

## COMMUNIQUE

## Chris Rumsey Named Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Chris Rumsey, who was named Employee of the Month for April. Rumsey, who is billing systems manager in the Business Office, has worked at Lindenwood since February of 1999.

Rumsey graduated from Lindenwood in December 1998 with a degree in accounting. As a student, he had a Work and Learn assignment in the

Business Office and made an inquiry about working there when he graduated.

"When I came to pick up my diploma in January of 1999, David Kandel asked me how my job search was going," Rumsey said. "I told him I was still looking, and the following day he called me and asked me to come in for an interview."

Rumsey started out as an account assistant; in that role, he was responsible for entering or monitoring everything that goes into students' accounts to ensure charges, credits and other factors, like Work and Learn and financial aid, are recorded correctly. His title was recently changed to billing systems manager.

Additionally, Rumsey has been among those working with Computer Services on helping set up the new computer system.

He said he was not expecting to be named Employee of the Month.

"I am very surprised," Rumsey said. "I just come in and do what I have to do to get things done. I wasn't expecting this."

## Did You Know?

**Did you know that George Sibley spent his formative childhood years living with his grandfather, the famous Puritan preacher, Samuel Hopkins? Hopkins is better known for being instrumental in getting the state of Rhode Island to ban slavery; and altering the Calvinist doctrine to what would later be called the "New Divinity."**

## Chilton and Deppe Head for Retirement

Ken Chilton, of the Management Division, and Roger Deppe, of the Education Division, will each pursue a well-deserved retirement following the completion of the spring semester.

Chilton, at right, has been with the university since 2001 and was the first director of the Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern University and a master's and doctorate from Washington University.



Deppe, far right, has been with Lindenwood University since 1993; he has a bachelor's from Southern Illinois University–Carbondale, a master's from St. Louis University and a doctorate from the University of Missouri–Columbia. Prior to starting at Lindenwood, Deppe served as superintendent of the St. Charles School District.

A reception was held for Chilton and Deppe Thursday afternoon in the VIP Room of the Performance Arena.

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## **Faculty Book Discussion Group to Launch this Summer**

The Faculty Planning and Development Committee would like to introduce a new faculty enrichment opportunity in the form of a faculty "Book Club/Reading Program" over the summer and during holiday breaks.

Each member would have the opportunity to choose one of three books over the summer and attend a faculty-facilitated discussion during the Faculty Development Week in August. The process would be repeated over the winter holidays as well.

This opportunity is completely voluntary. The university will purchase the selected books for those who sign up to participate.

Faculty input is currently being sought toward selecting books that would appeal to faculty in many disciplines, lend themselves to discussion and be pleasant, accessible reading. If you have read or heard about a book that you think would fit the bill, please e-mail Jennifer Firestine at [jfirestine@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jfirestine@lindenwood.edu).

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## **Three Teams at Nationals; Baseball, Softball Fall Just Short**

Three Lindenwood teams are at their national competitions this week. The highest-ranked team is men's golf, which is ranked eighth in the country heading into the nationals. The golfers will tee it up against the best in the NAIA Tuesday through Friday. Men's tennis is in action today in the first round of the NAIA Tournament. The Lions are facing Lewis-Clark State in the first round. The third team is the men's lacrosse, which starts the MCLA Tournament on Tuesday. Lindenwood will face top seed Michigan in the opening game of the tournament.

Last week, the Lindenwood baseball and softball squads saw their seasons end at NAIA Regional Tournaments. The baseball tournament, unfortunately, was not decided on the field as rain halted the event before its conclusion. Lindenwood had reached the championship contest versus Missouri Baptist, but the game was called in the 9th inning with the score tied 5-5. Because the tournament was unable to finish, Missouri Baptist advanced due to being the higher seed. Lindenwood concludes its season with 40 wins, marking the fourth straight season it has hit that impressive mark. The softball team also had to fight bad weather and tough competition at its tournament in southwest Missouri. The young Lady Lions team lost both of its regional games and was eliminated. Lindenwood finishes the softball year with 35 wins, an improvement of 19 over the 2007 season.