

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

Campus Pulls Together; Battles Effects of Ice Storm

There is an incredible story that lies beneath all the broken tree limbs and pain that we all endured last week with the devastating ice storm and power outage. It is a story of dedication and commitment.

After the storm hit St. Charles and the trees began buckling because of the heavy ice, Lindenwood University employees were there to deal with the damage. They weren't summoned in and commanded to work--they came to work on their own accord to help put our damaged campus back together again. And they weren't just maintenance employees--many were volunteers from all across campus.

"I am so proud of the way everyone pulled together," said Acting President James D. Evans. "The true spirit of Lindenwood showed over the weekend. It was a

wonderful display of commitment and love for this institution. I want to thank everyone involved for their hard work."

The storm damaged hundreds of trees on campus and caused a four-day power outage that resulted in J-term classes being cancelled for two days.

Many of the 2,000 students on campus returned home, but those who couldn't remain stayed in the residence halls that

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Kyle Routh, director of forest and grounds (left), and director of landscaping Rick Vogt.

Nominations Due for Employee of the Month

Nominations are due by next week for Lindenwood University's new Employee of the Month program. The first monthly winner will be announced in February.

The purpose of the recognition program is to honor top employees at the university who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time or part-time employees who perform at a high level and who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

Nominees must have been employed at Lindenwood University for more than a year. Those interested in nominating someone should write a 75- to 100-word essay explaining why a particular employee should be considered. Some qualities might include outstanding achievement, performance, creative contributions, or improvement beyond what is normally expected of employees; demonstration of outstanding service to LU; and projection of a friendly, considerate attitude toward faculty, staff, students and visitors.

A nomination is not considered complete without enthusiastic support of the employee's supervisor. Please send nominations to Judy Shanahan (jshanahan@lindenwood.edu) in the president's office.

Did You Know...

That the first annual catalog of Lindenwood was printed in 1857. It is not that different from the catalog we know today ... with a list of faculty, board members, students, courses of study, regulations and costs—in case you wondered, board and tuition was a whopping \$175 per year!!

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C-SPAN Campaign Bus Coming to Lindenwood Jan. 26

Lindenwood University students and faculty members will be among the first in the nation to see C-SPAN's new Campaign 2008 bus during events from 9 a.m. until noon Jan. 26 on the university's campus in St. Charles.

The 45-foot mobile production studio is on the campaign trail to promote and enhance C-SPAN's coverage of the 2008 presidential election, conducting educational visits and programs and traveling to major political events in early primary states and touring state capitols.

Continuing the mission of the C-SPAN School Bus, the Campaign 2008 bus is visiting Lindenwood to engage its educators and students and first-time

voters. Bus representatives will host educational events and tours, discuss the political process and provide seminars for faculty members.

Presentations take about 20 minutes each and the bus can accommodate 12 students at a time. C-SPAN particularly mentioned political science and communications students as possible visitors, but all Lindenwood faculty members are invited to schedule a time to bring students to the bus.

The bus will be situated on the Spellmann Center parking lot. To schedule a time slot on the bus, please call Chris Duggan in the public relations office at 949-4913.

Relief in Sight! LU to Launch New Copy Center

Faculty members may soon be able to avoid standing in line to make copies—Lindenwood University is about to launch a copy center.

Director of Information Technology Brian Bush says the copy center should be operational by Feb. 1. It will be located on the third floor of the Spellmann Center adjacent to the elevators.

Bush said faculty members will be able to drop off documents for printing at the copy center, or print directly to the center to be picked up later. The copy center will be staffed by the INDOX Company.

Details are still being worked out regarding the security of tests and confidential documents, Bush said.

"It's a work in progress, but I think it will be a real time-saver for our faculty and staff," Bush said.

The hours of the copy center are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to noon. An additional copier will be available for use outside of the copy center's regular hours.

Bush also said the university will have a color copier available, but usage will be limited and prior approval will be required.

Ice Storm Hits Lindenwood Campus Hard

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did have power or in the Performance Arena.

Chief Operations Officer Julie Mueller said a handful of LU employees remained on campus as many as 36 hours straight over the fateful weekend, clearing campus roadways, ensuring resident students' safety and comfort and removing hazards to students, faculty and staff.

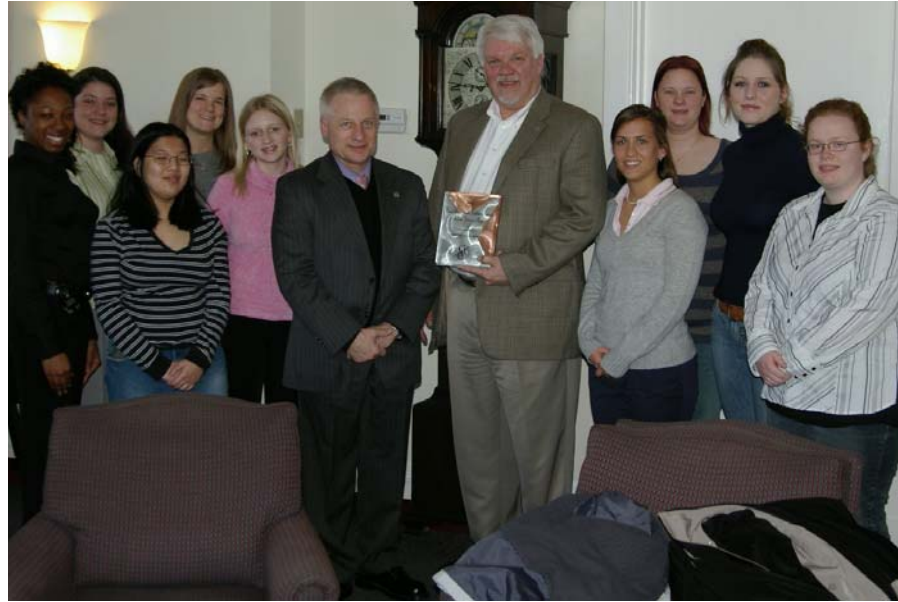
"I wouldn't want to single anyone out,

because many, many people were here for many hours," said Mueller. "We appreciate the efforts of everyone who contributed. We have a great team."

AmerenUE finally restored power to the campus Tuesday evening, and J-term classes resumed Wednesday. But the effects of the storm lingered. There were still telephone and technological glitches being resolved Wednesday, and branches and limbs still were being cleared later in the week.

American Humanics Team Recognized Once Again

LU's American Humanics team was honored earlier this month in Washington D.C., receiving the Points of Light Foundation Excellence in Community Service and Volunteerism Award. The students visited the president's office recently to show their hardware to Dr. Evans. Back row from left: Belinda Rodgers, Jessica Rhodes, Emily Hahn, Melissa Keim and Kristen Smith. Front row from left: Valerie Riley, Lisa Long, Acting President James D. Evans, Professor Jack Beckerle, Shannon Spath and Megan Frueh. Not pictured: Ecko Pinchon, Phil Rutledge and Jacaue Harrison.



Life Insurance Sign-ups Wednesday in Spellmann Center

As reported in the last edition of *Communique*, Lindenwood University is offering group life insurance to its employees. This is a low-cost way to buy up to \$100,000 of guaranteed issue life insurance coverage.

The coverage is provided by Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. A representative of Guardian will be at Lindenwood to help with enrollment on

Wednesday, Jan. 24. The enrollment meetings will be held in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the fourth floor of the Spellmann Center every hour, starting at 1:30 p.m. The last meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend, two additional meetings will be held at the same location at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5.

Morris Takes Financial Institutions Class to Chicago

For the last week of the 2007 J-Term, the 21 students in Professor Ed Morris' Financial Institutions class (BA 422) got a firsthand look at the exchanges, banks, and financial advisory firms of Chicago. They traveled to and from Chicago by AMTRAK and stayed at the downtown Marriott Courtyard.

Highlights of the trip included a tour of the Chicago Board of Trade (along with the president of Toyota!), lunch at the prestigious Union League Club hosted by the president of Chicago's North Shore Bank & Trust, a tour and special

class at both the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board Options Exchange, a lecture on currency economics at the Federal Reserve Bank, an overview of job possibilities in the mutual fund industry at Morningstar, Inc, and a presentation on mergers and acquisitions in the boardroom of the investment banking firm of Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin.

All the students seemed to agree with senior Curt Joseph's opinion that the trip was "an experience of a lifetime."

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Ambassador Program Gets New Life Under Finch

The Student Ambassador Program has been given a new spin on an old tradition under the direction of Joanna Finch.

Twenty-five top students will be selected to represent Lindenwood as ambassadors this first year. After the applications are received, students will be interviewed by a panel of selected LU faculty and staff members. The students chosen will be primarily responsible for tours through the admission department, working with the Alumni office and assisting with the New Student Orientation program in the fall.

This elite group of students will not only be given experience of speaking in front of large groups, event planning and a confidence like none other, they will also be eligible to receive an additional work and learn to compensate for the additional planning and time involvement.

Finch will be acquiring Lindenwood Ambassador jackets, sweatshirts, and T-shirts for the group.

“This is going to be a great opportunity for some of our proud Lindenwood students,” said Finch. “I look forward to getting this program started.”

Gentleman's Pageant Seeking Faculty, Staff Help

The student group called The Vine will be putting on The LU Gentleman's Pageant and Spaghetti dinner from 5:15-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the Connection (1st floor of the Spellmann Center).

During the event, groups of students consisting of four ladies and one gentleman will compete in a fashion show. The ladies will dress up their gentlemen in costumes spanning several categories, and a panel of judges will decide which group has the best costumes. Also, local organizations and churches will provide spectators with free Italian food (with the help of Hospitality Services).

The students at The Vine would like to invite faculty and staff to help with the event. We need volunteer judges and food servers. We also think it would be great to get a faculty group to enter the competition with the students. We think it could be an excellent way to foster relationships between students, professors, and locals as well as providing students with entertainment during the cold, dreary weeks of February. If you would like to help, please reply to this email by contacting Maria Porch at (636) 255-5538, or Sibleyrd@lindenwood.edu.

Mark Your Calendars for '07 Christmas Party

The 2007 Faculty & Staff Christmas Party is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, December 15, at the LU Club on Old Friedens Road. Dinner begins at 6 and dancing at 7:30 p.m.