

# THE LOG

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## Lincoln College President Emeritus Dr. Jack D. Nutt Dies

Lincoln College President Emeritus Dr. Jack D. Nutt of Lincoln, passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at the age of 66. A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church. Memorials can be made to Lincoln College or Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dr. Nutt was born in Hanston, Kansas on April 12, 1938, a son of James and Zella Nutt. His brother James Nutt preceded him in death. Surviving family members include sisters Mary Hubin of Hanston, KS, and Melba Lang of Pampa, TX. He married Christina M. Nutt on July 10, 2000 in Boulder, CO. She survives. Other survivors include two daughters from a previous marriage. Anastacia J. Chittenden of Boulder, CO. and Jeris Donovan Livengood of Bloomington, IL. He has two step-children, Clinton Mark Smith and Samantha M. Smith, of Lincoln.

Dr. Nutt received his Bachelor of Science degree at Fort Hays State, his Master's from Kansas State Uni-

versity and his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Washington State University. He served in various capacities with the Commission on Higher Education of the North Central Association, including over 25 years as a consultant-evaluator. He was twice named to the Outstanding American Educators. He served as President of the Kansas President's Association for two terms and served on the legislative committee for all his tenure. He taught, counseled and coached in the public schools of Kansas for nine years and two years in the state of Washington, completing his doctorate before he was hired at

Highland Community College in Kansas. He served as college president for seven years there before accepting the presidency of Lincoln College in 1982. After his retirement in June, 2002 he was named President Emeritus of Lincoln College and was awarded an honorary doctorate at the 2004 commencement services. During his 28 years as a college president he coordinated construction of twenty-one new buildings and nine major restorations, brought North Central Accreditation to

Highland for the first time in its 109-year history, established a campus in Normal, IL in 1987, and began the Midwest College of Cosmetology.



**Dr. Jack Nutt**

1938- 2004

## Lincoln College Building Burns

Lincoln College's maintenance building on North Ottawa Street, which once served as the campus dining hall, burned to the ground Sunday, October 10, 2004, despite area firefighters' efforts to extinguish the flames. No one was directly injured, although some firefighters suffered minor injuries. Forty firefighters battled the blaze for over two hours before the flames were entirely contained. Due to the delayed reporting of the fire and the type and quantity of chemicals stored in



*Lincoln College's maintenance building is engulfed in flames as area firefighters continue to work. Photo by Bob Frank of LDN.*

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### UPCOMING 2005 EVENTS

Feb 24-27  
LC Theatre  
*Women and Water*

April 29-30  
Spring Concert  
&  
Alumni Reunion  
Weekend

May 14  
Commencement

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I write these words with a great deal of mixed emotions by announcing my plan to retire at the end of June 2005. I broke this news to our governing body at the board meeting in May.



*Ron Schilling  
Lincoln College President*

As I look back upon my career at Lincoln College during the past 21 years, I consider myself very fortunate to see the many positive changes that have transformed our college.

In January 1984, I came to Lincoln College as the Chief Financial Officer. At that point in time, Lincoln College had a little over 500 total students enrolled. My friend and colleague, Dr. Jack Nutt, was in the process of planning a new direction for the college by renovating

buildings on campus and transforming the college grounds into a welcoming environment for students to live, study and learn. I remember thinking how important the nurturing atmosphere was at Lincoln College and what an impact these changes would make over the years. Like wildfire, word about the personal approach to education at Lincoln College spread. What Lincoln College does for students works and the proof can be seen in the numbers. Enrollment has steadily increased over the years and today we expect to enroll nearly 1,330 students, 650 full-time and 85 part-time at the Lincoln campus as well as 430 full-time and 165 part-time students at the Normal campus for the 2004 fall semester. In comparing the current enrollment figures to when I first started in 1984, it is amazing to see how the numbers have progressively grown. As you can easily understand in this fast-paced society, Lincoln College has not forgotten that our top priority is our students.

Lincoln College will always hold a special place in my heart and my

final wish would be for the students of tomorrow to enjoy a new gymnasium. The memories that many of our alumni share in watching athletic events or walking across the stage to receive their degrees in our current gymnasium will fondly be remembered. However, the time has come for new memories at Lincoln College and it is my hope for future students to have the memories in a more spacious gymnasium where commencement ceremonies will be able to accommodate all students whether they attend Lincoln or the Normal campus.

The Lincoln Center will be the heart-beat of campus celebrations and will truly become the center of student life, beginning with orientation and culminating two years later with commencement.

As I sit here contemplating my future in spending more time with my family and consulting in today's education marketplace, I am grateful to Lincoln College. I have truly enjoyed the Lincoln College experience as well as the variety of people who have made that experience possible.

## Lincoln College Fire Continued from page 1

the maintenance building, heavy smoke engulfed the entire area, making it difficult to assess the source of the fire.

Firefighters used special equipment to remove fuel sources, such as the large propane tanks and vehicles that were stored in the back garage area of the building, to get the fire under control. Moving these items has contributed to making the subsequent investigation of the fire's origin difficult. Lincoln Fire Chief Bucky Washam said no conclusions have been drawn on the cause of the blaze. Fire investigators are reviewing data gathered from the scene.

The next morning all that remained of three connected buildings was a small portion of brick wall and a huge pile of charred debris. Director of Buildings and Grounds Ron Craig surveyed the damage and said he was glad no one

was hurt. "It's just stuff. No life was lost. That's the important thing," he said. "The loss of a dormitory or cafeteria would have been a far bigger inconvenience for the college,"

said Craig. The LC Maintenance staff has been busy relocating cleaning and maintenance supplies to the building and grounds department. "We moved a 6,000-square-foot building into a building that was already occupied," said Craig.



*Flames and black smoke roll from the center of the Lincoln College maintenance building. Photo by Bob Frank of LDN.*

A complete list of items lost in the building has not been completed, but estimates range from a \$600,000 to \$700,000 loss.

Trustees of Lincoln College will determine what steps need to be taken to replace the maintenance building, and whether to

rebuild on that location or somewhere else. The Board meets in December and will take under consideration the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

# Lincoln College Alumni Reunion

Nearly 200 alumni attended the 2004 Lincoln College Alumni Reunion Weekend, held May 7-9. Alums from the classes of 1936 to 2003 traveled from 13 states to celebrate their memories of Lincoln College. Dallas Hensley ('69) and his wife, Catherine, even came all the way from Australia! Dallas was presented with several Lincoln College mementos for traveling the furthest to attend this year.

The weekend began with the Wine and Cheese Reception Friday evening in McKinstry Library. Alums sampled a variety of fine wines from Furrow Vineyard & Winery of El Paso, IL and had the opportunity to visit with one another, tour the Lincoln College Museum and to view student art exhibits on display in the Layman Art Gallery. Afterward, some chose to attend the Dance Force performance in the Johnston Center for the Performing Arts, while others from the classes of '68-'70, entertained their fond memories of Guzzardo's Italian Villa by inviting alumni from other classes to join them there for an all-class dinner.

Saturday morning began with a reception at President Schilling's residence. Schilling visited with alumni from several classes and conducted a tour of the residence, detailing its rich history. Afterward, a brunch was held in the Alumni Room of the Meyer-Evans Student Center, which was catered by Lincoln College Chef Warren Wendlandt and his staff. During the rest of the afternoon, alums were free to enjoy the weather and relax before the reception. Some chose to participate in the walking tours of campus given by Admissions staff and were amazed at how much the campus has grown and changed since they were students.

The reception ensued that evening and was a truly special event. Many former faculty members were present to

visit with their former students including Paul Beaver, Connie DiLillo, Ann Doolen, Marty Hargett, Mike Hartnett, and Lynn



*Members of the Lincoln College class of 1969 pose for a picture during the Alumni reception in May. L to R: Dallas Hensley, Dede Ralston, John Lorne, Emil Baukert, and Gale (Glodava) Simon.*

Spellman. Lester Linz ('79) began the event with the invocation, and Debbie Ackerman, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, acknowledged LaVeta Baker Zurkammer ('36), Elvira Hoepfner Fleming ('36), Bernie Behrends ('48), Cal Broughton ('48), Loel "Bud" Petty ('48), and Bob Werschey ('48) for celebrating a reunion of more than 50 years. Dinner and awards followed.

This year's Corporate Partners Award was given to Robbie Roberts and Larry Garber of Robert's Foods, Inc. for their long-standing business relationship and demonstrated commitment to Lincoln College.

Ellsworth "Brownie" Brown and John R. Gehlbach were given the Honorary Alumni Award. "Brownie" was honored for his friendship with Lincoln College and his many years of dedicated service to the game of baseball. Vice President of College Relations and Athletic Director Allen Pickering accepted the award on his behalf.

Gehlbach was presented with the award in recognition of his many years of service and commitment to Lincoln College.

President Schilling presented the Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Emil Baukert ('69), who graduated cum laude from Lincoln College and was president of the student body. After leaving

Lincoln College, Baukert continued his education at the University of Illinois earning a bachelor's cum laude in 1971 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1976. He has done exemplary work in his field and in the community as a member of the Human/Animal Bond Committee. This group was instrumental in helping the Mississippi Valley Flood victims in 1993 by generating 21 tons of food and raising money.

Schilling then recognized the Silver ('79) and Golden ('54) Alumni. Silver Alumni received an engraved desktop kaleidoscope, and the Golden Alumni were presented with an engraved desk clock. Deborah Lea Rowe ('79), a Chicago radio personality with WLS and host of the Deborah Rowe Radio Program, shared reflective remarks as the Class of '79 spokesperson. Anna Reeves Stanfield ('54), who was the valedictorian of her class and worked for Lincoln College for 11 years, served as the Class of 1954 spokesperson. The group was amazed at how much Lincoln College has changed since 1954,

especially when she recounted what the cost of tuition was during that time.

2004 also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renowned Lincoln College Express Show Choir. Kurt Pepperell ('98) offered some words on behalf of all Express alum and Ackerman ('83) read a message from former Express member Stephen Buntrock ('89). President Schilling then presented the

Express with an engraved plaque thanking them for 20 years of beautiful music, which was accepted by directors Bill and Linda Buffington on behalf of all past and present members of the group. The program closed with Express alumni leading everyone in singing the alma mater.

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*Lincoln College Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dr. Emil Baukert ('69) speaks on his appreciation for the award and Lincoln College.*



## 1961-62 men's team inducted into IBCA Hall of Fame

The 1961-62 Lincoln College men's basketball team set a new standard for excellence for the program in April by being inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Former Lincoln College basketball coach Norm Kaye said he didn't believe in setting mediocre expectations for the teams that he coached. "There are three kinds of winners. There are winners, there are champions and there are legends. The difference is how high you set the bar," said Kaye at the Lincoln College ceremony honoring the members of the 1961-62 Lynx team.

LC athletic director Allen Pickering said he is proud to see the Lynx get this recognition. "Norm Kaye's team holds a special place in the history of this basketball program, because I feel that that team started a march toward national prominence." Five of the six players on the team were from Logan County. Mike Lump, Tom Zurkammer and Al Hoffert were from Lincoln and Wayne Turner and Bob Miller were from Atlanta. Kaye described Bob Miller, who died in 2001



Former Lincoln College coach Norm Kaye shares a story with former players Bob Jeckel and Bob Schlater.

of colon cancer, as the glue that held the team together. "In the first year we had a really good team; we were just missing Bob Miller," Kaye said.

Former player and now Lincoln College Provost Tom Zurkammer said he didn't think the team would have done that well. "I'm amazed at what we accomplished with that group of guys, because if you look at the picture..." Zurkammer said. "We were like 6-foot-5, 6-2, 6-3, and the guards, if they were 6-foot it was probably stretching it." The 6-foot-5 man in the middle was Tom Flynn, a Winchester product and the only starter not from Logan County. Flynn, a second-team All-American in 1962, still holds many Lincoln College records. One of Lincoln Community High School's greats, Jerry Alberts, coached Flynn at Winchester High School and recommended him to Kaye. Tom Flynn passed away on

November 2, 2004. The 1961-62 group, which never lost a home game in two years, was characterized by great shooting and sound defense according to Zurkammer. "We actually played pretty good defense, though Norm Kaye wasn't known as a defensive coach," Zurkammer said. "He was known more for his offensive coaching. Kaye kind

of had a knack for working the guys for shooting, and he built the offense around that shooting." Kaye coached at Lincoln College until 1964 before moving to Florida, where he helped coach and develop the athletic programs at St. Leo's College near Tampa. He is still fondly remembered by his former players, most of whom still live in or near Logan County. "Kaye was a very disciplinarian type of a guy, and I guess it was what most of us needed at that point in our lives – somebody that was really tough on us," Zurkammer said. "And he was. We practiced hard and he worked us hard, and it paid off."

Editor's note: A story on Tom Flynn is being planned for a future issue of *The Log*.



Members of the 1961-62 Lincoln College basketball team pose for a group picture at a reception at LC. Seated in the front row: Bob Morse, Coach Norm Kaye, John Iltis. Standing in second row: Dave Lessen, Ken Schuttler, Mike Lump, Wayne Turner, Al Hoffert and Tom Zurkammer.

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Alums spent the rest of the night visiting and dancing to music provided by Music 4-U. Sunday morning, many reconvened at Cracker Barrel for breakfast to give their final goodbyes and make plans for returning to Reunion Weekend 2005, which will be held April 29-30.



Lincoln College class of 1979. Left to right front row: Barbara (Ball) Otis, Tyrone Watts, Donald Lumm, Louis Lenz, and Ken Edel. Second row: Debby (Lindenberg) Apostolos, Brett Guilford, Matthew Kindig, David Towne, Sue (Marsh) Wilson, and Ron Cheeks.

# 2004 Lincoln College Honors Ceremony

## Co - Valedictorian

Jessica Bryant ..... Lincoln, IL  
 Victoria Cooper ..... Lincoln, IL  
 Darcy Hays ..... Maroa, IL  
 Jessica Livezey ..... Chenoa, IL  
 Julie Marques ..... Decatur, IL  
 Josh McMullen ..... Lincoln, IL  
 Rebecca Spears ..... Peoria, IL

## Salutatorian

Kelly Dowling ..... Lincoln, IL

## Adelia Neibuhr Stickel Award

The award is presented to a sophomore for outstanding achievement in English.

Britta Thornton ..... Lincoln, IL

## Alberta Fox P.E.O. Memorial

Awarded to freshman woman with highest record in English.

Jerria Graves ..... Bolingbrook, IL

## Alex Gordon Award

Awarded to graduating student with best academic record in business courses.

Elizabeth Harris ..... Atwood, IL

## Alta Charles McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in art.

Sara Brown ..... Danville, IL

## American Legion Award for

### Citizenship

Awarded to student who typifies the ideals of American citizenship and patriotism.

Franklin Beasley II ..... Odin, IL

## Angela Beltchenko Dance Scholarship

Awarded to freshman who demonstrates excellence in dance. Sponsored by parents of Angela Beltchenko ('02)

Brande Montgomery ..... Lincoln, IL

## Best Actor

Awarded to male student for outstanding work in Lincoln College productions.

Tony Crawford ..... Clinton, IL

## Best Actress

Awarded to female student for outstanding work in Lincoln College productions.

Kairisa Joi Booth ..... Calumet City, IL

Allyson Brown ..... Glenview, IL

## Bette Dirks Award

Awarded to student for outstanding work in piano.

Scott Danner ..... Hoopston, IL

## Coral Bonnell Maconaghie Prize

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in music.

Kelly Dowling ..... Lincoln, IL

## Dance Award

Awarded to graduating students who excel in dance.

Jessica Garrett ..... Mt. Zion, IL

## Daughters of Founders and Patriots

### of America

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in history.

Travis Starr ..... Moline, IL

## Daughters of the American Revolution

Awarded to graduating student who holds the best record in American History.

Darcy Hays ..... Maroa, IL

## Dysart Logan Maconaghie Prize

Awarded to student who demonstrates the most notable improvement in scholarship.

Brandy White ..... Lincoln, IL



Seven Lincoln College students achieved the Valedictorian honors in 2004. R to L: Rebecca Spears (Peoria), Jessica Livezey (Chenoa), Darcy Hays (Maroa), Josh McMullen (Lincoln), Julie Marques (Decatur), Jessica Bryant (Lincoln) and Victoria Cooper (Lincoln).

## Earl and Pearl McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in science.

Jessica Livezey ..... Chenoa, IL

## Elizabeth M. Hensley Award

Awarded to female freshman student who lives in the residence halls and has contributed the most to the residence hall.

Krupa Dave ..... Willow Springs, IL

## Florence Molen Award

Awarded to freshman for excellence in English.

Zachary Young ..... Manito, IL

## Helen N. Dawson Award

Awarded to student for excellence in music.

Kelly Dowling ..... Lincoln, IL

## Herbert O. Merry Award

Awarded to student for excellence in instrumental music.

Joshua Foutch ..... Cuba, IL

Nathaniel Billingsley ..... Cuba, IL

## Layman Athletic Award

Awarded to LC varsity athlete with the highest scholastic average.

Jessica Livezey ..... Chenoa, IL

Rebecca Spears ..... Peoria, IL

## Lord - Baden Powell Award

Awarded to student who exemplifies the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.

Jacob Heiser ..... Belvidere, IL

## Madrigale Maconaghie

### McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who has derived the greatest benefit from the Lincoln College experience.

Michael Jones ..... Peoria, IL

## Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson Award

Awarded to freshman student who has been involved with the total Lincoln College community.

Krupa Dave ..... Willow Springs, IL

## Mathematics Achievement Award

Awarded to freshman student who holds the best record in mathematics.

Colton McClellan ..... Elkhart, IL

## Performing Arts Award

Awarded to graduating student whose creative work in performing arts reflects outstanding proficiency, creative ability, and genuine achievement and dedication.

Kelly Dowling ..... Lincoln, IL

## Phi Theta Kappa Service Award

Awarded to student for outstanding service to the organization.

Jennifer Florey ..... Beason, IL

Shannon Merritt ..... Lincoln, IL

## Production Assistant Award

Awarded to student for excellence in technical assistance.

Jacob Heiser ..... Belvidere, IL

## Samuel B. Evans Prize

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates leadership and character among his/her peers at Lincoln College.

Jessica Livezey ..... Chenoa, IL

## Visual Arts Award

Awarded to student whose creative work in visual arts reflects outstanding proficiency.

Nathaniel Billingsley ..... Cuba, IL

## William B. McKinley Prize

Awarded to freshman student who is deemed to represent the character of Lincoln College students.

Carey Reddick ..... Naperville, IL

## William Lewis McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in mathematics.

Michael Carnahan ..... Danville, IL

## Willy Daubner Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in chemistry.

Rebecca Spears ..... Peoria, IL

## Zimbie-Whiting Art Scholarship

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in visual arts.

Angel Quiles ..... Lincoln, IL

# Alumni News

## Class Notes

### 50's

#### Fifties

**Bill Haight**, Class of 1958, says it's been a long time and he would like to hear from his friends from '58. Bill can be reached at: 877 Garfield Rd, East Nassau, NY 12062.

### 60's

#### Sixties

**Lee Davis**, Class of 1963, writes to say he is in his seventh year of retirement and is keeping busy with restoring antique clocks, officiating track meets, driving a limo and even doing some acting at York Little Theatre in York, PA. He says his first grandchild was born in September 2003 to his eldest of three daughters.

**Michael Brower**, Class of 1965, says he now lives in Franklin Lakes, N.J. and is married, with two boys, 16 and 19. He has owned and operated a commercial real estate company for 25 years. He would like to hear from fellow LC classmates.

**Dr. Louis J. Firenze**, Class of 1968, was honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Dr. Firenze is a professor and director of the business division at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. After LC, he continued his education at Central Michigan University where he earned B.S., M.B.A. and Ed.S. degrees. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.



Dr. Louis J. Firenze

### 70's

#### Seventies

**Jan (Marche') Irwin**, Class of 1970, writes to say she received her master's degree in education (special education) with a focus on learning disabilities. She is employed part-time at Fruitport Community Schools and is also an adjunct instructor at Muskegon Community College.



Jan (Marche') Irwin

### 80's

#### Eighties

**Kelly Rhodes**, Class of 1986, says Greetings Y'all! She hopes everyone is doing well out there. Kelly and her husband have moved out of Wisconsin and relocated to Corpus Christi. They still have no children, but are Auntie and Uncle to nine nieces and nephews. Send her an email at: bkrhodes8396@yahoo.com; she would love to catch up with any Lincolniters.

### 90's

#### Nineties

**Jamie (Jedlicka) Cameron**, Class of 1996, writes to say she got married in 2003. She received her B.A. degree in Human Services, and has been accepted into the Nursing Program at College of Saint Mary.

**Jennifer (Greenaway) Baedke**, Class of 1998, writes to say after Lincoln College she transferred to Bradley University where she met her future husband. On September 26, 2003 she married Jason Baedke in her home town of Crystal Lake. They currently live in Gurnee, IL.

She says "Lincoln College was a great starting place for me and I treasure all of those times and friends that I met along the way!"

### 90's

#### Nineties

**Kirk Bankson**, Class of 1999, married Kristy Baldwin on June 14, 2003. They were awaiting their first born in the summer of 2004. Kirk is working as an account manager over security contracted to Allstate Insurance Home Office in Northbrook IL.

### 00's



Christina Kobus

**Christina Kobus**, Class of 2001, graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in English. In pursuit of her dream of teaching, she plans to continue her education at either Chicago State University, Roosevelt University or Northwestern University.

**Eric Alfredson**, Class of 2002, writes to say he graduated from Illinois College in December 2004 with a Business Degree.

**Dr. Joni Comstock**, awarded honorary LC alumni in 2002, was named Director of Athletics and Recreation at American University in Washington, D.C. Comstock previously worked as the athletic director at UNC-Ashville before joining AU. Prior to UNC-Ashville, Comstock spent 11 years at Purdue University where she served as associate athletics director. She earned her bachelor's degree from EIU, a master's degree from ISU and a doctorate degree from the University of Illinois.



Dr. Joni Comstock





Lincoln College acquaintances visit in Barcelona in 2002. Pictured from left to right are Fred Cutlip, Jean (Goodrich) Cutlip and Wim deRegt. To read an interesting story on how Lincoln College helped bond an acquaintance that turned to friendship go to:

[www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni/thelog.htm](http://www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni/thelog.htm)

## Lincoln College grad publishes book

Gerald Breen, a 2000 Lincoln College graduate, has published a new book for consumers. Breen said the inspiration for his book came from a desire to help people with the frustrations involved in collecting refunds and replacements from customer service departments. The book, entitled "Customers: You Deserve Customer Satisfaction," is available online at [www.1stbooks.com](http://www.1stbooks.com) and is available in paperback from his publisher in Indianapolis.

After graduating from Lincoln College, Breen, a native of Northbrook, went on to study psychology and criminal justice at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, where he earned two bachelor's degrees in 2002.



While there, he was inducted into the Psi Chi national honor society for the field of psychology. He went on to study communications in a graduate program at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, Hawaii. He transferred after one year to the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where he is currently finishing his master's degree in communication and journalism.

Breen earned an associate of arts degree from Lincoln College in 2000. He was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society, and worked as a tutor and an admissions ambassador for the college while he was a student.

## Lincoln College Faculty News

Six Lincoln College professors were listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*. Congratulations to Dr. James Fulcher, Dr. Stephanie Gaddy, Dan Hemenway, Ron Keller, Mary McLaughlin and Tina Nutt. All were nominated by former students.

LC Reading and Education instructor



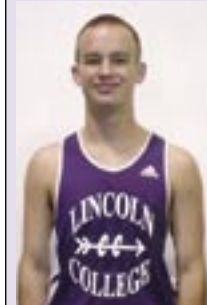
Stephanie Gaddy

Dr. Stephanie Gaddy was named by the Director of Graduate Studies at Illinois State University as the winner of the Ora Bretall Scholarship for Outstanding Dissertation.

Lincoln College Normal Vice President Dr. GiGi Fansler was chosen as a member of the new regional educational advisory committee for the City of Bloomington's Cultural District. The committee will help develop partnerships, programs and facilities to enhance opportunities for students and teachers in K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning.



Dr. GiGi Fansler



Mark Shannahan

**Mark Shannahan**, Class of 2004, of Savoy passed away June 24, 2004 after a tragic accident.

## IN MEMORY

**H. Bobette Burhans**, former board member of Lincoln College, passed away October 18, 2004.

**Paul Hartwig**, Class of 1936, of Lincoln died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Memorial Medical Center.

**Maxine V. Klokkenga**, who attended LC in the 30's, of Lincoln, formerly of Emden passed away April 26, 2004.

**William Guill**, Class of 1948, of New Holland, passed away February 2, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

**Robert Boxley**, Class of 1956, of Salem, Wisconsin passed away.

**Tom Flynn**, Class of 1962, of Springfield, passed away November 2, 2004.

**John Killough**, Class of 1958, of Clinton passed away July 15, 2004.

**Victor Tuchman**, Class of 1969, of Salinas, California passed away.

**Mark Goodman**, Class of 1974, of St. Louis, MO passed away suddenly December 14, 2003.

**Douglas Eugene Strong**, Class of 1976, of Decatur died March 26, 2004 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

**Randal Olson**, Class of 1982, of Plano, IL passed away June 13, 1987.

**Brad Jekel**, Class of 1989, of Indianapolis passed away January 11, 2004.

**Christy Hartzler**, Class of 1997, of Delavan passed away August 30, 2004.

## Fond Memories of Lincoln College help Future Students

### William A. & Katherine A. Komnick and Marjorie (Komnick) Smith Memorial Scholarship

All of the memories that Elsie (Komnick) Menzel ('41) has kept over the years of Lincoln College have been fond. She is immortalizing those memories by establishing a new endowed scholarship named after her parents and sister. The William A. and Katherine Komnick and Marjorie (Komnick) Smith Memorial Scholarship is being established to help future Lincoln College students pay for their education.

Menzel says she had been thinking about setting up a scholarship for some time but never acted on the impulse until now. Menzel grew up in Emden, Illinois, the daughter of William and Katherine Komnick. She later married Julian (Dunie) Menzel from the Atlanta/Lincoln area. She had graduated from LC and had a sister, Marjorie, that went to LC during



Katherine A. Komnick

the start of World War II. Both of the Komnick sisters had worked for Lincoln College. Elsie was in Admissions, and Marjorie was a secretary for the Alumni and other Administrative areas. Menzel worked under the direction of Hugh Knochel from 1963 to 1971, and said she remembers trying to find students a place to live. "We had filled Forsythe and Olin-Sang and literally had no more room, and I remember asking people in the Lincoln College neighborhood if they would like to host a Lincoln College student until we could find room," Menzel said.

During that time the office she worked in was located above the Lincoln Room, now called the Lincoln College Museum, which was in the Administration Building that burned in January 1969. Known as the AB building, it was located where the Johnston Center for Performing Arts stands today. Menzel said the fire was devastating, and the memory certainly sticks out more than others because of the impact of what was lost in the fire. "I

remember at that time we consulted with Bradley University who had experienced a tragic fire in 1963.

They told us what they learned from their experiences and helped Lincoln College save time-sensitive admission files. We still were caught off guard because



William A. Komnick

we didn't know who exactly was coming, and I remember we had to contact each student to make sure we could accommodate their housing requests. We made copies on this onion skin paper to keep track of everyone we contacted."

Menzel's fond memories of Lincoln College will honor the memory of her parent's and sister as well as give a future student the chance to experience additional fond memories of their own.

**Lincoln College**  
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#### Attention Parents!

If the address lists a son or daughter who no longer lives here, please send the LC Alumni Office the correct address. Send to: Lincoln College Alumni Relations, 300 Keokuk Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 or e-mail to: [mjwerth@lincolncollege.com](mailto:mjwerth@lincolncollege.com)

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