

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

## Evans 21<sup>st</sup> President of Lindenwood U.

James D. Evans, Ph.D., was unanimously selected by the Board of Directors Friday as the 21st president of Lindenwood University. The announcement was made Friday by chairman Jim J. Shoemake. The board gave Evans a standing ovation as he entered the room after the board's executive session.

"The board overwhelmingly approves of the job Dr. Evans has done as Lindenwood's acting president," said Shoemake. "He is committed to educational excellence and to our values-based mission. We are confident that under his leadership, Lindenwood will continue to prosper and expand its academic reputation across the country."

Evans became acting president in August,

2006, upon the death Dennis C. Spellmann, who had served as Lindenwood president since 1990. Evans has been employed at Lindenwood for 32 years. He was a psychology professor for 21 years before becoming dean of social sciences. He was later appointed dean of sciences, dean of faculty and provost.

"I am pleased and honored that the board has given me this great responsibility," said Evans. "I have dedicated my professional life to Lindenwood, and the university has become an integral part of my life. I cannot imagine doing anything but continuing to serve this outstanding institution."

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## Commencement Moves to Lindenwood Athletic Stadium

Lindenwood University's commencement ceremonies are headed back outdoors—temporarily.

University officials decided Monday that the 2007 undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies would be held outdoors on May 18-19 at the university's athletic stadium.

Commencement had been indoors for the past two years at the Hyland Performance Arena.

President James D. Evans said Lindenwood's commencement had outgrown the Performance Arena and "needed more space." Evans said students would get allotted eight tickets apiece with commencement outdoors, as opposed to three apiece if it were held indoors.

He stressed that this decision was likely to be just for one year. The university tentatively plans to move its two commencement ceremonies in 2008 to the Family Arena, and students will be allowed to bring even more guests.

The baccalaureate ceremony and graduate commencement will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Undergraduate commencement will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

In case of inclement weather, both ceremonies will be moved to the Hyland Performance Arena. In that case, only two of each student's eight tickets will be able to be used. Notification of moving the ceremonies indoors will be made on the front page of the Lindenwood website.

### Did You Know...

The June 1929 edition of Good Housekeeping featured an ad for Lindenwood College. The ad touted Lindenwood's Christian environment and emphasized "training young women for a useful life with a distinctive preparation for leadership." Responses were directed to then-President John Roemer.



***Lindenwood Ladies Go Red***--Several women in the Lindenwood University Division of Management wore red Thursday, Feb. 1 in observance of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day. The day is designed to increase awareness of women's heart disease and stroke issues. From left are Annette Najjar, Chris Edler, Mira Ezvan, Kim Brickler and Judy Kamm.

### *LU Hires Director of Freshman Programs*

Lindenwood's new director of freshman programs is Shane Williamson, of O'Fallon. Williamson comes to Lindenwood from Dorman Honors College, at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where she served as assistant dean for academics for two years, ending in December.

Prior to that, she was first-year counselor at Montclair University in New Jersey, from 2001 through 2004,

and director of the Multicultural Center at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Penn., from 1997 to 2001. She also has experience as an instructor at all three institutions.

Williamson has a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in counseling from Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Penn., and a doctorate in education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

### *Evans*

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Evans said Friday his presidency will place a strong emphasis on academics, technology and community partnerships, as well as the university's mission.

"Throughout its growth and maturation process, Lindenwood has never abandoned its original mission," said Evans. "At the heart of today's Lindenwood University is the gracious personality of the small college that helped shape the American frontier."

Evans earned his Ph.D. in research psychology in 1974 from Iowa State University. He received a master's degree in psychology from Iowa State, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Geneva College in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the St. Charles Optimist Club and serves on the education committee of Partners for Progress.

## *Spirit Squad Wins Conference Championship*

Congratulations to Carrie Nichols, Brenda Parisi and Kristen Best and the Lindenwood University Spirit Squad for winning the Heart of America Conference Spirit Championship Saturday at Avila University. Lion Line finished first in jazz and

second in hip-hop; Lionettes were third in jazz; the mascot finished first; and Lindenwood was first in co-ed cheer.

This is the fourth year in a row that Lindenwood brought home the conference championship banner.

## *Copy Center Clarification*

Please do not send students to make copies in Lindenwood's new copy center in the Spellmann Campus Center. Students are not allowed to make copies there—and may only pick them up with written authorization and upon proof of identification.

Faculty members are able to drop off documents for printing at the copy center, or print directly to the center and pick up the copies later. The copy center is staffed by the INDOX company.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Friday. An additional copier is available for use outside the regular copy center hours. To contact the copy center call 949-3616 or email [copycenter@lindenwood.edu](mailto:copycenter@lindenwood.edu).

Any equipment failure or operational problem should be reported to the Help Desk at 255-5100 or [helpdesk@lindenwood.edu](mailto:helpdesk@lindenwood.edu).

## *LU Contingent Supports Basketball Teams in VIP Gathering*

About 75 faculty, staff, board members and Lindenwood friends visited the Performance Arena's VIP Room Thursday evening for a reception during Lindenwood's basketball doubleheader with William Jewell College. Although the women were defeated 81-

71, Lindenwood's men's team defeated William Jewell 77-67.

A large and boisterous Lindenwood crowd helped muffle healthy-sized group of William Jewell alumni attending the game.

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