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Cernik to Analyze Election for KPLR

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Lindenwood University Professor of Political Science and Political Management Joe Cernik, Ph.D., has been selected by KPLR-TV Channel 11 to serve as a political analyst during the station's televised coverage of general election results on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. He will discuss a variety of topics with news anchor and reporter Jeff Bernthal throughout the evening.

"We will be set up separately in the studio and they will cut back and forth to us at different times all night long, beginning at 5 p.m." said Cernik. "We will address different factors affecting the races in Missouri, the Tea Party influence, implications for the 2010 presidential election, black voter turnout rates, national races, and more."

Cernik has served frequently as an analyst for KPLR-TV Channel 11 in the past. He estimated he's been featured on the station more than 40 times.

"I did stuff for them during the 2006 congressional election, the 2008 presidential election, and several others," Cernik said. "It's just really enjoyable to work with a professional station that you see every night of the week on TV. It's sort of neat."

Did You Know?

Did you know that in 1969, the President of the United Nations General Assembly spoke to students here at Lindenwood? Angie Brooks, of Liberia, stated that even though her country is ready and willing to accept as many as 500,000 people from the "Back to Africa" movement, she encouraged African-Americans to stick it out and not give up on their struggle for Civil Rights.

Inaugural Homecoming 5K Draws 123 Participants

Lindenwood University's inaugural Race to be King Homecoming 5K run/walk was held on Saturday morning, Oct. 16. The race had 123 participants, more than 50 of which registered the morning of the event. The race started at Watson and Anderson Streets adjacent to Roemer Hall, winding throughout campus and ending in Hunter Stadium.

The top two finishers among the men were Andrew Doering and Bob Hamer. Jennifer Johnston and Maria Schaefer were the top two female finishers. All four were entrants from outside the Lindenwood community. The race included a number of Lindenwood staff and faculty members and their families.

The family of Brett Barger, Dean of Evening and Graduate Admissions, was well represented among the top finishers. His wife, Yarah, finished third among the women, and his 11-year-old son, Ian, finished 12th among the men.

"I wish I could do as well," Barger said.

Proceeds from the race, which was organized by Student Activities and the Exercise Science Department, benefitted CHADS Coalition, an organization whose mission is to advance the knowledge and prevention of adolescent depression and suicide through awareness, education, and research. Lindenwood Chief Financial Officer David Kandel with Ian Barger (son of Evening and Graduate Admissions Dean Brett Barger), who finished 12th in Lindenwood's Race to be King 5K, held Saturday, Oct. 16.
