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Spinner Selected as November Employee of the Month

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Scott Spinner, Director of Athletics at Lindenwood University-Belleville, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for November.



The Florissant resident served for two years as an assistant coach at Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Mo., before coming to LU-Belleville in September 2009 as head men's basketball coach and sports information director. He quickly rose to his current position as athletics director for the Belleville campus in May 2010.

"Since I was in middle school I've always wanted to be a basketball coach and a sports information director at the collegiate level," Spinner said. "I've been really blessed and a bit lucky because I have my dream job. I get to watch a bunch of young student athletes compete and succeed, and that's really the best part of my job."

Spinner's enthusiasm for his duties shines through in his many accomplishments, which were praised by his Employee of the Month nominator.

"Scott has done a phenomenal job of making the sports program on that campus hit stride in record time," said James D. Evans, PhD, President of Lindenwood University. "He's done so with great success and style, including spearheading the campus' acceptance into the NAIA in the face of stiffened membership criteria."

Upon hearing he'd been named the Employee of the Month, Spinner said he was surprised and grateful for the recognition.

"It's an extreme honor, especially since this is such a large University and I know so many others do their jobs so well. It's very exciting."

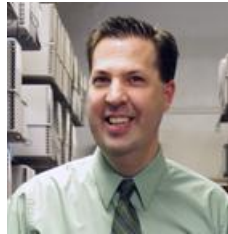
Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood once had a bank for her students? Thought to have been around between the 1940s and 1960s, the bank allowed students and parents to deposit money for safekeeping rather than leave it in the dorm room. Some parents would have the bank distribute a weekly allowance as a means of controlling their child's spending.

Huffman Discovery Leads to Gazebo Project

Lindenwood University Archivist Paul Huffman was sorting through materials in the archives when he made a discovery that led to a project now underway on campus. He found the original construction plans for the gazebo in the center of the quad, which is currently being rebuilt in accordance with those plan specifications.

“I did a bit of research and it turns out the gazebo was intended to be a gift to the University from the class of 1985,” Huffman said. “It didn’t get finished for some reason and there was another attempt to get it done in 1989, but that also fell through. It was always intended to be a brick structure and now it will be.”



The partially completed wooden gazebo served as a campus landmark for many years. It was used as a central part of Lindenwood’s commencement ceremonies and as a gathering place for students and alumni.



The new structure will be made of brick and stone as the original plans indicate, but a few modifications will be made. The gazebo will be wired for electricity and will have wireless connectivity capabilities. It is expected to be completed during the first part of 2013.

A fundraising effort has been launched by the Office of Institutional Advancement in support of the project. For a \$100 donation, supporters may personalize an engraved brick that will form part of the gazebo. Additional naming opportunities will become available in the future.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Director of Alumni Relations Elizabeth King at eking@lindenwood.edu.
