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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees**LU Strongly Opposes Changes to Access Missouri**

Lindenwood University students and staff members are traveling to Jefferson City this week to speak out in opposition to proposed changes in the Access Missouri Grant Program.



LU will be represented Tuesday morning at a House of Representatives Higher Education Committee hearing and Wednesday's Senate Education Committee hearing.

Legislation proposed in Jefferson City would dramatically cut the Access Missouri Grant awards to Lindenwood students and other independent college students. Lindenwood has been very active in opposition to this measure and even hosted a gathering of independent college presidents, financial aid directors and PR directors recently. In addition, President James D. Evans and key administrators visited Jefferson City recently to meet with legislators and explain the financial damage this legislation could cause the neediest LU students.

For more than a decade, Lindenwood has made a conscious effort to develop and continually strengthen its relationship with state legislators who represent the districts around the university. Annually Lindenwood has invited the senators and representatives comprising the "St. Charles County Legislative Delegation" to the campus for a luncheon meeting to update them on the interesting developments and initiatives happening on this campus and emphasize Lindenwood's mutual interests and bond with them.

This year, on Wednesday, March 25, Lindenwood decided to take that the luncheon to the Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City. Representative Joe Smith offered his office as a "meet, greet, and eat" room, and several members of the university's administrative team welcomed and shared information with more than a dozen lawmakers from St. Charles County and the surrounding areas. That group is pictured above.

This special event turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to catch up on pressing issues before the Missouri Legislature and exchange views on the Access Missouri.

Did You Know?

Did you know that one of Lindenwood's alums went on to become Governor of Kentucky? Martha Layne Collins attended Lindenwood in 1956 and later served as Governor between 1983 and 1987. In 1984, Collins served as chairperson of the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

Wall Reminisces About Old Morning Show

Mike Wall, dean of the School of Communications, reunited last week with former radio show partner Guy Phillips during the "Phillips and Company Morning Show" on Y98 FM.

The pair's reunion marked the 30th anniversary of the duo's famed "Phillips and Wall" morning show, which broadcast in St. Louis from 1979 to 1991.

"The producers called me and said they were celebrating the anniversary of our show coming to town, so they invited me to come in and reminisce about things," said Wall, pictured at right. "It was spring break here at Lindenwood so the scheduling worked out perfectly."



Wall spent two hours on-air with his former cohort cracking jokes and talking about their groundbreaking show. He said being on-air again with Phillips was "just like riding a bicycle."

While he had fun, Wall said he has no plans to return permanently to the morning show grind.

"It was nice to visit, but 5:30 is just way too early to get up every morning."

Three-peat! Parisi Gives President Another Trophy

For the third straight year, Lindenwood Wrestling Coach Joe Parisi has earned the privilege of presenting the 2009 NAIA Wrestling National Championship trophy to President James D. Evans. On March 7, the Lions won their fifth title since 2002.

Lindenwood was led by the duo of Ray Stephens and Matt Cauley, who both won their second individual national championship. Neither wrestler was challenged during the competition as Stephens won the 133-pound title and Cauley took the 174-pound crown. A third wrestler, Jeremy Powell, won the third individual title for Lindenwood at the event.

Also earning All-American honors were Sam Schmitz, John Murray, Chris Chionuma, Jon Lloyd, and Ryan Moyer. Other team members on the national squad were Elliot Martin, Alptekin Oziclic, Brian Oechsner, and Neil Kemp.

Cauley received the Gorriarian Award as the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the competition, and Parisi added another National Coach of the Year honor to his resume.



The wrestling team was not the only Lindenwood squad to win a national title recently. The women's ice hockey team won its second straight crown on Mar. 15. The Lady Lions had to play three straight one-goal games, including two overtime contests, to win their third title in program history.

Shanahan celebrates silver anniversary

Judy Shanahan, executive assistant to the president, recently marked her 25th year of service at Lindenwood University. She has worked in the same role since arriving at the school in 1984.

"I was looking for a job and I knew someone at the Presbyterian church down the street," Judy said. "He recommended me for the position, I interviewed with President Jim Spainhower, and I've been here ever since."

Shanahan says the work never gets dull because it's always changing. She jokingly recalled when she was presented with a computer equipped with Microsoft's DOS operating system.

"I made them put it in the corner, and six months later they told me I had to move it to my desk," Shanahan said. "Now, I have two screens and use Outlook. It's quite the transformation!"

Her sense of humor and talent has not gone unnoticed. Liz Ziegenfuss, director of financial aid services, said "I can always count on her to offer advice or assistance and I count myself as one among many who are thankful she is here."

James D. Evans, Ph.D., the third president to whom Shanahan has served, praised her skill and versatility.

"Her accumulated wisdom and natural savvy are essential to the effective inter-working of Lindenwood's distinct populations of stakeholders: students, faculty, staff, administration, board members, and the public," he said. "Someone of lesser tenure and fortitude would not be able to accomplish the amazing feats required of the university's executive administrative assistant."

Shanahan isn't alone in her long-time presence at the university. In fact, she insisted on being photographed with two other 25-year veterans, Joyce Norman, business service center supervisor (1982); and Larry Kane, housekeeping employee (1983).



Are You on Twitter or Facebook?

Lindenwood University has entered the world of social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

Both websites allow users to create profiles and share information through personalized networks. President James D. Evans has commissioned a social networking task force to explore these matters.

Twitter is designed to allow users to "tweet" in concise posts what they are thinking or doing in 140 characters or less. Users seek people or organizations to "follow," and in turn, are sought by others and are "followed."

Under the direction of Jill Falk, the School of Communications recently began piloting a Twitter account under the profile name LU_Comm_School. Faculty members in the department have been "tweeting" about class discussions, relevant media topics, the university's Lindy Awards and more.

To keep Lindenwood sports fans informed, the Athletics Department began "tweeting" last week under the username LU-Lions about the school's more than 40 sports teams.

To sign up for an account, visit www.twitter.com and follow the simple step-by-step directions to create a profile. Once a profile is created, users can then click on the "Find People" tab at the top of the page to begin building a network and posting "tweets."

Lindenwood's Facebook Fan Page operates under the same principle of sharing information through personalized on-line networking. The format allows users to post "status updates" without limiting the number of characters that can be used; and also provides options to posts photo albums, comment on others' photos, and receive notifications from selected groups or individuals.

Our Admissions Department already is very active with Facebook and uses it regularly to communicate with prospective students.

To sign up, users can visit www.facebook.com and create a profile. Members can then search for "friends" with whom to share information.



Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (April 6-12)

--The Lindenwood baseball team, which is in a four-team race for the HAAC Championship, has four conference games this week. Two of those games are on Wednesday against William Jewell, one of the teams battling with the Lions for the conference title.

--The men's lacrosse team puts its perfect record on the line against two ranked opponents. The Saturday game against No. 8 Colorado State will be part of the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Showdown at Invesco Field in Denver, Colo.

--The women's lacrosse team will end its regular season this week. Lindenwood will have its home finale on Monday evening against Saint Louis, followed by a Colorado road trip.

Postseason Play

--The top streak in Lindenwood athletics history came to an end on Sunday as the roller hockey team was upset in the national championship game. The loss, just the second by Lindenwood in the last 147 games, spoiled the Lions' bid for its eighth straight national title.

--The Lindenwood table tennis team finished fifth in its first trip to the national tournament. The Lions went 2-1 in pool play and advanced to the 12-team tournament. After a first-round win, Lindenwood lost 3-2 in the quarterfinals to Puerto Rico. The Lions bounced back to win their final two games to place fifth.

--The Lindenwood men's volleyball team won the 2009 MAMVIC West Postseason Tournament, making a season sweep of the regular season and tournament titles. It was the first conference tournament championship for the Lions since 2006.

The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link:
<http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf>