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LU Loses a Visionary



Dennis C. Spellmann,
President - 1989-2006



The historic Lindenwood gate was draped in black bunting the first week of September as the entire campus mourned the loss of President Spellmann, who died August 30.

LU Board of Directors Names Provost Acting President

James D. Evans, Ph.D., has been named Acting President of Lindenwood University following the death of Dennis C. Spellmann, who had headed the University since 1989. The announcement was made by Jim J. Shoemake, Chairman of the Lindenwood University Board of Directors.

“The appointment of Dr. Evans as Acting President is in keeping with the University By-Laws, which stipulate that, should there be a vacancy in the Presidency, the chief academic officer will assume that role on an interim basis,” said Shoemake, an attorney with Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemake, L.L.C., in St. Louis.

“The Lindenwood Board of Directors will keep the University dedicated to educational excellence, just as it has been since its founding in 1827,” said Shoemake. “We have a values-based mission that combines the liberal arts with preparation for life. We care about student success and intend to remain fiscally healthy.”

Evans has been the Dean of Faculty at Lindenwood since 1996 and Provost since 2000, has held other administrative positions and has been a professor at the University since 1974.

A Letter from the President

Lindenwood has an essential spirit that transcends particular individuals, administrations, and times – a basic commitment to lifelong liberal education, character development, traditional values, and human relationships based on mutual respect and decency. I have experienced the timeless grace of this University in my 32 years of service as professor, advisor, department chair, dean, and provost, and now as her interim chief. I am thankful for every minute of it.

It is interesting to think about how this grand old college has evolved: It started as a two-year school for young women in 1827, “graduated” to a four-year college in 1918, became co-educational and expanded the evening program in 1969, became a graduate school in 1976, expanded to university status in 1997, and became recognized as a dynamic regional institution of higher learning in the early part of this century. Throughout this growth and maturation process, the school has never abandoned her original mission. At the heart of today’s Lindenwood University is the gracious personality of the small college that helped shape the American frontier.

What accounts for the constancy of Lindenwood’s character? Certainly our long-time professors and board members



Acting President James D. Evans greets the Lindenwood Student Government Association shortly after assuming his new role.

He received a bachelor’s degree in psychology with honors from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA, and completed his master’s degree and Ph.D. in psychology at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. In addition to teaching in a variety of university settings, he was a consultant in manager training and data analysis early in his career.

Evans has a background in personnel selection, development and supervision, strategic planning, curriculum development and evaluation.

play an important role in preserving institutional memory. All told, however, our alums represent those who have the deepest and longest relationship with their alma mater. We thank you for the crucial part you play in perpetuating what we all love about this inimitable school.



James D. Evans, Ph.D.

I look forward to welcoming you back and greeting you personally on Alumni Weekend, October 20 and 21. Be sure to attend the St. Charles Alumni Club reception on Friday afternoon in the Hyland Performance Arena VIP Room and breakfast with the President on Saturday morning in the Anheuser Busch Leadership Room in the Spellmann Campus Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James D. Evans".

James D. Evans
Acting President

President Spellmann Remembered at Memorial

Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, family, friends and community leaders remembered Dennis Spellmann Sept. 8 during a memorial service at the Highland Performance Arena on campus.

President Spellmann passed away Aug. 30 at the age of 70. Spellmann guided the incredible enrollment growth at Lindenwood University over the past two decades and oversaw construction of nine new campus buildings that changed the St. Charles skyline.

“Dennis was a unique combination of visionary and educational leader, and he will be sorely missed,” said Jim J. Shoemake, Chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors. “His positive impact on higher education in the United States, exemplified by the success story that is Lindenwood University, will be his legacy.”

Shoemake, who delivered the eulogy, said Lindenwood’s chief academic officer, James D. Evans, Ph.D., has become acting president. “We have complete and full confidence in Dr. Evans to continue the mission and purpose for the university that was established under the leadership of Dennis Spellmann,” Shoemake said.

Spellmann came to Lindenwood in March 1989 and began an unprecedented turnaround. Not only did he eliminate tenure and switch to merit pay for faculty, he banned co-ed dorms and “refounded” Lindenwood based upon the mission of the 179-year-old university’s founder, Mary Easton Sibley. Under Spellmann’s leadership, the university champions a philosophy of “educating the whole person” and instilling a values-centered approach in the classroom.

Lindenwood nearly closed in 1989. Then known as Lindenwood College, the St. Charles campus was comprised of 80 acres, endowment was less than \$1 million, and enrollment was down to less than 800. Under Spellmann’s leadership, Lindenwood became a University and now has a campus of more than 500 acres, an endowment of over \$50 million, and enrollment of 15,000 students and is one of the few colleges or universities in the country that remain debt-free.

Spellmann was recognized nationally as a leader in management and fiscal responsibility. A company he owned in the 1980s, Spellmann and Associates, was called upon frequently by the White House during the Reagan Administration to provide turnaround assistance to struggling colleges. There is no doubt, however, that his greatest success has been Lindenwood University.

His accomplishments at Lindenwood didn’t just include the enormous growth at its main campus. Under his leadership, Lindenwood opened satellite campuses in O’Fallon, Wentzville, Lincoln County, South County, Florissant and Belleville, IL. These sites house the university’s growing adult evening program.



Dennis C. Spellmann

Often fighting what he called “the bureaucracy of higher education,” he was proud to call Lindenwood an independent, as opposed to private, school. He considered his time well spent when he lobbied legislators to “keep the government off my back” and let Lindenwood be free to compete.

Spellmann’s expertise was not limited to colleges. He consulted in the private sector and worked with numerous foundations and municipal organizations. He served as city manager of three Texas cities, promptly balancing their budgets by focusing on infrastructure improvements, better services and new industry.

In 1954, Spellmann graduated from El Campo High School in Texas. He received his bachelor’s degree from Missouri Valley College and his master’s from the University of Texas.

An Eagle Scout and active in Boy Scouting for over 60 years, he served as chairman of the Boone Trails District and received two of scouting’s highest honors, the Silver Beaver Award and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

He attained the rank of captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in the infantry and in intelligence. A stellar football player at Missouri Valley College, he was elected to the Hall of Fame at his alma mater.

One of Spellmann’s favorite hobbies was tree-planting, a passion that was evident not only at his farm in Cottleville, but on Lindenwood’s historic campus.

Memorial contributions may be made to the university in honor of the American Humanics Program. Send memorials to the development office, attn. Charlise Floyd, 209 South Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Eulogy for President Dennis C. Spellmann

Every generation makes history in its own way. We live it, shape it, and create the future for the generations that follow. It is a noble and honorable task, but seldom do we recognize it at the time.

A headline in the Post-Dispatch on August 31 shouted the fact that “A Visionary is Mourned” and went on to speak to the many notable accomplishments of our late President Dennis Spellmann.

Few individuals have the ability and will to effect change – the kind that will be written about in the history books – and Dennis was one of the few.

If you had the privilege of knowing Dennis Spellmann, as so many of us here did, you knew you were a part of something great, something that would leave the world a better place. He was a man whose reach was immeasurable and who touched countless lives.

Yes, a visionary IS being mourned. This campus IS grieving. This community HAS suffered a great loss.

Yet, I cannot help but think that Dennis would not want anyone here today to mourn his passing. He would instead want us to focus on the future for which he had such great hopes and plans.

Those around him knew that Dennis’ focus was the success of students at Lindenwood University. While many people might remember him for his aggressive construction and expansion on this campus, his visionary planning or his financial expertise, I think he would wish to be remembered in a more simple fashion: helping students succeed.

Dennis started helping Lindenwood students succeed in March of 1989, when he accepted the challenge to turn Lindenwood around. He did it in a hard-nosed fashion...with a style that is unique and that I doubt will ever be duplicated.

He took Lindenwood “back to its roots.” Lindenwood, he felt, had lost its purpose, and he went back to the words of Lindenwood’s founder Mary Sibley. Lindenwood’s purpose, or mission, was to create “enlightened, useful citizens.” He re-founded Lindenwood based on those words...and character and good citizenship continue to be a focus here today.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors at Lindenwood, I must tell you that the board deeply appreciates all that Dennis has done here.

There have been a total of 20 presidents at Lindenwood, and Dennis’ legacy is already carved out. He has presided

over absolutely the most dynamic period in Lindenwood history, and he has done it so very well.

I took time in the last few days to look over some of Dennis’ speeches from the past several years. As you might expect, several themes emerge time and time again.

One of the first that caught my attention was a speech he delivered in 2000 to a crowded room at a YMCA banquet. Dennis had been talking proudly about a new building on campus, but I am told by those who were there that at this point he stopped abruptly and said:

“But that is not what we are about—bricks and mortar. We are about people. We are about people with character and values. People who want to work hard and succeed...and move on to a meaningful and productive life.”

Dennis told the group that the nation’s colleges and universities did a marvelous job rewarding top athletes and scholars, but he said,

“What about character? Doesn’t it count? What about community service?”

Recognizing character and community service – these are some of the components of the Million Dollar Character Scholarship Program that Dennis created seven years ago and which has touched the lives of hundreds of students.

In late 2001, he provided strong leadership at an important time—as colleges all across the country dealt with bizarre student behavior after September 11. He told the Lindenwood faculty that there was no way he would consider closing school, as some had recommended. Dennis believed the students needed something to hold onto...some stability...amid the turmoil.

He was a steadfast captain, setting a certain and meticulous course through stormy weather and past dangerous shoals. He set the course, but also manned the wheel. He was a visionary, but also a native Texan, always ready with practical advice. Year after year at the opening convocation, he urged students to follow his tried and true tips for success:



The eulogy was delivered by Jim J. Shoemake (above), chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors, at the September 8, 2006, memorial service.

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Gene Goldstein Retires from Lindenwood Bookstore

For whole generations of Lindenwood students, Gene Goldstein was a fixture in the campus bookstore—the bespectacled, slightly built gentleman who managed the store and always knew the answer to just about any question. He could also be seen at sporting events, often with his wife Eleanor, working concessions and selling apparel. On Thursday, August 31, Mr. Goldstein worked his last day in the bookstore, deciding that at age 76, after 25 years at Lindenwood, it was time to retire.

“I wouldn’t be in retirement if my knees were in better shape,” Goldstein said. “I figured I would be here a few more years, but my doctor and my physical therapist thought it would be best to retire.”

Goldstein had surgery on his knee in November of last year to address an injury from a fall down some stairs a couple of years earlier. He said recovery from the surgery was taking longer than he had hoped, mainly because he continued to work in the bookstore, even working half-days, which he had been doing since March.

Prior to working at Lindenwood, he had a 22-year career at the American Stores Company. He left the company when it moved out of the St. Louis area and went to work at Lindenwood, taking over the bookstore operation. At that time, the bookstore was located in the Gables building, also known as the Tea Hole. The store later moved to Niccolls Hall, where it was housed on the north side of the first floor. At that time, the building also housed apartments for visiting parents and family members of students.

“We had pizza and coffee in the store then as well,” Goldstein said. “We had the room to do that there.”

The store moved from Niccolls to Roemer hall when the building was converted to a residence hall. The store was located on the first floor of Roemer, where the Financial Aid office now sits, in a space it had previously occupied years earlier.

“We increased the size of the store by hanging things from the ceiling,” Goldstein said. “We had to do away with the food there, too, except for candy.”

In 2001, the bookstore moved to its current location, which has more than four times the space of the Roemer location, according to Goldstein. This semester, the store has switched to an on-line system for ordering books and no longer keeps shelves and shelves of textbooks in the store for purchase. The store still carries all the other items it once

did, including a large selection of Lindenwood apparel and memorabilia.

“School apparel is some of the best PR a school has,” Goldstein said. “We’ve always carried a lot of that, more than almost any university in St. Louis.”

During his time at the school, Goldstein has had a number of different responsibilities in addition to running the bookstore, including chief of security for a few years.



Gene Goldstein, longtime LU bookstore manager

Looking back, Goldstein said his fondest memories are of the students and his wife Eleanor, who donated her time to work with him in the bookstore and concessions.

“We’d see a new student come in, then graduate four years later,” Goldstein said. “They’d bring their parents and let us know how much they appreciated us. That was the best thing. Many of those students, when they come back to campus, come in and see us on their own. These same kids are bringing their own kids in.”

“The one person I can say I appreciated more than anyone was Dr. Spellmann. I worked with him a lot, including things like planting trees on the weekends, and one time when we were doing concessions at a basketball game, he came behind the counter and helped us sell soda.”

Goldstein said he has only a few specific plans for how to spend his retirement.

“I might do some volunteer work,” Goldstein said. “I’ll travel some, like to see my great-grandchildren in Florida; they’re triplets. I hope to keep busy.”



Cary Hahn Wins Prestigious Broadcasting Award

The Iowa Broadcast News Association (IBNA) has honored Eastern Iowa broadcast veteran Cary J. Hahn (LU '65) with its prestigious Jack Shelley Award. The award is the IBNA's highest honor and is named after the former WHO News Director and Professor Emeritus of Journalism at Iowa State University. Hahn came to KGAN-TV in 1983.

Hahn was presented the award by the 94-year-old Shelley at a ceremony in Des Moines earlier this year. A native of St. Charles, MO, Hahn has been a broadcaster for 40 years, beginning his broadcast career in 1965 at Lindenwood's KCLC radio station. After graduation, Hahn served as a U.S. Navy broadcast journalist during the Vietnam War. Later, as a civilian, he worked at radio stations in Lincoln, NE; Jefferson City; and Kansas City. While in Jefferson City, he was also Capitol Correspondent for KMOX in St. Louis and KBUG in Springfield.

Ritenour Honors Buchanan

The Ritenour School District in St. Louis, MO, has selected Linda Buchanan (LU '04) as the Diamond Circle Employee of the Year. Buchanan is a personnel specialist for the school district. Buchanan has a B.S. in Human Resources Management. She is currently working on a Master's degree in Human Resources Management at Lindenwood. Diamond Circle Awards are given to teachers and staff who best exemplify the district's commitment to quality education and service.

Grad Honored as Role Model

Air National Guardsman Chief Master Sgt. Kimberly J. Lambert-Head (LU '03, Summa Cum Laude), manager of information technology at the 131st Communications Flight (CF) in St. Louis, was among four women chosen nationally to represent the National Guard Bureau as Department of Defense Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) role models in a recent ceremony at Women's Memorial in Arlington, VA.

Outside the Guard, Lambert-Head maintains and expands her IT skills in her full-time employment as an information systems manager with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Peters.

Schifeling Receives Law Award

Damon & Morey of Buffalo, NY, is pleased to announce that Barbara L. Schifeling is the recipient of the "Leaders in Law" Award recognizing outstanding achievement in practice areas, involvement in the profession, and support of the legal community and mentoring.

A senior partner in the firm's Litigation Department, Schifeling focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense and environmental coverage litigation. She received her B.A. from Lindenwood College, her M.A.T. from the University of Chicago, and her J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

Welcome From the Alumni Board President



Dear Friends,

This semester has been a difficult time at Lindenwood University because of the passing of President Spellmann. I will always remember him as a dynamic leader whose enthusiasm and dedication to Lindenwood was truly contagious. Lindenwood will truly miss President Spellmann, but I have a great deal of confidence in our Board of Directors and Acting President, Dr. Jim Evans, to carry on his legacy.

I would like to invite everyone to Lindenwood's Homecoming and Reunion Oct. 20-21. It will be an enjoyable weekend for all! Kicking off the weekend will be an Alumni Reception Friday, Oct. 20, at 4:30 p.m. in the Hyland Performance Arena. There will also be an Alumni Breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Spellmann Campus Center. I would be happy to speak with you at these events about participating with the Alumni Association. For additional information, please e-mail alumni@lindenwood.edu or call 636-949-4903.

The Alumni Association would love to hear from you! Whether it is to share news about yourself or update your contact information, please e-mail or call the Alumni Office. We always like to hear about your success stories and fond memories of Lindenwood.

Sincerely,



Cortney Hupper
Lindenwood Alumni Board President
Class of 1999

Planned Giving at Lindenwood is Easy

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.

Alumni and friends may establish endowed scholarships in their 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.

Stuhler Named Director Of Planned Giving

Attorney Eric Stuhler, who has long been associated with Lindenwood University since his days as a student in the 1970s, will be the school's director of planned giving in the development office, starting Oct. 1. Stuhler, who has worked as an attorney in general practice in St. Charles for 25 years, graduated from Lindenwood in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in management. He later received his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Stuhler has served on the LU Alumni Board for 25 years and has taught classes as an adjunct professor.

In addition to his work in planned giving, he will serve as in-house legal counsel and will teach classes in business law.



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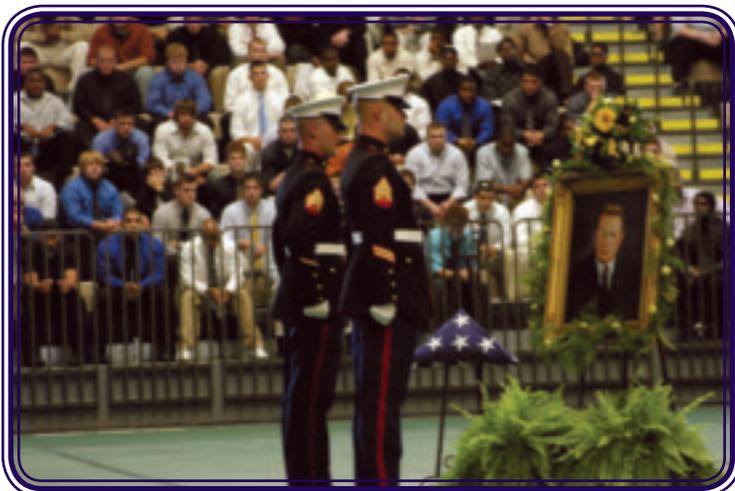


Approximately 1,600 people gathered at the Hyland Performance Arena on Friday, Sept. 8, for a memorial service for Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann, who died Aug. 30. In the first week of September, flags around the campus were flown at half mast, including this one (right) adjacent to Hunter Stadium and the Spellmann Campus Center.

The memorial service included a military honors ceremony (bottom left and bottom center), conducted by two members of the US Marine Corps, in which a flag was presented to President Spellmann's wife, Sue Spellmann.

The various speakers at the service shared touching anecdotes and remembrances of President Spellmann.

Cortney Hupper (below) said in her remarks that as she was writing them, she imagined President Spellmann saying to her, "You can do better than that."



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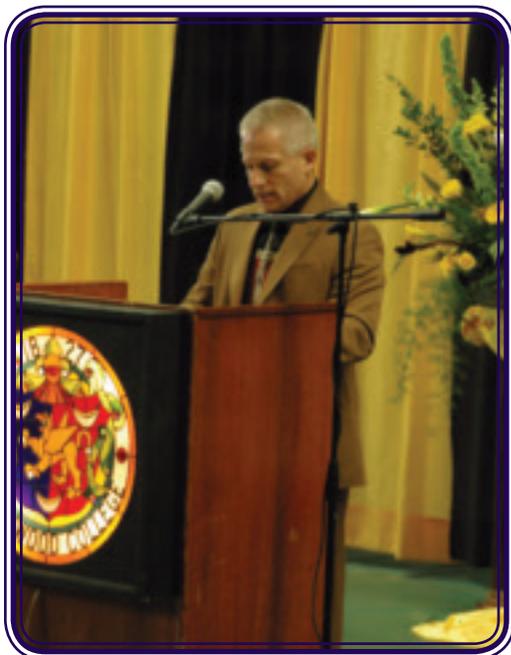


In addition to the black bunting draping the gates and the lowering of the flags on campus, a makeshift memorial (right) to President Spellmann was created by students on the steps by the President's Home.

Speakers at the memorial service included Dr. James Evans (below), Acting LU President; Patti York, Mayor of St. Charles; and Cortney Hupper (bottom left), President of the Lindenwood Alumni Association. Jim Shoemake, Chairman of the LU Board of Directors, delivered the Eulogy (see page 4), and Rev. Dr. Michael Mason delivered the message and the dismissal.

Voices Only, a Lindenwood choral group, under the direction of Dr. David Wallis, sang a number of selections at the service.

DENNIS C. SPELLMANN PRESIDENT 1989-2006



Readings were done by Shannon Spath, President of the American Humanities Association; Marsha Parker, Dean of the Fine and Performing Arts Division; and Jann Weitzel (left), Provost.

PROGRAMS

Library Usage Triples

Butler Library prides itself on the service it provides to Lindenwood students. While the library provides all of the traditional services associated with an academic library, the staff has worked to develop services that reflect the changing environment of information resource delivery. Thanks to a recent \$1 million commitment to purchases of hard copy and electronic resources, the students of Lindenwood University have unparalleled access to information resources. Overall usage has nearly tripled in the last three years.

Access to books for students expands far beyond the walls of Butler Library. Lindenwood University provides access through its membership to a statewide academic library consortium (MOBIUS). MOBIUS gives enrolled students physical and electronic access to virtually every academic library collection in the state of Missouri.

Other research materials are made available to students through Butler Library's website. The library subscribes to more than 50 online databases, a large number of which provide full-text access to research materials. Moreover, great strides have been made in the Butler Library building to enhance student access to information. They include the installment of closed caption televisions that will provide news feeds, as well as campus news, in order that students always have ready access to the most up-to-date information.

"We've tried really hard to make the library as user-friendly as possible, and it shows in our statistics," said Liz McDonald, Director of University Library Services.



Butler Library, built in 1930, is a mix of classic architecture and modern resources

Lindenwood Bookstore Goes Online

By Ronnie Lee Cobb III, Mass Communication Major

Lindenwood University has implemented a new virtual bookstore, starting in fall of 2006. Textbooks can now be ordered through MBS Direct, located in Columbia, MO.

John Snipes, manager of the LU Bookstore, said that the university made the decision to seek outside help with book sales after the book manager resigned over the summer. The book manager's job was to gather orders from professors each semester, seek out the books from individual publishers, order the books and return unused books.

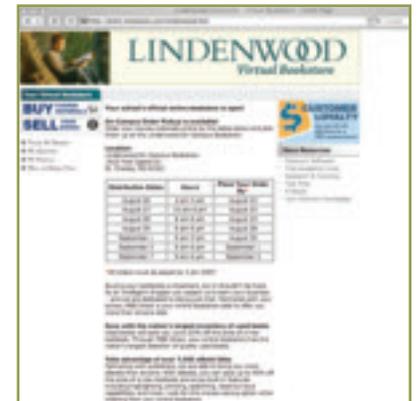
Snipes said the bookstore was not losing money by selling the old way, but the change was made in an effort to better serve Lindenwood students.

"We do not have any books in the bookstore for sale," he said. "We only have books pre-ordered from MBS."

MBS Direct was chosen for experience, proximity and price, Snipes said. MBS has been in business for more than 15 years. They have set up book orders online, by fax, by phone or by mail. Snipes said the turnaround on book orders is quick, with books arriving on the campus in as little as two days.

Ordering directly from MBS saves on shipping costs from each individual publishing company, and the savings are passed along to the student buyers. Also, MBS will buy books back for up to 40 percent of their original value if they were purchased originally from MBS Direct.

This year was the first time LU has used MBS Direct, and Snipes says 2,989 orders were placed using MBS. Other students purchased books elsewhere online, bought from used bookstores or traded with other students.



Go to the Lindenwood home page and click on the "Order Textbooks" link

Last Full Mainstage Season In Jelkyl Theatre Set to Begin

The 2006-07 Lindenwood Mainstage Theatre season is stocked with a diverse selection of plays and musicals, including one original work, two beloved musicals, Dickens' holiday classic and the story of one of Shakespeare's most famous villains.

Also, with the new Fine and Performing Arts Center slated to open in early 2008, this year will be the last full Mainstage season to be held in Jelkyl Theatre in Roemer Hall and the Lindenwood University Cultural Center.

"We're looking forward to a thrilling, exciting season for our audiences and our students that will pave the way to the new performing arts center opening the following academic year," said Theatre Director Ted Gregory.

The season begins with "American Rosies," a charming, nostalgic look back at the women who worked in the munitions plants during World War II. The play runs in Jelkyl Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 6-7 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sept. 30. It was originally written and produced for the Historyonics Theatre Company by Patton Chiles, former artistic director at Historyonics, who directs the production as a Lindenwood graduate student.



American Rosies, Jelkyl Theatre, opening Sept. 27

One of the most successful off-Broadway and Broadway musicals of all time, "Godspell," will come to the Lindenwood Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19-21 and 27-28 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 28. "Godspell," which was conceived by Michael Tebelak with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, will be directed by Janet Strzelec, who is director of the Lindenwood dance program. This moving, entertaining and powerful musical is based on the Gospel of St. Matthew and includes a string of recognizable songs, including the hit "Day by Day."

"A Christmas Carol," which has long been a holiday season tradition at Lindenwood, will be on the Jelkyl stage at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and Dec. 8-9 with a 2 p.m. matinee on

Dec. 2. Join us once again for Charles Dickens' story of Ebenezer Scrooge, adapted and directed by Larry Quiggins, of the Lindenwood theatre faculty. This new adaptation takes a fresh look at this classic ghost story. Tickets sell out quickly.



Christmas Carol, Jelkyl Theatre, opening Nov. 30

Travel to Edwardian England in the Edward Bond comedy "The Sea," which is loosely based on Shakespeare's "The Tempest." It will be on stage at the Lindenwood Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15-17 and Feb. 23-24, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 17. Directed by Marsha Parker, Lindenwood's Dean of Fine and Performing Arts, "The Sea" is set in a small English coastal village, where, following a storm, Willy Carson falls in love with Rose Jones, the former fiance of his friend, who has drowned. A number of amusing subplots and characters also populate the story.

Stephen Sondheim's "Company" will be on the Jelkyl stage at 7:30 p.m. on March 8-10 and 16-17 with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 10. The production, directed by graduate student Stacy Snyder, will bring to life this landmark "concept" show, considered by many to have inaugurated the modern era of musical theatre. The clashing sounds and pulsing rhythms of New York City reverberate through this honest, witty, contemporary look at relationships. "Company" includes a brilliant score with memorable songs like "Another Hundred People," "The Ladies who Lunch" and "Being Alive."

The season concludes in "the winter of our discontent" with William Shakespeare's immortal "Richard III," which will be directed by Ted Gregory and will be on the Jelkyl stage at 7:30 p.m. on April 19-21 and April 27-28 with a 2 p.m. matinee on April 21. This, one of Shakespeare's best-known plays, is a tale of intrigue, deception, seduction and betrayal in the House of York, perpetrated by Richard, the hunchback of Gloucester, one of Shakespeare's most frightening and gleeful sociopaths.

Tickets for all productions are on sale at the Lindenwood Box Office in Roemer Hall from 1-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The box office phone number is 636-949-4878.



Retirement of Faculty

Two long-time Lindenwood faculty members announced their retirement in May: Dominic Soda, professor of math and computer science, and Donna Card Charron, professor of philosophy and business. Soda, who started at Lindenwood in 1969, had been the professor with the longest tenure on the faculty and traditionally carried the mace at the Commencement exercises. Charron had been with the faculty since 1989.

Eulogy for President Dennis C. Spellmann

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- ✦ understand why you are in college and focus on it
- ✦ set up a daily schedule
- ✦ get involved
- ✦ respect the rights of others
- ✦ develop friendships that will enhance your personal goals
- ✦ commit to a full day of study

Dennis told students, “Ultimately, the responsibility for getting a quality education is yours. Our commitment to you is wasted if it is not met with an equal commitment by you.”

This leads me to the faculty. Dennis Spellmann was very proud of his faculty. He often spoke of having the best faculty in the nation. Oh, he asked them to work hard, but he was proud of their work.

His faculty was so important to him that on August 21... just nine days before he passed away, he dismissed the pain and dismissed a sleepless night to MAKE SURE he started the academic year off with his “State of the University” address to the faculty. He talked at length about what he hoped to accomplish over the next three years.

That was his last “public” appearance on this campus, and he received two standing ovations from HIS faculty.

The last thing I want to mention is Lindenwood’s philosophy and mission. Everything that Lindenwood is and does flows from its mission statement. Dennis saw to that. He worked in consultation with the alumni, faculty, staff and board to revise the university’s mission statement in 1999 to better express our traditional values here...in the context of

today’s global community.

This past year, Dennis spent a great deal of time with now Acting President Jim Evans, the Board’s Mission and Purpose Committee and the faculty in the creation of a mission-based document called “The Lindenwood Way.”

“The Lindenwood Way” embodies Dennis’ philosophy of education and expresses how our university distinguishes itself from most other institutions of higher education.

“The Lindenwood Way” places emphasis:

- ✦ on being a Teaching University...
- ✦ on the strong role of the faculty...
- ✦ on a cohesive curriculum built on a foundation of general education
- ✦ on the university’s management style
- ✦ and on the Pioneering “frontier” nature of Lindenwood.

“The Lindenwood Way” began in 1827. Each of our 20 presidents has had a role in its development, but none, I venture to say, has impacted it more greatly than has Dennis Spellmann.

Dennis was Lindenwood’s architect. He brought it back to health. He took it to new heights. He and the faculty and staff have given it a strength and vitality that will live on... and benefit students for years to come.

Remember — Dennis Spellmann would not want you to mourn today...or any other day. He would want you to do your best and to help Lindenwood continue to Make a Difference and Change Lives – because “it’s The Lindenwood Way.”



Junior tailback Hakeem Abdullah finishes a 61-yd. TD pass play from sophomore quarterback Ben Kisner in the Lions' hard-fought 27-17 loss to 4th-ranked Georgetown (Ky.) College on Sept. 9.

Lion Football Off to Slow Start

Lindenwood head football coach Patrick Ross and his staff knew that scheduling games against Northwest Oklahoma State and Georgetown (KY) early in the 2006 season could come with some possible pitfalls.

The Heart of America Athletic Conference schedule alone figured to be a handful for a young team – currently featuring 23 freshmen or sophomores on the varsity two-deep roster.

As it turns out, the Lions were able to handle themselves quite well in those two marquee games, losing in tough, physical battles to NWOSU by one point, and to Georgetown by 10.

The Lions stand at 2-1 in HAAC play going into the September 30 game against William Jewell (IA), and it's those games against league foes that now become the focus.

"We've split with Culver-Stockton and Benedictine in our first two league games," said Ross of his team's early showing. "We still have a lot of football left to play. That league title race is still wide open, and I think we'll be a part of it in November."

Sophomores Billy Ray Uren and Logen Wright have been the leaders on the defensive side of the ball for the Lions, while junior tackle Dominic Edwards and junior fullback Chris Simmons have played well on offense.

"With young teams like ours, what you hope is that you get better each time out," said Ross.

Sports Teams Garner Four National Titles

National championships have become the standard of achievement for athletic teams at Lindenwood. Four Lion programs added to the growing number of elite banners hanging in the Performance Arena this past spring.

The LU ice hockey program produced its first national championship on the women's side in March when Coach Vince O'Mara's team won a dramatic overtime championship match against Robert Morris to take the crown.

The 2006 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Women's National Tournament was held in St. Charles, and the Lady Lions received a boost from a large and boisterous home crowd.

The second week in April was huge for another pair of Lion athletic programs as the Lion roller hockey and shooting teams both recorded repeat national championships.

Coach Joe Steenbergen's powerhouse shooting squad was dominant again at the Intercollegiate National Championship in clay target sports, winning the title for the third year in a row and finishing ahead of Texas A&M and Mizzou.

Two separate LU men's roller hockey teams also captured national titles, in Division 1 and Division 2 competition.

The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Intercollegiate Bowling Championships were held April 29. The LU women's team came away with the national championship. Head coach Randy Lightfoot's Lady Lions swept Central Florida in the best-of-three title match.

LU Soccer Teams Begin Season

Lindenwood's men's and women's soccer seasons have kicked off in fine fashion with the men sporting a 5-2 record and the women 2-2.

The men's team, under the direction of veteran head coach Carl Hutter, already owns a quality win this year—a 3-1 victory over No. 1 ranked Lindsey Wilson College.

The women's team, which finished 17-3-1 last season under the tutelage of first year head coach Laurie Kaminski, also has an impressive early-season win under its belts—a 12-0 victory over Bethel College.

Both teams play at home on Reunion Weekend against rival Missouri Valley College. The women play at 6 p.m. on Oct. 21, and the men play at 8 p.m.

Dean Writing Book on LU's Approach to Management

When Ed Morris came to Lindenwood as a professor five years ago, he was struck by several things at the school that seemed to him unusual in the world of higher education. Over time, those impressions were reinforced, to the extent that Morris, now Dean of the Management Division, suspected a book could be written about Lindenwood's approach.

Morris' book is nearly finished and slated for publication by the Lindenwood Press. The title of the book is "The Managed University: An Antidote to What Ails Undergraduate Education." Morris said he is in the final stages of the project, which he started writing 1 ½ years ago, and hopes to have final revisions done in October. There is no target date for publication, which Morris said would depend on the length of the publication process.

The book is a critique of the problems with undergraduate education: the high cost and the general sense that the quality is not at the same level it was a couple of generations ago.

"I was really taken at the things at Lindenwood that fly in the face of the typical situation in undergraduate education," Morris said.

For instance, he noted that the focus of Lindenwood's mission is better defined than that of a lot of institutions, which he said, "try to be all things to all people."

"At many institutions, in addition to the teaching mission, they also have a research mission, have big time sports operations, are major performance centers, and have many other functions," Morris said.

He referred to such schools as "multiversities" and contrasted them with Lindenwood, which concentrates on teaching and student development and has a small administrative structure compared to many other schools.

"At the time the idea for the book was hatched, I had read a business book called 'Good to Great,' by Jim Collins," Morris said. "It looked at companies that were excellent and found they had a simple mission, unlike large conglomerates, which try to do a lot of different things and do not perform nearly as well."

That started Morris thinking about Lindenwood and how the school, with its student-first teaching focus, is like those companies.

"It makes decisions easier," Morris said. "You don't develop big bureaucracies. Lindenwood's success springs from that. For the book, I've done a lot of research into the economics of higher education, and Lindenwood's cost-



Ed Morris, Dean of Management

benefit structure and simplicity of mission might be unique in higher education. I did not see another institution that looks like this."

Morris said he went to great lengths in the book to say that research universities are important and valuable institutions, but that as an educator, it is difficult to manage the tasks of being both an instructor and a researcher. He also asserts that Lindenwood's approach to the students is different from that of most institutions, in that Lindenwood focuses less on what a student looks like when he arrives (test scores and GPA) and more on results, or what he looks like when he graduates.

"I'm careful to point out that this is not what every institution of higher education should aspire to," Morris said. "It's more the sense that this is a different way of approaching higher education."

Morris said he thinks the audience of the book will be people with an interest in higher education (such as parents and students), benefactors of colleges and universities, and government officials, "because we are often able to provide education at the same cost as state-supported schools."

The book is Morris' first, although he has published a number of articles in finance publications during his first career in the investment banking industry. Morris has a bachelor's degree from Washington University, an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. from St. Louis University. He has been Dean of the Management Division since June.



Construction continues to progress on the new Lindenwood Fine and Performing Arts Center. The \$32 million, 135,000-square-foot center is the cornerstone of Lindenwood's capital campaign—"Create the Future...People, Programs and Facilities." The building will include a 1,200-seat auditorium for theatre, dance, music, lectures and other events, including student performances and professional entertainment. It also includes gallery space, a 150-seat black box theater, practice rooms, studios and classrooms. It is slated for completion in the winter of 2007-08. To contribute to the "Create the Future" campaign, call the Lindenwood Development Office at 636-949-4903.

Criminal Justice Students Get Head Start to Police Academy

Lindenwood University has signed an agreement with the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, opening the door for criminal justice students to attend the academy as part of their coursework.

The program, which begins in January, will be open to about 30 students in the final semester of their senior year. Those who go to the academy will earn 15 credit hours there instead of taking courses at the campus in St. Charles. Students get college credit and instant job training in a field that is desperate for recruits.

Academy graduates will be certified to work as police officers in Missouri. Academy director Ken Gregory said 85 to 90 percent of graduates are hired as officers immediately after graduating.

For more information on the program, call criminal justice professor Joe Steenbergen at 636-949-4729.

Diploma Frames Available at Bookstore

Alumni who would like to display their Lindenwood diplomas in style will find an assortment of handsome diploma frames available at the Lindenwood Bookstore on First Capitol Drive. Three frame designs are available from the Church Hill Company, ranging from \$59.95 to \$69.95. An additional design, from Jostens, is also available for \$89.95.

All frames are emblazoned with the Lindenwood name and crest and are custom designed to fit a Lindenwood diploma perfectly. For more information, call the Lindenwood Bookstore at 636-949-7670.



The Connection

Fall 2006

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: October 20 – 21

Every year, when the weather turns cool and the leaves begin to change, thoughts at Lindenwood turn to the Homecoming and Reunion weekend, which will be Oct. 20 and 21 this year. All alumni are encouraged to come, take part in a variety of activities and tour the campus.

Special events may be scheduled by and for members of the honored classes. For information about activities for the class of '56, contact Jan Riddle (jlrstlmo@aol.com) or Marilyn Gordon (mmgstlmo@aol.com). For information about events for the other honored classes, contact your class representative or the Lindenwood Alumni Office at 636-949-4903.

Registration for alumni will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, at the Hyland Performance Arena on the south end of campus. From there, campus tours will be conducted by bus. At 4:30 p.m., a free reception will be held with refreshments for all alumni at the Performance Arena.

A breakfast with Acting Lindenwood President Jim Evans begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Performance Arena, followed by an alumni meeting. After the meeting, alumni will have the opportunity to tour the dorms in which they lived when they attended Lindenwood.

The Homecoming football game will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Missouri Valley College; tickets are \$8, and alumni should identify themselves at the gate so they can be directed to special VIP seating. Lindenwood apparel will be available for purchase at the game, and the bookstore will be open from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The play "American Rosies" will be presented at 4 p.m. Saturday, in Jelkyl Theatre in Roemer Hall, and the musical "Godspell" will be at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19, 20 and 21 (for full theatre schedule see page 11) at the Lindenwood University Cultural Center, located north of the main campus on Kingshighway. Tickets for both shows cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and can be obtained at the Lindenwood Box Office, 636-949-4878.

Honored Classes:

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