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# Alumnus Uses Lessons Learned to Run a Successful Business and Give Back to Where it All Started

By Dan Naumovich, contributor



Jeff Swallow '82

When Jeff Swallow was 14 and working in the mail room of what had become the family business, he wasn't sure if college was in his future. After high school, he spent a couple of more years working there as a welder, earning money to pay off a car. It was only after burning himself one too many times that he decided to follow a friend who was attending Lincoln

College and had good things to say about the school.

Today, Jeff Swallow, Ph.D., is one of LC's most accomplished alumni and one of its largest benefactors. In 2009, he became a member of the Lincoln College Board of Trustees. His company, Magnetrol International, Inc., recently contributed \$2 million to the school's "If It Hadn't Been for Lincoln College" campaign. It may be impossible to accurately measure the impact his gift will have - how many improvements can be made, how many opportunities it will make possible for students and faculty. What is certain is that Lincoln College is dependent on the contributions, large and small, from its alumni and friends, and forever grateful for their kindness.

Behind Jeff's generosity is a story that traces the familiar arc of the American Dream, but with some unique twists and turns along the way.

Jeff, who admits he didn't have the strongest academic credentials in high school, began to distinguish himself in the classroom while a student at LC. Yet despite earning a near 4.0 at one point, a defining moment in his educational journey, and perhaps his life, came when he thought he might have derailed all of his hard work in one fell swoop.

As with many college students who are living on their own for the first time, Jeff and his friends had been out making mischief and were hiding out in their dorm. As LC security officer Steve Foster approached their room, the young men feared the worst.

But the LC campus has always felt a bit like Mayberry when compared to bigger, bustling universities. And like that town's wise and compassionate sheriff, Steve knew that justice isn't always best served by throwing the book at someone. He recognized the fear in the eyes of Jeff and his friends, and knew that that would be enough to deter any future incidents. He let them off with a brief, but stern warning.

"I could still be welding if it wasn't for Steve Foster. That was a turning point for me. But after that I toed the line and I realized that I had something very special that I didn't want to jeopardize. It was soon there after that Tom called me into his office to talk to me," Jeff says, still grateful to this day.

Tom Zurkammer was his advisor at the time. Again Jeff feared the worst, thinking that word of his hi-jinks had made the rounds and he was being called in to explain himself.

"He was actually calling me in to tell me how well I was doing and how proud he was," he recalls.

Today, Jeff remembers those two incidents as the most significant during his Lincoln College years. The personal attention he received taught him important lessons and he developed habits that stayed with him throughout an illustrious academic career.

Building upon the associate's degree he received in 1982, Jeff went on to earn a bachelor's degree at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. A certificate in business administration from the University of Illinois, Chicago and the Center for Enterprise Development followed in 1997 and then an executive M.B.A. from Northwestern in 1999. His crowning academic achievement came when he was awarded a Ph.D. from Benedictine University in Organizational Development.

When asked about the drive and discipline necessary to complete so many degrees, Jeff modestly downplays his achievements.

"I'd get bored watching TV for two hours after everyone went to bed," he says.

Throughout his academic pursuits - in fact, throughout practically his entire life - Jeff has been working in the family business.

Magnetrol International, Inc. manufactures process control level and flow instrumentation products to monitor and control flow rates in various applications. Over the years,

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### President's Corner

Greetings from your alma mater! It is a pleasure for me to share with you several of the important events and initiatives underway at Lincoln College. Your continuing connection to the College is indispensable to our success, and I encourage you to reflect on your association with Lincoln College and support the College in any way you can.

#### Academic Programs

Lincoln College-Lincoln has embarked on a project to upgrade its science classrooms and laboratories and to develop an outdoor education area situated along Sugar Creek. You may be aware that the largest wooly mammoth tusk ever unearthed was found in the area to be developed for outdoor education. Dr. Dennis Campbell is leading the project to provide improved in-class, science education, as well as a living laboratory for field experiences by LC students and the larger community. The College intends for its living laboratory to be a resource for all those interested in the life sciences.



President Jonathon M. Astroth

#### Extending the Reach of Lincoln College

The College's Normal campus continues to expand its relationships with public community colleges in Illinois. Most recently, Lincoln College signed an agreement with Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby to deliver the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program on the IVCC campus. Lincoln College is also working with Heartland Community College in Normal to offer greater student activities and student life opportunities to LCN students.

At Lincoln College in Lincoln, campus officials are working with Lincoln High School to provide college-level classes to advanced high school students while they are still in high school. The College and high school hope to begin offering such classes in fall 2011.

#### **Enrollment**

At 635, enrollment on the Lincoln campus for spring 2011 is full. This number includes 14 international students, largely from Western Europe, Central America, and Africa. On the Normal campus, enrollment stands at 606, reflecting strong enrollment in ABE, stable enrollment of traditional-aged students, yet a decline in cosmetology and message therapy. Overall enrollment is summarized in the tables.

#### **Staff Recognition**

On February 12, 2011, Lincoln College recognized Lincoln College legends Tom Zurkammer and Allen Pickering for their long and distinguished service to the institution. Between the women's and men's basketball games on that date the College officially named the basketball court, in their honor, the Zurkammer Pickering Court in the Jack D. Nutt Arena inside the Lincoln Center. This was made possible by a generous donation from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Lincoln College also welcomes David Smalley as the new Director of Institutional Research and Planning. David joins LC with a wealth of experience, including

Lincoln College Lincoln	
Full-Time Residential	539
Full-Time Commuter	81
Part-Time	15
Total Enrollment at LCL:	635
Lincoln College Normal	
Full-Time	190
Part-Time	46
Total Enrollment at LCN:	236
MCC INITIUM SAPIENTIAE	
Full-Time TIMOR DOMINI	56
Part-Time	44
Total Enrollment at MCC:	100
ABE	
	270

holding similar positions at Edgewood College in Wisconsin and at the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The office of Institutional Research and Planning will help the College gather and assess data in order to guide planning and improvements to instruction and operations.

#### **Institutional Advancement**

I would like to express my gratitude to Lincoln College alumni and friends who continue to provide critical financial support to the institution. In light of the difficult economy and the instability in state financial aid programs, significant gifts received this year were vitally important to the ongoing success of the College and its students. As we look to the future, contributions from alumni and friends will continue to play a crucial role in assuring the ongoing vitality of Lincoln College. Torathan M. astroth

#### President Jon Astroth's Appointment Extended a Second Year

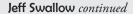
The Lincoln College Board of Trustees approved a measure to extend the contract of Dr. Jon Astroth for another year. Astroth was named the 20th President of the College last spring.

When announcing the Board's decision to extend Astroth's appointment, Dr. Ted Allison, Chair of the Board of Trustees said, "We could not be more delighted at the prospect of Jon being with us for more than one year."

Lincoln College was founded in 1865 as Lincoln University. It is the only college or university named for Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime. The college expanded to the Bloomington-Normal area in 1979. In recent months, College administrators announced new programs that greatly expand the College's reach including a new online Bachelor's

degree completion program in Supply Chain and Logistics Management, and the expansion of the accelerated Bachelor's degree completion program known as ABE to the Illinois Valley Community College campus in Oglesby, Illinois.

Over a 34 year career in academia, Astroth has served on numerous state and national boards related to higher education and was named a visiting professor to Northeast Normal University in Changchun, Jilin, China. He earned a Ph.D. in Educational Administration at Illinois State University.



the company has grown into a global operation with seven manufacturing facilities and nine direct sales offices. They recently expanded into Shanghai and have plans to add operations in India.

Today, Jeff serves as president and CEO of Magnetrol. Throughout his career at the company he has held a myriad of positions, including manager, inside sales engineer, computer programmer, machinist and welder. It started, as many corporate success stories of lore do, in the mail room.

"I was affectionately known as the 'mail girl' when I was fourteen. I loved doing that job," he says of the position that was traditionally held by a woman.

From there, continued education and a dogged work ethic kept him moving onward and upward.

"Just working 12 to 14 hour days because that's what was expected," he says of his secret for success. "That's what I grew up with and I had very good role models."

Foremost among those role models was his mother, Judy Stevenson.

"My mother started working (at Magnetrol) in '64 to help out her aunt in accounting. In '74 she became president and in '78, as we

like to say, 'she bought the place,'" Jeff says.

While he was at Northwestern for his M.B.A., Jeff would bring back ideas for streamlining the operations, automating processes and cutting costs to the bone. It was then that his mother had to take him aside and remind him that there is a human element involved when efficiency measures start to eliminate jobs.

"Of course today I completely understand it. It's more what we're doing for the community and for people's lives than just seeing how much we can improve the bottom line. It goes beyond the nickels and dimes," he says.

Jeff's \$2 million gift qualified him to have the Lincoln Center dedicated in his or Magnetrol's name. He declined, asking instead that a plaque honoring his mother's memory be placed in the center. This humble gesture, in and of itself, is a fitting tribute to a woman who had a tremendous impact on his life.

"She just had this incredible knack for knowing how to do the right thing, in almost every situation," he says of his mother, who passed away last year. "She really taught me to learn from my experiences, learn from my mistakes, but also to give back and do the right thing." Now Jeff and his wife, Madeleine, are teaching those same lessons to their three children: Emily, Heston and Connor. The family resides in Naperville.

Looking back on his days at Lincoln College, Jeff offers this advice for students who are just starting out in their adult lives and are still unsure of where they are going.

"Don't lose focus of your dream. You can't lose sight of why you're there because once you're finished and you move on into a career, it's all worth it."

Jeff's generous donation is greatly appreciated by everyone at Lincoln College. As for how the money will be used specifically, he trusts that the people who work there on a daily basis will put it to the best possible use.

"If it makes it better for the students, then I'm all for it," he says.

Jeff also realizes that he is in a unique position to make such a large contribution, but would encourage his fellow alums to 'give what they can.'

"The more we give, the more it helps. And the feeling that you get by giving, it's worth a lot more than money."





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# Heart and Consistant Support Remain at LC After 60+ Years

By Dan Naumovich, contributor

**Jean (Gasaway) Noffke's** two collegiate alma maters are separated by 60 miles, but are in many ways worlds apart. Jean attended Lincoln College in her hometown for three years before heading off to the University of Illinois in Champaign to continue her education. While she cherishes both experiences, her heart

and her support are with LC.



Jean (Gasaway) Noffke '47

"It's a small college and I had very happy memories there. I feel it needs my support more than (the University of Illinois.) Lincoln College has grown and it has a lot of integrity in its programs and its outreach to the community," she says of her annual contributions to the school where she received an associate's degree in 1947.

Over the past 20+ years, Jean has been one of the most consistent givers to Lincoln College's annual fund. She recognizes that as a small, private institution, the school is dependent on the generosity of its alumni and friends to improve the educational experience of today's students, and those who will follow. A gift of any amount, given annually, will have a significant impact on the school's future.

Jean arrived at the college after high school, along with many of her friends. She didn't know much about the school prior to attending.

"I didn't know the real history. I just read it again, actually. I did always feel really proud that we had a college in our town," she recalls.

Hearkening back to her college days, Jean describes the atmosphere as one where "we knew everybody." She was impressed how the architecture of University Hall gave the campus a rich, historical feel. As for her studies, Onalee Balof – a history professor and later an admissions counselor for the school beginning in the mid 1940s – made the biggest impression on Jean.

"She always had a smile on her face. She taught with so much enthusiasm. In History, you almost felt like she had been there. I remember her as being an outstanding teacher and a very nice person," Jean says.



A Lincoln College legacy, Jean followed in the path of her mother, Ferne Gasaway, who attended the college in the 1920s when it was still a four-year institution. Ferne was a proud alumna who enjoyed attending alumni events on campus. When she passed away, the late John Gehlbach – the esteemed local attorney and long-serving trustee of the school – attended the services to pay his respects.

Jean noted Gehlbach's kind gesture when recalling her relationship to the school, referring to him as a "bright light" of the institution. It's also a telling tale of how deep and intimate the lines in the Lincoln College family tree run.

Today Jean lives in West Lake, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Not long after graduating from the University of Illinois, she and her husband made their way to Indiana, and then to Ohio, where they raised four children. At 84, she's still active in her community and with various groups.

After her mother passed away, Jean no longer had occasion to make the trip back to Lincoln. Yet the central Illinois community where she was raised and the school where she spent three memorable years still hold a special place in heart. Her annual contribution to the school is her way of saying thank you, while helping to ensure that Lincoln College remains a welcoming home for students drawn to its personable touch.

"It's important to support where the need is the greatest. And where the reward is the greatest," she says.

### What's New With You?

We always welcome news items from Lincoln College alumni for use in future issues of The Lincoln Log. If you have news you would like to share with fellow classmates, you have moved, gotten married or had a baby, please let us know.

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# **WLNX-FM Receives Gift from Alumnus**

Boyd Roche, class of 1952 and 1991 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award Winner, started the 2011 year off by giving back to Lincoln College, an institution that he feels laid the foundation for his entire future career. Boyd was actively involved in the theatre and radio programs during his time at LC and has now given a very generous gift of \$10,000 which is to be used to purchase and install a new transmitter and antenna for LC's WLNX-FM student run radio station. When asked about his gift, Boyd said, "I am especially pleased with the opportunity to give back and recognize Lincoln College for the important role it played in forming my early theater and radio career in the 1950's. If it hadn't been for Lincoln College, it is unlikely that I would have had such an early start to a successful career in communications."

In 1951, Boyd was invited by the founders of Lincoln's first commercial radio station, WPRC, to join their announcing staff as a direct result of the lead role he played in "Born Yesterday" with the Lincoln College Community Players. He not only did on-air announcing but also learned virtually all the operations of a commercial station.

Boyd commented, "When I became a full-time announcer during the summer, Lincoln College continued to show its support by providing a room for me in one of the homes it owned in the neighborhood."



WLNX - LC Broadcasting students

With a recommendation from his advisors at LC, upon his graduation in 1952, Boyd transferred to Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., where he became the director of the Earlham Workshop Theater, and also worked as a full-time announcer at Richmond's ABC affiliate station, WKBV. When Boyd was drafted into the army near the end of the Korean War, he was assigned to the American Forces Radio Network in Munich, Germany, as an announcer and producer. After that his career branched out to include all aspects of marketing communications in Europe and the United States.

Boyd stated that, "Radio broadcasting can enrich self confidence that can be a positive factor in any career. It had a significant effect for me and I am pleased to help provide, in small measure, similar opportunities for today's Lincoln College students."

WLNX-FM general manager and LC assistant professor John Malone commented, "Mr. Roche's generous gift will allow us to replace a 29 year-old transmitter and install a new antenna system that will noticeably improve our signal within our existing coverage area and expand our reach by several more miles. This is the final piece of the puzzle in creating a top-to-bottom, state-of-the-art facility."



Sandy (class of 1960) and Dottie sanctuary where siblings (Berger) MacKinnon became the first couple to receive the Tampa Metro Civitan Club's Citizen of the Year Award on February 14, 2011 at the annual Governor's Luncheon at the Florida State Fair. Both Sandy and Dottie

have done extraordinary work and are always

willing to take on tough tasks to help the community.

Sandy runs a successful forklift company and has provided leadership on the boards of the Florida State Fair, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Tampa Sports Authority, the Tampa Museum of Art, and numerous other organizations and charities. He actually took on the daunting task of trying to get the 2012 Olympics in Tampa.

Dottie is very passionate about her work as an advocate for abused and neglected children. She co-founded Joshua House, where desperate children are given refuge. She also founded A Kid's Place, which is a

can stay together while under protective care. This came as a result of seeing the pain when siblings were separated after being taken from abusive homes. Dottie also served one term as Hillsborough County commissioner, as chair





Sandy '60 and Dottie MacKinnon

of Tampa General Hospital, and has been involved in numerous other causes.

Sandy and Dottie are a shining example of commitment to a community and to marriage. For these two very selfless individuals who never forget to show affection and respect for one another, it was fitting that they be recognized as Tampa's Citizens of the Year on Valentine's Day.



# **Class Notes**

### Alumni News, Activities and Events

19**50**s

Derald Doehring, class of 1956, was named 2011 Mattoon Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year at their annual banquet held February 19. Derald moved to Mattoon, Ill., in 1960, and is a partner of Doehring, Winders & Co. LLP CPAs. He was honored by the Chamber of Commerce for his years of service and contributions to the community of Mattoon, including work with the Mattoon Area Family YMCA, the local Kiwanis Club and its many charities, the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Foundation, Mattoon Public Library, Salvation Army and teacher appreciation events.

# 19**60**s

Michael Brower, class of 1965, is splitting his time between northern New Jersey and Fort Myers, Fla. Michael would love to hear from his fellow 1964 through 1966 alums. In 2006, Michael visited Lincoln for the first time since graduation and was amazed to see all the new facilities. He hopes to return for his 50th class reunion. Bruce Block, class of 1968, Hollywood film producer and au-

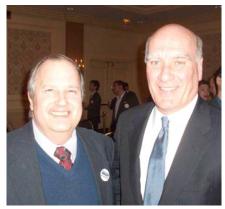


Bruce Block '68

thor, served in a unique role as production consultant on the December 2010 movie *How Do You Know* starring Reese Witherspoon, Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd, and Jack Nicholson. He worked directly with James L. Brooks, who wrote, directed and produced the film, on the creative aspects of the movie.

Bruce also worked as production consultant on two other Brooks films: Spanglish and As Good As It Gets. Bruce has been consulting on and producing feature films since 1981. He has produced a wide range of feature films including Baby Boom, The Parent Trap, Father of the Bride I & II, I Love Trouble, What Women Want, America's Sweethearts, Something's Gotta Give, Christmas with the Kranks and The Holiday. In addition, he has been a consultant on television shows and films including Pretty In Pink, Some Kind of Wonderful, The Great Outdoors, Stuart Little, and Alfie. To see a complete list of his Hollywood credits visit http://www.imdb. com/name/nm0088692/. Diane (Agnew) Lawry, class of 1969, received a master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Illinois State University in 1971, and worked as a psychologist at Lincoln Developmental Center. She is now retired and enjoys showing her Quarter Horse, winning first place at the State Fair.

# 19**70**s



John G. Huff, class of 1973, (pictured above with William Daley at Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's last victory party at the Chicago Hilton) now works for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. In 2009, he was elected as a Trustee for the Lisle Public Library District. He was also reappointed as a Public Board Member of the Illinois Board of Licensing for Professional Geologists for a term ending January 18, 2015. John Abdo, class of 1975, has always been heavily into fitness and recently showcased his new Ab-Doer



John Abdo '75

Twist fitness equipment on America's TV Network - HSN. John has had huge success in the fitness industry. Visit his website at http://johnabdo.com/for information on his equipment and products. Jim Finchum, class of 1976, recently accepted a promotion to Senior Public Service Administrator with the Illinois Department of Human Services. His job deals with the medical reviews for Social Security Disability. Jim has been employed there since 1983. He is also an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, and attends the Lincoln College Day at Busch stadium every year with his son Josh ('08.) Charles (Chip) Anderson, class of 1977, has been enjoying life with his wife and two children. He has owned a successful insurance agency for the past 21 years.

# 19**80**s

**Kevin McCaster**, class of 1983, was inducted into the Lincoln Christian University Basketball Hall of Fame in a February 19 ceremony at the Lincoln, Ill., campus. Kevin played basketball for Coach



Lunn Lauahlin, Kevin McCaster '83, Allen Pickerina

# Lincoln Log



Allen Pickering during the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons, before transferring to Lincoln Christian College (now LCU). Kevin went on to graduate from University of Illinois-Springfield, and currently lives in California with his wife Victoria. He is a decorated officer of the

Downey Police Department.

# 19**90**s

**Leah Landis,** class of 1995, says hello from Little Rock, Arkansas. Leah moved to Arkansas after graduation from LC, and attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., from 1995-98. Leah received a BA in criminology in 1997 followed by a MA in sociology. She currently works with at-risk youth. **Jennifer D. (Kenward) Zimmerman,** class of 1997, recently moved back to central Illinois from St. Louis and is working as Controller at STL BTS (Business & Technology Solutions) in Bloomington.

20**00**s

Sarah Costin, class of 2001, is currently employed



Sarah Costin '01 and Chris

as a Senior Registration Specialist under the National Market Team for CCC Information Services in Chicago, Ill. She celebrated her fiveyear anniversary with the company in February. She is planning a September 2010 wedding with her high school sweetheart, Chris.

Both she and her fiancé currently reside in Naperville. Jill Jordine, class of 2010, married Colton Hinderliter of LeRoy on Sept. 25, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Ill. Both bride and groom are

employed at State Farm Insurance Company in Bloomington. Jill earned her Bachelor in Business Administration degree from the Lincoln College-Normal campus.



Jill (Jordine) '10 and Colton Hinderliter

# Reminisce & Relive the Memories at Reunion 2011 April 14 - 17

All alumni are invited back to the Lincoln Campus to celebrate Alumni Reunion 2011. Members of class years ending in 1 and 6 will be recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday, April 16. Members of the class of 1961 (50 years) and the class of 1986 (25 years) in attendance will be presented with the Lincoln College Swarovski crystal alumni pin. Alumni celebrating their 70th or 75th anniversary will receive a special Platinum Anniversary gift.

If you haven't been back to campus for a while, I do hope you'll be able to return for reunion. You'll get a first-hand look at the exciting growth of your alma mater – and what better time than Reunion Weekend to return to campus, re-visit the past, and make new memories with treasured friends! I know everyone has, at some point in time, wondered whatever happened to friends made at Lincoln. This is a perfect time to find out.

You won't want to miss this weekend. It's packed with events celebrating alumni. Join us on Friday for the annual Wine & Cheese Reception. Then on Saturday take the opportunity to meet the new LC President and take a guided tour of his residence. Alumni are also invited to try out the state-of-the-art Scott Joslin Fitness Center inside the new Lincoln Center. New this year, we're throwing in a few games to add even more fun and excitement in the day. So stop by and play a game or two of Louie the Lynx Bingo and the Ultimate Scavenger Hunt is sure to be a hit! Interested in genealogy? Join LC Librarian Mike Starasta for an insightful lecture that will provide an introduction to genealogical research. Topics covered include: basic tools for genealogical research, techniques, and basic resources. And of course you'll want to be a part of the annual reunion dinner & awards program where we celebrate all alumni in attendance as well as give out alumni achievement awards.

Send in your registration today! You won't want to miss this exciting weekend! All details, schedule of events and the reservation form are available on the website at **www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni.** 

# LC FINE ARTS Spring 2011 Calendar of Events

April 1-3, 8-10, 2011

"Wait A Minute!" A Ten-Minute Play Festival

Eight new works featuring Lincoln College's theatre majors as performers, directors, and playwrights.

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Hostick Theatre

Friday & Saturday 7:30 PM Sunday matinees 2:00PM

Tickets: \$7 General Admission \$5 Seniors & Non-LC Students \$1 Lincoln College Students w/ ID

April 15, 2011

Lincoln College Jazz Band & Show Choir Spring Music Concert The Show Choir will feature music that supports the Lincoln College

motto: Dream, Learn and Achieve

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage

Tickets: \$1 General Admission

April 16, 2011

Lincoln College Spring Choral Concert

Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform music of the British Isles, complimenting the efforts of the Global Studies class that will be traveling to England, Scotland and Ireland with Mrs. Knopp this summer.

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage

Tickets: \$1 General Admission

April 29-30, 2011 Lincoln College Dance Concert

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage

Tickets: \$1 General Admission

To order tickets for any of the above shows, please call the box office at: 217.732.3155 ext. 280

# Remembrance of Neil Newlon by Bruce Block, class of 1968

teacher from 1967-1979, passed away on October 27, 2010 due to complications



He was 72. In 1998, I called him when I was planning a visit to the Chicago area where he lived, but the trip never happened and regretfully we lost touch.

from heart surgery.

Neil Newlon

Now, after his passing, I'm sitting in Los Angeles staring at a copy of his resume. Here are some of its details: height 5'11", weight 196 lbs; a member of the Screen Actor's Guild and the Stuntman's Association; a bartender, a horseman, a marksman, a chef; able to perform fights, falls, a stuntman's crash & burn; acted in movies directed by John Huston, Alan Parker, Arthur Penn and Gary Marshall among others; on stage played various roles including Polonius in "Hamlet" and Henry II in "Becket".

As I examine Neil Newlon's simple one-page resume I'm struck by its inadequacy because it doesn't cover the magical twelve-year period when he taught and changed the lives of hundreds of junior college students in a small town in central Illinois.

In the Fall of 1967 I was in my second year, a sophomore, when Neil Newlon, age 28, whirled into Lincoln College's sleepy little

down. The plays presented the year before Newlon arrived were mostly dreary, thirdrate melodramas from the forgotten pages of the Dramatists Play Service catalog. Neil Newlon's slate of plays was: "Moby Dick Rehearsed" by Orson Wells which Newlon staged without scenery; "A Taste of Honey" about interracial sex, unplanned pregnancy and homosexuality; and finally "The Firebugs" which dealt with society's condoning of injustice and denial of reality. Neil Newlon was quite a 'game changer'.

We, the students, were electrified by Newlon's leadership. He seemed to be a worldly, gregarious Shakespearean character that had somehow flown over our college and, thanks to the fates, decided to stay. Newlon pulled us into an inspiring adventure in the theatre and challenged us at every turn. With his big laugh, his bright eyes and his burly physical energy he would teach, direct, perform, mentor, cajole, and welcome us onto the stage, and into life itself. At times he felt more like a father, uncle or brother than a teacher. Neil Newlon is the only person in my life that always called me "Block" and I never minded. Coming from him, and only him, it just sounded right.

Neil Newlon lived with his patient wife Nancy and their children in a modest house (now a mini-mall) opposite the Abe Lincoln Statue on the corner of campus. Students would congregate there on evenings or

Neil Newlon, Lincoln College's drama drama department and flipped it upside weekends. I don't think his front door was ever locked. His tiny office at the back of the old theatre was the best place to hang out and talk... and talk because he was as fascinated by us as we were with him. He never said 'no' to a creative idea and constantly encouraged us to experiment and explore. Behind Newlon's wild enthusiasm was a lover-of-life who was guiding us, building our self-esteem, and teaching us the professional discipline of the theatre.

> After graduating from Lincoln College, I spent seven more years in universities getting my BFA and MFA degrees. After that, I went to Hollywood and learned about making movies from all types of working professionals. I've had dozens of teachers and, in retrospect, Newlon is the only one I would have wanted first.

> The last item on Neil Newlon's resume is quite unusual. At the bottom of his resume page he added: "hearty and well met". That he was. And with those four words, he left us with the best description of the fond, unforgettable memories we have of our drama teacher, Neil Newlon.





# Lynx Athletics: Fall Sports Wrap Up and Highlights

#### **Cross Country**

The men's and women's cross country team, coached by Brian Herron, finished an outstanding season with the women's team placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Region 24 tournament which earned them at trip to the National Meet in Spartanburg, S.C. The women, led by Megan Hermann and Larissa Mooberry, placed 31st out of 60 teams. The men's team failed to qualify as a team; however, Joe Levita of Maple Park, Ill., and Jeff Wooldridge of were recognized with awards including Jerseyville, Ill., qualified as individuals for the national meet. Coach Herron Nationals]. Many of our runners finished It was great to see Megan Herrman and sophomores such as Keara Allen-Wilson, Shanna Tharp, Kata Williams and Jordan with. Now we have to change our focus to Colorado at Colorado Springs. the upcoming track season."

#### Soccer

season in the history of the program: undefeated in region play, the Lynx



District and Region Champions

won the Region 24 Championship, then defeated MCC-Blue River from Independence, Mo., to take the Central Region District Championship and earn a spot in the NJCAA National Tournament. The Lynx went to Tyler, Texas, as the sixth seed of eight teams in the tournament. A disappointing first round loss was followed by two decisive wins, giving them fifth place in the nation and a final record of 18-2-4. Several Lynx players Rhodes (Region 24 honorable mention).



Former soccer coach Dan Freesmeier (left) with class of 1988 soccer players cheer on the Lynx at the District Championship soccer match on November 6, 2010.

Stiven Salinas (Region 24 player of the year and all-conference 1st team, and NJCAA 2nd said, "I think we did a solid job [at team), Edwin Maolosi (Region 24 freshman of the year and all-conference 1st team), with personal records and that's what Jarod Thomas (Region 24 all-conference 1st you are looking for at a national meet. team and NJCAA 2<sup>nd</sup> team), Charlie Jones and Tom Spalding (Region 24 2<sup>nd</sup> team), and Jeff Wooldridge end their Lincoln College Isai Lemus (Region 24 honorable mention). cross country careers with their best races. It Coach Ben Massena was Region 24 coach will be hard to replace them and our other of the year. Salinas, who ended the season ranked second in the NJCAA for scoring, has signed to play for University of South Florida Johanson. They were a great group to work in Tampa. Thomas will play for University of

The women's soccer team did not have such a good season, finishing 1-14 under The men's soccer team had their best the direction of coach Amber Angermeier. Freshman goalkeeper Brittany Ashburn's efforts were recognized with a place on the Region 24 all-region honorable mention team. Coach Angermeier said, "Brittany had an excellent season. She continuously made quality saves against very good opponents. Although our record did not reflect Brittany's success, I am happy to see her recognized for her play this season."

#### Volleyball

The Lady Lynx, coached by Mark Tippett, finished the year with a 21-18 record. Several players received Midwest Athletic Conference (MWAC) and Region 24 awards, including Alexis Nelson (MWAC co-freshman of the year and 1st team, and Region 24 1st team). Nelson, who ended the season ranked fifth among NJCAA Division II hitters, was one of only three freshman in the Region to make the eight-member first team. Other honorees were Emily Fox (MWAC and Region 24 honorable mention), Markeshia Williams (MWAC honorable mention), and Chelsea



### New Athletics Logo Unveiled and Court Officially Dedicated

Lincoln College athletics has a new look. An updated Lynx logo made its debut on February 5, when the men's basketball team unveiled their 2010 national championship banner. The banner is on permanent display in the Jack D. Nutt Arena, alongside the 1989 and 1991 national championship wrestling banners.



On February 12 the athletic court in the Jack D. Nutt Arena was officially named Zurkammer Pickering Court during a ceremony honoring former LC basketball coaches and administrators Tom Zurkammer and Allen Pickering.



Tom Zurkammer and Allen Pickering

During the summer the court will be repainted with its new name and the new Lynx logo at center court.

### Coach Pickering Inducted into NJCAA **Basketball Hall of Fame**

Former men's basketball coach Allen Pickering has been named to the 2011 Basketball Hall of Fame class by the NJCAA. Coach Pickering was honored on March 14 at the NJCAA Division 1 Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

He is already a member of the Illinois State Athletics and the Illinois Basketball Coaches sports recap continued

Association Halls of Fame. He was selected by the USA Basketball Olympic Committee as a clinician for three international clinics, and in the early 1990s helped found the Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois.

Coach Pickering dedicated much of his life to Lincoln College. As basketball coach from 1971 to 1986, his teams had an amazing record of 368-155. He recorded 11 years of 20-win seasons, including six in a row from 1979 to 1985. During the 1980-81 season, his team set a new school record with 33 wins. During his tenure, Pickering led Lincoln to two Region Championships and a runner-up finish at the NJCAA Championship Tournament in 1981.

Between 1986 and 2006, Pickering served as LC's Athletic Director, Dean of Student Services, and Vice President of College Relations. He retired in December 2006.



Allen Pickering with former basketball players at February 12 Court dedication.

# Harlem Ambassador's Basketball and Comedy Show Oct. 9, 2010



The "Refs" Tom Zurkammer '63, Jeff Nelson '89 and Allen Pickering take a timeout to get their groove on.



Bob Jeckel '66 and Dev. Officer Rick Samuels bust a move after receiving a "traveling" penalty.



Harlem Ambassadors with the Lincoln All Stars.



### LC Alumna Celebrates 105th Birthday





Juanita with her daughers, grand-daughters and great grand-daughters.

Juanita (Folger) Niehus, class of 1927, celebrated a milestone many of us will never see, her 105th birthday on February 18, 2011. Many family and friends enjoyed a weekend full of celebrations honoring an amazing woman and her very special birthday. Juanita really enjoyed all the festivities: a big family dinner on Friday; a Saturday birthday party at the Colonnades (where she lives); and a party at the coffee hour at her church on Sunday, where Juanita's daughter. Lois, and her granddaughter baked five difference of the state of t

daughter, Lois, and her granddaughter baked five different cakes, one for each year after 100, and each cake had 21 candles for a total of 105. (The granddaughters and great-granddaughters blew out all the candles for Juanita.) In honor of her birthday and 84 years alumna status from Lincoln College, the Alumni Office sent Juanita a Lincoln College sweatshirt, beanie bear, and a gold Lincoln lapel pin, along with a special birthday card from the Lincoln College President. Juanita's daughter, Lois, reported that her mother was thrilled and touched to get the memorabilia and birthday cards from her alma mater.

Juanita is enjoying life in Virginia and said 2010 was a very good year for her. She had no falls, no illnesses, not even a cold! Her Gerontologist told her she had the "skinniest" chart she has seen for someone 100+ years old. Juanita keeps busy by exercising with hand weights, chair yoga, balloon volleyball and trivia contests. Her great-grandchildren Rory and Riley often join her for Bingo and Bocce on the outdoor court, and winter swimming in the indoor pool. Juanita said her family is, of course, her greatest joy. Juanita shared, "I am so thankful for the wonderful life that I have lived—I hope and pray that each of you will find love and peace in 2011."



The Lincoln Heritage Museum, located on the campus of Lincoln College, was featured in the February issue of Midwest Living Magazine. The museum is known as one of the most respected Abraham Lincoln museums in the country, with a wide-ranging collection of artifacts, including locks of Lincoln's hair, 1860 campaign banners, and some of his personal books. The article recognized the passion and enthusiasm of the executive director, Ron Keller and noted the intimacy of the museum. Pick up your copy to read more about the museum. Or better yet, stop by the museum for a personal tour. Find out more about the museum at www.facebook.com/lincolnheritage.

#### In Memory

Our deepest sympathies to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations we are only able to publish names, ages, class years, and dates of death.

Carl W. Conrad, 69, Class of 1962, September 26, 2010. Ronald G. Fuglsang, 70, Class of 1961, September 24, 2010. Edward A. Hunter, 92, Class of 1938, January 15, 2010. Robert H. Johnson, 90, Class of 1940, October 29, 2010. Royal B. Keller, 38, Class of 1992, October 27, 2010. Nancy A. (Moore) Lopez, 73, Class of 1958, March 26, 2010. Keith R. Schoen, 71, Class of 1961, October 21, 2010. Bradley A. Schroth, 35, Class of 1996, August 17, 2010. Sue F. Steiger, 69, Class of 1961, September 10, 2010. Allen R. Titlebaum, 63, Class of 1967, August 11, 2010. Marianne B. (Aldendifer) Tucker, 90, Class of 1940, September 17, 2010. Richard A. Wells, 72, class of 1958, February 19, 2011. Mikel E. Zom, 47, Class of 1990, October 8, 2010.

Our deepest sympathies also go to the families of former faculty members N.B. East, 73, February 2, 2011, Neil B. Newlon, 72, October 27, 2010, and Violeta C. Robinson, 78, July 16, 2010.

# Chicago Alumni and Friends Gathering - Dave & Buster's Addison ● Nov. 12, 2010



















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# **Upcoming Events**

April 15-17, 2011	Alumni Reunion Weekend, Lincoln Center, Lincoln College
Friday, July 29, 2011	Annual Golf Outing for Scholarship, Elks Club, Lincoln, III.
Saturday, July 30, 2011	Annual Lincoln College Day at Busch Stadium, Cardinals vs. Cubs, St. Louis, Mo.
Saturday August 20, 2011	One Day Bus Trip to the Festival of the Little Hills, St. Charles, Ma.



Festival of the Little Hills Historic St. Charles, Missouri One Day Bus Trip Saturday, August 20, 2011

COST: \$35 Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, bottled water, muffins, fruit, snack mix & movies for the drive. We will leave Lincoln, making a pick up stop in Springfield as we head on to St. Charles, Missouri. Once we arrive our motorcoach will drop us off at Main street where we will have the rest of our day to shop the hundreds of vendors from over 30 states, enjoy the delicious food vendors or one of many unique eateries on Main Street. There is entertainment on the stage by the river and a free kids corner. To see a complete list of details/vendors for the festival please visit http:// www.festivalofthelittlehills.com/index.htm

**Questions?** Call 877-522-5867 or email alumni@lincolncollege.edu. Pay by cash, check made payable to Lincoln College, VISA, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express. Seating on motorcoach is limited so make your reservation early!

Enjoy America's favorite past-time with Lincoln College alumni and friends!



Cardinals vs. Cubs Saturday, July 30, 2011

Busch Stadium \* Party Suite 215-216
All Inclusive

Cost \$145 Includes game ticket, air conditioned party room, door prizes, goodie bag, unlimited Budweiser, O'Doul's and Coca-Cola products, and a 2-hour, all-you-can-eat buffet that includes Hunter Hot Dogs, BBQ beef, boneless chicken breast, nachos, baked beans and brownies. Round trip motorcoach transportation may be available for an additional cost.

Get your tickets early – quantitiy is limited. Order tickets with credit card by calling the Alumni Office toll-free at 877-522-5867.