

# COMMUNIQUE

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## NEW BASKETBALL COACH APPOINTED

Bob Benben of Bridgeton, MO, well-known basketball coach at Pattonville High School in St. Louis, has been named head basketball coach at Lindenwood. A 1964 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, he holds a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

He has been at Pattonville since 1967, serving as coach and as a teacher of physical education. He has resigned as coach but will retain his teaching position at Pattonville. At the school, Benben coached the team to the quarter-final round of the State Basketball Tournament in 1976-77.

Prior to joining Pattonville, he was a physical education instructor and coach at Augustinian Academy College Preparatory School. From 1968-70, he served in a part-time position as assistant coach of St. Louis University Club football.

Benben, who replaces former coach Grayling Tobias, said two of his top priorities at Lindenwood will be to strengthen recruiting efforts and to improve the basketball schedule. He said he is looking into games this fall with schools such as St. Louis University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, DePauw University and Wabash College, last year's Division III champion in the NCAA.

## EVENING COLLEGE ADOPTS NEW CALENDAR

The Lindenwood Evening College has adopted a new calendar for its MBA program to provide students with more opportunities to meet individual needs and to allow accelerated progress in the program. Beginning with the new term today, the MBA offers evening classes four times per year on a 11-week calendar. Courses are scheduled from 6-10 p.m. May 2 through July 8 and July 11 through September 23, according to James F. Hood, Ph.D., dean of the college. In addition to the new format, MBA courses will be offered for the first time at Lindenwood's Lake St. Louis Center, accompanying those offered at the Westport Center, Mansion House and on campus, he added. Full details on the new program calendar can be obtained by calling Dr. Hood at extension #275.

## BACCALAUREATE, COMMENCEMENT SET

More than 435 undergraduate and graduate students will receive degrees when Lindenwood conducts its annual commencement May 7 on campus. The 10 a.m. event will feature a keynote address by Missouri Attorney General John Ashcroft. Degrees will be awarded by President James I. Spainhower with brief remarks given by several faculty members and Penny J. Myers of Prairie Village, KS, 1983 senior class president.

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The commencement will be held on the commons in front of historic Sibley Hall or, in case of rain, in the Lindenwood Colleges Chapel of the St. Charles Presbyterian Church, Gamble and Watson streets.

The baccalaureate service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Lindenwood Colleges Chapel. The speaker will be the Rev. Evelyn Fulton, chief executive of the Elijah Lovejoy Presbytery of St. Louis, the regional organization of Presbyterian churches in the area.

Immediately following baccalaureate, the Lindenwood Alumni Association will host a reception for graduating seniors, their families and guests in the FAB on campus. All faculty and staff members are invited.

#### LINDENWOOD HOUSES DESIGN STUDENTS

Lindenwood was one of the residential hosts to students from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky and Nebraska for the recent "Golden Scissors Awards" held at Plaza Frontenac in St. Louis County. Students from colleges and universities in the five states competed for three days of design awards in the midwestern contest sponsored by the Fashion Group of St. Louis.

#### SIX NAMED TO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Six Lindenwood students have been inducted this spring into the local chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national scholastic honor society for college and university freshmen. They are Julie A. Baehler of Hazelwood; Jill Czapla of Bridgeton; Cathy E. Mudd of Silex, MO; Cynthia T. Schiermeier of Winfield, Nancy J. Schrader of St. Charles and Mary Setraycic of Rolla.

Students initiated into the honor society must carry a full load of courses leading to a bachelor's degree and must maintain a 3.5 gpa during their freshman year. Founded in 1949, the Lindenwood chapter is among 195 throughout the country that have a combined membership of more than 240,000 students who have been cited for superior academic performance.

#### TAICH TO ATTEND HARVARD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Arlene Taich, Ph.D., dean of the LCIE, has been accepted from among international applicants to attend the Harvard University Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education. Sponsored by Harvard and the College Board, the two-week institute is a professional development program for administrators, planners and faculty members concerned with the design and implementation of lifelong education programs.

The curriculum of the institute includes topics in educational theory, policy and finance as well as marketing programs and strategies for developing links with the business community. The faculty is composed of members of the faculty of the Harvard Graduate Schools of Business and of Education as well as other prominent scholars and practitioners in the fields of business and academe. Dr. Taich will attend the residential program June 13-24 on the Harvard campus in Cambridge, MA.

## FACULTY MEMBER TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Moheb M. Seif El-Nasr, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, has been named as a visiting research professor at Washington University this summer. The appointment is expected to continue for the next three years.

It will enable Dr. Seif El-Nasr to continue to lead, along with Professor J.L. Kurz of Washington University, a research team in efforts to investigate transition states in polar solvents via kinetic isotope studies and via computer modeling of transition state force fields. The National Science Foundation through its Chemical Dynamic Program has awarded a grant of nearly \$283,000 for the study.

## LIBRARY HOURS SET FOR MAY TERM

New hours for the May term at Butler Library are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The library will be closed on Saturdays as well as May 7 for commencement exercises and May 28-30 for Memorial Day observance.

## \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP GIFT TO LINDENWOOD

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Lindenwood, Margaret Hoover Ketcham of Independence, MO, recently established an endowed scholarship fund for Lindenwood in the amount of \$10,000. Income from the fund will be used for scholarship awards to deserving students each year based upon their financial need and scholastic abilities.

The \$10,000 check was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham to President James I. Spainhower last month at a luncheon in Kansas City.

## GROWTH PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED BY LINDENWOOD

As part of the current multifaceted Annual Funds Drive, Dr. Spainhower has announced several programs for Lindenwood alumni and supporters of the institution - the Alumni Scholarship Program, the Linden Tree Memorial Drive, the Book-of-the-Year Club and the President's Alumni Advisory Board.

"We are not asking you to invest in the problems of the past," Dr. Spainhower said, "but we do ask that you invest in Lindenwood's future. You can help us do this by supporting a scholarship in your name for an incoming freshman, by allowing us to plant a Linden tree in your honor, or by giving to our general operating fund."

He said the Alumni Scholarship Program will enable Lindenwood alumni to pass along their education to a deserving high school senior. "Lindenwood has established the program whereby alumni can contribute \$500 to an incoming freshman who meets the required criteria. These include a qualifying grade-point average and a demonstration of leadership potential. Scholarship recipients will be required to give at least four hours of their time each week to service to the campus and/or St. Charles community," the president said.

Scholarships will be announced this fall, and the names of the donors will be published in the convocation program and the Linden Word, the new quarterly publication that will premiere this month. Scholarship donors will then be put in contact with recipients so students can keep them informed of their progress at Lindenwood.

Because there are less than 10 trees on campus that carry the Linden name, Lindenwood is seeking to rebuild a forest of Linden trees by planting them in honor of alums or their designees. For \$1,000, a Linden tree will be planted on campus with a plate at the base displaying the donor's name. All donors will be announced during a special ceremony this fall on campus.

"By donating \$1,000, you can watch your Linden tree take root and grow through the years," Dr. Spainhower said. "What better way is there to celebrate your Lindenwood roots by allowing us to plant a tree in your name?"

The president also announced the formation of the \$100 President's Alumni Advisory Board, a program designed to provide alumni with a 40-minute overview of the colleges on a one-hour cassette tape. It will include a "State of the Union" report from the president, a report on noteworthy accomplishments from the Lindenwood faculty, a summary of the athletic successes of the past year and musical excerpts by Lindenwood performing arts majors.

"The alum will return the tape with an update on what is happening with he or she personally and what the alumnus would like to see happening at Lindenwood," he said. "The suggestions will be included in a report from the president along with information about alumni which they would like to share with others."

Another \$100 contribution program is the Book-of-the-Year Club that will enable alumni and supporters to purchase a new book for Butler Library. "The new purchase will be added to a library that serves nearly 2,000 Lindenwood students and more than 2,400 members of the St. Charles community. Butler Library is one of the most beautiful college libraries in the country, and the \$100 gift to the colleges will insure that we will continue to meet the educational needs of our constituents," Dr. Spainhower said.

Full information on any of the Lindenwood growth programs can be obtained by contacting the President's Office, extension #200, or Edward D. Watkins, director of development, extension #337. All contributions to the Lindenwood Colleges are fully tax deductible.

#### STAFF ASKED TO ATTEND INSURANCE MEETING

If you missed last month's meeting with representatives of Lindenwood's new insurance carrier, you're asked to attend a brief session Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. in the Jelkyl Theatre. Officials of the Prudential Insurance Co. will be present to enroll all employees and to explain major differences in the insurance program. Lindenwood switched from General American Life to Prudential in mid-April. If you can't attend the session and were covered by General American, you must stop by the Business Office and either fill out a card for new coverage or sign a waiver for exclusion from the program.