oct 4- Oklahoma City Away L 2-44 Box
Oct 4- U.S. Olympic Education Center L 6-34
Oct 4- Oklahoma City Blue L 7-28
Oct 25- Wisconsin-River Falls W 39-4
Oct 25- Missouri Baptist W 25-7
Oct 29- Black and Gold Scrimmage Home Scrimmage
Nov 15- Missouri Valley Tournament
Dec 3- Missouri Valley
Jan 10- Cliff Keen National Duals (Jan. 10-11)
Jan 16- Oklahoma City
Jan 21- Missouri Valley
Jan 31- WCWA College Nationals Mar 9- University Nationals
Mar 22 TBD US Senior Nationals Away
May 15- USA Bodybar Open

Men's Basketball

Oct 31- Doane (Doane Classic) W 71-63
Nov 1- Hastings (Doane Classic) W 82-68
Nov 3- St. Louis College of Pharmacy W 90-40
Nov 5- McKendree (Ill.) L 77-82
Nov 7- Northwestern Oklahoma L 58-62
Nov 8- Northern New Mexico W 80-59
Nov 14- Taylor W 74-59
Nov 15- Missouri Baptist L 93-101
Nov 21- Tabor 4 p.m. W 86-67
Nov 22- Sterling 8 p.m. W 80-62
Dec 4- Culver-Stockton 7:30 p.m. W 69-58
Dec 6- Baker (Kan.) 7:30 p.m. W 90-62
Dec 11- Evangel 7:30 p.m.
Jan 8- Missouri Valley 7:30 p.m.
Jan 10- Graceland (Iowa) 4 p.m.

Jan 12- Avila 7:30 p.m.
Jan 15- Central Methodist 7:30 p.m.
Jan 17- MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) 4 p.m.
Jan 19- Benedictine (Kan.) 7:30 p.m.
Jan 24- William Jewell 4 p.m.
Jan 29- Culver-Stockton 7:30 p.m.
Jan 31- Baker (Kan.) 4 p.m.
Feb 5- Evangel (Mo.) 7:30 p.m.
Feb 7- Benedictine (Kan.) 4 p.m.
Feb 12- Missouri Valley 7:30 p.m.
Feb 14- Graceland (Iowa) 7:30 p.m.
Feb 16- Avila 7:30 p.m.
Feb 19- Central Methodist 7:30 p.m.
Feb 21- MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) 4 p.m.
Feb 28- William Jewell 4 p.m.

HAAC Standings

School, HAAC record, Overall
Central Methodist 2-0, 9-0
William Jewell 2-0, 7-2
Lindenwood 2-0, 9-3
MidAmerica Nazarene 1-0, 5-3
Baker 2-1, 4-6
Evangel 1-1, 5-4
Benedictine 1-1, 3-3
Missouri Valley 1-2, 4-4
Avila 0-2, 4-6
Graceland 0-2, 2-8
Culver-Stockton 0-3, 0-10

Team Leaders

Points per game
Jason Schneider 13.2
Richard Rose 11.9
Toriano Adams 11.7

Rebounds per game

Toriano Adams 7.5
Shane Williams 5.6
Aaron Brinker 4.5

3-Point Percentage

Tyler Donaldson .750
Jason Schneider .471
Brandon Kunkel .457

Free Throw Percentage

Andre' Dickson .793
Richard Rose .768
Aaron Brinker .750

Women's Basketball

Nov 1- Hannibal, W 73-61
Nov 4- Lincoln Scrimmage
Nov 8- St. Louis College of Pharmacy W 92-45
Nov 11- McKendree (Ill.) W 77-59
Nov 14- Lambuth L 54-109
Nov 15- Union L 51-99
Nov 18- Missouri Baptist 7 p.m. L 61-71
Nov 21- Cardinal Stritch 4 p.m. L 80-89
Nov 22- Coe 1 p.m. W 74-65
Dec 1- William Woods 5 p.m. L 64-70
Dec 4- Culver-Stockton 5:30 p.m. W 74-56
Dec 6- Baker (Kan.) 5:30 p.m. L 54-71
Dec 11- Evangel 5:30 p.m.
Jan 8- Missouri Valley 5:30 p.m.
Jan 10- Graceland (Iowa) 2 p.m.
Jan 12- Avila 5:30 p.m.
Jan 15- Central Methodist 5:30 p.m.
Jan 17- MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) 2 p.m.

Jan 24- William Jewell 2 p.m.
Jan 29- Culver-Stockton 5:30 p.m.

Kiara Smith 500
Abby Schulteherich 459
Gina Ferrer 423

Free Throw Percentage

Lynsey Siebert 1.00
Natalie Hooss .900
Cassie Williams .842

Men's Wrestling

Oct 29- Black and Gold Scrimmage
Nov 1- Lindenwood Open
Nov 8- Wisconsin-Stevens Point Open
Nov 15- Iowa State Open
Nov 23- Missouri Open
Dec 6- Wisconsin-Parkside Open
Jan 9- NWCA/NAIA National Duals
Jan 17- Nebraska-Omaha Glen Brand Open
Jan 21- SIU-Edwardsville
Feb 4- Truman
Feb 7- Missouri Valley Open
Feb 21- NAIA Regional Tournament
Mar 5- NAIA National Championship

Men's Roller Hockey

Nov 1- St. Louis CC (Mo.) W 10-0
Nov 1- Missouri, W 8-0
Nov 2- Truman (Mo.) W 11-1
Nov 2- Missouri S&T, W 11-1
Nov 15- Missouri-St. Louis, W 4-2
Nov 15- Missouri State W 10-0
Nov 16- Illinois State 2 p.m. W 10-0
Jan 24- Great Plains Season Weekend #3, TBD
Jan 31- Mt. Pleasant Event #11,

TBD
Feb 7- Great Plains Season Weekend #4, TBD
Feb 21- Great Plains Season Weekend #5, TBD
Feb 28- Great Plains Season/Regional Weekend, TBD
Apr 2- Collegiate Roller Hockey Championship, TBD

GPCIHL Standings

School, W-L-T-Points
Lindenwood 7-0-0-14
UMSL 7-1-0-14
Mizzou 5-2-0-10
Missouri S&T 3-3-1-7

Team Leaders

Goals
Sean Sullivan- 14
Brandon Barnette- 9
Jeff Hill- 8

Assists

Kyle Gouge- 11
Brandon Barnette- 9
John McGuinness- 7

Points

Sean Sullivan- 19
Brandon Barnette- 18
Kyle Gouge- 15

Goaltending

Dave Thomas- 5-0-0, .75 GAA
Jason Ceballos- 4-0-0, .30 GAA



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International students cross language barrier through studies

By Hiroko Furuhashi and Nao Koike
Staff Reporters

This fall, 753 international students at Lindenwood University studied various subjects in a language other than their own. Some struggle, while others have few problems.

Every international student's grasp of English is different and several factors are behind it.

Yun Shin Choi, a freshman from South Korea, said that the difference between Eng-

lish and her mother tongue, Korean, made it hard for her to learn English.

According to korean-language.org, Korean grammatical order mostly consists of "Subject + Object + Verb," whereas the English order follows "S + V+O." Korean language also uses alphabets called "Hangeul," which look like "한글."

Oyuka Lavy of Mongolia agreed.

"Sentence structures are very different" comparing English to Mongolian. Junior Claudia Gonzalez of Ecuador also said that learning a language grammatically different from her own is hard.

Gonzalez has been learning Japanese, which has the same grammatical order as Korean and Mongolian. "I have found that picking new words in English was easier than in Japanese," Gonzalez said. She added that her language, Spanish, and English have similar spellings, even though the pronunciations differ.

Selim Manav, from Turkey, noted the value of education as well. Manav said Turkish people are poor at speaking English even though they start to learn it by fifth grade.

"I attended the English school for two years, and then my speaking and listening abilities got a lot better." Lavy considers her English skill was good enough to follow the classes when she arrived at LU.

However, she was still thinking to herself in Mongolian and translating her thoughts into English. This was true until she moved to another state last summer. "There weren't many Mongolians [there]," Lavy said, and she had to use English all the time. She said that

communicating with people in English helped develop her English skill, and she started to think in English.

Nadine Reineche of Germany said interacting with non-German-speakers gave her confidence with her English. "I started to speak more [English] and started to train [myself] and think in English," she said.

Reineche also said that the drive and effort to learn is a big part of improving one's English.

Larger variety of creative writing courses have potential for spring

'The new program will be more structured and will provide a good foundation'

By Kelly Reinhardt
Staff Writer

A larger variety of creative writing courses may soon be offered depending on student enrollment in the current creative writing courses and test courses offered over previous semesters.

The department will be restructuring and revising the requirements for the creative writing degree and minor.

Professor Michael Fetters said that his course, along

with Advanced Creative Writing taught by Professor George Hickenlooper in the spring, is part of an initiative to "gauge student interest in the expanded course offerings."

Fetters is part of the English department's plan to expand Lindenwood's creative writing program. He will be teaching the entry level course, Introduction to Creative Non-Fiction, spring 2009.

Professors Hickenlooper, Spencer Hurst, Alexander Balogh and Daniel Plate will also be teaching courses for the program. During the fall semester 2008, Fetters continually tried to get the word out about new course offerings in creative writing.

"The new program will be more structured and will provide a good foundation for whatever the student wants to do after they graduate, whether they are going

to freelance, or go directly into an MFA program," said Fetters.

If student interest is significant, then courses in creative non-fiction, fiction, poetry and writing for performance will be available more consistently.

Fetters said that his spring semester course has "seen modest enrollment, which should increase as more students become aware of the new courses."

"The English in Creative Writing program welcomes the increased interest from students of all disciplines," Fetters said.

For more information, contact Fetters at 636-949-4121 or by e-mail at mfetters@lindenwood.edu.

Professor Fetters returns to teach for students

By Kelly Reinhardt
Staff Writer

Professor Michael Fetters, 28, returned to classes Monday, Nov. 24, after being injured in a three-vehicle accident Wednesday night, Nov. 5, on Highway 79, just south of Dyer Road in St. Charles. Fetters' father, Earl D. Fetters, 70, of St. Charles, and Bruce L. Cannon, 53, of Winfield, were both killed in the crash.

Professor Fetters teaches in the English department at Lindenwood.

He was absent from classes Thursday, Nov. 8, through Friday, Nov. 21.

The driver who apparently caused the crash, Floyd L. Bowman, 78, of O'Fallon, was uninjured, police said.

Earl Fetters' wife, Bernice, 65, was taken by

helicopter to St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, where she was listed in satisfactory condition.

Many of Fetters' students were concerned about him and his mother. Junior Daniel Porch led students in Fetters' Lewis and Tolkien class in an in-class prayer for their recoveries.

Another of Fetters' students, junior Jillian Rades, said, "I hoped he would return, but I wasn't going to hold it against him if he didn't. I don't know if I would have been able to, had our roles been reversed."

Upon his return to his Lewis and Tolkien class on Tuesday, Nov. 25, Fetters was all smiles for his students. "I came back for you guys," he told them.

Study abroad at reasonable cost

Program offers opportunities for students in France at same tuition price as attending classes on Lindenwood's campus

By Samantha Werbiski
Staff Writer

The French study abroad program is a requirement for students pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in French. These students study for one semester in France at the Université de Caen located in the Normandy region.

They take a minimum of 16 hours of credit in French as a second language. The classes vary depending on the level of French skills the student has.

Students who qualify for this program must be enrolled in French courses, be at least a junior, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and must have approval from Professor Nancy Durbin, program

administrator.

"I am particularly pleased when my French majors return to LU with such an improved level of oral proficiency and so much enthusiasm about French culture," said Durbin.

This is the fourth year the program has run. Students pay tuition and board to Lindenwood.

Their expenses are minimal as the program is designed so that students have the opportunity to study abroad at a reasonable cost and with few difficulties.

The French program brochure explains the various aspects of studying abroad. Students live with a host family, which provides breakfast. Their lunch and dinner

are pre-paid. Also, these students have the French National health insurance program benefits.

According to the brochure, the experience in the French abroad program is priceless and one all students should be encouraged to participate in.

Students learn about French culture through visits to famous landmarks and interaction with French speaking people.

"I love traveling and the French study abroad program would be perfect because I have the chance to study in a completely new environment," said junior Washington Alvarado. He hopes to study abroad in France during his senior year.

Similar programs are offered for students studying Spanish as a second language.

They travel to Costa Rica to improve their language skills and immerse themselves in the Costa Rican culture.

"I think that studying a language in a foreign country is better because I learn more in a short period of time since one is constantly surrounded with that language," said sophomore Mayuko Watarai, who is in her second semester of Spanish and hopes to visit Costa Rica in the future.

Speakers

•Jan 22
Fran Noonan-US Peace Corps, Spellmann Leadership room, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Entertainment

•Jan 20
New Movie night, the Connection, 9 to 11 p.m.

Events

•Dec. 9 to Dec. 11
Final Snacks, The Connection from 9 p.m. to midnight.

•Dec. 8 to Dec. 12
Final Exams, All Day-Check the appropriate times for your classes.

•Jan 5
J- Term Starts. Be ready to start the day, and make your professors happy by having all of your books!

•Jan 8
Steak or Shrimp Night, the Cafeteria, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

•Jan 26
Spring Semester Classes begin!

•Jan 28
Red Cross Blood Drive, the Loft, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Jan. 29
Steak or Chicken Night, the Cafeteria, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

•Jan. 29
Barn Dance with Mechanical Bull, the Loft, 8 to 11 p.m.

Reminders

•Dec 12
Residential student housing closes at 4:30. Make sure you have everything packed! The Cafeteria will be closed during winter break.

•Dec. 12
Deadline to make up INC grades for Spring.

•Jan 4
Residential student check in for J-Term.

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International students take a break

By Hiroko Furuhashi
Staff Reporter

Lindenwood University and other organizations outside offer a number of options for international students and others spending the Christmas break away from home and on campus.

The university allows students to stay in residence halls for \$200 a week – a cost they can work off through the Work-and-Learn program.

“It is not only for international students, but for any residents who cannot go home for whatever the reason,” said Michelle Giessman, director of Residential Life.

The students who wish to stay on campus during the break are required to fill out the Christmas request form

12 days prior to the break, which begins Dec. 15 for undergraduates and Dec. 22 for graduate students.

Sophomore Tashi Tseing, of Tibet, might have to remain on campus during the Christmas break. “I don’t have any where to go,” Tseing said.

The \$200-a-week fee, or the the 20 hours per week students must work to repay the charge, “covers just the housing aspect of it,” Giessman said.

The cafeteria, for instance, will be closed during the break because of the contract the university has with the vendor, PFOODMAN. So students will be responsible for their own meals.

“I wish the cafeteria would be open,” Tseing said. “So I don’t have to spend money

on food.”

If students choose to work, the Work-and-Learn office assigns the jobs and places them “where they can be most used,” Giessman said. The jobs include taking care of the grounds, housekeeping and assisting in offices that are open during the break.

“It is great that the Lindenwood gives us the choices of working or paying for staying on campus,” said Ryoko Nakatani, of Japan, a transfer student from the State University of New York at Albany. “If I wanted to stay on campus for any break at my old school, I had to pay the fee.”

Students who won’t be returning home over the break have other options.

“There is also a wonderful group that works with the In-

ternational office and tries to find host families for international students to stay with,” Giessman said.

International Students Inc. (ISI) is a Christian organization promoting friendships between international students and Americans. It has worked with the university since 1953.

“We offer international students places to stay any time they need to,” ministry representative Jan Dugo said.

Freshman Bayarmaa Tumurkhuyag, of Mongolia, has found a host family through ISI. “I often go to their house,” she said. “We watch TV and eat dinner together.”

Dugo, however, is finding it difficult to make arrangements because of a shortage

of host family volunteers. “I am hoping to find more families before the break,” Dugo said.

ISI also plans to bring food for the international students who will stay on campus and organize various trips to the museums. For more information about ISI, e-mail Jan Dugo at dugojj@charter.net.

Bridges International is another Christian organization that helps and mobilizes international students in the U.S.A, said Cheri Meissner, who works with international students at Lindenwood.

Bridges International also tries to connect international students with American families. “I am working on finding out about it right now,” Meissner said.

The other possible plan

for international students is a conference in Washington, D.C., from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1. “The sessions are about knowing God, but no one has to be a Christian to come,” Meissner said. “They just need to be interested in learning and discussing their thoughts.”

The students will be able tour the nation’s capital and attend a New Year’s Eve party.

More information can be found by visiting <http://www.bridgesinternational.com/>

“I wish I [could] go home, though,” said Nakatani, who plans to live on campus during the break. “Even though I have several options to choose from, it is always ... best to spend the holidays with my family.”

Will gift cards give beyond the holidays?

By Abby Buckles
Contributing Reporter

With Thanksgiving over, the holiday season approaching and the economy still down, the once thought to be “safe alternative” of purchasing gift cards may not be such a great idea after all.

Just a few years ago, the expiration date on the back of gift cards was what worried Christmas shoppers most. Now, with the failing state of the economy and the fear of bankruptcy for many businesses around the country, whether to purchase gift cards in the first place is the question most everyone seems to be asking this holiday season.

The economy and sale of gift cards aren’t the only things plummeting this season. The availability of jobs is as well. It makes sense, if sales are low, that an equally low need exists for new employment.

Is this all due to a period of recession or could it be something worse? “The last time the economy shrank faster than 3 percent was in the first quarter of 1982, when GDP dropped at a 6.4 percent annual rate,” says Justin Fox of Time.

Jobs, personal income, sales and industrial production are the four main characteristics of nearly every recession. The last time the U.S. was in a recession was from 2001-2002. And the last recession that spiraled into a depression was in 1929.

“The war plainly did not create the overall economic slowdown that was very evident even in June,” said Stanford University Economist and Chairman Robert Hall.

“However, the increase in oil prices that followed the invasion probably did play a role in the sharp contraction that

occurred in the fall.”

Likewise, surveys have shown that for the first time, sales of gift cards are more than likely to decline this year.

According to a Western Union poll conducted a few weeks ago, 65 percent of Americans would prefer to get cash as a gift instead of a present or a gift card. That percentage is up by 9 points from a similar survey taken in September.

In a more recent national survey from Maritz in St. Louis, an estimated 55 percent plan on buying gift cards this year, about the same as last year. But in turn they plan on significantly reducing the amount they spend on the cards to an average of \$161 this year, down from \$273 last year.

Advice to those buying for others: Experts suggest thinking twice before buying gift cards from companies that are going through the bankruptcy process, such as Circuit City. Also, avoid buying gift certificates from small retailers and restaurants that are more likely to close versus larger chains.

Advice to receivers? Spend the cards quickly. Don’t hoard them.

In addition, if a company is in bankruptcy proceedings, a court must decide whether the company can honor gift cards.

The worst-case scenario is that gift card holders will lose the value of their cards if the business goes under, like Sharper Image card holders did when the company liquidated earlier this year.

Overall, remember it’s the season of giving, not of worrying. It’s simply the thought that counts.

Holiday Treats



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(Top) The cafeteria distributes snacks Sunday, Dec. 7, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight to prepare for finals week. Snacks will be given out until Thursday. (Bottom right and left) Students enjoy tasty food at the Christmas luncheon that was hosted Thursday, Dec. 4.



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This year Lindenwood's musical "Scrooge," performed Dec. 4-7, incorporated The Fly by Foy system to enhance the production.

Flying ghosts help lift Scrooge's Christmas spirits

By **Brittany Jalinsky and Tierney Knigge**
Staff Writers

Flying characters greeted theater patrons at "Scrooge ... the Musical," this year's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The Fly by Foy system introduced the technical wonder in productions last week at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

Lindenwood students enrolled in Introduction to Technical Theatre, Theatre Practicum and Work and Learn students were part

of the production. Professor Tim Poertner, technical director in the Fine and Performing Arts Division, said that 60 students were involved on stage and 20 contributed behind the scenes.

New equipment for "Scrooge" included a larger dimming system, a scrim [used for shadowing], hydraulic lift to raise and lower the trap door on stage, Fly by Foy, lavalier [wireless] microphones and a "star curtain," a fiber optic curtain with strands of glass, allowing light to travel to the tips of the glass, thus il-

luminating the curtain.

One of the Lindenwood production's ghosts, sophomore Maggie Murphy, explained why she auditioned for the part: "The ghost interested me because she's a mystical character wanting to help Scrooge, rather than a person in Scrooge's past or present life."

The Fly by Foy system gave ghostly characters the ability to appear out of smoke to help Scrooge learn about Christmas spirit. According to www.flybyfoy.com, owner Peter Foy was, as a child, in awe

of James Barrie's "Peter Pan" character, and wanted to "preserve the magic of theatrical flight by concealing its apparatus from the audience's view."

Foy invented the Track on Track system in 1962, which allowed for a team of two people to control the process of lifting and traveling through the air.

Eight students are trained to successfully help characters Marley, Past, Present and the spirits fly seamlessly across the stage, said Poertner.



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Light displays adorn trees and streetlamps along Main Street St. Charles.

Holiday traditions return to St. Charles

By **Tina Riedel**
Contributing Reporter

Historic Main Street in St. Charles is hosting its annual Christmas Traditions celebration through Dec. 27, featuring Santas from around the world brought together to celebrate the holidays.

Visitors can meet Father Christmas, dance with the sugarplum fairy, shake hands with Tiny Tim and wish Ebenezer Scrooge a Merry Christmas, and take pictures with the Nutcracker and listen to Victorian carolers.

Children's activities include storytelling with Mrs. Claus and collecting cards with character pictures describing who they are and their history.

Downtown Main Street also has numerous shops with holiday gifts, ornaments and crafts.

Roasted chestnuts, caramel apples and fudge are offered at the many family restaurants on Main Street.

Main Street's managing director, Randall Kopchak, said, "Christmas Traditions has been going on for 34 years."

"The number of people who come back year after year from all across America [make the event successful]. For many, it's become a family tradition," he said.

Auditions for actors to play characters were held in October. The paid characters spent November rehearsing roles.

Represented countries include England, Scandinavia, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden and America.

Santa parades are held every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Shops and restaurants are open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; activities run from 6:30-9 p.m.

Weekend presentations are on Saturdays from 11-9 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. and Christmas Eve 10-3 p.m.

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