

## Walsh to Assume Deanship June 1



Walsh



Parker

Donnell Walsh, professor and associate dean of fine and performing arts, will become dean of fine and performing arts on June 1. At that time, Marsha Parker will assume dual roles as a full-time professor of theater and an LCIE program assistant coordinator.

Walsh has been employed by Lindenwood since 1991. He served as both an assistant and associate professor of theatre before becoming associate dean in 2008. When he becomes dean, Walsh will oversee the university's art, fashion design, theater, and dance and music programs.

He said he's particularly looking forward to working with all of the program managers and credits each of them as excellent creators in their own areas.

"I look forward to allowing them greater opportunities to develop their programs," Walsh said. "And I'm also grateful for the opportunity to facilitate what I see as unlimited partnering of our students with professional experiences at Lindenwood."

Parker has served for 14 years as dean of fine and performing arts. Prior to that, she served as director of evening and graduate programs and then as director of alumni relations.

She said this shift will allow her more time to pursue creative endeavors such as acting and writing. It also will allow her to focus more energy on teaching.

"I'm looking forward to making that my primary role," Parker said. "Because the thing I love most about Lindenwood is the interaction with the students."

As assistant coordinator for the LCIE program, Parker will work with dean of the department, Dan Kemper, to integrate Lindenwood's evening adult programs with those in the day school.

## Did You Know?

**Did you know that the Old Water Tower has been a fixture at Lindenwood since 1883? Adjacent to this landmark, until at least the 1950s, was a reservoir. Between the 1920s and 1950s, the Water Tower supported a large red neon sign advertising "Lindenwood College," placed there by President Roemer.**

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## Haghighi to Assume CIO Post in June with Soda Retirement

Congratulations to Shawn Haghghi, currently manager of the CAMS project, who is slated to become Lindenwood's chief information officer on June 1 after the retirement of current CIO Dominic Soda. Soda returned from retirement from the math and science faculty the prior year to become Lindenwood's first CIO in the spring of 2007. In his first job at Lindenwood, he taught math and computer science at Lindenwood, going back to 1969.



Haghghi



Soda

As CIO, Haghghi will be responsible for the entire Lindenwood information technology infrastructure, including the computers at all computer labs, offices and extension sites, other hardware software, networking, wiring, data communications and IT staff. Haghghi, who took his current position as CAMS project manager in June 2007, was previously a full-time member of the math and computer science faculty, going back to 2001.

He said there are several large IT projects planned for the campus, including the conversion of all in-ground wiring to fiber-optic cable.

"It's going to be very challenging, but I'm looking forward to it," Haghghi said.

In May of 2008 Haghghi was recognized as Employee of the Month for his work on the CAMS project, which tied together the computer systems of Admissions, the Business Office, Housing, Financial Aid and Academic Services. The system went online in three phases between June 2007 and October 2008.

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## Holden, Rodgers Begin Work at LU

Lindenwood University proudly welcomes Angela Holden, D.Mgt., and Christie Rodgers as new full-time employees. Holden is the department chair of LCIE business administration programs and Rodgers is dean of student services.



Holden



Rodgers

In her role as department chair, Holden is responsible for the oversight and management of all LCIE business administration programs. Her duties include hiring adjunct faculty, scheduling courses, advising students and selecting course textbooks. She also will take part in the effort to gain accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs for Lindenwood's business programs.

"And I will be teaching a full course load," Holden said. "I'll be instructing the business administration capstone course in strategic management and teaching management clusters in LCIE."

For the past five years Holden has taught part-time at University of Phoenix, St. Louis, and served as an adjunct faculty member at Lindenwood. She also brings to her position as LCIE department chair 20 years of experience in the information technology management field. She specialized in process, program, and project management in the retail and health care industries.

As dean of student services, Rodgers oversees retention and management of at-risk students.

"I help them take care of personal, financial, or academic issues that might not allow them to stay at the university and succeed," she said. "I am the communicator between students, faculty and departments. I work to get students connected with Lindenwood and keep them engaged."

Rodgers has been employed previously by Lindenwood as an admissions counselor and registrar, and she

has worked as an adjunct professor.

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## **Award-Winning Television Writer Cluess will Conduct Workshops Here**

Award-winning comedy writer, producer and actor Chris Cluess will conduct workshops on writing comedy and writing for television for Lindenwood students and the general public at Lindenwood on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14.

Students in the Schools of Communications and Fine and Performing Arts will be able to attend a workshop with Cluess from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday in the Emerson Black Box Theater. Then, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Cluess will offer a "Comedy Lab" for Lindenwood students, staff and the general public. There is no admission charge for either workshop.

Cluess began his career as one of the original writers for National Lampoon and then went on to be a writer, executive producer, producer, and actor on such TV classics as Night Court, The Simpsons, MadTV, SCTV, Cheers, Newhart, and many other television shows.

Recently the Machinima Comedy Lab hired Cluess and 14 other superstar TV comedy writers to develop comedy web series pilots, four of which will get the green light to be produced for Webcasting.

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## **Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (March 9-15)**

--The Lindenwood women's ice hockey team will look for its third national championship in four years at this week's ACHA Division I National Championship. The Lady Lions are the No. 1 seed and will face Michigan and Ohio State in pool play on Thursday.

--The Lions men's ice hockey team is also the top seed at its national tournament, which starts on Saturday. Lindenwood, which is looking for its first ACHA Championship, will face Penn State Berks in a first-round game.

--The Lindenwood bowling teams will compete in the ITC Sectional Qualifiers this week. Both teams are favored to finish in the top four of the sectionals and advance to the national tournament.

### **NAIA Championships**

One team national championship, eight individual national championships and 26 All-Americans would be a good year for many colleges. For Lindenwood athletics, it was simply a good four-day span last week.

--The Lions wrestling team pulled away from the rest of the field during the quarterfinals and never looked back as it won its third straight national championship. Matt Cauley and Ray Stephens both became repeat champions, and Jeremy Powell won his first title.

--At the Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted by Lindenwood, Chelsea Hardrick was the women's diver of the meet after sweeping the 1m and 3m titles. Thomas Bourdin won the 100 back, and divers Derik Scott and Ashley Wilhite also earned All-American accolades. The men's team finished seventh in the final team standings, while the women's squad was eighth.

--The women's track and field team finished sixth at the NAIA nationals, while the men's team was 11th. Lindenwood swept the triple jump championships with performances by Illiyan Chamov, a three-peat winner, and Zhulieta Mechkarska. A total of 14 Lions and Lady Lions earned All-American accolades.

--The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link:  
<http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf>

