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Hunter Stadium welcomes Athlete Center

By Brett McMillan
Production Editor

The landscape of Lindenwood athletics looks different than it did a year ago, both literally and figuratively.

On Sept. 8, LU will kick-off its first home football game as a member of the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Conference [MIAA] and NCAA Div. II. NCAA logos will not be the only new visual for those in the stands. Beyond the west end zone will sit a new \$9 million, 43,000 square foot student-athlete center.

“Now, coaches will feel comfortable about bringing a recruit on campus, showing them the facility where they’re going to compete and then taking them to their office, which has not always been the case,” Athletic Director John Creer said.

Creer said the original plan was to have the facility open when fall classes began, but that goal has since proven unrealistic. The bottom floor of the three story complex will have football locker rooms and lounge space. It will also have athletic training rooms.

If the building is not move-in ready as a whole by the football home opener, Creer said he hopes at least the football locker rooms can be used.



Photo by Christe Blecher

Construction is nearly complete the 43,000 square foot student athlete center of which will house the locker rooms for teams that play in Hunter Stadium.

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New year brings new leadership in student life office

By Rachel Harrison
Contributing Writer

Change is in full action for Lindenwood this fall, particularly in the Student Life and Leadership office, where Angela Royal is the new director and Nicole Cornwell the new associate director.

The two women assumed their new duties in July, Royal coming from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Cornwell from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Both bring several years of experience in student activities. Royal was head of SIUC for more than four years, and Cornwell had been program director for student involvement at Westminster since 2008.

Royal and Cornwell said they were eager to get involved in student life at Lindenwood, beginning with the Freshman Experience program which

kicked off college activities for incoming freshmen on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

“You know the great thing that we are coming into is the [LU staff members] are just great planners,” Royal said. “Nicole and I are observing for freshman orientation, to see how things are run and the activities so we can take a critical look.”

Cornwell said the graduate assistants at Student Life and Leadership have made their jobs easier from the beginning.

“We’re already bonding as a team in the office, and we love it,” she said. “Freshman orientation is one of my favorite times in the year.”

Perhaps the major event for fall semester at Lindenwood is Homecoming, and the new Student Life leaders gave a few hints about planned activities for that week in October.

“We are going to have a big concert for Homecoming, but we are also discussing the possibility of

The Student Life and Leadership office announced that Mayday Parade will perform for



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<< Director of Student Life and Leadership
Angela Royal.

<< Associate Director of Student Life and Leadership
Nicole Cornwell.

bringing another big concert for the spring semester,” Royal said.

the Homecoming concert on Oct. 18 as part of the group’s current tour.

Royal said the Dark Carnival will remain a part of LU’s Halloween festivities, and she said an illusionist will be added to the Halloween celebration.

The new director and associate director also said they would like to add more health and fitness activities in the Evans Commons gym. They said Zumba, boxing, standard cross-fitness, boot camp classes and women’s self-defense class are all possibilities.

“As a team we are looking to expand as much as possible for the students and faculty,” Royal said. “We will be reaching to students to hear what they want for the campus. Student input is critical for any university program.”

Royal said she and Cornwell would like to implement programs from SIUC so they can better understand students’ wants. These programs would in-

clude focus groups to determine what events and activities Lindenwood students would like to see on campus.

“I think it’s also important to realize how diverse student population is,” Cornwell said. “Maybe have a little bit of everything, like smaller concerts with the bigger ones to give students a wide variety.”

Royal and Cornwell also said they want to expand student life at LU. A specific area cited for expansion is Greek Life, Giang Mullins’ program.

Cornwall will serve as a LUL professor this fall, and the whole office is excited to begin interaction with students.

“Our doors are always open and anyone can come to us with problems. We are here to help,” Royal said.

Commentary: Fresh year, fresh editor-in-chief, goal for Legacy unchanged

By Deborah Starr
Editor-in-Chief

The time has come for a new semester to begin at LU. While most students would argue that summer is the best time of the year, my hope is that this fall will be an exciting time as well. Even though trips to the beach and sleeping in until noon are no longer options for most of us, this fresh school year can bring lots of excitement and change. That is our hope

here at The Legacy.

With the never-ending activities on campus and with the exciting new sports seasons as we enter NCAA Div. II, our number one priority is to keep students, staff and faculty informed on the goings on here on campus.

News is what we hope to provide to our readers, but it is not always easy to find. If any of our readers ever have an idea

for a story or something they would like to see in the paper, please let us know. We don’t promise that everything will always make an appearance, but please let us know what you know.

As a student newspaper, we want to report on what students care about. Give us your feedback. Let us know what you do and do not like. We are here to inform you. With the new school year, our hope



here at The Legacy is to continue to better ourselves. From stories to photos and features to illustrations, we always want to improve on our skills. Greatness is not an easy thing to accomplish, but here at The Legacy, that is what we strive for.

I am excited to serve as Editor-in-Chief of a wonderful staff that is just as dedicated as I am to bringing fresh perspective to this campus. If you have ideas, please let us know at journalismlab@gmail.com.

Lindenwood student wins local election

By Andrew Ebers
Photo Editor

Lindenwood student Kenny Newhouse became the youngest GOP Committeeman in his district on Aug. 7. The 19-year-old won his bid for a seat in the Wild Horse Township by defeating his opponent, Dennis Broadbooks, 1,849 votes to 1,472.

“It was very exhilarating,” Newhouse said. “I was involved with a couple campaigns, but this one was a big one. It means a lot to me that a kid my age can win an election at the local level.”

Newhouse’s job as a committeeman includes identifying potential voters and working to deliver the maximum number of Republican votes from his precinct. He also identifies potential GOP candidates to run for office.

Newhouse’s decision to run for office was not based on building a reputation.

“This wasn’t a resume builder,” Newhouse said. “I was concerned for the fiscal path of my country. I was complaining about what was going on, so I did something about it.”

There was also no finical benefit to Newhouse’s victory. The committeeman position does not have a salary and is entirely a volunteer position.

Newhouse got an early lead on his opponent when Broadbooks failed to show up to the committeeman debate. The decision not to show up was part of a boycott against the event.

“A lot of people boycotted the event,” Newhouse said. “A lot of the members of the establishment didn’t show up.”

Still, the campaign did not come easy for the committeeman. Newhouse had to put in money and hours of work to earn the win.

Overall, candidates were allowed to use \$1,000 in funds. Five hundred dollars could come by the way of a contributor and the other \$500 had to come out of the candidate’s pocket.

The bulk of the work effort came in the form of door-to-door campaigning.

“I went door-to-door to at least 2,000 houses,” Newhouse said. “It shows that if you really want to win in politics, all it takes is effort.”



Facebook photo
LU sophomore Kenny Newhouse becomes committeeman.

Copper thefts are on the rise: Lindenwood falls vitcim this summer

By Cole Figus
Staff Reporter

Over the last decade metal prices have risen dramatically, leading to a significant increase in metal thefts across the world. Copper theft has specifically become increasingly common. The FBI’s website reports that the price of copper increased by more than 500 percent from 2001-2008. Lindenwood University has also experienced copper theft issues in recent years.

The copper theft incidents at Lindenwood have typically taken place during the summer months, and have occurred in

both men’s and women’s housing, said Terry Russell, dean of students.

A total of four air conditioning units were stolen from Lindenwood property this summer, and there is currently an ongoing case where an individual or individuals unrelated to the university are being prosecuted for their involvement.

Russell said because the investigation is ongoing, he cannot disclose more information.

The consequence for metal theft in the Student Handbook, like any theft at Lindenwood, is expulsion, and Russell said the

university is working closely with the St. Charles City police department on this issue.

Russell has also said rumors suggesting new security camera would be installed in non-traditional housing areas were untrue, but said students should report any unusual or suspicious activity to security personnel.

Another security concern that has arisen in men’s and women’s housing is burglary, which is more frequent.

According to the *Student Right to Know & Campus Security Report*, Lindenwood has averaged 16 burglaries per year

from 2005-2011. The 2010-2011 school year saw 13 burglaries.

The report also lists the number of incidents each year for other crimes such as sex offenses, motor vehicle thefts, robberies and murder/manslaughter offenses.

Though crime is prevalent on campus, Lindenwood is much safer than universities relatively close such as St. Louis University and Washington University when comparing crime statistics in their respective Right-to-Know reports, which can be found on their websites. For comparison, Washington University has recorded as high as

30 burglaries in one year [2008], and has had more sex offenses than Lindenwood in every year shown.

“The first line of defense is ourselves,” Russell said.

Lindenwood has many people on campus committed to school safety including a large network of resident directors and resident assistants that have eyes and ears in dorms and houses all over the university, Russell said.

Russell also said that students can contact security about any concerns, and that faculty members are available to receive comments or answer questions.

New athlete center: Lindenwood’s \$9 million building set to unveil in early September 2012

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Locker rooms for field hockey and men’s and women’s lacrosse and soccer will be located on the second floor. The sports moving into the new building all used to share locker room facilities in the field house.

In the new building, each sport will have a lounge and a place to watch film in addition to its locker room.

“We’ve always been fortunate enough to have some of the finest facilities in the country to play in, in Hunter Stadium, and to practice up on the track and field complex,” said Jack Cribbin, women’s lacrosse coach. “But this new locker room facility takes us to a new level that we’ve never enjoyed before.”

A 3,000 square foot Academic Success Center will also be located on the second floor. It will provide services to more than 600 students.

“We wanted some place where we could provide some additional assistance to our student athletes to help them

become academically successful,” Creer said. “Because ultimately athletics is great, it is what we’re all about, but the main reason the student athlete is here is that first word, student.”

The Success Center, along with the rest of the building, will only be available to NCAA athletes. If the Success Center can comfortably serve the NCAA student athlete population, Creer said it may be made available to student life athletes in the future.

The third floor of the building will have new conference rooms and office space for coaches. There will also be a space the athletic department is calling the Champions Room.

“A coach can take a family, a recruit coming in, and sit down and talk to them,” Creer said. “It’s going to be very impressive. We are convinced not only that this will provide what we need for our coaches, but it will also be something that we’ll have a lot of pride in.”

The main hallway on the third floor will be the new home of the Lindenwood Athletics Hall of Fame. The

Hall of Fame will move with many LU coaches’ offices from across campus in the Hyland Arena.

Lindenwood is now one of several MIAA schools that have constructed or renovated facilities for its field sports during the last decade. The most recent to open was Missouri Western State University’s \$10.3 million Griffon Indoor Sports Complex, which was financed in cooperation with the NFL’s Kansas City Chiefs. It has many of the same amenities as LU’s Student-Athlete Center, but also has an indoor football practice field.

Creer said an official ribbon cutting ceremony may be scheduled for later in the semester, but the whole building will be open for use as soon as it is completed during the first half of September.



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Akin’s ‘I am not a witch’ moment

By Rajeh Mahmoud
Editorial Editor

Missouri Rep. and Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Akin should withdraw from the congressional race because it is neither in his nor his Party’s best interest to remain in the race since he is causing harm to the Romney campaign. Akin won the Republican nomination in the August 7 primary election with 36% of the votes. However, his remarks on August 19, saying women could not get pregnant in cases of “rape,” are unacceptable and ludicrous.

President Obama called his remarks “offensive.” Also, a handful of prominent Republicans, including Mitt Romney, called for Akin to withdraw because he is detrimental to the Republican Party’s image.

Akin is not fully aligned with the Republican

Party and according to Thomson Reuters Corp. he was never the Party’s favorite candidate.

Supporters of Akin, including the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the American Crossroads super PAC, have decided to pull fund-



Rajeh Mahmoud

ing for his campaign. Akin won the primary election mainly with the support of the Tea Party. The Tea Party is extraordinary at gaining momentum leading up to elections, but its candidates are what the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* calls “gaffe-prone.”

In October 2010, the

Tea Party candidate from Delaware, Christine O’Donnell, made headlines for her “I am not a witch” advertisement, which contributed, among other things, to her defeat.

Democratic incumbent Senator Claire McCaskill, a presumed vulnerable candidate, wants Akin to remain in the race because she is confident he can be defeated in the upcoming general election.

In fact, prior to the August primary election, McCaskill paid for an advertisement that supported Akin against the other two major republican candidates, Steelman and Brunner.

So far, Akin has decided to stay in the race to make his cause be known.

However, as the saying goes, once the bullet has been fired, it cannot come back. It is doubtful that Rep. Akin will win.

AC wanted/needed for dorms

By Russ Hendricks
Staff Reporter

Remember the winter we had this past year? Maybe you don’t, because it never really came.

With the mild winter, there was some discussion around campus as to what this summer weather would be like. I think we all know how that went.

Normally the heat would be easy to escape by staying inside of your air conditioned dorm. But what if your dorm doesn’t have air conditioning? Currently, Lindenwood has 18 dormitory buildings and five of those are without air conditioning. Having lived in Cobbs Hall (non-air conditioned) my sophomore year, I know what it is like not being able to escape the heat.

A quick fix to the problem at hand would be to

install air conditioning units in the five dorms without air conditioning. However, herein lays the problem. Lindenwood will not install air conditioning units in these dorms because they will be taken off of the National Register of His-



Russ Hendricks

toric Places (NRHP) list.

As a student who is pursuing a degree in history, I appreciate the notion of preserving our nations past, but when people are expected to live in these places and not be allowed to use anything more than a fan to cool themselves, it becomes a safety hazard.

Given Lindenwood is very open and accommodating to students who have special conditions that require air conditioned rooms, I do not think it is fair that students without air conditioning pay the same room and board fees as students with air conditioning.

Cutting living costs for students living in non-air-conditioned dorms is a win-win situation for both the school and the students: the students save money and Lindenwood will not have to worry about installing air conditioning units, which would cost thousands of dollars.

I do not expect Lindenwood to change their policy overnight, but I do ask that they consider the students who have to endure constant heat of the first weeks of the semester.



By Branden Swyers
Managing Editor

Being a commuter student has great advantages over living on campus. During my four years here at Lindenwood I have commuted as well as stayed in the dorms.

I think when deciding whether to be a commuter student or to live on campus, the student needs to look at what they personally want to get out of school.

Living on campus is great for students who live far away or just want to feel like they are getting away from home for college. Unfortunately, the tight living quarters and long lines to eat make me question if it is worth it.

Being a commuter student offers the chance for the student to eat at home and avoid those pesky lines. It also allows the student the chance to live without a roommate to clean up after. My freshman year I had to clean up after my suitemates constantly. It got to the point where I started staying at my house, which is not that far from campus, more

HE SAID / SHE SAID Home living vs. Campus living



By Kilian Walsh
Staff Reporter

Living on campus sure has its ups and downs. To start with, you get to live alone. Well sort of. You might have a roommate, but for the most part you are making your own decisions. You don’t have to report to your parents except for a phone call here and there.

This is my second year living on campus and what I like most about it is that you are close to your classes. Walking to class is ideal because it is almost impossible to be late.

Another great thing about on-campus-living is that you can go to your room in between classes and take a break. I always go to my room and watch TV or finish getting ready, since I rolled out of bed and into my 8a.m. class that morning. You can kill time in your own space as opposed to having to sit in the lobby of Spellmann, like the commuters. Something else that rocks

is that you don’t have siblings bothering you while you’re trying to do your homework. I definitely think there are some negatives to living on campus. One major thing that I have a problem with is not seeing my family every day. My mom always talks about all the awesome foods she cooks when I’m not home while I’m stuck eating cafeteria pizza. I really miss my family during the week when I’m at school, because being by yourself can get sort of lonely, especially if you don’t click with your roommate immediately.

Another negative is that you have to do everything on your own. You don’t have your mommy there to take care of you when you are sick or when you have an emotional breakdown. It happens to the best of us.

We walk in strong but after the first couple weeks, we are freaking out with homesickness. Living on campus is great, if it’s for you. It’s not for everyone.

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Fashion Week hits St. Charles runway



By **Melissa Spears**
Fashion Editor

StreetScape Magazine held the fourth annual Greater St. Charles Fashion Week at the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa last week. Those who attended got a first glance of this season’s hottest trends from the local and national design spectrum.

Throughout the week of Aug. 22-25, over 20 designers showcased their designs each night with a theme, on the runway, for an expected crowd reaching over 500. Tickets were sold for \$30 at the door.

Boutique style shopping and a silent auction began each night at 6 p.m. The money that was raised throughout the week went to support local St. Charles County charities. Those charities included the Emmaus Homes, Community Living, Unlimited Play and Connections to Success.



Lindenwood University’s School of Fashion lit up the runway on Thursday night with their “Flair” designs. Recent graduates had a chance to share their designs once again for a large audience. Designs that were modeled that night were all part of the annual Student Fashion Show that took place last spring.

Selected girls of the West Model and Talent Management agency showcased the designs. Junior Danielle Rolla enjoyed modeling her fellow students’ designs.

“I’m friends with a lot of the designers, and whenever I’m chosen to wear one of their garments I just want to make them proud and showcase the garment the best I can,” Rolla said.

Most designers throughout the week were in it for the fourth year, while others were planning their first time to shine.

Founder and designer of JOYS, a boutique on St.



Legacy Photos by Grace Pettit
The Greater St. Louis Fashion Week was held from Aug. 22-25. On Thursday, Aug. 23, Lindenwood students showcased their designs.

Charles Main Street, Austin Warren, was thrilled to be part of the show for the first time. “It is amazing that just a year ago I was attending the fashion show thinking, I want to do that, and now I’ve made it happen,” Warren said.

Fox 2 News Reporter Angie Mock and KPLR Anchor Melanie Moon were two of the four emcee’s that announced throughout the week.

Raffles occurred for various prizes and “Swag Bags” were given out to each night to the first 150 guests.

This fourth annual Fashion Week was considered just another one in the books with its spectacular outcome. Plans have already started for next year.

To find out more on what took place, along with more pictures, visit stcharlesfashionweek.com.



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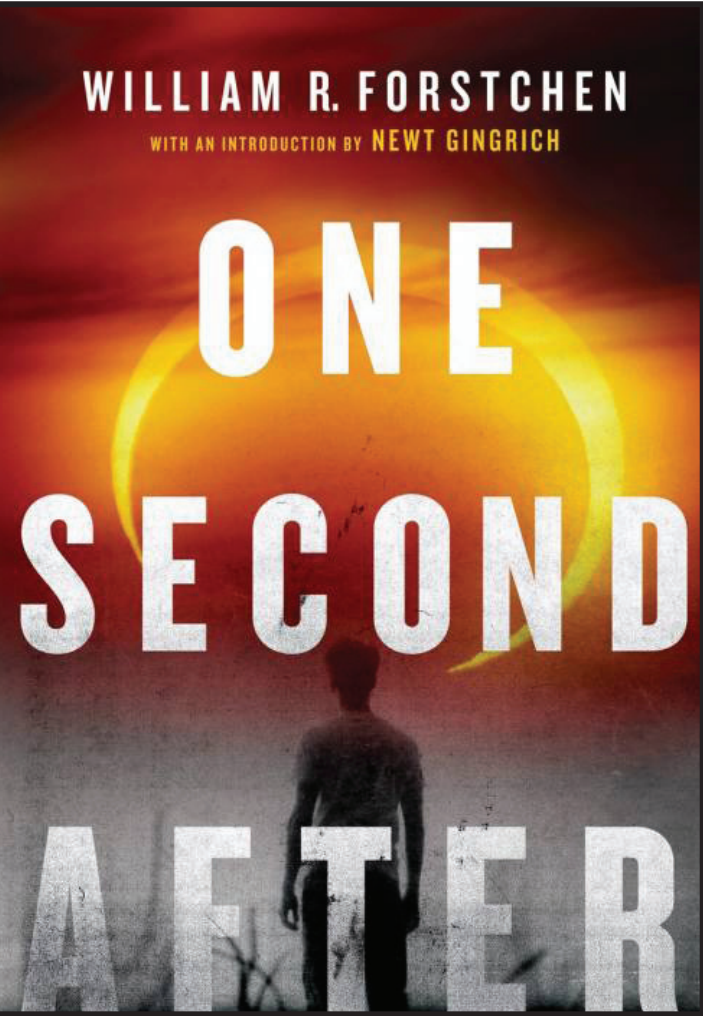
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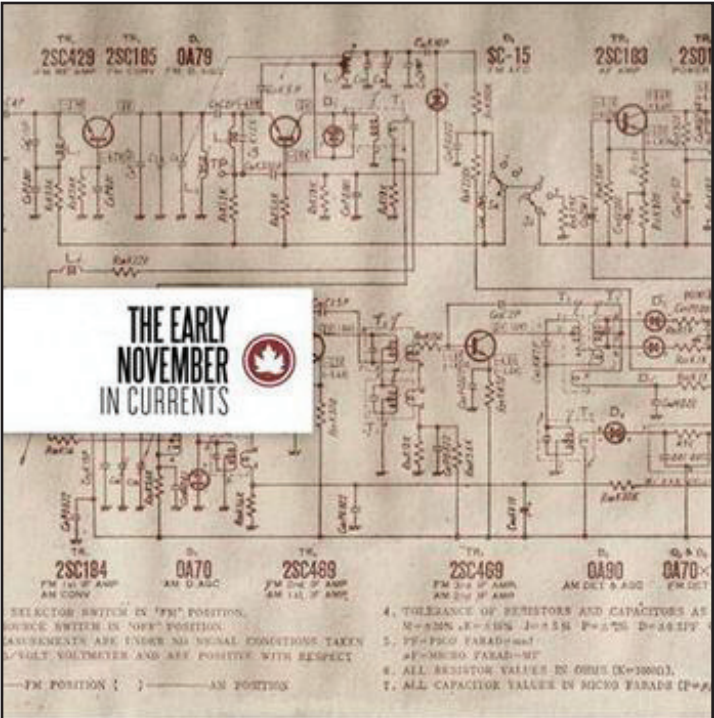
By **Madeleine Heppermann**
Entertainment Editor

As December 2012 rapidly approaches, books, films, and TV shows with post-apocalyptic themes are on the rise. Joining scenarios of zombies, viruses, aliens and nuclear fallout is *New York Times* Bestseller *One Second After*, by award-winning novelist William R. Forstchen, depicting the

effects of an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) attack. Forstchen’s characters are fictional, but this weapon and its effects are very real. Designed to wipe out all electronic devices, the detonation of an EMP would mean the end of life as we know it. Described by *Booklist* as being “A riveting cau-

tionary tale,” the novel follows a fictional community in Black Mountain, NC through the first 365 days after the disaster. From disbelief, denial and fear, to anger, lust and crazed hunger, Forstchen acknowledges the broad spectrum of human emotion likely to surface during a time of such crisis. Honestly portraying the lengths people would go to, to protect their family and their town, *One Second After* outlines the likely course of events that would affect these residents and the measures they must take to survive the looting, violence, famine, death and disease of both mind and body that resulted from the attack. Following a similar basis will be NBC’s new fall show “Revolution,” set to air its pilot episode Monday, Sept. 17 at 9 p.m. Written by J.J. Abrams and part coming-of-age story, part survivalist thriller, “Revolution” will be set 15 years after a total blackout forces America to return to a life void of the comforts of modern technology. Both works are a study in survival and a fight for a return to power, literally.

The Early November are Back ‘In Current’



Courtesy of Todotegusta.com
Cover of *In Currents* by The Early November. released July 10, 2012..

By **Annette Schaefer**
Music Editor

In a surprising turn of events, The Early November are back with their third full length album *In Currents* which was released on Aug. 10. Prior to their latest installment, the band released 2003’s *Room’s Too Cold* and 2006’s *The Mother, The Mechanic, and The Path*. In early 2007 the band called it quits under the title of an “indefinite hiatus.” Now after five years,

the band is together again, and according to singer Ace Enders on their official website, “We’ve never been this invested in a record before in our careers. “Our new record, *In Currents*, is about the idea of being pulled in a direction you can’t control, like an ocean current or the flow of electricity,” Enders said. This description is accurate and can be seen in lyrics such as title track “In Currents”: *Just don’t let it slip*

away, let the currents take control. You can’t fight the time. The tide’s coming back, you know... The new album also displays a new level of maturity for TEN. Instead of just playing straight punk pop songs with the basic guitar, bass and drums, this album shows new range by adding instruments such as piano, xylophone, keyboards and more, giving the album a rich, versatile sound. Every song tells a new story with a new sound. Each song seems to stand well on its own. Tracks such as “Digital Age,” with a live acoustic sound, really stand out. Overall, the album has moments of sounding like Mae’s *Singularity* or Anberlin’s *New Surrender*, but still has a distinct Early November feel. *In Currents* came with a fresh new sound for the band, and they sound better than ever. The Early November will be touring with Cartel this fall with a date slotted for St. Louis on Oct. 17 at The Firebird. To purchase the new album, visit your local Hot Topic store.

Fall back into Film Classics

By **Christie Blecher**
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Fall Film Series shown in Young Auditorium serves up more than popcorn, playing classic films past and present. This year Lindenwood will show 30 films with older films such as “Nosferatu” dating back to 1922 to more recent films like “Midnight in Paris” from 2011. These films do more than entertain. They bring about natural comparison. On the weekend of Sept. 14-15, they will play two entirely different films describing Bobby Fisher. One with the world’s

view in the film “Searching for Bobby Fischer” and one with his own view through the documentary, “Bobby Fischer Against the World.” Some comparisons may show that classics can stand the test of time such as the weekend of Dec. 7-8 when “Alien” and “Prometheus” are shown. All films in the series are to be shown at 7 p.m. Admission is 5 dollars for non-Lindenwood guests and free to all students and alumni with a Lindenwood ID. For more information on the films in the series go to <http://www.lindenwood.edu/film>.

Fair helps students get involved

By **Cole Figus**
Staff Reporter

Want to get involved at Lindenwood and make new friends? Join a student organization. Not sure which organization is right for you? Find out at Lindenwood Student Government Association’s (LSGA) Student Organization Fair. The Fair takes place Wednesday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Evans Commons. It is an LSGA constitutionally-mandated annual event, and the fair tries to help students get involved. LSGA President David Mathias is looking forward to a high turnout of the school’s over 75 organizations. Mathias said, “The Org Fair is a way for organizations to get their name out there and advertise what makes

them interesting, exciting and something students should want to be involved in.” The Student Organization Fair is also put together to help students enjoy their time at Lindenwood. “Organization fairs are a great way students can get connected to other students, and get involved in campus life and see everything that our campus has to offer,” Mathias said. “Organizations provide a way for students to gain a variety of experience that can be useful in future jobs and careers, as well as being a way to make friends and have a lot of fun.” Angie Royal, Director of Student Life & Leadership, agrees the fair is a great tool for students. Royal said, “This is a

great opportunity for students to browse the various student organizations we offer, meet people from those organizations and find out whether or not that organization might be a good fit.” When a student doesn’t find the perfect club? “Students can very easily create their own,” she said. The Student Organization Fair has been praised for being a route to involvement on campus. “I think if you asked students that are currently in organizations, a strong percentage would say they became interested in an organization because of a fair,” Royal said. Royal added, “The Student Organization Fair absolutely contributes to student life on campus because it gives students the opportunity to make connections with organizations that interest them.”

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With the start of the season days away, the Lions make sure they are ready for Sept. 1. A home game against Southwest Baptist University.

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Lions face first MIAA foe on road this Saturday

By Issa David
Sports Editor

The 2011 football campaign was unusual.

"Last year it was a mixed schedule with Division One, Division Two and NAIA," said Patrick Ross, head coach.

With LU now an almost full-time member of the NCAA, an 11 game Mid America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference schedule will be played.

Even though last year was strange, the three year progression from NAIA to NCAA is "outstanding. I think our players are excited about the transition and getting a chance to play new teams and joining the MIAA," Ross said.

This year, like 2011, will

see the Lions end the season with no playoffs. "The bummer is not having an opportunity to play in the postseason," Ross said.

However, the team will still go out and attempt to win games.

While not playing in the postseason is a let-down, at least the team will be out of the fieldhouse. The new home for football will be the Student-Athlete Center. The Lions will meet and have their locker rooms there. "The fact that we are going to have one of the best facilities outside of Div. I will make a huge impact," Ross said.

The team is also wearing new uniforms. For the players, they know that they are not in the NAIA anymore. "This transi-

tion has actually been a lot different," said Denodus O'Bryant, senior running back. "Last year we thought we were officially in it and now we're officially in the NCAA."

O'Bryant also explained that, in the NAIA, football season started a little later, and there were fewer practices. The Lions first game is Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. against Lincoln University of Missouri in Jefferson City. The second or third week of Sept. was usually when things kicked off.

The team has also had more workouts in preparation for this schedule. Div. II teams are stronger and quicker than NAIA opponents.

The first home football game is Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

W. Soccer ready to roll

By Chase Stewart
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Lady Lions women's soccer team has begun pre-season practices and is preparing for its inaugural year in the MIAA at the NCAA Div. II level.

After a two year transition which featured a schedule mixed with opponents from both leagues, the Lady Lions are prepared for their first year of MIAA conference play.

The Lady Lions will play hosts on Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. against University of Illinois-Springfield and will begin conference play on Sept. 14 when they take on Northwest Missouri State University at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium.

Head coach Laurie Kaminski is excited about playing in the new conference and is confident that her team is fully prepared for Div. II because of the schedules of previous seasons. "The transition into the NCAA has gone very well for us," Kaminski said. "We played a schedule heavy with Div. II teams last year and we're looking forward to the challenge of the conference schedule this year."

The Lady Lions are ranked tenth out of 12 teams in the MIAA pre-season poll.

"We don't pay too much attention to pre-season polls, but it definitely does motivate us and we are ready to prove to everybody that we belong here," Kaminski said.

The Lady Lions will be unable to qualify for postseason play, but that has not caused them to lose focus on their goal of winning the conference. "We're looking to win right away," Kaminski said. "We're not just happy to be here. We want to protect our home field when we play here and be able to go on the road and get wins there as well."

Senior mid-fielder Hannah McKeon echoed Coach Kaminski's passion for immediate success. "Our main goal is to make an impact," McKeon said. "We want to win the conference even though we cannot qualify for the postseason this year."

Coach Kaminski has been pleased with the competition she has seen in the team's pre-season practices with returning players and newcomers alike contending for spots on the field. "We have a very deep team this season and we are very talented," she said. "We have brought in very versatile players over the years that can play multiple positions and we are fully prepared for a long season."

The Lady Lions are coming off an 8-6-3 season in 2011.



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The Lions’ roar of the NCAA Div. II

By Issa David
Sports Editor

Almost two and a half years ago, Lindenwood officials met to discuss the possibility of moving from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the NCAA. Much has happened since then and more will happen in the coming months.

Twenty-seven sports will be at the Div. II and above level: for men’s and women’s - basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, track and field, swimming and diving, volleyball, tennis and lacrosse.

On the men’s side: football, baseball and wrestling.

For the women: gymnastics, field hockey and softball.

Women’s ice hockey is a Div. I sport that will play in the College Hockey of America conference.

LU’s primary conference - where most teams will play - is the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA). Those programs are: football, baseball, wrestling, softball; men’s and women’s: soccer, volleyball,



tennis and basketball.

In July, LU Athletics gained provisional membership into the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Being this type of a member means that the school can brand itself as an NCAA university, while last year, it could not.

“The whole process is three years, and we’ve

completed two of the three years,” said John Creer, Athletic Director. “The first two years we are just candidates.”

There are disadvantages to being a provisional member, such as teams not

being able to play in postseason as well as the NCAA not providing LU with funds. “They want to make sure you are doing everything the right way before they give you full rights of membership,” Creer said. “The

NCAA provides a lot of financial incentives.” These are “benefits that we cannot receive as a provisional member.”

In addition to getting more privileges, coaches are adjusting to having greater control of their teams. In the past, they had to make a request for major items. The offer needed to be granted

by the executive offices. Now, a budget for each team is in place. Another aspect that coaches are controlling is awarding scholarships.

Previously, admissions gave grants to student-athletes. However, if a player quit the sport, the grants did not get cut-off. This is because the grant was academic, and not athletic. Now, the university has moved away from grants to athletic scholarships, and coaches choose who gets one. Also, if a player leaves, he/she stops receiving the money. The NCAA has a yearly limit on these.

In order to help get more top recruits and move operations away from the athletic fieldhouse, LU built the Student-Athlete Center. Behind Hunter Stadium, it will house the sports that use the field: football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. Inside there are multiple locker rooms, offices, a gym, a tutoring center and meeting rooms. Lindenwood will be a full NCAA college in summer of 2013.

LU soccer rises to third in poll

By Chase Stewart
Staff Reporter

The Lindenwood Lions men’s soccer team is readily preparing for their inaugural season in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA).

The Lions began pre-season practice earlier this month and will be competing as a member at the NCAA Div. II level.

Head Coach Carl Hutter noted he has been impressed with the way his team has made the transition from the NAIA into the NCAA and believes they are prepared. “The transition has been fine,” Hutter said. “Over the years we’ve been competing against some very good teams, and so we’re prepared for competition in the MIAA.”

Hutter expressed excitement about the opportunity to compete in a postseason tournament this year upon qualifying.

The Lions are ranked third out of eight teams in the MIAA’s pre-season poll, an impressive feat for a team that is new to the conference.

However, Hutter noted the formality of preseason polls. “At the end of the day, it’s all gotta be settled on the field so I don’t pay too much attention to

it,” he said. “We have a standard here to live up to, and we expect to be competing for the top spot in the conference this season.”

Junior mid-fielder Eric Olvera expressed excitement about the type of team that the program boasts in 2012. “We have a good mix of youth and experience on the team this year and we are pumped about the opportunity for a conference postseason and are really looking forward to winning the conference this year and making a statement going into next season when we will have the opportunity to win a national title,” Olvera said.

Hutter noted that his squad seemed focused in preparation for the season so far.

“We have significant returning players and we are a group that is very together and hungry to make history here at Lindenwood University,” he said. “We really want to win games and have success on the field, but we also make a big point here of having fun and enjoying the game of soccer and supporting the other sports here as well.”

The first game is Sept. 1 at Missouri S&T and Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. is the first home game against Maryville Univeristy.

Volleyball faces tough MIAA schedule

By John Tessmer
Contributing Writer

This season, the Lady Lions volleyball team will be official members of the MIAA.

Last year the team played opponents from the NAIA, but now all competition will be Div. II.

“I look forward to being considered an NCAA athlete in one of the most challenging Div. II conferences there is,” said Kaila Schrimpf, senior defensive specialist.

The Lions had success last year with a record of 27-13. “As a team we were all pretty upset about the pre-season rankings. They had us ranked tenth in our conference even below teams we beat last year,” Schrimpf said. “The team wants to prove that we belong in this conference and want to be taken seriously.”

Head Coach Ron Young had the girls do more strength and conditioning in the off-season to keep up with the competition. This is “an area in which the school has stepped up to the plate by providing every NCAA team with a strength and conditioning program through the exercise sciences,” Young said.

According to Young, conditioning is just one of the many challenges. The team is going to play against stronger athletes with more ability. Traveling to



Legacy photo by Christie Blecher
The Lady Lions volleyball team scrimmaged on Thursday, Aug. 16. The women’s season starts on Sept. 1.

new locations and new gyms is going to be a bit of a hurdle.

Recruiting also looks to be an issue for the team. “We always recruited from the senior class year to year, and now the process kind of goes earlier,” Young said. “We’re now signing kids who are juniors in high school.”

While the university stresses academics over athletics, they have supported the athletics program through equipment upgrades.

The team has several young players, including six freshmen, bringing youth to a team with eight seniors.

According to Young, the season’s schedule won’t change significantly from the past few years. The team will have 26 matches this season. Young hopes to continue playing local schools, including UMSL, Missouri S&T and McKendree University.

The team hopes that the switch to the NCAA will drive more interest. “We always have great support, but we always want more,” Young said.

The Lady Lions start play with a couple of tournaments. The first home game is at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 in Hyland Arena against Truman State University.

LU looks to begin gymnastics tradition in 2013

By Issa David
Sports Editor

It’s been a long time since Lindenwood added a major sports program, but now, another women’s team is preparing for its inaugural season in 2013.

Gretchen Goerlitz, head coach of the new gymnastics team said, “We have

some really good athletes coming in and I think we will really impress everybody. With the transition from the NAIA to the NCAA, there was a little bit of a difference in the change of gender equity. It was a good time for gymnastics to be added.”

This all got started with a local gym

club talking to the LU athletic administration, and once they researched the sport, all the formal things that go into adding a college program happened.

Next, it was on to finding a coach. “We thought that Goerlitz would be the ideal candidate to come in and establish that first gymnastics pro-

gram,” said John Creer, Athletic Director. Goerlitz, a former gymnast, studied how LU works. This research gave her better insight on how to pitch recruits.

Six women will contend in four events: uneven bars, floor exercise, vault and balance beam. Gymnastics will play in the Midwest Inde-

pendent Conference.

The team will scrimmage against University of Missouri on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in Hyland.

The season starts on Jan. 5 against University of Denver in Denver, CO. The first home match is on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. against Southeast Missouri State University in Hyland Arena.