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Anheuser-Busch Foundation gives \$500,000 toward campus center

The Anheuser-Busch Foundation has committed \$500,000 over a five-year period to Lindenwood University toward construction of a \$10 million campus center.

The gift was announced during a news conference Tuesday in St Charles.

"We appreciate the support of Anheuser-Busch," said Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann. "This is a tremendous leadership gift that demonstrates the growing support of Lindenwood throughout the region."

Spellmann said the primary focus of the 112,000-square-foot facility would be its 3rd floor "leadership center," where students will be prepared for critical roles in the community. In recognition of the gift to LU, the leadership center will be named the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Center.

"Anheuser-Busch is proud of its many partnerships in higher education," said Stephen J. Burrows, chief executive officer and president of Anheuser-Busch International. Burrows is a Lindenwood alumnus. "The Lindenwood University campus center is a perfect example of our commitment to helping produce top-notch leaders in our own community and worldwide."

The Anheuser-Busch Leadership Center will include career development services, work study services and Leadership/Networking Development resources. It will feature interviewing rooms and conference rooms equipped with the latest communications technology. A career resource library will contain local and national company data, including information on nonprofit organizations, corporations and government agencies.

The campus center will be a state-of-art facility with a three-level atrium-thoroughly modern on the inside with an exterior designed to complement the neo-classical architectural style of Lindenwood's 173-year-old campus. The facility will feature a modern food court and food service area, a communications center, "smart" classrooms and seminar and meeting rooms available for campus and community organizations.

The building will also house Lindenwood's communications division operation, including production and broadcast studios for LU's radio station, KCLC, as well as a television control room and a multimedia lab.

Groundbreaking for the campus center will be in the spring. The facility is part of an aggressive campus expansion at Lindenwood that includes two new residence halls, which are already under construction and will open to students in the fall.

The expansion is needed, Spellmann said, due to overwhelming growth at Lindenwood. He said that LU has grown from 800 students in 1989 to an expected 11,000 in 2000. Lindenwood will have a residential student population of 2000 in the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Anheuser-Busch Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Anheuser-Busch Companies, a St. Louis-based corporation with subsidiaries that include the world's largest brewing organisation, one of the largest U.S. manufacturers of Aluminium beverage containers and one of the largest theme park operators in the United States. Anheuser-Busch and its charitable foundation donate funds to hundreds of charitable organizations

each year, including colleges and universities, health care institutions, social service agencies, civic organisations and arts and cultural groups.

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