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COMING FULL CIRCLE, 150 YEARS LATER



Meet Dr. David Gerlach, the 22nd President of Lincoln College



“Here at Lincoln College, we are a hybrid, as we already offer a handful of four-year degrees at both the Lincoln and Normal campuses. We need to build on that over the next several years. While I believe it will help build a more successful and stable future for the College, that’s not the most important reason to do this. We should take this on because it is the right thing to do for our students,” Gerlach explained.

It only takes a minute listening to new Lincoln College President David Gerlach to realize that he is no ivory tower academic.

For decades it’s been popular to talk about bringing a “business-like” approach to higher education management, but Dr. Gerlach’s laser-like focus on where Lincoln College needs to go and how to get there makes it clear that it is not mere rhetoric for this New York transplant.

Within a month of arriving at Lincoln College, Gerlach laid out an aggressive plan for the future of the College, and then launched an impressive plan to publicize and generate support for this new vision. By October, the new President was able to announce a \$7.6 million re-investment plan, with the unanimous and enthusiastic support of the Board of Trustees.

Key to that vision is the transition of Lincoln College back to its roots as a full-scale university.

“I want to emphasize that while this transition will be good for Lincoln College, it is very much a student-focused mission as well,” Gerlach said. “As part of my doctoral studies, I researched ‘hybrid’ colleges that offer both two- and four-year degrees. I found that student success rates were significantly better at these colleges than at colleges that only offer two-year degrees.

Key components of the re-investment plan include:

- Beginning in 2016, the Lincoln campus will add bachelor degree programs in Criminal Justice Studies (spring semester), and Sport Management and Business Management (fall semester), among others. The Lincoln campus currently offers bachelors in Jazz Studies and Theatre.
- Over the next 12 months, the Normal campus will expand its successful ABE (Accelerated Bridge to Education) program, which now includes five-week bachelor’s degree programs in Bloomington/Normal, Peoria and Oglesby and a “New Normal” accelerated eight-week bachelor’s degree program in Normal.
- The Normal and Lincoln campuses will take a more coordinated approach to education. This will mean transitioning the Normal campus to emphasize its highly successful programs for adult learners, while concentrating traditional four-year residential programs on the Lincoln campus. The College will sell the Normal campus and anticipates leasing back the main academic building and some residential housing. The College will end the four one-year certificate programs in cosmetology, esthetics, teacher training and massage therapy now provided at Normal, and staffing will be realigned at the two campuses to reflect the new direction.
- Over the next 12 years, the re-investment plan will serve as the catalyst for a transformation into Lincoln University, adding at least 12 additional baccalaureate degrees and carefully selected master’s degree programs in line with the first 65 years of the school’s 150-year history. The College will explore a move from NJCAA to four-year college athletics and aim to double its student enrollment during that period.

The announcement also included several low-cost enhancements designed to make campus life more appealing to students and keep the College competitive with others institutions. These include a new shuttle service to take students to shopping, dining and movies in Lincoln, student-priced tickets to the Lincoln movie theater, extra open gym and pool hours and improvements in the outdoor recreation area, new residence hall furniture, new theater costumes, an expanded honors program and enhanced intramurals and sports information.

Gerlach may be taking a business-like approach, but with 30 years of higher education experience, including 11 years as the vice president for advancement at the State University of New York – Canton, he is no stranger to academia. Gerlach’s doctorate is from Syracuse University and he holds degrees from three other New York higher education institutions. He and his wife Lisa have one son and one daughter, both adults.



The new president says he feels fortunate to now be in a position to put into place policies and programs that he studied for his post-graduate degree.

“In the academic world, there are many really thoughtful, thoroughly-researched and documented, dissertations. But, candidly very few PhDs get the chance to implement their research,” Gerlach said. “I know how lucky I am to be in a position to turn my research into real-world success.”

“I can’t emphasize enough how much I appreciate the support and enthusiasm of the Board of Trustees. Without them, none of this would be possible,” Gerlach added. “Of course, I’m humbled by the support I’ve received, but that only makes me more determined to succeed.”

In brief, Gerlach’s research found that students who began their college careers at schools that offered both baccalaureate and associate degrees were significantly more likely to complete a four year degree than students



who began at schools that only offered two year degrees. Even when a wide range of other variables were factored in, the trend remained consistent.

At a time when many two-year institutions are drawing criticism for enrolling students

but having low graduation rates, Dr. Gerlach’s research suggests an important path to student success. It also comes at a time of a widening national education gap between upper income students and those from middle and lower income families.

While the primary emphasis is on enhancing the academic experience, Gerlach says he will also focus on the physical facilities of the College and first among the projects is the restoration of historic University Hall.

“We have a responsibility to preserve and protect this historic building, but at the same time, I want to make sure that we utilize it as an asset for the College. As we move forward with new plans for expanding our programs, we must also raise the needed funds to allow the full use of University Hall,” Gerlach said.

“At the top of the building are the signatures of hundreds of students who have written, painted or even carved their names into the walls of the cupula. I see the restoration of this building and the new goals for Lincoln College as all part of the same circle. We can pay homage to the students of the past and build the future by bringing Lincoln University full circle,” Gerlach said.



ALUMNI *Spotlight*

Tom Zurkammer



Tom Zurkammer, 1961
Freshman class photo



Tom Zurkammer, 2011
Pickering-Zurkammer floor dedication

Class of 1963

The Spring 2015 edition of the Lincoln Log featured a special Alumni Spotlight essay by alumnus and former faculty member Paul Beaver '56. To close out our Sesquicentennial year, we invited another well-known and long-time member of the Lincoln College family to share his thoughts on his time and experience at LC: Tom "Zurk" Zurkammer, class of '63.

After graduating from Lincoln Community High School, Zurkammer came to LC to play basketball for Coach Norm Kaye. He was a member of the 1962 Lynx Basketball team that won the State Championship, went to the National Tournament, and was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004. He went on to graduate from MacMurray College and the University of Illinois.

In 1965, Zurkammer came back to LC to teach and help coach. Fifty short years later, after holding half a dozen different positions and officially retiring in 2008, Zurkammer is still at LC, teaching Math part time and serving as a special assistant to the president. He still keeps office hours on the second floor of University Hall.

Among his most memorable personal achievements, Zurkammer counts being inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the MacMurray Basketball and Baseball Halls of Fame, receiving Division III All American honors for Basketball and Baseball, and being named to Who's Who in American Education.

Zurkammer was honored by Lincoln College with an Alumni Achievement Award in 1985, was named Provost Emeritus by the Board of Trustees in 2014, and was given an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 2014 Commencement ceremony. In 2011, the basketball court in the Lincoln Center's Jack D. Nutt Arena was dedicated to Zurkammer and fellow former coach and administrator Allen Pickering.



2014 Commencement speaker and Honorary Degree recipient



Tom Zurkammer, 2011
Pickering-Zurkammer floor dedication



Lincoln Campus 1962

Lincoln College: the first 150 years

As we wrap up our Sesquicentennial year with this issue of the Log, we present this linear look at key people and events that have shaped the course of Lincoln College's history. Unfortunately, it just isn't possible to include every notable event from 150 years in these few pages. Although we've had to leave out many accomplishments and events, we hope you will enjoy this quick look back over the first 150 years of Lincoln College.

Feb. 6, 1865—Charter issued by State of Illinois

April 15, 1865—President Lincoln assassinated

Feb. 12, 1865—Groundbreaking for University Hall (aka Old Main)

Sept. 14, 1865—UH cornerstone laid

MY LIFE AT LINCOLN COLLEGE

By Tom Zurkammer, Class of 1963

It all started one hot summer day in early August of 1961 when Coach Norm Kaye entered Purcell's Bookstore while I was working. He told Mattie Purcell (owner of the bookstore and my boss) that I hadn't registered yet for fall classes at Lincoln College. She abruptly came to me and said "If you don't go right now and register for classes, I will fire you!"

Needless to say, I went to the College, talked to President Dooley (who awarded me a scholarship) and registered for classes. Little did I know then that this was the start of a relationship that would continue for a period of over fifty years.

Wow, where did the time go? As Lincoln College celebrates its 150th anniversary, I am celebrating my 50th year as an employee of Lincoln College (forty-three years full-time and seven years part-time). It has been a magnificent journey with a lifetime of memories.

There are hundreds of stories that could be told, but is impossible to cover all that has happened in the last fifty years in this article, so I will touch on just a few. Hopefully, you will enjoy them and they will bring back some memories of the days when you were at LC.

As a freshman entering in the fall of 1961, there were two main things weighing on my mind: the Viet Nam War and what will I be or do after college. The same was true for most incoming male students. All of my classes were in two buildings, the Administration Building and University Hall.



Norm Kaye



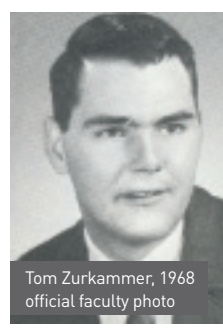
Brayton Danner



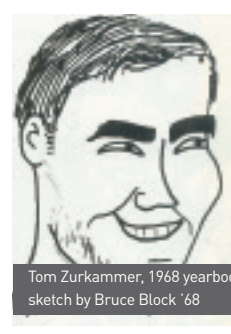
C.A. Balof



Onalee "Ma" Balof



Tom Zurkammer, 1968
official faculty photo



Tom Zurkammer, 1968 yearbook
sketch by Bruce Block '68

Who could ever forget such teachers as C.A. Balof (who started every math class with the same question, "Are there any questions about mathematics today?"), or "Ma" Balof (who knew every minute fact, gossip, and smut about all of the presidents), or Brayton Danner (Chemistry and Physics teacher extraordinaire who loved to talk about the supernatural)? They all expected nothing less than your best effort every day. They preached over and over again that in order to be successful one must have a good work ethic. Amen!

My classes, homework, and athletics consumed most of my time. During my freshman year, our basketball team won the Illinois State Championship and competed in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. Our team placed 11th in the nation with a record of 30-7. It was the first time a Lincoln College team had ever competed in a national tournament. This team was later enshrined into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006.



Zurkammer playing
Basketball, 1963

Graduation in spring of 1963 was a bittersweet experience for me. I hated leaving the close friends and the college that I had begun to cherish and love. I never dreamed that in two years after graduating from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, that I would return to Lincoln College to begin my professional career as a teacher in 1965.

The Sixties was quite a decade. It was a decade of a new pop culture, drugs, free love, rock n roll, flower power, hippies, psychedelics, and "long hairs" (along with the all the others) who roamed college campuses. There were students who were angry anti-establishment, and against the Viet Nam War. Demonstrations and protests spread throughout the country on college campuses.

Lincoln College was no different. Students on the LC campus organized and planned a "sit-in" for University Hall and a boycott of all classes. But the demonstration was foiled by President Dooley, who walked up to their microphone early that morning and coolly announced that Spring Break was to officially start immediately. The organizers of the demonstration pleaded for the students to stay, but the campus was a ghost town within 20 minutes. It was over.

There were bomb threats in all the resident halls, and all the housemothers resigned and left their positions. After Spring Break, faculty members lived in the resident halls to fill the vacancies that were created when the housemothers resigned. (I lived in Carroll South.) Rumors of another demonstration floated around the campus, but none ever materialized. The spring semester ended quietly and without any further incidents. Thank God nothing happened like the tragedy at Kent State in 1970.

In the spring of 1968, Lincoln College dodged a huge bullet! A tornado went through the city of Lincoln with the College in its path. It uprooted a hundred-year-old tree in front of the Administration Building, took the roof off the cupola of University Hall, did roof damage to the Harts Science building, destroyed both



1866-Azel Freeman 1st
President of LC

November 1866—University
Hall completed; classes start



June 1867—1st
commencement
exercises
commemorate
end of first year of
operation



June 1868—1st graduating
class of three students



1871—President
James Bowden

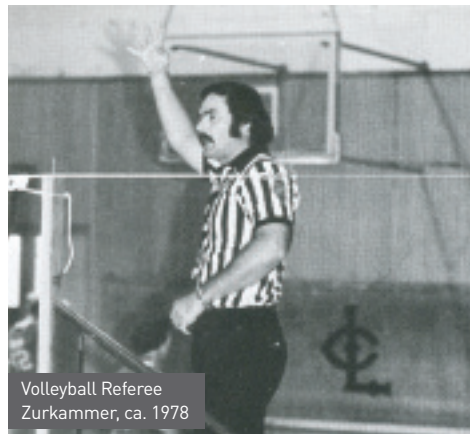
of the dugouts and all of the lighting poles on the baseball field, and damaged the north side of the Carroll North Resident Hall.



Fortunately, the tornado never touched ground on the campus. Had it touched down, the Administration Building, University Hall, Harts Science, and Carroll North would have been completely destroyed. All the classrooms and administrative offices would have been gone. Lincoln College may not have survived such a massive blow and destruction to the campus.

In 2005, University Hall dodged another bullet. Late one Sunday afternoon, a woman was walking her dog and noticed smoke coming from a first floor window on the west side of the building. She rushed to a neighbor's house and immediately called 911. Had she been walking her dog thirty or forty minutes later, the historic and symbolic University Hall would have been lost forever.

In January of 1969, Lincoln College was not so fortunate. Fire completely destroyed the Administration Building (as described by Paul Beaver in the last issue of the Log). Remarkably, over 80% of the artifacts in the Museum were saved by the fireproof vault. I was the basketball coach then and had the LC team in Perkinston, Mississippi, for a round robin tournament. I remember the Athletic Director at Perkinston waking



me at two in the morning telling me the sad news. I didn't sleep the rest of the night. I was heartbroken when I returned to campus and saw the ruins of the Administration Building.

LC was not so lucky again as another fire would take its toll on the Lincoln campus in 2005. The old Dining Hall that had been converted into the Maintenance Building when the Meyer-Evans Student Center was completed was completely destroyed. The building and all of its contents were lost in that fire. Two new modern maintenance buildings were later built on the west side of campus behind University Hall.

In 1979, President Dale Brummet launched a new academic program to generate additional revenue to help balance the budget. A contract was signed with the State of Illinois Department of Corrections. This contract called for the development of both academic and vocational programs at Logan Correctional Center (a minimum security facility) in Lincoln.

These classes were so popular and successful that during the 1980s the College added programs at two other prisons, Joliet

Correctional Center (maximum security) and Dwight Correctional Center (all female inmates). These programs flourished for over ten years and awarded many academic and vocational degrees, but due to changes in the availability of financial aid for inmates, Lincoln College severed its contract with the Illinois Department of Corrections in 1990.

One correctional story merits mentioning. While I was the Academic Dean we started a Culinary Arts program at Joliet. On the very first day that the program started, 200 pounds of sugar were taken from the kitchen. An immediate "lock down" was ordered and a search was begun for the sugar, but not a single grain was found. On the fourth of July, the inmates enjoyed several varieties of homemade "hooch;" the sugar had been put to good use.

Also in 1979, Lincoln College started offering college courses in three counties, Logan, McLean, and Livingston. These three counties had not been assigned to a community college district so Lincoln College tried to fill this void by offering classes at different locations in these counties.

Classes in Livingston County were offered at the local high school in Pontiac, Illinois. The first classes in McLean County were offered in a church basement near the campus of Illinois State University in Normal. The classes in Logan County were naturally offered on the LC campus.

The program in Normal grew so rapidly that we quickly ran out of space in the church basement. We leased several adjoining buildings in a strip mall called Towanda Plaza which provided enough space to accommodate over 400 students. The classrooms were located directly across from a K-Mart store, and students soon picked up the slogan and affectionately referred to us as "K-Mart U."

Eventually, we outgrew the mall and LC's president at the time, Jack Nutt, proposed to the Board of Trustees that we build our own campus on Raab Road in Normal.

1873—President A.J. McGlumphy



1888—President Archelaus Turner

1885—1st Baseball and Football teams formed

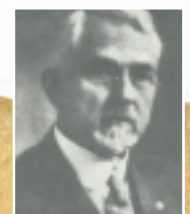


1898—Walter Parker hired as 1st Football Coach



1900—President James Goodknight

1901—LU enters into agreement with James Millikin that leads to founding of Millikin University in Decatur



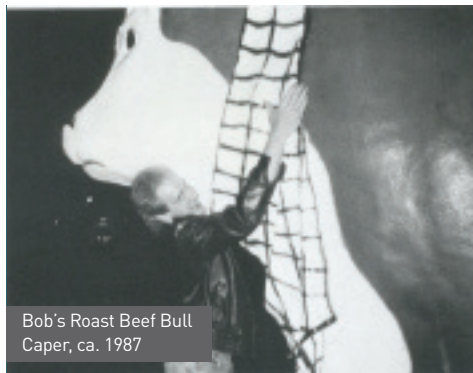
1902—President Albert Taylor

1902—summer storm destroys trees, damages UH roof

In the '80s and '90s, under the direction of President Jack Nutt, both the Lincoln Campus and the Normal Campus underwent drastic changes. Twenty-two new buildings or additions were completed. New and modern buildings, as well as residence halls, were needed to attract students. Enrollments flourished during these years.

On the academic side, because of our charter, we were able to add a four-year degree program at the Normal Campus and offer several different baccalaureate degrees. The Normal campus includes an Academic Building, five modern resident halls, a Student Commons Building, an Admissions Building, and The Midwest College of Cosmetology Building. Recently, our new President, Dr. David Gerlach, has decided to bring some of the four-year degree programs to the Lincoln Campus. How exciting!

Who can forget the Bob's Roast Beef bull caper in the '80s?



Bob's Roast Beef Bull Caper, ca. 1987

Late one night, several students went to Bob's Roast Beef restaurant on Woodlawn Road and took the large steel bull from the parking lot. They carried it back to campus on back streets and across a field (about three quarters of a mile) and placed it in the quad between the Davidson-Sheffer gymnasium and Harts Science Hall.

How they accomplished this without being seen or getting caught is truly amazing—maybe just short of a miracle! What a bold and daring feat! The bull stood proudly in the quad that morning and everyone who came to work and entered Hart's Science Building had a big smile on their face. At the time, no one would admit to having anything to do with this. Now, everyone wants to say

they had a part in the scheme. I always had my suspicion of who organized this and the group who did it, but I'll keep this secret. What a hoot! Hats off to the best LC caper ever in my tenure at the College.

Athletics and the Performing Arts have been and continue to be an integral part of the Lincoln College experience. Lincoln College boasts 19 different sports for both men and women. The expansion in the '60s and '70s from four sports to 19 today must be, for the most part, credited to Chuck Lindstrom, former athletic director and baseball coach. His hard work and vision created an outstanding athletic department. LC boasts national championships in basketball and wrestling, a second in swimming, and a third in women's softball. Impressive for a small school!

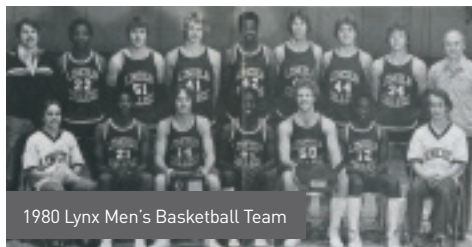


Chuck Lindstrom



Bill Buffington

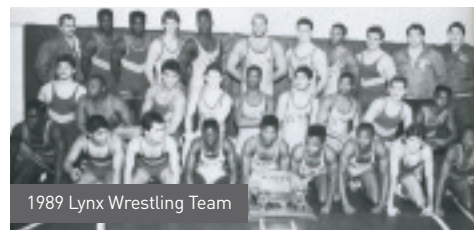
In the Performing Arts, who can forget the Buffington years in the '80s and '90s and all the students who were in the Lincoln College Express show choir? Their concert performances at Christmas, in the spring, at the Governor's Mansion, in Disney, and in high schools all over the state of Illinois were sensational. They were true ambassadors for Lincoln College. I loved all of them.



1980 Lynx Men's Basketball Team



1985 Lady Lynx Basketball Team



1989 Lynx Wrestling Team

In the '80s and '90s, there were four stage productions every year, most directed by Dan McLaughlin and Jerry Dellinger. The sets and performances were second to none. LC student actors and actresses auditioned vigorously for the lead roles. In recent years, the Lincoln College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Scott Woger, has taken the spotlight. Their brilliant performances last spring in New Orleans gained them national recognition. When Scott was hired at Lincoln College, there were only three students in the jazz band. Now, there are over 25.



Express Show Choir, ca. 1999

Faculty member Brayton Danner applied for a license and started a radio station in 1974. It was low wattage and could only be heard on campus and in some parts of town. Upon his retirement and death a few years later, the radio station and the broadcasting

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1903—Administration Building dedicated June 9



1906—President James McMurray



1919—President Archelaus Turner returns for second term



1922—Gymnasium built

1927—Gymnasium reconstructed after fire

1929—Changed from 4-year Lincoln University to 2-year Lincoln College

1926—LU Band organized

1928—LU's final Football season

1906—1st Men's Basketball season

MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Lincoln College is pleased to introduce these new members of the Board of Trustees



LAURA Beltchenko

Laura Beltchenko is a veteran educator with experience as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, gifted education program teacher and coordinator, and administrator in school districts in Illinois and Michigan. She operates Read, Learn, Achieve, LLC, Laura Beltchenko Educational Consulting. The North Cook Intermediate Service Center, a branch of the Illinois State Board of Education, contracts with her as a Foundational Services Facilitator supporting school districts with standards implementation, assessment design, and creating student learning objectives. Laura served for 24 years as an elected member of the Libertyville District 70 Board of Education and currently serves as chair of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Gifted Education Advisory Council and a member of the ISBE Foundational Services for Common Core Standards. She is also on the Board of the Illinois Association of Title I Directors. Laura and husband Michael are the parents of Angela Beltchenko, LC class of 2002. In honor of their daughter, the Beltchenkos fund the Angela Beltchenko Annual Scholarship. Laura and husband Michael live in Libertyville, Illinois.



JOHN Edwards

John Edwards is a graduate of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has had an extensive career in the financial services sector, working for JP Morgan Chase Bank, Manufacturers Bank, PNC Bank among other companies since 1978. For ten years, he served Midwestern colleges and universities through his work with Nelnet Business Solutions. Currently John helps families plan, prepare and pay for primary education for their children. In his new role as Regional Vice President for the Smart Tuition division of Blackbaud, Inc. he helps private schools improve customer service to parents and families and lower operating costs by better managing their eCommerce such as the billing and payment processing. John also serves as House Captain for Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago and from 1992 to 2002 was treasurer for Primo Women’s Children’s Center of Chicago. His ties to Lincoln College stretch back for decades, as his father Robert Edwards served as a Lincoln College trustee from 1976 to 1988, and then his mother Shirley Edwards followed Robert on the board from 1988-2014. John Lives in Palos Heights, Illinois, with his wife Sharon King.



1930—President Arie Vanderhorst



1930—Mascot changed from Railsplitter to Lynx, Gymnasium dubbed “Lynx Lair”

1933—Acting President Benjamin Moore



1935—President William Copeland



1937—Resident Life - Campus clean up day



1940—Resident Life

1942—Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, class of 1887 and long-time LC Trustee, dies, leaves collection of Lincoln papers and artifacts to the College

1944—Acting President Daniel Kerr



GUY Fraker

Guy Fraker grew up in Illinois and New York, and has been an attorney in Bloomington since his graduation from the University of Illinois in 1962. He served as the

President of the McLean County Bar Association in 1994 and 1995 and was awarded its first annual Lincoln Award for Excellence for community service in 1997. He has been active in the community for many years, working with the Jaycees and Bloomington United, and serving with the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Parklands Foundation. He has had a lifelong interest in Abraham Lincoln, and in 2012 published "Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit" with Southern Illinois University Press. He was a consultant on and participant in the award-winning documentary "Abraham Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency," produced by WILL-TV (PBS). He is also the co-curator of Prologue to the Presidency, a permanent exhibit at the David Davis Mansion state historical site in Bloomington, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association, and currently serves as Chairman of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition. Guy and wife Ruth Ann live in Bloomington. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

She recently moved back to Bloomington where, as Agency Manager, she led the agency to become the Number One performing agency in the state and was named to the company's Executive Club for her performance as one of the top 10 agency managers in the nation. Paula is a Certified Financial Planner and a Chartered Leadership Fellow. Paula and husband Rich live in Bloomington.



LYNN Paulus

Lynn Paulus is a graduate of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, and has had a distinguished career in business management. Currently she is the owner/

manager of the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express and Baymont Inn and Suites in Lincoln, as well as Holiday Inn Express hotels in Evansville, Indiana and Bloomington, Illinois; Wingate by Wyndham in St. Charles, Missouri; and the Carpenter Street Hotel in Springfield. She is also the Treasurer/Business Manager for Hotel Ventures Management Co. of Illinois and Business Manager for McDonald's of Springfield. She has been very active in the Lincoln community as a volunteer and supporter of many local programs and organizations, including West Lincoln-Broadwell and Lincoln Community High School athletics. She has been a board member of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, a sponsor of the Lincoln Art and Balloon Festival, a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau, and a Logan County 4-H Volunteer. Lynn's service as a Lincoln College Trustee follows her late father-in-law, Wilbur Paulus, who served on the Board from 1994 till 2013. She and husband Kent live in Lincoln and have three daughters.



PAULA Kaler

Paula Kaler is a graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. She was the owner of Bylines, a Lincoln, Ill., marketing firm, and manager of Main Street Lincoln before going to work with Country

Financial in 1998. Paula was recognized as Rookie of the Year and worked her way up to Master Agent, then Associate Agency Manager in Lincoln, Agency Manager in DeKalb, Ill., and District Director of Agencies in Sycamore, Ill.



1945—President Milton McLean



1948—President Raymond Dooley



1950s Resident life students in UH



1957—Olin-Sang Hall built

1944—Lincoln Room housing the Stringer Collection dedicated in the Administration Building

1948—Acting President Richard Pooley

1953—Dissolution of relationship with Millikin University

1955—LC's first snack bar opens in UH basement

LINCOLN COLLEGE AT 150

Lincoln College has changed greatly since its start as an institution founded by the Presbyterian Church in February 1865, yet it has never wavered from its principles of providing a high-quality, unique education to students in central Illinois. Here is a brief look at how Lincoln College was founded and developed over the past 150 years:

Chapter 1: Getting Started

Abraham Lincoln's friend Robert Latham brought commissioners seeking to found a college in central Illinois in December 1864 to the city of Lincoln. The morning of December 2 was gloomy, but the sun came out as they approached the site for what would become the location of University Hall on the Lincoln College campus. One commissioner declared it a sign from God, saying "I am satisfied that this is the place to locate our school, and I do not wish to look further." Lincoln University, as it was known then, was born.

The charter for the college was obtained from the General Assembly on February 6, 1865, and President Lincoln was notified by letter from Latham just two months before his assassination. The school was dedicated to President Lincoln on February 12, 1865, his last living birthday. The cornerstone for University Hall, the first building, was laid on September 14, 1865, and the school formally opened in November 1866.

The first president was the Rev. Azel Freeman of Newburg, Ind. He was very strict with students. They couldn't leave town during the school term, and couldn't miss daily chapel services or recitation. Study hours were strictly enforced. Men and women were carefully segregated and watched constantly.

The first commencement was held in June 1868, where three students were part of the first graduating class.

Chapter 2: Turn of a New Century

For most of its first 35 years, students at Lincoln College (then known as Lincoln University) came from the Lincoln community and area churches. Baseball started in spring 1885, followed by football that fall. Commencement in 1892 featured a tennis tournament and gymnastics drill. Football was serious by 1898, with former University of Illinois player Walter Parker hired as coach.

Nearly 10 presidents followed Azel Freeman from 1870 to 1928, including Archelaus Turner who served terms in the 1890s and 1920s. Under James Bowden, strict student rules were eased in the 1870s and community involvement was emphasized. A law school was started but ended due to lack of funds under President Andrew J. McGlumphy. In 1887, he and the entire faculty resigned in a salary dispute.

The school became affiliated with Milliken University in Decatur under new President James L. Goodknight in 1901. Two presidents later in 1905, LC offered five bachelor's degrees and two master's degrees. Tuition was \$5 a semester, with a \$15 contingency fee. Room and board cost \$4 a week.

The College was in crisis by 1919 due to enrollment losses because of World War I. The modern gym known as the Lynx Lair was erected in 1922, damaged in a fire and remodeled and rededicated in 1927.

Chapter 3: 1930s and 1940s

Lincoln University's financial problems multiplied with the economic crash of 1929. The school abandoned its four-year curriculum and became a two-year institution, renamed Lincoln College, at the end of the 1928-1929 academic year. The last commencement featured 23 seniors receiving degrees.

The College stabilized in the mid-1930s with the development of a top-notch teachers program. When David Harts joined the Board of Trustees in the mid-1920s, he pushed to break the ties with Milliken University, led search committees for presidents and kept up personal correspondence with alumni as part of his legacy of service. President William D. Copeland (1935-1944) led the College through the turmoil of World War II, as many students left Lincoln to enlist or otherwise serve the War effort.

1957—Norm Kaye takes over Men's Basketball program, ushers in the "modern era" of Lynx Athletics



1960—Forsyth Hall built



1961—"Lincoln the Student" sculpture by Merrell Gage, dedicated



1962—Men's Basketball team wins NJCAA Illinois State Championship and is first Lynx team to compete in a National Championship Tournament (coached by Norm Kaye)

1962—"Lynx Loyalty" pep song lyrics by Coach Kaye published in the Lincolnian



1959—Lynx Lair remodeled to add lobby



1960—Dining Hall added

Copeland was assisted by Elvira Hoepfner Fleming, Lincoln College class of 1936, who served as Copeland's executive secretary, as public relations director and alumni secretary for the College, and also worked in the Registrar's office until 1951 when she left to pursue other business opportunities. Hoepfner received the Lincoln College Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Business and Public Relations in 1970.

In 1939, Max Miranda and his wife Erma Hoag Miranda came to Lincoln from Beloit, Wisc., to direct the music program, continuing an already long tradition of excellence in the fine arts at Lincoln College.

In 1942, Lincoln College lost one of its most prominent alumni, Judge Lawrence B. Stringer. Stringer had written a comprehensive history of Logan County, and amassed a great collection of Abraham Lincoln and Logan County artifacts which he bequeathed to the College with the condition that a museum be established. The Stringer Collection was the foundation of the Lincoln Museum at Lincoln College, now known as Lincoln Heritage Museum.

The Lynx Lair was known as one of the best gyms in the area. Postwar enrollment surged briefly as returning veterans were glad to be alive and the war was over, but then enrollment dipped again.

The school colors were always purple and white, and for those first few decades of athletics, the LU mascot was the Railsplitter. This led to confusion later when the newer Lincoln High School adopted the same mascot. Rather than cause conflict, in 1930 Lincoln College chose the Lynx as their new mascot because of the relation to a derivation of "Lincoln" and because the Lynx is game, fierce, and never gives up when cornered.

Chapter 4: 1950s to 1970s

Raymond N. Dooley became LC president in November 1948 and immediately made an impression. "Raymond N. Dooley was an 'original.' There wasn't really anyone like him," said board member and Lincoln scholar Ralph G. Newman.

There were just 70 students on campus and serious financial challenges when Dooley started. He emphasized a focus on students who needed extra help preparing for college-level work with one-on-one attention and special courses. Admissions counselors were hired to work the Chicago and St. Louis markets, and the fraternity of Abraham Lincoln scholars was recruited to get more involved in the mission and work of LC.

LC celebrated its 90th anniversary in 1955, awarding nine honorary degrees, including to Gov. William Stratton. During the '60s, Lincoln College hosted concerts by notable musicians like Mahalia Jackson and Louis Armstrong. The basketball team won the state championship in 1962. Enrollment grew steadily to 510 by 1965, the school's 100th year.

The Administration Building, built in 1902, was destroyed by fire in early 1969. The Lincoln Room, which housed the Stringer Collection, was in the basement of the AB. Fortunately it had been reinforced and fireproofed as a kind of vault, and only fifteen to twenty percent of the items were lost in the fire.

After Earl Hargett replaced President Dooley in 1971, LC went through years of change and instability. Hargett died from a sudden heart attack after playing tennis on his first official day as president and was replaced temporarily by Wilbur E. Layman. J. Richard

Stoltz became president in January 1972 and emphasized cultural goals and strengthening community ties. The Johnston Center for Performing Arts was built in 1972 and Lincoln Community Theatre was invited to perform there free of charge.

Govs. Dan Walker, William Stratton and Richard Ogilvie visited LC in 1975 for the 10th annual convocation of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Dale Brummet became LC president in 1977 and expanded adult education and courses at the Lincoln Correctional Center.

Chapter 5: 1980s to 2000s

Dr. Jack D. Nutt became Lincoln College president in fall 1982, starting a new wave of growth and development. He focused on developing student support programs to foster student success and made the appearance of the campus grounds and buildings a major priority. New construction during the Nutt era included the addition of new suite-style residence halls, the Meyer-Evans Student Center and Dooley Hall, and additions to the Johnston Center for the Performing Arts, among others.

The Normal campus opened and grew from 40 students in 1982 to 400 in 1987, and up to 900 by 1995. The Midwest College of Cosmetology was added in 1998. Students were attracted to LC for its unique 15-to-1 student-teacher ratio and strong tutoring program.

Fine Arts continued to thrive, with three theatrical plays being performed each year by the mid-90s, and an active Chorale and Jazz Ensemble program. The Lincoln College Express show choir performed all over the country.



1965—Centennial Charter Day celebrated on Feb. 6.



1966—Groundbreaking for Scully Natatorium



1963—Carroll Hall (north) dedicated



1964—David H. Harts Memorial Science Building dedicated



1966—Hoyle Hall dedicated



1962/63—Student Union opens

The athletics department expanded to seven men's and six women's sports by the mid-90s, with 165 student-athletes – 40 percent of the campus enrollment. The Lynx continued to find success through the '80s and '90s. The basketball team won back-to-back state championships in 1980 and 1981, and won their 1,000th basketball game on Dec. 7, 1990. The women's basketball team went to nationals in 1985. The men's golf team went to nationals in 1991 and 1992. The wrestlers won the NJCAA national championship in 1989 and 1991.

Fitness Center, the Bill & Janet Zimmer Athletic Suite, coach's offices, a training room, a wrestling practice room, the Sandy & Dottie MacKinnon Classroom, the Steven Isenstein Classroom, and the Lincoln Heritage Museum.

In 2014, the Lincoln Heritage Museum moved from its long-time home in the McKinstry Library building to its new space in the Lincoln Center. Record numbers of visitors have been drawn to the new museum's innovative design, but educating people about the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, especially his legacy in Lincoln and central Illinois, has remained the focus of the Museum's exhibits and programs.

In 2002, Dean Emeritus Allen Pickering inaugurated the Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship to raise money for athletic scholarships for student athletes. Held each July at the Lincoln Elks Golf Course in Lincoln, the Golf Outing for Scholarship has raised almost \$150,000 for student athletes at Lincoln College.

Over the past 15 seasons, Lincoln College teams have advanced to compete in national tournaments in swimming and diving (eight individual national champions), wrestling (four national champions), men's soccer, and men's basketball, which won back to back Championships in 2010 and 2011. Since 2000, three Lynx coaches have been NJCAA Coach of the Year in their sport: Dan Hemenway and Jake Sexton (swimming) and Kirk Whiteman (men's basketball).

On the academic side, Lincoln College expanded its bachelor degree offerings at the Normal campus, and in 2007 launched the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program for working adults. The ABE program has grown to include five degree programs and three locations: Normal, Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, and Illinois Central College in Peoria. Baccalaureate degree programs in Theatre and Jazz Studies were added at the Lincoln campus.

In 2005, remains from the largest woolly mammoth ever found in Illinois were discovered in Sugar Creek by Lincoln College student Judd McCullum. Long-used by LC science faculty as a teaching resource, that part of Sugar Creek and the surrounding land was developed into the Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education.

These changes have been overseen by five Presidents. Ron Schilling succeeded Jack Nutt and served from 2003 until 2005. He was followed by Dr. John Hutchinson (2005-2010), Jon Astroth (2010-2012), and John Blackburn (2012-2015). In spring 2015, Dr. David Gerlach was named the 22nd president of Lincoln College, and more changes are on the horizon.

Dr. Gerlach has enthusiastically embraced the unique history and legacy of Lincoln College, and crafted a vision for the future that will bring the Lincoln campus full circle and back to its roots as a four-year campus, granting associate, baccalaureate and eventually graduate degrees. As LC approaches its 151st year, a multi-million dollar reinvestment plan will be a big step on that journey.

CHAPTER 6: 2000 to the present

Much has changed at Lincoln College since the turn of the millennium. Physically, the Lincoln campus has seen many changes in that time: the dedication of the Galen and Roberta Shirley Baseball Field, the addition of the Behrends Admission Building, the Gehlbach and Dooley Hall buildings, and a new maintenance building, the demolition of Forsyth Hall and construction of the Heritage Residence Halls, additions to the Johnston Center for the Performing Arts, and of course, the Lincoln Center.

In the final years of his tenure, Dr. Nutt worked diligently to develop plans for a new gymnasium. What began as a plan for a new gym grew to include a fitness center, classrooms, and a new home for the Lincoln Heritage Museum. Dr. Nutt is credited with securing the initial seed money that would be critically important in moving the plans forward. Unfortunately Dr. Nutt passed away in 2004 before his vision was fully executed. This building, now known as the Lincoln Center, was completed in 2009 and houses the Jack D. Nutt Arena featuring the Zurkammer-Pickering Court, the Komnick Family Hall of Fame Room, the Scott Joslin

1968—Lynx Lair gym remodeled to add stage and air conditioning and renamed Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium



1968—Scully Natatorium completed

1968—Tornado passed over campus, uprooted trees and damaged buildings including the UH cupola roof

1969—Administration Building destroyed by fire; 80% of Lincoln Collection was preserved in fireproof vault

1971—President Earl Hargett—died July 1, the day he assumed office, from a massive heart attack after playing tennis

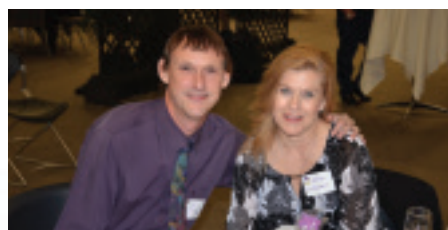
1971—Acting President Wilbur Layman



1971—McKinstry Memorial Library and Lincoln College Museum building opens

SAVE THE DATE **ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND** April 15-16, 2016

Alumni from all class years are invited to return to campus April 15 & 16, 2016!



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It's easy to nominate a fellow outstanding LC alumnus/a (or yourself) for an Alumni Achievement Award. Just fill out and submit the on-line nomination form on our website: <http://alumni.lincolncollege.edu/about/alumni-awards/alumni-achievement-nomination/>

Information about the various awards—the Young Alumni Achievement Award, Alumni Achievement Award, Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Honorary Alumni Award, and the LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award—

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Attend!

Enjoy a variety of events such as the **Wine & Cheese Reception, Campus Tours, Spring Jazz Concert, Reunion Dinner & Awards Program.** Additional events are being planned and suggestions are welcome! Contact the Alumni Office with your ideas! Schedule updates will be posted on the LC Alumni website at <http://alumni.lincolncollege.edu/lc-event/alumni-reunion-weekend-2016/>

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1972—President J. Richard Stoltz



1972—Johnston Center for the Performing Arts opens

1974—WLN Radio goes on the air, broadcasts from basement of University Hall

1975—1st Grand Levee, gala fundraiser for University Hall



1976—Bicentennial Convocation with honored guest Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, great-grandson and last living descendent of Abraham Lincoln

2015 ALUMNI REUNION Photo Gallery





We had a great time at Alumni Reunion 2015! Congratulations again to our award recipients Kirby Rogers, Honorary Alumnus, Jean Brown Gossett '47, LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award, Kalee Dionne '05, Young Alumni Achievement Award, and the Honorable William G. Workman '81, Alumni Achievement Award in Public Service. Do you have a classmate who has done something outstanding since they left LC? Nominate him or her for an Alumni Award! Contact the Alumni office at 877-522-5867 or use the easy online nomination form at <http://alumni.lincolncollege.edu/about/alumni-awards/alumni-achievement-nomination/>.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Peacock Endowed Scholarship set to Empower Students' Futures



Ask H.S. "Saf" Peacock why he and his wife Betty decided to make their annual Peacock Scholarship a permanent endowment and his answer is straight to the point, "Our family has always felt education is the most important thing in one's development and should be on center stage."

Since 2004, Lincoln residents Saf and Betty Peacock have provided an annual gift to Lincoln College to support multiple scholarships of \$1,000. This year, the Peacocks have decided to endow their scholarships so the Saf and Betty Peacock Endowed Scholarships will continue to be awarded to students at Lincoln College in perpetuity.

The gift reflects a lifelong commitment to encourage and advance education. The Peacocks have financially supported the College since the 1960s. Saf served as a Lincoln College Trustee for more than 30 years and served one term as Chairman of the Lincoln College

Board of Trustees. In addition, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees at his hometown Monmouth College for more than two decades, including six years as the Board's Chairman.

One key aspect, he said, is that Lincoln College offers an affordable option for area students to begin their college education, while making it possible for many to commute from their homes in Lincoln and other central Illinois communities. But, he added, he also likes how the college "provides a way for 'late bloomers' to begin college with a little special help and get oriented so they can go on and do well."

Saf and Betty Peacock came to Lincoln as a young couple in the 1950s. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Saf Peacock served in the Army during the Korean War. After his discharge, he took a job with Myers Industries in Decatur, where he underwent a month-long training before being assigned to the company's new Lincoln plant.

During his brief stay in Decatur, the desire to learn golf led him to sign up for lessons from one of the best golfers in the city. Some people take up golf and fall in love with the game. Saf fell in love with his instructor as well. "Playing with her was a very humbling experience," he recalls. "It took care of any egotism I had."

Within six weeks of beginning his golf lessons, Saf and Betty were engaged and in October 1953 they married.

It was in Lincoln that they raised their family and Saf built his career – for many years as a top executive and on the Board of Directors for Myers.

After 25 years with Myers, he took early retirement because he wanted new challenges. He sold his interest in the company and went into business with his brother, developing and leasing warehouse space in Dallas and Phoenix. Locally, he served as a director with First National Bank in Lincoln, which later became part of Magna Bank of Central Illinois, where he also served as a director. He invested in and managed farmland in the area. In addition, he was a director of the utility holding company, CILCORP, Inc., of Peoria.

But, he says one of his most interesting and rewarding experiences was a long term relationship with the National Defense University Foundation. It began when his son-in-law's father recommended to then-Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger that Saf be included in a series of briefings through the National Defense Association.



1977—President Dale Brummet

1979—Lincoln College-Normal opens at satellite location

1981—Men's Basketball team finishes 2nd at NJCAA D1 National Tournament (coached by Allen Pickering)

1981—Softball finishes 3rd at NJCAA D1 Nationals (coached by Donna Bonebrake)

1982—Acting President Samuel Redding



1982—President Jack D. Nutt

1984—Express Show Choir organized

He had long had an interest in international relations and defense and that invitation eventually led to his getting involved in the National Defense University Foundation, which is a civilian organization that provides support to the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

The University provides high-level training, education and the development of national security strategy. It is chartered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and includes five schools, including the National War College.

Eventually he was asked to chair the Foundation Board – an assignment he intended to take on for no more than three years, but ended up chairing the Board for five.

During his years on the NDU Foundation Board, he started a program for visiting military leaders from around the world that offered several briefings, including at the Chicago Board of Trade, Boeing Aircraft, Caterpillar and the University of Illinois School of Agriculture. The Peacocks hosted the program for 20 years. When the program began, about a dozen countries sent representatives. By the time his service ended, 55 nations were participating.

The Peacocks concentrate their efforts in three general areas: supporting education at Lincoln and Monmouth colleges, supporting healthcare at Lincoln Hospital and the Mayo Clinic and supporting conservation.

Saf has been on the Ducks Unlimited Wetland America Trust Board for many years, while Betty has been involved in a number of conservation projects herself. She converted family land she inherited into a tree farm and native prairie area and was the first president of the Kickapoo Creek County Park Foundation, where she was instrumental in the planning of the native woodland and prairie park.

Saf's interest in hunting and conservation goes back to his youth in Monmouth. At 16 he built his own duck blind on the Mississippi River and spent countless hours hunting, fishing and boating on the river.

The Peacocks have a son, Jim, and a daughter, Betsy. Jim lives in Simsbury, Conn., and he and his wife have two sons. Betsy lives in Great Falls, Virginia with her husband. They have three sons and one daughter. Saf and Betty have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lincoln College appreciates the Peacock's generosity, passion for, and dedication to helping young people get a college education. When an endowed scholarship is established, the gift is set aside as principal to be invested and awarded in perpetuity. Only the income from the principal is distributed as scholarship awards. If you would like more information about establishing an endowed scholarship in your name or a loved one's name, please contact the Office of Advancement by calling toll free 877-522-5867.

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Support the success and future of Lincoln College! Make your year-end gift to the LINCOLN Fund today by mail using the envelope enclosed in this issue of The Lincoln Log or online at www.lincolncollege.edu/support —it's quick, secure and easy!



1987—Lincoln College-Normal campus built



1987—Bob's Roast Beef Bull Caper



1989—Meyer-Evans Student Center opened



1989—Wrestling wins NJCAA National Championship (coached by Rex Branum)

1991—Wrestling wins NJCAA National Championship (coached by Rex Branum)

1993—Johnston Center "West Wing" remodel added band room, piano lab, offices

MUSEUM CORNER

LINCOLN HERITAGE MUSEUM

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TOM MCLAUGHLIN '94 AS NEW DIRECTOR



Tom McLaughlin, class of 1994, has been named the new Director of the Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College. Tom started his new position in September, taking over from Ron Keller who decided to return to teaching full time as an associate professor of history and political science for Lincoln College.

Tom began his new position just prior to the Grand Soirée, the Museum's annual gala fundraiser at the end of September, and the 2015 Lincoln Colloquium, an annual symposium for Lincoln scholars held in early October. Each year, the location of the Colloquium rotates among a set list of Lincoln sites, and the Lincoln Heritage Museum has been added to that regular rotation as one of seven Colloquium hosting locations.

"The Lincoln Heritage Museum had two outstanding events, the 2015 Grand Soirée and the 30th Annual Lincoln Colloquium. The Grand Soirée was a tremendous success with record-setting attendance and wonderful auction items. All proceeds will help the Lincoln Heritage Museum continue to further its mission of helping people *Learn from Lincoln, Live like Lincoln,*" Tom commented.

"The Museum was also honored to host the Lincoln Colloquium for the first time. We had amazing attendance from Lincoln enthusiasts from around the country who came to hear nationally-known Lincoln scholars discuss the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Both events were successful in no small part due to the planning committees, our Lincoln College employees, and our group of dedicated volunteers. Without them, none of this would be possible," said Tom. "Based on the energy and enthusiasm showed by our supporters, I am extremely excited to see what the future has in store for the Lincoln Heritage Museum!"



Lincoln College President Dr. David Gertach, Lincoln Heritage Museum Director Tom McLaughlin, and Associate Professor of History Ron Keller



1994—Dooley Hall dedicated



1997—Heritage North Residence Hall dedicated

1998—Heritage West Residence Hall dedicated



1998—Midwest College of Cosmetology opened at LC-Normal

1999—Demolition of Spatz Hall

1999—Baseball & Soccer complex completed



2015 Grand Soirée

“I am truly excited for this opportunity to be a part of the Lincoln Heritage Museum,” says Tom. “I look forward to continuing the good work of Ron Keller, Assistant Director Anne Moseley and our wonderful group of Museum volunteers, as well as bringing in new initiatives to reach out to our local community. Through educational activities for local youth and special events, I hope to reach out to all Lincoln enthusiasts and invite them to take part in the interactive and educational experience of the Lincoln Heritage Museum.”

Tom returned to LC in 2013 as a Development Officer in the Advancement Office. Before that he was a Senior Representative and Certified Field Trainer in the central Illinois and the St. Louis area for Astellas Pharma US, Inc. As a Lincoln College student, Tom performed with the Express Show Choir and in several theatre productions, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and was chosen as the Student Laureate to the Lincoln Academy where he was also named a Scholar of Distinction. He won the Best Actor Award, as well as the William B. McKinley Prize for Outstanding Freshman and the Samuel B. Evans Award for Outstanding Sophomore.

After graduating from Lincoln College, Tom finished his Bachelor’s degree in Marketing at Eastern Illinois University and got his Master’s in Business Administration degree at the University of Illinois-Springfield. A Lincoln native, Tom is married to Brittney (nee Dobson), LC class of 2000, and they have three rescued shelter dogs.

For information about the Lincoln Heritage Museum, visit the website museum.lincolncollege.edu. You can reach Tom at (217) 735-7254 or email him at tmclaughlin@lincolncollege.edu.



Panel discussion at the 2015 Lincoln Colloquium



2000—Gehlbach Hall dedicated

1999—David H. Harts memorial giving society established



2000—Demolition of Forsyth Hall

2001—Johnston Center remodeled to add Vance Family Dance Studio, classrooms, offices



2001—Heritage South Residence Hall dedicated



2001—Behrends Admissions Building dedicated

2001—Bachelor degrees in Liberal Arts and Business Management added at Normal campus

CLASS NOTES



1950s

Robert "Bob" Madden, class of 1958, is still on the road and behind the camera after a long career as a photographer and editor for National Geographic and Discovery Communications. Bob

leads photography tours and workshops world-wide. "I am away from my Maryland home about nine months of the year, but the Geographic assignments got me used to the travel. I use Twitter as a visual diary, posting an image every day," writes Bob. See what he's up to on his website bobmadden.com.

1960s

Robert Saner, class of 1965, retired after 38 years working for Parker Hannifin in Woodridge, Illinois.

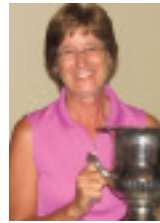
1970s

Elaine (Miller) Lazell, class of 1970, went on to graduate from Illinois State University, taught Junior High and later became a project manager for the State of Illinois for 30 years. She is now retired. She married **John Lazell**, class of 1971, who graduated from University of Illinois-Springfield in Communications and received a Master of Gerontology degree from UIS. He also received a Master in Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary. He was a minister for many years and later worked for the Illinois Department on Aging until retiring. They have two children, Kali (36) and Kyle (35). John and Elaine were married for almost 42 years until John's sudden death in 2013. Two of their close friends at LC participated in their wedding: Roger Savage and Katie Schieg. John and Elaine spoke fondly of LC and the many friends they made as well as opportunities LC offered.



1980s

Barbra Burdett, class of 1981 and LC faculty member, published "The Defining Line," which tells the story of Lincoln, Illinois businessman, World War II veteran, and 1930s University of Illinois football All-American Charles "Chuck" Bennis, in May 2015.



Jan Bowers, class of 1981 and LC faculty member, won the Illinois Women's Golf Association's 2015 Senior Women's Amateur Championship played in Decatur, Illinois, in September.

1990s

Christopher Gray, class of 1995, completed his Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Foundations from Illinois State University in April and was appointed assistant vice president/dean of the Vincennes University Jasper Campus in Vincennes, Indiana, in August.

Anne (Otte) Sydney, class of 1997, retired after serving for 38 years as a Registered Nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Illinois.



Jason Hoffman, class of 1999 and assistant Lynx Wrestling coach, had a solo art show titled "Cosmos SW6528" at the Lincoln Art Institute gallery in Lincoln, Illinois in September.

2000s

Carla Passini, class of 2009, has been named head women's softball coach at Quincy University, in Quincy, Illinois.



2003—President Ronald Schilling



2005—President John M. Hutchinson

2002—1st Golf Outing for Scholarship event held to raise funds for student athlete scholarships

2004—Physical Plant building (the old Dining Hall) on Ottawa Street destroyed by fire

2005—Woolly mammoth tusk discovered in Sugar Creek by student Judd McCullum

2006—Bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice and Tourism, Sport and Hospitality Management added at Normal campus

2007—Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program introduced at the Normal campus



Cassandra “Cassie” (Ellwing) Ryan, class of 2011, writes: This was a big year for me, professionally and personally. I made the big move from Company Stage Manager at a small, non-equity theatre in the North Shore to signing a contract to become an Equity Stage Manager. As a member of the Actor’s Equity Association, I will be given more opportunities and have more benefits.

Luckily, a lot of the adjustments that I need to make were already instilled in me during my time at Lincoln. I was hired at Clockwise Theatre only a little over a month after I graduated from Lincoln with my BA in Theatre. I worked 12 shows with Clockwise, mostly as a Stage Manager, spent one summer as a Stage Manager at Six Flags Great America and am currently finishing up a run for a show with Citadel Theatre. I cannot wait to continue to grow as an artist and I hope to be an alum that LC can be proud of. Additionally, I got married this summer to Michael Ryan—another debt I owe to Lincoln College. We met my first semester at the JC!

Photo courtesy of Roland Gozun Photography



Joanna Salata, Normal campus class of 2010 (AA) and 2013 (BA), graduated from Colorado State University with her Master of Education degree in May 2015. Joanna was a student in LC’s Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program. While at LC-Normal she was involved in the Epsilon Sigma Alpha collegiate philanthropic group, was inducted into the Sigma Tau Delta International

English Honor Society, and was a recipient of the Professional Women of McLean County’s Margaret Wakeley scholarship award for academic success, leadership, and community support. She also organized the College Students for an Accessible Community (SCAC) student group during her senior year at Lincoln College. The group promoted disability awareness and advocacy on campus and in the community. At Colorado State, Joanna graduated with a Master of Education in Education and Human Resource Studies – Adult Education and Training Specialization and also earned a graduate certificate in Teaching with Technology and Distance Learning. She was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society for her high achievement in graduate school studies. Joanna has continued to be actively involved in a community chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and regularly volunteers in her community alongside fellow Lincoln College alumni. She also worked at Heartland Community College’s Disability Support Services office, providing alternative text for students with disabilities. Currently, Joanna is involved in adult education in a corporate setting as a Business Analyst at State Farm Insurance. She hopes to continue to use her education and skills to serve adult learners in her community.

Another Golf Outing for Scholarship Ace

July 31 was a perfect day for golf, and we had another great turnout for the Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship at the Lincoln Elks Golf Club. The Outing supports the Allen Pickering Endowed Scholarship Fund for Lynx student athletes, and Lincoln College appreciates all the sponsors, players, staff and volunteers who make this a great event every year. We also want to congratulate golfer Todd Garner who aced hole #13. He didn’t win the car, but he did win a 3-day/2-night stay at the Treetops Resort in Michigan. Next year will be the 15th anniversary of Coach Pick’s signature event, and you won’t want to miss it so mark your calendar now for Friday, July 29, 2016.

Go LYNX!



2008—Groundbreaking for Lincoln Center



2008—WLNx Radio relocates from UH basement to new studio building on Keokuk Street

2009—1st Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast held at The Maple Club in Lincoln

2009—Bachelor degree in Theatre added at Lincoln campus



2010—Lincoln Center opens in the spring

2010—Prairie restoration marks beginning of Creekside Center



2010—President Jonathan M. Astroth

In Memory

Our deepest sympathies to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations we are only able to publish each person's name, age, class year, and date of death.

1930s

Mildred B. (Osborn) Kaesebier, 99, 1936, March 15, 2015; Mary C. (Lloyd) Gupton, 96, 1939, February 3, 2015; Albert C. Kleinschmidt, 94, 1939, January 18, 2014; Mary F. (Meister) Smoak, 95, 1939, February 27, 2015.

1940s

Louise (McGee) Camel, 92, 1943, January 24, 2015; Mary Kathryn (Knecht) Edward, 91, 1943, July 7, 2015; Robert W. McCarthy, 91, 1943, March 19, 2015; Ruth E. (Coers) Aper, 88, 1947, December 24, 2014; George E. Saunders, 88, 1949, March 7, 2015.

1950s

Arthur H. Herschberger, 83, 1952, September 23, 2014; Harry C. Geisinger, 82, 1958, May 1, 2015; Charlotte B. (Cumby) Sprengel, 83, 1952, May 27, 2015; James R. Tyre, 77, 1956, March 20, 2013; David E. Hanger, 80, 1957, March 18, 2015; Lawrence J. Peters, 80, 1957, April 26, 2015; Robert C. Mueller, 79, 1959, February 9, 2015.

1960s

Edwin P. Dahmm, 75, 1960, February 6, 2015; Berle K. Hufford, 77, 1960, December 16, 2014; Phyllis A. Adams, 72, 1963, April 15, 2015; Arthur K. Boyar, 70, 1964, October 6, 2013; Michael L. French, 75, 1964, December 23, 2014; Michael E. Price, 71, 1964, March 30, 2015; James L. Attebery, 76, 1965, March 17, 2015; David J. Radzin, 68, 1966, April 18, 2015; Steven P. Pace, 70, 1967, February 16, 2013; Lawrence R. "Larry" Cook, 67, 1968, November 1, 2015; Kent N. Turner, 66, 1968, February 12, 2015.

1970s

Tulio S. Braz, 65, 1970, February 18, 2014; Neil D. Beaton, 65, 1971, January 23, 2015.

1990s

Mary E. (Holloway) Mugler, 71, 1992, September 27, 2014.

Dr. Howard C. Anderson

1934 – 2015

Retired Lincoln College professor Dr. Howard C. Anderson passed away in Lincoln on May 22, 2015. He was 80. Anderson held degrees from Roosevelt University and Illinois State University. He taught political science, history and English at Lincoln College for 30 years, retiring in 2006. He is survived by a daughter and granddaughter and a brother.



2010—Men's Basketball win's NJCAA DII National Championship (coached by Kirk Whiteman)

2011—Zurkammer-Pickering Court dedicated in the Lincoln Center's Jack D. Nutt Arena

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2011—Began offering ABE program at IVCC in Oglesby, IL



Daniel W. Bock

1942 – 2015

Lincoln College Trustee Daniel W. Bock passed away in Florida on April 14, 2015. He was 72. Bock had served as a Trustee since 1998 and was the Treasurer of the Board at the time of his death. In May he was posthumously granted Trustee Emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.

Bock was a graduate of Lincoln High School and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana. Dan's professional life revolved around Illinois agriculture, real estate and education and he was recognized at the local, state and national level for his membership and service to numerous related industry organizations. He owned Bock & Associates Realty in Lincoln, IL since 1975 and ABE Lincoln Appraisal Service since 1977. He acted as an Agricultural Occupations consultant for the State of Illinois and became a member of the REALTORS Land Institute in 1984.

He held a special teaching certificate from the U of I, was also a certified professional Standards Instructor for the National Association of Realtors (NAR), and served as an instructor for the farm section, NAR code of ethics, Parliamentary Procedures, and NAR code of Ethics for Professional Standards for the Realtors Institute of Illinois. He was an Agricultural instructor for High School and adult education teacher in Lincoln and Princeton from 1965-1971.

Dan was the Lincoln/Logan County Courier Citizen of Year in 1987, a director for the National Association of Realtors from 1997-1991, Logan County Board of Realtors Realtor of the Year in 1986, a member of the Lincoln-Logan Chamber of Commerce since 1994, and served on the Lincoln-Logan Chamber Board of Directors from 1991-1994.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents William E. and Emma Bock, his two sisters Mary Ann Landon and Lois Dockery, and his first wife Shirley Endress Bock. He is survived by his wife June Novak-Bock and stepdaughter Stephanie Elder. Memorials may be made to the Bock Scholarship Fund at Lincoln College or the Legacy Fund at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln.



2012—President John D. Blackburn

2012—Bachelor degree in Jazz Studies added at Lincoln campus

2012—Began offering ABE program at ICC in Peoria, IL



2013—Athletic Hall of Fame inaugurated

MY LIFE AT LINCOLN COLLEGE
By Tom Zurkammer, Class of 1963
Continued:



WLNK broadcasting from the UH Basement studio, ca. 1985

classes floundered. In late summer of 2004, John Malone was hired as a consultant to see what could be done to revitalize the radio and the broadcasting curriculum.

John was hired full-time in December 2004, rolled up his sleeves, and totally rebuilt the radio station that was located in the basement of University Hall (not the most attractive showplace for prospective students). In 2008, the College bought an empty bank building on Keokuk Street. Once again, John designed and built a brand new state-of-the-art radio station from the ground up. It was completed in 2009, and WLNK was saved. The station has turned into a golden egg which is about to hatch a new offspring to add to the existing broadcasting curriculum.

LCTV will operate from the old ceramics building which is being renovated into a television studio. In the near future television classes along with TV news broadcasting will begin.

The capstone building that Jack Nutt envisioned, the Lincoln Center, was completed in 2009. Too bad he was not alive to see it finished; he would be proud. It houses the Jack D. Nutt Arena, the Komnick Family Hall of Fame Room, the Bill & Janet Zimmer Athletic Suite, the Steven A. Isentstein '70 Classroom, the Scott Joslin Fitness Center, several coach's offices,



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classrooms, a training room, a wrestling room, and the Lincoln Heritage Museum. If you haven't toured the Museum, put it on your bucket list for the next time you visit campus. It will be an experience that you won't forget.

In closing, my most treasured memories over the past 50 years are you, the Lincoln College Alums. The hundreds of students that I met, got to know, taught and worked with has been a complete joy. I still get cards, letters, and notes from many of you, informing me of where you are, what you are doing, important things that have happened in your life, and things about your families. You will be forever young in my eyes, the way you were when you were 18 or 19 and a student at LC. God bless all of you!

Stay in touch and support your alma mater. It is an exciting time for the College. We have a new president, Dr. David Gerlach. He is energetic and has a new direction and vision for LC. I think the future looks bright, and even though the College is 150 years old, it still looks good for its age!



2014—Lincoln Heritage Museum opens in the Lincoln Center



2014—Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education opens

2014—Articulation agreement signed with University of Illinois College of ACES

2015—Sesquicentennial Celebrations



2015—President David M. Gerlach inaugurated as 22nd President of LC



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COMING EVENTS

Theatre production: "Becky's New Car"

Johnston Center Main Stage
February 17-21, 2016

California Alumni & Friends Event

Carlsbad, California
February 20, 2016

Theatre production: Musical Theatre Revue

Hostick Theatre
April 6-10, 2016

Alumni Reunion Weekend

April 15-16, 2016

Jazz Concert

Johnston Center Main Stage
April 15-16, 2016

Choir Concert

Johnston Center Main Stage
April 22-23, 2016

Dance Recital

Johnston Center Main Stage
April 30-May 1, 2016

Golf Outing for Scholarship

Lincoln Elks Golf Course
July 29, 2016

Homecoming 2016

October 31-November 5, 2016

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

Davidson-Sheffer Gym
November 4, 2016