

## **Java 201 Coffee Shop Debuts at Butler Library**

There has been a trend in recent years for libraries to add coffee shops, and Lindenwood's Butler Library is no exception. Java 201, the new Lindenwood library coffee shop, opened at the beginning of this semester.

Liz MacDonald, director of university library services, said Java 201, which is located on the first floor of the library on the west side of the building, offers Starbucks Coffee, soft drinks, sweet breads, muffins, deli sandwiches, fruit and "a lovely atmosphere." A 57-inch television has also been installed in the space.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. MacDonald said response to Java 201 has been very good.

"It is especially busy in the evening with night students," MacDonald said. "They will come straight from work and pop in before class or drop in during their breaks."

The addition of a coffee shop to the library had been discussed for the last few years, according to MacDonald.

"The time seemed right to do it," she said.

## **Cathy Hart Named Employee of the Month for June**

Cathy Hart, director of Student Success programs, was selected Employee of the Month for June 2007. Hart joined the Lindenwood staff in 2003 as an account representative in the Business Office and moved to her current position in 2005.

Hart says with a smile that she feels there are many more deserving than her for the Employee of the Month designation, but she admits she is honored to have been chosen. Prior to joining the Lindenwood staff, Hart worked as human resources manager at Growing Family for 12 years. In all, she worked as a human resources professional for 20 years.

She said her current work has its own set of challenges and rewards. She said every student has a different story and it is interesting to hear some of the reasons students give for not doing what they are supposed to be doing.

"My biggest reward is hanging in there with students until they realize they can do it on their own, then watching them do it," Hart said.

Hart said she "preaches" a lot at her charges, hoping her message will sink in. Students tell her they just need someone to "push" them, and she often uses an analogy of a swing set with them.

"When you're little and you're sitting on a swing, you just want someone to push you," she said. "That's fine, but you can only go as high as the person wants to push you, and when they get tired and stop, you stop, too. But, when you can swing yourself, you can go as high and as long as you want. When someone learns to swing by himself, that's the best thing."

Hart said the students she works with often just do enough to get by; they aim for a passing grade, rather than an A or a B.

"They feel they don't deserve their best effort," she said. "They may give their best effort to others in their lives, but they don't give it to themselves. At the end of the day, you are the one who lives with the effort you put forth. Yes, I do preach a lot."

Hart says she loves what she does and excited to be at Lindenwood.

"I'm thrilled to be in this environment," Hart said. "It's a great time for the kids, and it's a great time for Lindenwood."

## **Last Call for Faculty Award Nominations**

Nominations for the Emerson Award for Teaching Excellence, The President's Scholar-Teacher Award and the Scholar of the Year Award are due to Jennifer Firestone by Friday, September 7.

Three nominations, in the form of a letter of support addressing the issues defined above, are needed for each candidate. Complete award descriptions and the list of past award recipients can be found on the faculty drive in the FDPC folder. Nomination letters should be delivered to

Firestine in Young 415 or by e-mail at [jfirestine@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jfirestine@lindenwood.edu). Please call her at x4188 if you have questions.

The 2007 Faculty Awards of Excellence will be presented by President Evans at the first faculty meeting in October. Each award is made to a full-time faculty member at Lindenwood University who has not received that award in the previous 10 years. The Faculty Planning and Development Committee vets each nomination and recommends two to four finalists to the Deans' Council, which, in turn, reports its choice to the president.

The Emerson Award for Teaching Excellence, sponsored by Emerson Electric, Inc., is made to the faculty member who demonstrates the best combination of pedagogical innovation, student-centeredness, and effectiveness as a classroom teacher.

The President's Scholar-Teacher Award (formerly the Governor's Award) is presented to the faculty member who most effectively merges professional scholarship with effective pedagogy. This ideal may be achieved through nurturance of major scholarship in one's students as part of their coursework, application of one's scholarly work to improvement on one's classroom teaching, or the development of scholarly works for use by students in their classes.

The Scholar of the Year Award is presented to the faculty member who, in the judgment of the colleagues, exhibited the highest level of professional scholarship during the present and prior academic years. Normally professional scholarship is externally validated by editors, publishers, judges, or professional organizations not directly affiliated with the university.

### **Career Service Office Adds New Online Library**

Lindenwood has added the Vault Online Career Library to its collection of career resources for students. Dana Wehrli, director of Career Services at Lindenwood, said Vault is the world's leading source of career information and is designed to make students' efforts at researching employers, industries and careers subject infinitely easier and more efficient.

Features include more than 3,000 company profiles in PDF, more than 1,100 career advice articles, industry and occupational profiles, and access to message boards for insider information, among others.

To access the library, log on to the career center web page at: [http://www.lindenwood.edu/campus\\_life/career\\_serv.asp](http://www.lindenwood.edu/campus_life/career_serv.asp) Click on the "Vault" icon located on the right side of the screen to access the service.

### **Lindenwood Ride to be Offered at Meramec Farm in Bourbon**

Lindenwood faculty and staff and their families and guests are invited to take part in an afternoon of horseback riding at the Lindenwood Ride. The event, which planners hope to offer annually, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, at Meramec Farm in Bourbon, Mo. An alternate date of Nov. 3 is scheduled in the event of rain.

Meramec Farm is graced with open meadows, wooded trails, clear streams and bucolic roads; available horses include impeccably trained Peruvian Pasos, Tennessee Walkers, and Missouri Fox Trotters. A fee of \$40 per person includes horse, tack, helmet (optional for riders over 18 years old), guide, water and a small snack. An optional lunch at a local restaurant will follow the ride.

Guides for the ride include Carol Springer, owner of Meramec Farm, and Lindenwood professor Ana Schnellmann. Children are welcome, provided they are at least 12 years old and are comfortable riding a horse at various gaits, including a foxtrot and a running walk. There is a weight limit of 200 pounds per rider.

If interested in joining the ride, contact Schnellmann at [aschnellmann@lindenwood.edu](mailto:aschnellmann@lindenwood.edu). Payment will be collected at the ride. For more information about Meramec Farm, visit [www.meramecfarm.com](http://www.meramecfarm.com).

## **Schultz Presents Summer Corporate In-Service Program**

Management Professor Jeri Schultz designed and delivered a corporate in-service leadership and development program for the Sisters of Mercy Health Systems HR Executives this summer.

“I had over 25 participants and the results of the training and development processes improved bottom line results immediately,” Schultz said. “They have asked that I return to deliver a customer focused program.”

Schultz said that, in return, they allow her to hand out business cards and set up an informational table about LU, all of which she uses as recruitment opportunities.

## **Did You See Channel 5 Saturday Night?**

Lindenwood University’s new police substation and text messaging program were featured Saturday night on Channel 5 at 10 p.m. Reporter Rebecca Wu did a very nice job emphasizing that Lindenwood’s new substation partnership with the police was designed to make students, faculty, staff and parents feel safe—not because of any increase in crime. In addition, a very articulate student, sophomore Jennifer Jones, was interviewed.

## **Television, Part II**

Don’t be too surprised if you see a video crew on our campus on Friday, Sept. 7. They are part of the Today’s Family cable television show, in which Lindenwood will be featured in November or December. Lindenwood will have a 5-7 minute segment on the show, which will discuss good values in liberal arts colleges. Look for Dr. Evans, Dr. Weitzel, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Castro, and many others to be featured in the film.

## **Day Admissions Launches Online Refer-A-Student Initiative**

Lindenwood University Admissions is proud to announce the launching of its online “Refer a Student” program as another resource to identify qualified students to our wonderful liberal arts university. This program has been implemented to give the community the opportunity to refer qualified students to Lindenwood thus giving them the opportunity to meet with the admissions office and initiate the process of becoming a Lindenwood student.

Lindenwood University Dean of Day Admissions Joe Parisi understands the importance of the ‘refer a student’ program and is **excited** about its implementation. “The livelihood of Lindenwood University recruiting has always been based on the referral system whether it is a board member, a faculty or staff member, a high school counselor, coach, current student, alumnus, or a family friend. We find good people through good people. With this being the internet-age, we felt it was time to take our system online, and we feel that our “refer-a-student” program will be an easy to use manner to continue to recruit the best and brightest to Lindenwood University.”

The “refer-a-student” internet address is located at:

[http://www.lindenwood.edu/admissions/refer\\_student.asp](http://www.lindenwood.edu/admissions/refer_student.asp).