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## Pickering Retires

by Justin Tierney

*Pickering will now focus his attention on fundraising for the new Lincoln Center, which will be the new home for Lincoln College indoor athletics and the Lincoln Museum.*

After 36 years of service and dedication to Lincoln College, Allen Pickering resigned, effective January 1, 2007. Pickering held the offices of Vice President for College Relations and Student Services and Athletic Director at the time of his resignation.

During his time at Lincoln College, Pickering helped the school's athletic department grow from offering three sports in 1970 to 19 in 2007. He had been the school's Athletic Director since 1986.

"When I first started in 1970, we had baseball, basketball and swimming," said Pickering. "We had other sports off and on, but never with any consistency. Now we have 19 total sports for men and women. Athletics has been improved. I think now, in every sport, we're respected."

"We have a top ten men's basketball program in the nation, a top two or three swimming program in the nation, a top ten wrestling program in the nation. Our women's basketball team has been nationally recognized for academics, and so has our swimming team. It's been a fun thing to be a part of and to watch grow."

"The timing was right (to step down). I've been there for 36 years, and it's time to do something else. The leadership will be strong with (former swimming coach) Dan Hemenway taking over as athletic director, and it gives me the chance to do some of the other things I'm interested in."



A native of Lexington, Illinois, Pickering played college basketball at Illinois State University. He first came

## University Hall Fire

The oldest and most recognizable building on the campus of Lincoln College was saved from being destroyed by fire because of the quick response of two Lincoln residents. Shortly after 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, Bonita Peters was walking her dog on campus

and noticed smoke coming from the first floor of University Hall. She alerted Jim Sparrow, who lives near the College, that it looked like a fire. He called 911. About 30 firefighters from the area responded to the call. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time of the blaze. The fire started in a front lounge on the southwest corner of the historic building. Firefighters extinguished the flames before they spread too far from the origin. Lincoln Fire Chief Jim Davis said electricity was to blame for starting the fire. "We don't know if it was the air conditioner or the (electrical) box where it was plugged into," said Davis. The fire caused at least \$50,000 damage. Contractors are currently working to repair the damage and should be finished by May.

to Lincoln in 1964 to do his student teaching as part of his college studies.

"John Swart was the one who brought me to the area," says Pickering. "He graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School and Lincoln College. He knew the basketball coach at Lincoln College at the time, who was Norm Kaye."

"One night, I went to the gym - which was the same way then as it is now - and met with Coach Kaye, and he offered me a place to stay while I was here. That was my first introduction to Lincoln and Lincoln College."

Six years later, in 1970, Pickering accepted a faculty position at Lincoln College, where he would teach physical education, and serve as a volunteer assistant coach for

baseball and basketball. The next year, he became the head basketball coach.

"The very first year was one of the most successful teams I ever had," says

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**Teacher of the Year 1973**  
Respected by colleagues and associates, and voted by the student body as Outstanding Teacher of 1973, President J. Richard Stoltz presents the Sang Teaching Award to Allen Pickering.

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## A Message From the President

FROM TIME-TO-TIME COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MUST ENGAGE IN LONG-RANGE VISIONING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING. LINCOLN COLLEGE — NORMAL COMPLETED SUCH A PROCESS LAST FALL AND THE OUTCOME OF THIS EFFORT HAS BROUGHT NEW EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM TO THAT CAMPUS. THE TIME HAS ALSO COME FOR LINCOLN COLLEGE — LINCOLN TO UNDERTAKE A SIMILAR VISIONING EFFORT.

President Hutchinson



### LINCOLN COLLEGE - LINCOLN LAUNCHES STRATEGIC VISIONING PROCESS

During the Fall, 2006 semester, representatives of all sectors of the campus community, Trustees, and community leaders were involved in very aggressive programming for the future. The effort has been led by Dr. Gary Davis of Lincoln who is the former chief executive officer of the Illinois Community College Board Association. He is a nationally recognized expert in Board development and institutional planning. To date, the planning group has developed a new vision for the future, refreshed the mission for the campus, and developed a set of ambitious goals for the future. The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees for general approval in their February semi-annual meeting.

#### Strategic Planning Goals

Lincoln College plans to offer:

1. A program to help faculty and staff understand how today's students learn.
2. A new curriculum to engage students and to improve their chances for educational, personal, and professional success.
3. An effective retention program.
4. A stronger financial position for the College.
5. Upgraded physical facilities.
6. Implementation of an effective external and internal communication program.

If approved, the planning group will develop specific and measurable objectives to meet the established goals. This has been an extraordinarily exciting and energizing effort for all involved.

Provisionally, the vision statement reads as follows: **By 2012, Lincoln College will be recognized as uniquely student-focused, innovative, and entrepreneurial. Lincoln College will offer a campus community that engages students with opportunities for educational, personal, and professional success.**

The mission statement, which is to be short, pithy, and for public use, is: **Lincoln College uniquely empowers students to realize their full potential.**

## Pickering Retires

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Pickering. "We had a kid by the name of Lloyd Nolan, who was a great player. We had John Campbell, who is still the second all-time leading scorer in school history and Dennis Werth, who went on to play baseball with the New York Yankees."

Pickering would go on to win various awards and championships. In 16 years as the head men's coach, he had 15 winning seasons, ranking first all-time in wins among men's basketball coaches at Lincoln College, compiling a career record of 368-155. During that time, he won seven regional championships. He's also a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Illinois State University Hall of Fame.

In 1981, Pickering's Lynx squad finished second in the nation in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament, the highest finish in school history. He was also named the NJCAA's Division I Coach of the Year. Later that year, at the Sports Festival in Syracuse, New York, Pickering served as an assistant coach to Lute Olsen on a team that included Doc Rivers and Derek Harper.

Pickering remembers recruiting as one of the aspects of college coaching that he enjoyed the most. Kevin Gamble, who would go on to play 10 years in the NBA, is one of Pickering's favorite recruiting stories.

"I talked to him in his home for half an hour, maybe more," says Pickering. "And all I talked about was school- what classes he could take, and what would be expected of him academically. And on my way out the door, I said, 'By the way, we also have a basketball team.'"

Pickering has also seen his own two children participate in Lincoln College athletics. Daughter Lyndsey was a member of the Lady Lynx soccer team, while son David was a member of last season's Lynx men's basketball squad that qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament.

Pickering will now focus his attention on fund raising for the new Lincoln Center. The building will seat around 1,300 and will also house the college's museum.

Justin Tierney, a 2006 graduate of Lincoln College, is a junior at Elmhurst College studying journalism.

# Alumni Reunion 2007

**ATTENTION ALL LINCOLN COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
Mark your calendar for Reunion 2007. Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29, Lincoln College will celebrate reunion years for all members who are a part of classes ending in a 2 or 7. So, come back to campus classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. Don't worry, if this isn't your anniversary year, you can still come to reminisce and relive the memories. Members of all graduating classes will be recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday, April 29. Individuals in attendance who are celebrating their 25th or 50th reunion will receive the Swarovski crystal Lincoln College Alumni pin.



A group from Reunion 2006 tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL.

## Film Producer Receives Alumni Award

Bruce A. Block, class of 1968, will receive this year's Distinguished Alumni Award. Currently living in Los Angeles, CA, Block will be visiting campus during Reunion Weekend to present a lecture on film and cinema studies and what it's really like working in Hollywood. Block's recent movie producing credits include *The Holiday*, *Christmas with the Kranks*, *Something's Gotta Give*, *America's Sweethearts*, and *What Women Want*. Honorary Alumni and Alumni Achievement Awards will also be presented during Reunion 2007. Recipients will be announced in early March.

## Events

### Friday, April 27

Wine & Cheese Reception

### Saturday, April 28

2nd Annual 5K

Run/1 mile Walk for Scholarship

Lady Lynx Alumni

Basketball Game –

Coaches Cindi

Slayton Jackson and

Donna Bonebrake will be back!

Alumni Dinner and

Awards Program

### Sunday, April 29

Tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL



Lincoln College student, Judd McCullum receives The Lincoln College Science Achievement Award from Dr. Dennis Campbell.

## JUDD Tusk Unveiling

Over 100 people were in attendance for the unveiling ceremony of the tusk and tooth of JUDD, the woolly mammoth, at the McKinstry Memorial Library on Saturday, October 28, 2006. This exhibit is on display indefinitely. In September 2005, freshman Judd McCullum discovered a tusk of a woolly mammoth in Sugar Creek near the Lincoln College campus during an environmental biology field trip. Three months later, Lincoln College Professor Dr. Dennis Campbell found a third molar which supported the theories of the first find. The tusk is 12-foot-long and is the largest mammoth tusk ever found in Illinois. It is possibly the largest woolly mammoth tusk ever found in North America. Tests on the tusk revealed that this was likely a male woolly mammoth that was 50 years old, stood 10-11 feet tall, weighed 6-7 tons, and lived over 11,600 years ago - a surprisingly recent time for mammoth existence.

# Florence Adams Dooley Remembered

Florence Adams Dooley, former Director of Admissions and wife of Lincoln College President Dr. Raymond Dooley, died after a brief hospitalization on November 12, 2006. She was 93. Mrs. Dooley received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1936. She worked in the fashion industry in Champaign, IL before finding her real niche in academia. In 1943 she began her career in academic admissions counseling, a job which involved an abundance of travel. During a business trip, she met Raymond Dooley whom she married on April 2, 1947. As newlyweds, the Dooleys moved to Lincoln, IL where he became Lincoln College's 15th President, a post he kept for 22 years, until his retirement in 1971. Speaking of his family, President Dooley once said that "Florence and Lincoln were the saving of our lives." During their tenure, the Dooleys



Florence Adams Dooley  
1913-2006

made a remarkable impact on Lincoln College. According to the August 1970 issue of "The Lincoln Log," during President Dooley's administration "the student body...increased some 600 percent...The school's physical plant (was) improved with the addition of five new residence halls, Harts Science Building, Scully Natatorium, McKinstry Memorial Library and the (new) Student Center and Student Services Buildings. Bids for an eleventh new structure, the Johnston Fine Arts Center, were received on June 25, 1970."

On May 30, 1971, President and Mrs. Dooley received honorary Doctorates from Lincoln College for their years of service. A Doctor of Education and Doctor of Humanities were awarded respectively. In 1995, a new academic building was erected at Lincoln College and named to honor both Florence and Raymond Dooley. The family has requested that memorials in honor of Mrs. Dooley can be made to Lincoln College.



# We are Lincoln College

Meet the Office of Advancement In the next issue...Meet Admissions



**Deb Ackerman**  
Vice President  
for Institutional  
Advancement

Deb earned an A.A. from Lincoln College, a B.A. in Management from the University of Illinois at Springfield and an M.S.Ed from Illinois State University. She started at Lincoln College in 1999 as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and the Annual Fund. In 2002, she became the Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Dean of Advancement. In May 2006, she was named Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Deb collects Norman Rockwell figurines and snowmen. She loves the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs. And she can ride a unicycle!

**Deb Shull Andrews**  
Creative Services  
Manager

Deb graduated from Lincoln College with an A.A. She is currently working on her B.A. at the University of Illinois at Springfield. She started in a full-time data entry position at Lincoln College in October of 2000. She now serves as the Creative Services Manager collaborating with the Office of Advancement and campus-wide graphic design projects. Deb is also responsible for the new and improved layout and design for "The Lincoln Log." When she's not at Lincoln College, you'll find her with a paintbrush in hand or digging in the dirt! She can't wait for Spring.

**Heather Miller**  
Coordinator for  
Annual Giving

Heather earned an A.A. from Lincoln College and is currently pursuing a B.A. from Lincoln College-Normal. She started working in the President's Office and the Office of Advancement as a student worker when she was going to school at LC. Since 2002, Heather has been working full time holding the position Annual Fund Assistant before taking on her current role. An enthusiastic Cardinals fan, Heather finds it hard to have time to watch the games. She is a relentlessly busy person who is always doing something at home or with her family. This girl never sits down!

**Natalie Jeckel McGee**  
Director of  
Alumni Relations

Natalie earned an A.A. from Lincoln College, a B.A. from Millikin University, and an M.S.Ed. from Illinois State University. Her first job at Lincoln College was managing the Tutoring Office part time, in the fall of 1999. Four years later she returned to Lincoln College creating the department of Web Services. In August of 2005, she moved to the Office of Advancement, taking her current position. Natalie enjoys running, dancing and yoga. You might even find her going for a jog on campus after work.

**Rick Samuels**  
Development  
Officer

Rick earned a B.S. from Chadron State College in Nebraska and an M.S. from Eastern Washington University. He started at Lincoln College in August of 2006. Rick has a vast knowledge of NCAA Division I school nicknames. This is probably because he was the head coach for Eastern Illinois University's men's basketball team for 25 years.

**Laurie Trowbridge**  
Director of  
Web Services

Laurie holds a B.A. from Russell Sage College and an M.S. from Illinois State University. She joined Lincoln College in 2006. She also has a knack for knitting.

**Mary Jo Werth**  
Administrative  
Assistant

Mary Jo is a graduate of Taylorville High School and has worked for Lincoln College since 2001. She began working part time in the Office of Advancement doing data entry. In January 2002, she became full time and manages alumni data, processes gifts, and coordinates event registration. For the past 34 years she has been married to Ken. She insists, of course, that since they've been married that long they certainly must have married at a very young age! In her free time MJ enjoys reading, playing golf and fishing.

**"WHATEVER  
YOU ARE, BE  
A GOOD ONE."**

-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Maiden Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

News: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form online. [www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni](http://www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni)

# Class Notes

## Alumni News, Activities and Events

### 1950s



Happy 50th Birthday Olin-Sang! This was the first "modern day" dormitory built at LC. Dedicated in 1957, it was named in honor of Ida and Louis Olin and Etta and Jacob Sang.

**W.W. (Wim) de Regt**, class of 1955, lives in Holland and has spent summers for the past 10 years sailing on Dutch canals in his 35 foot English Narrowboat, visiting Pound Ridge in the fall and spending six months in winter on the Algarve in Portugal. He recalls his two years at Lincoln College with fondness. **Bill Laudert**, class of 1958, was elected to the post and high honor of Department of Florida Chaplain for the third year with The American Legion.

### 1960s

**Geoffrey Wyld**, class of 1961, writes to say he has been married since 1964. He lives in Denver, CO after relocating from Chicago in 1965. He earned a B.F.A. in interior design from the University Denver in 1968. He is currently self employed as a free lance commercial sales prospector. He has two children and five grandchildren. **Dennis Wilcox**, class of 1963, retired from Columbus Public Schools in June of 2006. As an educator, he was mentioned in Who's Who Among America's Teachers for the past four years. **Ed Bamberger**, class of 1964, is the CEO of The Single Gourmet of Dallas - Fort Worth, Inc. which is a members-only organization that offers single professionals an opportunity to attend dinner parties in Dallas and Fort Worth restaurants. **Steve Huff**, class of 1964, writes to say he is looking for Skip Smaga. They had a 55 Chevy on campus together. Steve was drafted in 1965 and sent to Vietnam as an auto-rifleman. After six

months he was assigned a Troop Clerks job. He used the GI Bill to go back to college while working for the CTA as a bus driver. And then earned a degree from Valparaiso University and worked around Chicago for over 30 years. He now lives in Florida with his wife. **Margie Mickelson**, class of 1964, is the President of Mickelson Enterprises, Inc., which is a chain of antique malls in the Cummings, GA area. **Dennis Pilcher**, class of 1965, finished his 27th year at Iowa Central Community College as Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach. His Junior College coaching record is 638-364. **Allan Kaufman**, class of 1966, is the President of The Compliance Resource Center which is a consulting firm for OSHA and DOT matters. **John Woodruff**, class of 1966, is a Senior Account Manager for MPSI, a chemical distributor in Charlotte, NC.



Cameron Diaz · Kate Winslet · Jude Law · Jack Black  
a Nancy Meyers film  
**the Holiday**  
From the Director of What Women Want and Something's Gotta Give  
December 8



**Bruce A. Block**, class of 1968, is the Producer for the film *The Holiday* which opened in theatres on December 8. A Nancy Meyers film, this movie stars Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. **Jeffrey Hartnett**, class of 1968, is a Managing Partner for the law firm of Bartley Goffstein, LLC in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife, Diana, have two children.

### 1970s

**Debbi Miller**, class of 1970, is a Patient

## In Memory

**Edith Thomas Weger**, class of 1934, died Wednesday, April 19, 2006. **Jarvis Jackson**, 80, class of 1944, died Monday, March 13, 2006. **Walter Dowdle**, 80, class of 1948, of Freeport, formerly of Lincoln, died Monday, June 19, 2006, at his home. **Bruce Alonzo Davis**, 71, class of 1955, died Thursday, December 14, 2006 after a battle with Lou Gherig's Disease. Bruce spent his career in publishing and was an accomplished musician and vocalist. He is survived by his wife, Melinda, and their children, Emory and Stuart. **Ronald Rinehart**, 64, class of 1962, died Monday, February 13, 2006. **Dan Murphy**, class of 1968, died Monday, July 17, 2006, of a massive brain hemorrhage. He had been a Speech Pathologist for the past 15 years and had worked for Country Companies Insurance the previous 17 years. He was active in the Black Hawk Barbershop Group and was in charge of sound and light at the First Presbyterian Church in Joliet. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and his children Laura, Brian and Brett. **Melanie Miller**, 29, class of 1997, of East Peoria, formerly of Lincoln, died Saturday, July 8, 2006. She was a registered nurse at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, IL. While at Lincoln College, Melanie was a member of the softball team. **Adam Roach**, class of 2000, died Thursday, January 26, 2006. **Drew Mareskas-Palcek**, class of 2006, of Libertyville, died on Sunday, November 12, 2006 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. **Mary Lou Harris**, 79, of Boulder, CO, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006. Her husband Homer, is a former Lincoln College trustee. **Bob Madigan**, 63, of Lincoln, died Thursday, May 5, 2006, at his home. Madigan received an Honorary Degree from Lincoln College in 2002.



# Class Notes

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Coordinator for Weintraub/Eltink Orthodontics in Buffalo Grove, IL. **Laurel Torode Cripe**, class of 1974, would like to hear from classmates. She is currently living in Monticello, IL. **Steve Kidd**, class of 1974, is the owner of NatZ CloZet in Chicago. He and his wife, Natalie, have two children. **Greg Hopkins**, class of 1975 and President of Cleveland Golf, was elected to The National Golf Foundation Board of Directors. **Carmen McFadden**, class of 1975, is working as the Ebilling Coordinator at Cooper & Scully, P.C. Law Firm in Dallas, TX.



Class of 1976 Members came back to campus over the Labor Day holiday in September. First row L-R Chip Maillet, OH; Phil Pople, MD; Christine Peterson, IL; Second row L-R Lynne Pople Petty, IA; Diane Wyre Futch, TN; Third Row L-R David Moss and Nancy Burnett Nelson, both of IL.

**Karen Alexander**, class of 1976, wants to hear from former classmates, Cary Gaffney and Linda Pickard. Contact Karen at 314-966-7055 or 2343 Hidden Meadow Lane in Ballwin, MO 63021. **Patricia (Campos) Sawyer**, class of 1977, is a Case Management Supervisor for the Illinois Migrant Council in Cobden, IL. **Jacqueline (Moore) Dillard**, class of 1979, is currently a registered nurse with First Health. She has two children and lives in Glenwood, IL.

**Valerie Krueger**, class of 1979, is working as a Special Education Teacher for Chicago Public Schools. After LC she went to Western Illinois University and then earned an M.S. from DePaul University.

## 1980s

25 years ago...women's softball team places 3rd in the nation. Men's basketball team places 2nd in the nation. Lincoln College Players present a play at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

**Viveca (Moore) Poinsetteicia**, class of 1980, received her B.A. and M.S.Ed. from Chicago State University. She is currently pursuing her Ed.D. at DePaul University in Chicago. She works at North Park University as the Chief Certification Officer and Director of the Center for Africana Studies. She has two children and lives in Chicago. **Rusty Silber**, class of 1983, is a Sportswriter/Broadcaster for Daily Herald/WSBC/Waukegan.org in Libertyville, IL. **Christian Hieser**, works for John Hieser Insurance in Armington, IL. **James Curran**, class of 1988, is working as an Assistant Director of the IT department at Quincy University in Quincy, IL. **Eric Grunder**, class of 1988, completed his 13th year of teaching science at Lincoln College. He is married (almost 12 years) and has two sons, Benjamin, age 6 and Adam, age 3. He says he can't think of a better job to have or better people to work with.

**Bryan Smith**, class of 1988, is working as Teacher/Coach for Bradley-Bourbonnais High School. He married Kelly (Sellow) Smith and they have four children. **Joya Fadeley**, class of 1989, is in Administration for the Eimago/Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles, CA. **Luke Hirschman**, class of 1989, is a Licensed Minister at Victory Christian Center where he is the Music Director and Assistant Youth Pastor. He is also an Assistant Manager at his family-owned retail

store. He is married to Joy and they have two children, Zoe, age 4 and Caleb, 4 months.

## 1990s

**Bill Storie**, class of 1991, and his wife Melissa, are the proud parents of twin boys. Ethan Cobb (left) and Liam Robert (right) were born June 1, 2006.



**James Anderson**, class of 1994, is working as a Kindergarten Teacher for Mt. Pulaski Elementary School in Mt. Pulaski, IL. **Jason Morin**, class of 1994, is the owner of Brighton Car Wash in Naperville, IL. **Sherri Roemer**, class of 1994, is a Photo Lab Assistant at Walgreens in Lincoln, IL. She has three children. **CPT Kris Scarcliff**, class of 1994, recently served in Iraq earning a Bronze Star and was part of the film *My Country My Country* that aired on PBS about the U.S. occupation in Iraq. For information about the film, which was nominated for an Academy Award, go to [www.mycountrymycountry.com](http://www.mycountrymycountry.com). **Kristina Burzynski**, class of 1995, is currently working at Allstate as an agent. She lives in Streamwood, IL. **Douglas Maske**, class of 1995, is the Lead Programming Architect for Maske Productions in Bellwood. Find more information at [www.MaskeProductions.com](http://www.MaskeProductions.com). He has four children. **Jason Steffens**,

**Happy 10th Birthday Heritage West**  
The new suite styled residence hall was built and opened to students in the fall of 1997.

## 1997

class of 1995, is the District Manager for Hamburg Distributing in Champaign, IL. **Dave Bohmann**, class of 1996, is working at an Elementary School in Hazel Crest, IL. **Rikeesha Cannon**, class of 1997, is the Media Relations Director for Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law in Chicago, IL. **Jason Graf**, class of 1997, lives in Dunlap, IL and works at St. Francis hospital as a registered nurse. He and his wife Courtney welcomed their first child, Jack Michael in November of 2005. **Nicole Stoda**, class of 1997, is the owner of Lullabye Designs in Sun Prairie, WI. **John Stephens**, class of 1998, is the Director of Marketing for The Little Theatre On The Square in Sullivan, IL. **Chris McCray**, class of 1998, is the Artistic Director for Chicago Dance Crash. He choreographed, composed, costumed, and wrote a 90-minute dance performance, Ghost Play. Underwritten by AT&T, the production opened in July 2006.



Former Lincoln College Dance Force Members, Kendra Hemenover '98, Natalie Jeckel McGee '97, Chris McCray '98, and Lincoln College Dance instructor Tammi Goodrich at the final performance of Ghost Play.

**Jason C. Dunlap**, class of 1999, writes to say he only went to Lincoln for one semester, but it has changed him in ways you wouldn't believe. He continued with school at home and is currently a National Admissions Advisor for Colorado Technical University Online. He says, "Lincoln prepared me to give back to the education

community. I am currently a student at CTU online getting my degree in Marketing. I am proud to have spent what little time I did there. Thank you Lincoln!" He also wanted to pass on that WLNK Radio rules the airwaves! **Holly (Palmer) Willdrick**, class of 1999, gave birth to a baby boy, Robert "Bobby" Willdrick IV on October 8, 2005.

## 2000s

**Nathanael Kotras**, class of 2001, is the owner of Elevation Studios in Collinsville, IL. Visit his website at: [www.elevateyourmusic.com](http://www.elevateyourmusic.com). **Sara Eichorn Lawrence**, class of 2001, was married in 2003 to David Lawrence of Fairbury, IL. They have two sons, Jay, age 2 and Eli who is 1. Sara is the cheerleading coach at Marquette Catholic High School. **Karen McHugh**, class of 2001 is studying to be a nurse. **Laura Siebert**, class of 2001, is an investment representative and personal banker at Chase in St. Charles, IL. **Shane Syndergaard**, class of 2001, writes to say he is working as a Head Swim Coach for Helena Lions Swim Team in Helena, MT. He earned a second Associates degree from the University of Montana-Helena College of Technology. **Arthur Adamiec, Jr.**, class of 2002, graduated from the University of Montana-Missoula with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Resource Management. He is currently working at a Four Seasons Resort, Tamarak Resort, LLC as a Mountain Bike Trail Crew Member in Donnelly, ID. **Ashley Brinner**, class of 2002, is currently attending Aurora University pursuing her Master of Social Work degree. After graduation in the summer of 2007 she plans to move back to central Illinois, possibly Lincoln. She would love to be a hospital social worker and possibly teach one or two classes at Lincoln College. **Kelli (Dehm) Cox**, class of 2002, is working as a Billing Specialist for Morgan Office Assistance in Pontiac, IL. **Melanie Danner Dichen**, class of 2002, was married in July. She is teach-

ing first grade in Normal, IL and is a cheerleading coach at her school. **Mersed Halilovic**, class of 2002, is working as a Commercial Relationship Manager at Regions Bank in St. Louis, MO. **Rachel Brancecum Walsh**, class of 2003, married Joseph Walsh on February 14, 2006 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Olney, IL. **Nytalia Cooper**, class of 2004, is working for Caterpillar, Inc. as a Painter/Prepper in Decatur, IL. **Jessica Garrett**, class of 2004, spent last summer performing at Six Flags Great America as a singer/dancer. She has also been hired as the Lincoln College Express choreographer for their upcoming season. **Jonathan Edmonson**, class of 2004, is working for State Farm as a Claim Automation and Procedures Specialist in Bloomington, IL. He married **Bridgett Smith** ('02) in 2003 and they have two children. **Samantha Singer**, class of 2004, was engaged in February of 2006 and is planning on getting married in June of 2007 upon the return of her fiancé from his deployment in Kuwait with the Army National Guard. **Max Tolsky**, class of 2004, is the treasurer for D.S.A. Finance Corporation in Chicago, IL.

**Share your class notes**  
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## Lincoln Center Gift

### Alum and former board chairman donates \$500K

Lincoln College President John Hutchinson announced in August that Lincoln College received a major gift of \$500,000 from the trust of James Johnson and the late Evelyn Johnson.



Johnson of Peoria, IL, grew up in the Lincoln area and is a 1933 graduate of Lincoln College. He served on the Lincoln College Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1992 and was the chairman from 1975 to 1978. He is also the former President of The First National Bank of Peoria.

"Lincoln College was an excellent experience for me. I graduated from high school when I was 16 and Lincoln College helped prepare me for my transition to the University of Illinois. I gave this gift because I want to be sure of Lincoln College's continued progress and future success."

**James Johnson, Class of 1933**

Johnson's investment shows confidence in the institution and the current direction of the College. This contribution will be used as a lead gift in the "If It Hadn't Been for Lincoln College..." comprehensive campaign currently underway."

Hutchinson said the five-year comprehensive campaign will also provide endowment support for faculty development, the library, museum acquisitions, scholarships, and instructional technology at Lincoln College. Additional information about the "If It Hadn't Been for Lincoln College..."

capital campaign is available by contacting Debbie Ackerman, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at 877-522-5867 or [dackerman@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:dackerman@lincolncollege.edu).

## FUTURE EVENTS

April 27-29	June 2	July 27	September 16
Alumni Reunion 2007 Lincoln College	5th Annual Peoria Chiefs Alumni and Friend's Night O'Brien Field Peoria, IL	5th Annual Golf Outing for Scholarship Elks Club Lincoln, IL	Lincoln College Day at Busch Stadium Cardinals vs. Cubs St. Louis, MO

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## Lincoln College - Normal Offers New Programs

**Julie Marlatt, Director of Admissions and Marketing**

Lincoln College - Normal begins 2007 with two new Bachelor Degree programs to offer students.

In addition to existing Bachelor Degree programs in Business Management and Liberal Arts, Lincoln College - Normal will now offer degrees in Criminal Justice Studies and Tourism, Sport, and Hospitality Management (TSH).

The TSH program includes concentrations in Travel and Tourism Management, Sports Management, Meeting, Incentive, Conference, and Exhibition (MICE), and Hospitality Management.

Additionally, Lincoln College - Normal is offering accelerated, hybrid, and online courses, as well as evening and weekend courses, to help accommodate the schedules of working students.

These new Bachelor Degree programs in Criminal Justice Studies and Tourism, Sport, and Hospitality Management show Lincoln College - Normal's flexibility and commitment to the needs of Lincoln College students as well as their community.

For more information, contact the Lincoln College - Normal Office of Admissions at [www.lincolncollege.edu/normal](http://www.lincolncollege.edu/normal).