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Task force to promote ‘tolerance, acceptance, mutual respect’

Walker van Wey
Reporter

A diversity task force formed last spring is hoping to celebrate differences, foster more understanding and create a more welcoming atmosphere for all cultures at Lindenwood.

The group is headed by Patrick Walker, associate professor of Nonprofit Administration at the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

“We want to create an environment where students understand what diversity is and what it looks like,” he said. “Culture, racial and sexual orientation issues still get swept under the rug.”

Walker said that the task force already has made a few recommendations on general education courses that Lindenwood should consider offering, and it plans to make presentations to freshmen in their Freshman Ex-

perience classes.

The diversity task force aims for a long-term goal that allows Lindenwood as a school and community to look at the effects our actions and guidelines have on people of different cultures, Walker said.

“Any policy that affects students, faculty or staff will be improved for students to feel tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect,” he said. “We want to show people how much stronger we are together.”

The task force is open to anyone, regardless of ethnicity and religious background. The only thing necessary to join is the drive to take on such a task, Walker said. Although anyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings, voting is restricted to one representative per school.

He also said that the diversity task force is not a group that forces people to act identical at each meeting; members are encouraged to keep their identities as they spread the mes-

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Lindenwood Faculty

the message, Walker said, which is why he thinks talking to groups heavy with freshmen will set the bar for years to come.

The biggest obstacle right now is the anonymous world of the internet, he said. The ability for any person at any time to undercut all the progress the group plans to make is a very real issue, but not one that the group fears.

“I’m at a loss for words right now at the disrespect and boldness of people on the internet,” Walker said. “That inspires me to be just as bold about acceptance and embracing togetherness. If we’re not doing anything that starts with conversations and understanding and agreeing to disagree, we will be behind as a university.”

The group will have its first meeting of this semester at 1 p.m. Thursday in Harmon Hall Room 138. A presidential advisory council on diversity, which is separate from the group, also is being established.

Tobacco use restricted to eight zones

Phil Scherer
Reporter

A new tobacco policy only allows smoking in designated zones that are at least 100 feet from any university facility, and restrictions are for the most part being followed, officials say.

The eight designated smoking areas are: the southwest parking lot of Hyland Arena; the northeast side of Young Hall; the northwest parking lot of Guffey Hall; the southwest side of the J. Scheidegger Center; the west parking lot of the Campus Service Center; the west parking lot of the Welcome Center; the south side of the gazebo near Niccolls Hall; and the northwest parking lot of Harmon Hall.

The ban covers all forms of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes, electronic cigarettes,

smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and any non-FDA approved nicotine delivery device.

Tobacco use is prohibited in all university vehicles, including maintenance vehicles and automobiles owned by the university. Tobacco use is prohibited in all university housing units. University parking areas also are included in the ban.

The idea for a smoking ban was first introduced by the Lindenwood Student Government Association in February 2016 and was later approved by President Michael Shonrock.

Vice President of Student Development Ryan Guffey said that the students’ well-being is of paramount importance to the campus community and that in this case secondhand smoke may be getting in the way of that.

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Dash of color



Photo by Kelby Lorenz
Zachary Murri avoids getting paint in his mouth as he finishes first in the Splash Dash. See more on B4.

Shutdown of Droste Road set for this fall

Phil Brahm
Lindenlink Editor

The reconstruction of a road along Lindenwood’s campus remains on schedule to begin later this fall, according to city officials.

Plans to redo the section of Droste Road between Charbo Street and South Duchesne Drive have been finished, and the design phase is 85 percent complete, the city’s website says.

“The design of this project is still on schedule,” said Matt Segerman, project manager for the city of St. Charles. “We are still looking on putting this project out to bid by late September and possibly having a contractor on board by the end of October.”

He added that once a contractor is selected, a meeting will be held to discuss the project’s construction schedule. Details for the meeting’s time and location have not been determined yet.

The project will replace deteriorating pavement along the one-third-mile stretch of Droste, improve the current sidewalks and add a 10-foot-wide multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. The homes situated along the construction route will have their driveways removed, and alleyways with parking spaces will be built in their backyards as a result of the improvements.

Lindenwood currently owns 42 student-occupied homes that will be affected by the construction.

The project is expected to cost nearly \$5 million and has an estimated completion date of December 2017, according to the St. Charles website.

Adjunct of the year brings business smarts to the classroom

Bryce Olden
Reporter

Steve Holley was awarded Lindenwood University’s Adjunct Instructor of the Year at the adjunct conference earlier this month.

Holley said it was an honor.

“There’s a lot of great faculty members out here, so it’s very nice to be recognized by the university and obviously by your peers,” he said.

David Arns, department chair of marketing in the School of Business, nominated Holley.



Steve Holley
Lindenwood
Adjunct of the Year

“He does what we all want to do and what we all strive to do and that is take a concept like advertising and promotions and make it come alive,” Arns said. “The way you

make it come alive is by making it applicable to the interest of the student.”

Marketing senior Graham Zagrodny said Holley makes class interesting and is “really into hands on learning and real experience.”

Holley, who has been at LU since the fall of 2011, teaches in the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

He also teaches advertising and sales classes at Fontbonne, Maryville and Saint Louis University, which adds up to about 500 students a year.

“I really enjoy the stu-

dents; we have a lot of fun, we do a lot of real-world projects,” Holley said.

Holley comes from a business background and gets his style of teaching from his real-world experiences.

“I actually bring in real clients, real customers for the students to work with,” Holley said. “They get feedback from them so it gives them a taste of what they can expect when they get out and get their jobs after they leave Lindenwood.”

Holley got his undergraduate degree in marketing at Southeast Missouri State and his

master’s degree in business from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

After his master’s, Holley went on to work for Anheuser-Busch. He was there for 26 years upon retiring in 2011.

One of Holley’s biggest achievements at Lindenwood is having his students compete in the Chevy Regional Collegiate Challenge.

The competition involving colleges in the area takes place every fall. Holley has his classes put together a full-blown advertising and sales promotion campaign for a

vehicle that Chevy chooses.

Holley’s students compete against each other in teams. The overall winner is picked by the Chevy dealers.

Lindenwood has won the Chevy Challenge in five competitions of the past six years.

“Students challenge you to do better,” he said. “They challenge you to bring more to the table, and they get to engage and enjoy it, so it works out really well.”

Holley said that as long as Lindenwood will have him, he will be around for many years to come.

NEWS

Evans Dining Hall workers provide smiles



Photo by Kelby Lorenz
Stephen Giuffrida cuts a cantaloupe to prepare for a meal in Evans kitchen Friday.

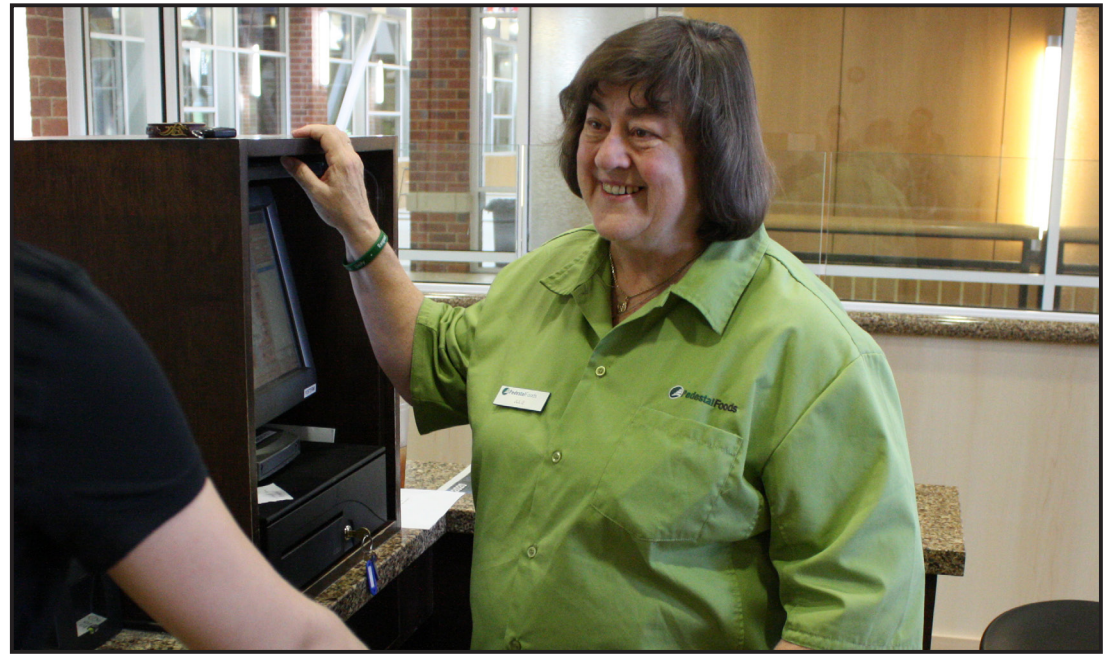


Photo by Kelby Lorenz
Julie Feesler greets a student with a smile while scanning IDs in Evans Dining Hall.

Steve Giuffrida brings NY experience to LU

Bryce Olden
Reporter

Stephen Giuffrida, a former New York chef who now is in charge behind the scenes of Evans dining hall, took an unlikely route to Lindenwood.

In college, he majored in journalism so he could follow in the footsteps of his grandfather who worked for "The New York Times."

But Giuffrida never took a job in journalism; instead he gravitated toward hospitality.

"I took a job in the hotel industry — it was a conference center — and I really didn't enjoy that," he said. "I kind of got attracted to the back of the house, the cooking side of it, and then I just kind of fell in love with it."

Giuffrida was hired by Playboy Resorts, where he was put through months of extensive training in the kitchen.

His breakthrough moment as a chef came when he did a cooking exhibition with TV personality Regis Philbin on "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

Giuffrida, who is a Yankees fan, said he was excited when he learned that another guest on the show that day was Mickey Mantle, a former outfielder now in the Hall of Fame.

"So I was in the back in the green room with him," he said. "That was my first inclination that I bet that

"I kind of got attracted to the back of the house, the cooking side of it, and then I just kind of fell in love with it."
-Chef Steve Giuffrida, Pedestal Foods

this could be pretty cool." After experiencing some success in New York, Giuffrida had a setback when he got a 4 a.m. call telling him that the restaurant where he worked had burned to the ground.

Giuffrida decided to make a fresh start in St. Louis, where his wife is from, and he quickly saw some major differences in the cooking scene here.

"In New York city there are seven or eight restaurants on every block," he said. "You can go in for Indian food, Thai food, Lebanese food. You can walk out of your apartment, walk down the street and have anything you want. Here it's more planning ... the diversity isn't there."

Giuffrida said that St. Louis also favors a more family-oriented way of eating, leading to more chain restaurants instead of culture-centric places.

In addition, Giuffrida said it has been a transition going from cooking in New York for then-President Bill Clinton, the 1986 world

champion Mets and Walter Cronkite to the students at Lindenwood, who more often than not tend to be his harshest critics.

"You would like to please everybody, but it's hard to do," he said. "You know they're away from home, and it's an international community."

Giuffrida's eagerness to take on the task of feeding the student body at LU is what caused Director of Dining Services Nancy Tinker to bring him on.

"What I like the most about Chef Steve is that he is the real deal when it comes to growing, planting and using fresh ingredients when he can," Tinker said. "His focus is on taste and flavor profiles."

Tinker said Giuffrida's experience not only at nice restaurants, but at places that served large crowds made him a good fit to feed the students at Lindenwood.

"I liked the fact that Chef Steve was looking for a home and not a job," she said.

Julie Feesler has positive impact on students

Alexandra Napoli
Reporter

After retiring from 25 years of teaching, Julie Feesler said she needed to find a new purpose in her life.

She joined her son Frankie Feesler, a dish washer in Evans Cafeteria, working for Pedestal Foods at Lindenwood three years ago and said her new goal is to make a positive impact on students.

The most important part of her job is to share a smile with every student who comes through her line, she said.

"Before long, I knew their names, their sports, the careers they're planning to pursue and of course, how to get them to smile," she said.

Director of Dining Services Nancy Tinker said this about Feesler: "At the end of the day, to her it's not about the food — it's about the students."

The students who affectionately call her "Miss Julie" enjoy her cheerfulness and her sense of humor.

"She can make anyone's day better," said junior Karly Bulla. "She cares so much for us, and that's something that can be hard to find."

Senior Paige Newman agreed.

"She truly makes a difference to the students," she said. Feesler said she wants them to know how much she genuinely cares about them.

It is that love for the students that has made Feesler excited about the new changes that have happened at Lin-

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-Julie Feesler, Pedestal Foods

denwood dining, because she says the changes all center around improving the student experience.

One of Feesler's favorite memories from working in Evans is when a chef told her that she was trending on Yik Yak, a social media app. Students posted about how much they appreciated all that Feesler does.

The Illinois native and her husband Frank moved to St. Charles after the birth of their first son.

They immediately fell in love with the historic charm and beauty of St. Charles and knew the community was the right place to raise their children, she said. Feesler said she loves shopping on Main Street and enjoying the great restaurants the city has to offer.

Before they were married, Feesler said her then-boyfriend asked her to the 1984 Cardinals opening day game. She said she knew she must have been a special girlfriend to be asked to that game. Now, in their 29 years of marriage, the two have never missed a Cardinals opening day.

The Cardinals fan is also a

huge supporter of LU sports. The first Lindenwood game she attended was a volleyball game, and since then, multiple student athletes have also invited her to their games and competitions. Throughout the years, athletes have given her hoodies and T-shirts to help her show her Lion pride.

"When the players see me in the stands, they come up after the game and let me know that it meant a lot for me to be there," she said.

She said that it can be hard for the parents of these student athletes to travel to all of their children's games, so many of the athletes feel that similar support when Feesler attends their games.

"One thing that's for sure, I know they can hear me cheering," Feesler said.

What she loves the most about Lindenwood is the diversity of the student body.

"The students get a chance to see how wonderful people from all over the world are," she said.

"It gives them a foundation of peace and harmony they can spread as they go out into the world."

Tobacco Ban | Continued from A1

"Smoking is one thing that we can control on campus, and we hope that people will respect the wishes of the general collective here," he said.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, smoking will be banned entirely on Lindenwood's campus. At that time, students who wish to smoke will have to go to an off-site location.

As part of the ongoing transition, campus officials are slowly removing the cigarette receptacles that previously sat outside various buildings. Currently, the receptacles remain outside the Spellmann Center as well as Parker Hall, but Guffey said that they will not be there for much longer.

John Bowman, the director of student safety and security, said that his staff feels like the tobacco ban has been going well so far, adding that things should continue to improve as the year progresses.

Smokers who don't follow the new rules will be issued warnings at first.

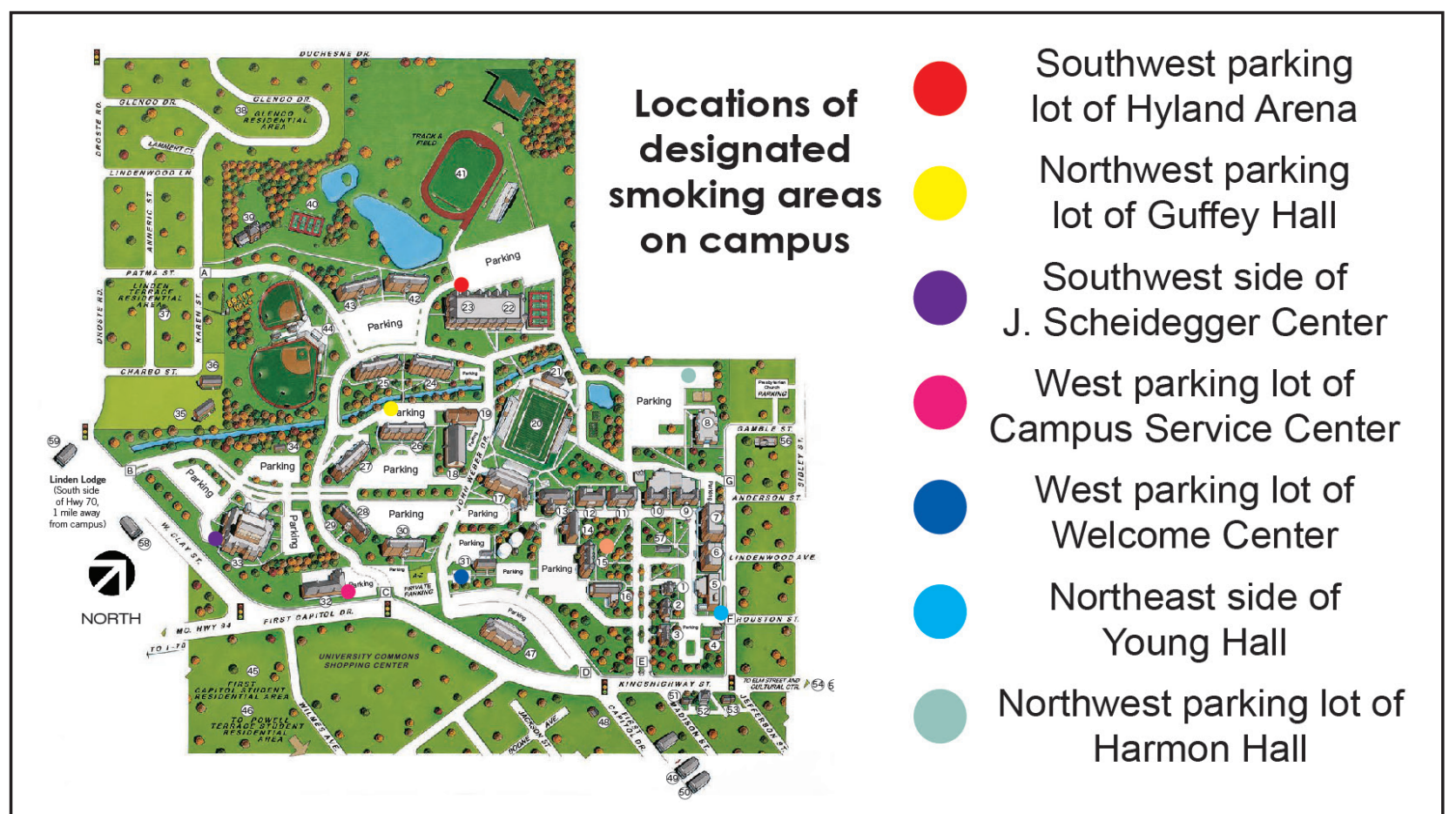
He added that it will require the effort of everyone on campus to ensure that the tobacco ban goes as planned.

"It's up to all of the faculty and staff to enforce the guidelines that are in place, not just the security officers," Bowman said.

Guffey said that the university has been preparing for the ban for more than a year, and that students have been made aware of the upcoming changes since last school year. There have not been any serious pushbacks up to this point, according to Guffey.

"Part of the reason we are doing the transition plan is to give individuals advance notice of what is coming," Guffey said.

He said the advance notice not only applies



Design by Kelby Lorenz
A map showing the designated smoking areas around campus.

to the students and faculty, but also to people who come to campus periodically, whether it is to go to a sporting event or a concert.

When Lindenwood goes completely smoke-

and tobacco-free next school year, it will join Lindenwood-Belleville, as well as other local universities such as Webster University, UMSL and Washington University, all of which have

already adopted the practice. Lindenwood will hold smoking cessation classes at the counseling center. Dates and times will be announced later this fall.

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Pokemon Go: for young and the young at heart

Stephen Hawkes
Reporter

Within a month of the release of the hit mobile app Pokemon Go, critics have launched a moralistic backlash that is unfair.

It's not the moral crisis we have popularly seen with the Pokemon franchise; there, of course, still exists religious objections from some Evangelical Christians and objections over the promotion of animal cruelty in the games by animal rights activists, but Pokemon Go players seem to be facing a very particular criticism.

Whether it comes in the form of drive-by harassment, memes or more sophisticated critiques like from the popular conservative blogger Matt Walsh, it has a basic message: Grow up.

Walsh argues that there are ways adults should have fun, and they differ from how kids have fun. Pokemon Go is for kids, he claims, and doesn't make for good entertainment for adults.

We might also add the time-wasting factor to his argument; adults should choose entertainment that spends their time wisely, rather than wastes it.

But why does Pokemon Go fail this criteria? It is questionable whether it is even marketed as a kids game, because the game requires phone ownership and the freedom to move relatively large distances in search of Pokemon. Kids are hardly able to play without

an adult.

But assuming that it is intentionally marketed toward children, why take this as some absolute mandate? Adults regularly draw enjoyment from other products marketed toward children.

Pixar movies, for instance, prove there are some aspects of products that adults can find worthwhile, such as the story, charm, theme, etc.

Pokemon Go certainly has worthwhile aspects: physical exercise; socializing, since groups play the game together; and participation in the local economy while on Pokemon hunts.

So regardless of the marketing intention of the platform, legitimate reasons exist for adults to choose to engage in this as a form of entertainment, especially if the choice is between this or other popular forms of entertainment.

By most counts this app promotes a more healthy adult behavior than other popular, adult forms of leisure.

How is it that we tell Pokemon Go players to grow up rather than those eating junk food while watching sports, drinking the night away at the bar or especially playing a various assortment of other mobile games?

Really, what is so much more adult about Angry Birds?

For the virtue of the society at large, we should probably demand that all adults who have ever chosen to play Angry Birds in their free time grow up immedi-



Photo from the Lindenwood University Facebook page
Pokemon such as Eevee can be captured all around campus.

ately. It's not that I don't believe people should think critically about the forms of leisure they partake in, either. I do. But Pokemon Go seems much less of a waste of time than most of the entertainment I see our culture consuming, so it certainly isn't where I would start any crusades.

University Commons brings new, beneficial businesses to students

Tyler Tousley
Opinions Editor

Returning to St. Charles for the fall, I was rather excited to see what had become of all of the construction in the area. There still seems to be a lot to do, but I'm rather satisfied with what is open and ready for consumption.

From the time that ground was broken at the University Commons right across from campus to the end of last school year, we have seen a new Schnucks, GNC, Great Clips, U Nails, Crown Vision, CVS and Crazy Bowls and Wraps open for business.

The new location for the grocery store is much more convenient for students than the old location off Duchesne Road.

Great Clips offers a nearby option for haircuts, something that a large amount of students need with some degree of regularity. With that said, my experiences have not been very pleasant at this particular Great Clips.

GNC and U Nails are also a close choice if you take supplements or want to treat yourself to a mani-pedi. Crown Vision is located so the students don't have to go far when it comes time for new glasses. As someone who wears glasses and refuses to even try contacts, this seems like a great addition.

CVS tends to be where I end up for late night snacks and school supplies, so I have positive feelings toward it as well. About Crazy Bowls and Wraps, who doesn't love a new restaurant to mix things up?

Upon returning to the area,



Photo by Tyler Tousley
University Commons is home to a whole list of new businesses that students can benefit from.

they have made a lot of progress.

We have Mod Pizza and Potbelly Sandwich Shop. Mod Pizza is a delicious personal pizza option, and I've heard good things about the sandwich shop as well. There is also a Mattress Direct and a Lindenwood Dentistry opening in the same part of the plaza.

There is also construction on an assisted living facility that is creating opportunities for Lindenwood's Pre-Nurs-

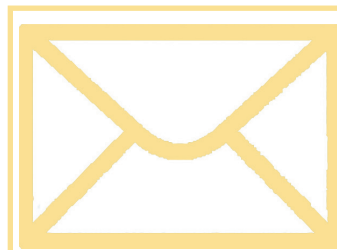
ing and Exercise Science programs.

Though I'm not entirely sure that a dental place or a mattress store (students are provided mattresses) will thrive in the area, I don't know that they will fail. So far I am rather impressed with the plaza.

If I were to suggest additions, I would consider putting in a safer walkway for students to go from campus to the commons without having to cross

the busy traffic of First Capitol Drive. I previously heard talk of a covered walkway, but nothing ever came of it. Universities such as Washington University have provided alternative walkways for their students to cross busy streets; we could easily take steps to mimic something similar.

At the rate construction has been going, I am very interested to see what becomes of University Commons by the end of the school year.



Letter from the Editor

Tyler Tousley
Opinions Editor

Welcome to the Legacy Opinions page! My name is Tyler Tousley, and I will be serving as the editor of the Opinions page for the 2016-2017 school year.

This is my second year editing for the page and my third year writing for the page.

I personally tend to lean toward the liberal side of arguments but encourage people of all opinions to contribute, not just those with whom I agree.

This is my final school year, and I hope to start a few conversations with peers through this page.

To start things off, however, I'd like to offer a bit of advice I have learned in my time here: the importance of campus life.

With my last year of school, I have moved off campus and am officially a commuter.

I lived in a dorm for three semesters and men's housing for three semesters. Having that off-campus housing gave me a taste of what it is like to be a bit more independent.

Upon the graduation of my roommate, I made the decision to completely sever ties with my campus living.

Speaking from experience, living on campus for the first part of college is incredibly important.

My time living at first in Cobbs Hall and then in Parker allowed me to meet a huge array of different people and learn how to live constantly being surrounded by those people.

I was more active in the clubs and events that our campus offers, and I was more social with other students.

Moving off campus, it becomes hard to hang out with people who are on campus and more inconvenient to go to events and meetings.

So why did I move off campus?

I waited until my senior year to finally make the leap into the next level of adulthood. As of last May, most of the people I had become close friends with had graduated.

That isn't to say I don't have any friends on campus, but the people I spent most of my free time with are not around anymore.

There was also the impact of cost. My grant from Lindenwood, which I'm appreciative to have had in the first place, did not completely cover the cost of room and board, and now that commuters can be student workers, I saw no reason to continue to stay on campus.

Living on campus is important and a great way to meet people. It can also be outgrown, so enjoy having your friends close by while you all live in the same community.

- Tyler Tousley

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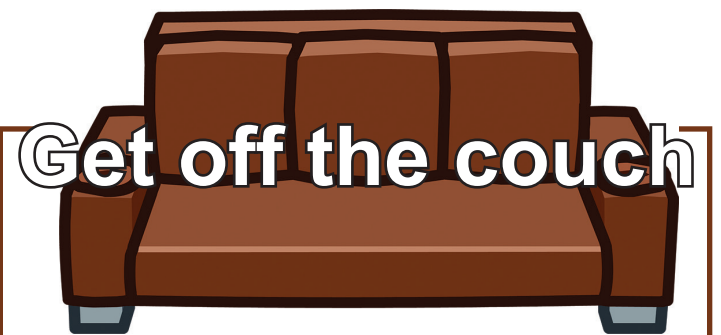
EXTRAS

Featured Photo of the Week



Photo by Carly Fristoe
Student Samantha Kennedy kicks off the first week back by feeding a camel at CAB's Wild Wednesday Petting Zoo last week.

Have you taken any interesting, cute, funny or beautiful photos recently?
For a chance to see it published, submit your photo to Legacy/Lindenlink Editor-in-Chief Kelby Lorenz at kl1786@lionmail...



Lindenwood University events:

Meet n Greek

Sept. 1 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Evans Commons Lawn
Join the various Greek-life organizations for a night of unity, information and fun including games, sports, drinks and food.

Day at the Zoo

Sept. 3 | 12:00-6:00 p.m. | Spellmann Second Floor
Meet in front of the Spellmann cafe at noon to prepare for a trip to the zoo. Admission into the zoo is free but be sure to bring money for food and souvenirs. There may be rides available or feel free to set up your own.

New Student Picnic

Sept. 7 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Pavilion
Come play games, socialize and welcome new students with the International Student Fellowship during the New Student Picnic at the pavilion on on the heritage side of campus.

St. Charles events:

St. Charles Community Big (Jazz) Band

Sept. 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Frontier Park
Head down to Frontier Park in historic St. Charles with your chairs, blankets, friends and family for a fun and free evening of big band and jazz music performed by members of the St. Charles community.



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People of Lindenwood

This week we asked students of Lindenwood why they chose Lindenwood and what they are looking forward to this school year.



C.J. Waldner

"I came here to play soccer."

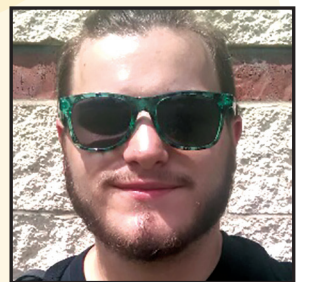


Jenisha McDonald



Molly Imboden

"I like the small-school feel of Lindenwood. It's also close to home."



Matt Balentine

Clarifications and Corrections

From the Aug. 23 edition

An A4, photo of Ben Blanton, the vice chair of the board of directors was misidentified.

In addition, a version of the story "Musical theater actor back from Lon-

don trip" misspelled Alexis "Lexie" Baker's name. In addition, Baker was quoted in a way that seemed critical of Lindenwood University, which was not her intent.

SPORTS

Field hockey seeks consistency

Phil Scherer
Reporter

After showing flashes of brilliance in each of the past two seasons, the Lindenwood women's field hockey team begins another year believing that it has the key to success in the postseason.

Last year, the Lions entered the ECAC conference tournament full of hope. During the regular season, the team defeated its longtime rival Bellarmine University both times they played. The team hoped for a similar outcome when they met again in the first round of the postseason. In this case, however, the Lions were sent to the consolation bracket following a 2-1 overtime defeat.

Entering this season, head coach Sarah Johnson believes her team can use last year's disappointing finish as motivation.

"We are really working on our team culture and working through those hard times on the field," Johnson said. "Last year, we were co-champs for the regular season, got second heading into the conference tournament and ended up finishing third. We were not overly thrilled with the end result, but I think it pushes us to know

we have to work harder this year and not take anything for granted."

She added that recording wins a year ago against consistent powerhouse programs like Bellarmine and Limestone will help the team's mindset this season.

"It's so important for us to get those big wins and realize we can beat them, and it gives us confidence heading into the conference tournament and every game thereafter," Johnson said.

As the team prepares for its first games, players said that becoming a cohesive unit is one of the main keys to success, especially with nine freshman players.

"We like to do a lot of scrimmaging to get into game shape and to get used to playing with each other," junior midfielder Nicole Johnston said. "There is a lot to get used to with nine new people on the field now."

Senior forward Tara Robben said the team has done a good job of getting through the first few weeks of practice. The only hurdle has been getting the four new international players to adjust to the American style of field hockey, which is played on a different surface and at a much slower pace, she said.



Photo by Kelby Lorenz

Linda Bonagura, a Spring 2016 graduate, on offense in a game from last year's competitive season.

As the team finishes its preparation and begins playing games, it will be relying on its standout players from last season to step up again this season.

Among those players is junior forward Greta Banholzer, who led the team with nine goals en route to

first-team All-Conference honors.

Johnston also earned first-team All-Conference a year ago, as she tallied three goals and six assists in a defense-oriented role.

Another player who will be counted on to step up this season is sophomore goal-

keeper Skylar Starbeck, who will be starting for the team. Last season, in a backup role, she appeared in five games without allowing a goal, and she recorded 11 saves.

The team will begin its season on the road at 1 p.m., Sept. 3 against Mercyhurst University. Lindenwood's

first home game will take place at noon Sept. 24 against Newberry College.

In total, the Lions will play six games at home this season, highlighted by matchups against Limestone College on Oct. 2 and Bellarmine University on Oct. 29.

Contribution by Phil Brahm



Photo from Carly Fristoe

Senior Jackie Linder handling the ball in a game from last season.

New additions give women's soccer hope

Ivy Reynolds
Reporter

The women's soccer team will take the field this season with smaller numbers and key roster changes.

In the 2015 season, the Lions held a record of 5-9-4.

The team's tie game against Drury University landed a spot in Lindenwood's Top Moment challenge this summer.

The team was down 2-0 when Alexis Robbers and Shannon Stewart scored back-to-back goals in the 80th minute to force the draw.

The Lions finished the season 10th in the MIAA with a conference record of 3-6-2. The team was voted into that same rank by other conference coaches in the preseason poll.

The team will have three 2015 MIAA honorable-mention players returning in Robbers and fellow senior Jackie Linder as well as junior Becky

Roberts.

Roberts said she has seen a shift in the team dynamic, mostly based around roster changes in the goalkeeper position.

St. Charles Community College transfer Mary McGilvary and freshman Lauren Greenstein will see their first seasons between the net for the Lions this year.

"The goalies play an extremely vital role in our success," Roberts said.

Last year, the Lions scored a total of 19 goals compared to their competitors' 38, effectively showing some weakness in the team's defense.

Senior Miranda Huebner said she feels the new goalkeepers will help carry them throughout season.

"Having filled that hole with not only one incredible goalie but two is a huge step in the right direction," she said.

Sophomore Brittany Steiger said that the biggest difference from last year to this fall is that the roster is

smaller.

In 2015, of the 24-spot roster, 11 were true freshmen. This season, the team has 19 members, 11 of whom are upperclassmen.

Steiger and Huebner said they believe this is bringing the team closer.

"Simple high-fives [during] each drill while at practice go a long way," Huebner said.

During the weeklong preseason, Huebner, Roberts and Steiger said they have all seen positive traits from the team as a whole, including "tenacity" and "togetherness."

Roberts said the team's main goal is to have a winning record take them into the MIAA playoffs.

"We want to be the first team in NCAA women's soccer history at Lindenwood to win the conference tournament," Huebner said.

The Lions will begin their non-conference season at home in Hunter Stadium at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 against Concordia University.

Cross Country: High mileage, high expectations for season

Kearstin Cantrell
Assistant Sports Editor

While many of Lindenwood's athletes have been enjoying the freedom of summer, the men's and women's cross-country teams have been preparing for the coming season and looking forward to reaping the rewards.

Over the summer, head coach Randy Cole prepared the team with a summer workout program that focused on improving aerobic fitness and increasing mileage.

By pushing his athletes physically, Cole said he has been preparing them mentally for what the season will bring.

"It becomes the best motivator mentally if you know you've done everything you could possibly do to help make yourself the best possible athlete," he said.

Although some athletes have been running up to 80 miles a week, the teams still have some work to do before stepping up to the start line at Truman State on Sept. 1.

Senior Travis Staebell said he thinks the team will be more than ready when racing season arrives.

"Some of us are coming off injuries and have a ways to go," he said. "However, it's only five days into practice, so I have no doubt that we will all be ready

to go when the races come around."

Like many sports, staying healthy throughout a cross-country season can be a challenge but is crucial to the success of the team.

The success of some sports is measured by a season-long win-loss ratio, but the success of a cross-country team relies heavily on how the athletes perform at conference and regional meets.

"The key with our sport is getting everybody to the starting line at the conference meet or regionals at the end of the year healthy," said Cole. "If we can stay healthy and build up our training, we're going to be pretty competitive."

The team has high expectations for new additions to the team as well as returning athletes.

On the men's side, newcomer Omar Es Salmouny of Spain is expected to do big things this year. According to Cole, Es Salmouny's track times are already incredibly close to national qualifying times.

Senior Colin Cernik is also expected to "make some noise" this season. Last season Cernik had three top-seven finishes, including two second-place finishes.

Cernik's times have steadily improved throughout his collegiate career, and, according to Cole, he has the ability to be

an all-conference runner this season.

On the women's side, newcomer Anna-Lena Theisen of Germany has been showing improvement in training and is expected to be an asset to the team this season.

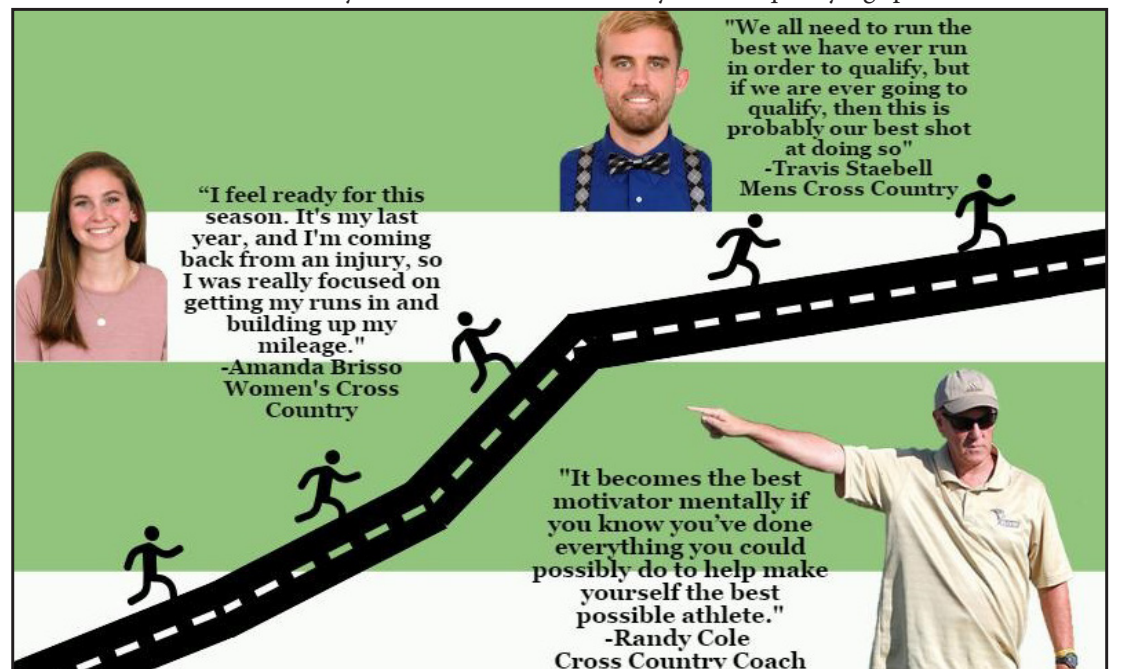
Cole also expects senior Amanda Brisso to excel this season. Overcoming injuries from last year, Brisso has shown remarkable improvement in summer training and is expected to continue.

"I feel ready for this season," Brisso said. "It's my last year, and I'm coming back from an injury, so I was really focused on getting my runs in and building up my mileage [over the summer]."

The team anticipates continued improvement throughout the season in preparation for the conference meet.

This year, the team will be hosting the MIAA Conference Championship meet at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. However, the team has aspirations of qualifying for nationals this season.

"We all need to run the best we have ever run in order to qualify, but if we are ever going to qualify, then this is probably our best shot at doing so," Staebell said. "I'm excited to end my competitive running career on a high note and hopefully help bring my team a national qualifying spot."



Design by Michelle Sproat

A look forward at the optimism of the cross country team for the coming season.

SPORTS

Q&A With VP for Intercollegiate Athletes

Walker Van Wey
Reporter

This year marks a new era in the Lindenwood athletics programs. Brad Wachler stepped away from Division I school Central Michigan University to assume his new role as vice president for intercollegiate athletics. With 55 athletic programs and well over 1,000 student athletes to keep track of, Wachler will certainly have his work cut out for him. Though the task may be a challenge, Wachler looks at his new opportunity with excitement.

Q: What are your primary duties walking in?

A: "I have general oversight from a day-to-day perspective for all NCAA sports. I also offer general oversight on Student Life Sports. We have a pretty sizable group; it's an intricate operation."

Q: Do you have any big changes in the works for Lindenwood sports?

A: "I think I'm still kind of feeling that out. First step is reorganization of staff. We have a really strong staff. Change is ultimately inevitable. There will be some changes, but it's too early to tell what they're going to be at this point."

Q: Do you plan to reassign any funding?

A: "[We] kind of have to reassess everything, which takes about a year to see if everything is competitive with our peers or not competitive, but it's too early to say."

Q: What's your primary goal for our teams this year?

A: "I believe in a holistic approach. I want all of our sports to win championships. I want success all around. Socially, academically and athletically. I want to win [championships], but I also want to win in the classroom and in the community."

Q: What brought you to Lindenwood?

A: "[The] vision of President Shonrock. His support of athletics, both on the field and off. Athletically, we're very strong with a lot of very strong athletes and coaches. We have a lot of potential to move ahead, and Shonrock's vision mirrors mine. Also, when you get to campus, you look around and say, 'Whoa! This is a really nice university!'"



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Men's soccer eager to reclaim top spot in MIAA standings

Scott Mandziara
Reporter

The Lindenwood men's soccer team is hoping for a turnaround this season.

The Lions finished last year with a record of 4-3-1 in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athlete's Association conference play.

However, this record prevented the team from playing in the postseason.

This season, the coaches are confident in their players' abilities.

Assistant coach Andrew Hammerlinck that the team is still working toward goals that they made last year.

"We still have the same mentality; we have the same goals to make it to the post-

season," he said.

According to the MIAA preseason coaches' poll, Lindenwood is ranked fourth, trailing Fort Hays State, Northeastern State and Upper Iowa.

Head coach Carl Hutter said the three toughest losses last season were to Northeastern State, Southwest Baptist and Upper Iowa.

Each of these MIAA matchups resulted in a loss by just a single-goal margin.

Hutter said he's looking forward to his 23rd season with the Lions and is confident in this particular group.

"We've had a really good spring and we've added some new people for this season," he said. "We're really optimistic about this season and the new faces

coming in with the returning people."

Junior Ryan Butchart is one of those new faces. Butchart had to sit out last season due to issues with eligibility after transferring from Maryville University.

During a scrimmage against Washington University, Butchart contributed to the Lions' 3-0 victory with a goal.

Butchart echoes Hutter's confidence in the team.

"I think we have a great group of guys," he said. "We have a great core, we have good youth and we also have experience."

The Lions' first matchup this season will be a non-conference game at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Sept. 1.



Photo by Carly Fristoe
The 2015 men's soccer team in a huddle during a season competition.



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CULTURE

LU goes Greek with recruitment events

Campus fraternities, sororities exhibit double-digit growth in past few years

Phil Brahm
Lindenlink Editor

Lindenwood is gearing up to “Go Greek” with a series of annual recruitment events scheduled to take place throughout the month of September.

The university’s five Greek-life organizations will be opening their doors to new members as they look to continue the steady rise of membership on campus. According to Assistant Director of Student Involvement Christopher Miofsky, the campus Greek system has seen double-digit growth during the past several fall semesters.

“What we are seeing is the result of the investment of the university and a lot of hard work,” Miofsky said.

The campus sororities will be holding events from Sept. 6-10, giving women on campus the opportunity to become involved in their sisterhoods. The campus’ two organizations, Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sigma, both will be opening their doors to members.

Halie Rickermann, who has been a part of Tri Sigma since her freshman year in

2014, said joining a group played a major role in helping her adjust to life away from home.

“As someone coming to Lindenwood not knowing anyone, it was very reassuring that I always had someone to have lunch with or say hi to,” Rickermann said “I don’t go one day without seeing at least five of my sisters, whether it’s walking to class or in my actual classes.”

She added that both of Lindenwood’s sororities are filled with members who will help create networking opportunities and develop lifelong friendships.

Women’s recruitment will begin with a Greek Life orientation and continue throughout the week with several events. During these times, participants will have the chance to learn about each sorority’s sisterhood and philanthropies. Bids will be awarded at the end of the week.

Recruitment is open to all female students at Lindenwood who are currently taking a minimum of 12 credit hours and hold a 2.5 GPA.

The campus’ fraternities will kick off their Rush Week on Sept. 12 with a

Greek Life orientation as well. Participants will then have the opportunity to meet members of Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Lambda Phi at a community event held in Evans Commons. Each individual chapter will then hold events of their own, leading up to bid day on Sept. 17.

Tyler Campbell, Lindenwood’s Delta Tau Delta president, agrees that Greek Life helps form professional connections and make friends. He also said joining a group is a great way to get involved on campus.

“As an organization, we do a lot of stuff around campus; we host events all year long,” Campbell said to the residents of Guffey Hall during a dorm meeting on Aug. 25. “We’re always trying to do stuff and give back to the members of the community.”

Male Lindenwood students must also be taking 12 credits and meet the 2.5 GPA requirement to participate in Rush Week.

For students who may be sitting on the fence about whether to attend the events, Miofsky, who was a member of Delta Lambda Phi at Southern Illinois University

Women’s Sororities Recruitment

Tuesday, Sept. 6:

Orientation, Hyland VIP Room, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7:

Sisterhood Night, Evans Commons Court, 5:30-10 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8:

Philanthropy Night, Hyland VIP Room 5-10 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9:

Preference Night, Hyland VIP Room/AB Leadership Room, 3-11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10:

Bid Day, Harmon Hall Room 136, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 12:

Orientation, Hyland VIP Room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13:

Inflatables and Yard Games, Evans Commons Courts, 5:30-10 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14:

Individual Chapter Events, Various Areas and Times

Thursday, Sept. 15:

Individual Chapter Events, Various Areas and Times

Friday, Sept. 16:

Individual Chapter Events, Various Areas and Times

Saturday, Sept. 17:

Bid Pick Up, Greek Life Office: Evans Commons 3040, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bid Day Activities, Dunseth Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Men’s Rush Week

Design by Kelby Lorenz

A list of recruitment events for both sororities and fraternities in the coming weeks.

Edwardsville, encourages everyone to truly learn what Greek life is all about.

“We understand that recruitment and rush is very much a fact-finding time,”

Miofsky said. “As much as it’s a time to say ‘Here’s who we are’ and ‘We’re really excited you’re here,’ it’s also a time for the non-affiliated student because they want

to know more about our organizations.”

For more information on Lindenwood’s Greek Life and its upcoming events, visit Involve U.

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Rain adds new hue to Splash Dash



Photos by Kelby Lorenz
 Top: The Splash Dash racers throw paint in the air to kick off the party after the race.
 Bottom: Matt Balentine celebrates his completion of the race.

Michelle Sproat
 Sports Editor

When you mix rain with powdered paint and 70 runners, it's a recipe for a race with a fun twist.

Lindenwood's Campus Activity Board has been hosting the Splash Dash every year since 2013.

This Splash Dash originally was scheduled for last April but was canceled due to rainstorms.

Ethan Miller, the graduate adviser for CAB, said that having the run rescheduled for the beginning of fall semester worked in their favor.

"We have a lot of new students here, and I think it's good for them to be coming out to these events since they are new to Lindenwood," he said. "It was good having it tacked on to the first-week activities."

Every year, CAB comes up with a different theme for the event, and this year it was Splash Dash Electrified. CAB used glow-in-the-dark powdered paint, which illuminates under the blacklights on the dance floor.

Sixty volunteers from the Lindenwood baseball and women's gymnastics teams held paint bags

around the race's course to throw as runners passed by.

Jennifer Devonshire, the assistant director of Student Involvement, said that this year had an excellent turnout, despite a bit of rain at the start of the race.

"I think the students have fun with this every year," she said. "What I like the most is seeing the students covered with powder."

Sixty-five students pre-registered for the event, but more signed up right before the race.

Junior Zachary Murri has signed up for the Splash Dash every year since he was a student, but rain always seemed to be a negative factor.

This year, Murri was the first one to cross the finish line.

"I was completely shocked," he said. "I did not expect to do that at all."

The Splash Dash is just one of many events that CAB hosts throughout the year.

"It's just to give students something fun to do where they are active and having fun," Miller said. "People are out here getting messy — everyone loves that!"

CIGS-Speaker Series 2016-17



Sviatoslav Braynov
 "Cybersecurity in Today's Insecure World"
 Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.
 AB Leadership Room



Goran Mirascic
 "Bosnia and Herzegovina and Balkans..."
 Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.
 AB Leadership Room



Richard Millett
 "Is Democracy in Danger in Latin America?"
 Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.
 Dunseth Auditorium



Jerry Koenig
 "How I Survived the Holocaust"
 Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Dunseth Auditorium



Dallas Browne
 "Lifted or Looted? Africa and the World"
 March 23 at 7 p.m.
 Dunseth Auditorium



Carolyn Lesorogol
 "Building Community Resilience in Africa..."
 April 18 at 7 p.m.
 Dunseth Auditorium

BSU welcome-back event mixes food, new friends

Wesley Thomas
 Reporter

Waves of smiling faces piled into Butler Loft Friday to enjoy friends, food and music at this fall's barbecue hosted by the Black Student Union.

All the smells of a cookout, from hot dogs to hamburgers, welcomed students new and old back to campus for one last taste of summer.

BSU President Allen Mitchell said the event was an opportunity for students to come out and enjoy free food while getting to know new people.

"I personally feel that if there are students who are unfamiliar with black culture and would like to learn more about it, then they should come to an event or meeting and get to know us," he said. "Almost everyone is open to talking to anyone about black culture."

Vice President of BSU, Lindenwood sophomore Taylor Musgrove said the group "hopes to create a welcoming environment for everyone."

Lindenwood University's BSU has done much to promote its goal of academic achievement, community service and a positive college experience with events like its



Photo by Wesley Thomas
 Members of BSU welcomed guests back to school during their picnic.

annual '90s-themed party, from which proceeds are given to charity.

BSU is a group that strives to create a social atmosphere that encourages inclusiveness and personal growth, its leaders said.

"We are open to work with anybody in regards to events," Musgrove said. "We are a welcoming group, taking in all people. If you are passionate about the topics at

hand, then feel free to join BSU."

After the event ended around 8 p.m., whatever was left was packed up and taken to Larry Rice's homeless shelter.

To stay updated on all Black Student Union events and meetings, follow the group on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat @Lindenwood_BSU.

Anyone interested in joining can do so by going to InvolveU.

Students can get free tickets to some events

All Lindenwood students and faculty can get two free tickets for any Lindenwood-produced show, including musical concerts, theatre productions and dance concerts.

For the professional series students have to pay for tickets, but according to Peter Colombatto, the Director of Marketing & Pa-

tron Services at the J. Scheidegger Center, some performances have student rush tickets, which are free tickets for the first lucky students.

"Twenty-five student rush tickets may be available for each of our touring events, but supplies depend on availability," Colombatto said. "Students can call the box office the

day before a performance to find out if the student rush [tickets] will be available. If we are offering the student rush, students can come to the box office two hours before the start of the performance, and receive one ticket with a valid Lindenwood University ID while supplies last."

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