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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees**LU Campus Mourns a 'Great Professor'**

The Lindenwood University campus is mourning Dr. Larry Matthews of the School of Education. Matthews passed away on Friday after fainting during a game of tennis with a friend. He is believed to have died from heart failure.

"Larry was one of our most loved and appreciated Education professors, and he shall be missed in the most acute way for a long time," said Dr. James Evans in a message to the faculty and staff on Saturday. "Please join us in praying for his family and many friends during this time of grief and adjustment."

Matthews, pictured above, joined the Lindenwood faculty in 2000 as a professor of education and mathematics. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee–Knoxville, his master's from the University of Tennessee–Martin, and his Ph.D. from St. Louis University.

A visitation is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15800 Manchester Road, in Ellisville, Mo.; the visitation will be followed by a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. The church is located on Manchester Road near Clarkson Road.

"I've known Larry Matthews for 33 years," said Dr. Rick Boyle, vice president for human resources, and former dean of the School of Education. "I first met him as a student at St. Louis University when we were in the doctoral program. He was one of the kindest, most compassionate, most helpful individuals I have ever met. He helped people to get over the math phobia that so many have. He had a unique way of helping those folks get over that hurdle. He leaves an unfillable space in our lives. He has a lovely family, a wonderful wife, Barbara, and three sons."

Did You Know?

Did you know that prominent St. Louisan and founder of the Veiled Prophet Parade Col. Alonzo Slayback spoke at Lindenwood in 1875 on "Womanly Ambition"? Later, in 1883, Slayback was shot and killed by the editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* over a feud concerning an editorial in the paper.

Look for Cernik on CW11 as Election Night Analyst

Lindenwood's own Joe Cernik will perform election night analysis all evening Tuesday on CW11's newscast. Tuesday is the culmination of several months of work Cernik has done for the station leading up to tomorrow night, during which he has worked with focus groups and discussed various election issues, polling and trends on the air. For the past several years, Cernik, pictured at right, has served as an election analyst for the station.



Also on Tuesday night, LUTV will broadcast an evening of live election coverage from the new Charter Communications LUTV HD Studio. This year's coverage will for the first time include an interactive component as viewers will have the ability to send questions and comments to the newsroom through the Internet. LUTV broadcasts on Charter Communications channel 989 in the company's digital tier.

For more information about how to participate in the interactive telecast, contact Peter Carlos at 636-949-

LU Honored by Fleur de Lis Garden Society

The Fleur de Lis Garden Society recently honored Lindenwood University for its preservation of several significant trees located on campus. The society is a tri-county garden club dedicated to education, conservation, community service and the beautification of the environment.

The society specifically noted the university's efforts to maintain the leaning catalpa tree, or "crooked tree" near the southeast corner of the campus. Lindenwood has gone to great lengths to prop up the 150-year-old tree, which is growing nearly parallel to the ground and in danger of falling over.

Elaine Fix, president of the society, admired the catalpa while participating in a tree tour of St. Charles County. Lindenwood University is listed as the seventh stop of the tour, which is sponsored by the Community Tree Council of St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties.

Visitors are encouraged to also to seek out the notable Osage-orange, ginko, beech, oak, hickory and countless other trees situated on LU's 500-acre campus.



Joyce Baker, Fleur de Lis Garden Society tree tour chairperson; Julie Mueller, Lindenwood vice president; and Kyle Routh, director of forestry and grounds.

Fundraiser Planned to Benefit Williams Scholarship Fund

A fundraising event is planned from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Chevy's Fresh Mex restaurant in St. Charles. Family and friends of former Lindenwood student Shawn Williams can present a special flyer at the restaurant, which will donate 20 percent of collected proceeds to a scholarship fund created in Williams' memory.

Williams graduated from Lindenwood University in May of 2007 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in fashion design, and returned in the fall to pursue a master's degree. Tragically, he recently passed away after being struck by a vehicle in midtown St. Louis on his 23rd birthday.

The flyer needed to participate in the upcoming fundraising event has been e-mailed to all Lindenwood students and faculty. If you have not received a flyer, or would like more information, please contact Assistant Professor of Fashion Design Florence Dewan at fdewan@lindenwood.edu.

East Asia Expert to Speak on Future of China

Dr. Ross Terrill, expert on East Asia, will discuss the future of China at Lindenwood University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, as part of the school's 2008-09 Speaker Series. The event, which will be in Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the main campus (209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301), is free and open to the public. Terrill's talk is titled "China: On the Edge of Greatness or Peril."

Terrill is a China specialist and research associate at Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies. The author of nine books, Terrill was raised in rural Australia, graduated with first class honors in history and political science from the University of Melbourne in 1962 and served in the Australian Army

He won a Frank Knox Fellowship to Harvard University and earned a Ph.D. in political science in 1970. His thesis on the philosophy of R. H. Tawney was awarded the Sumner Prize and was later published as *Socialism As Fellowship*. He was appointed to the Harvard faculty upon completion of his doctorate and became associate professor in 1974.

The 2008-09 Lindenwood University Speaker Series, which is new this year, started in September and includes 11 speaker events in all and extends through mid-April. For more information, visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakerseries.asp.

Annual Toys for Tots Game Wednesday Night

This Wednesday evening, the Lindenwood field hockey team will host a charity match against the 3rd Battalion 24th Marines at Harlen C. Hunter Stadium. The game, which will start at 8 p.m. will benefit Toys for Tots.

The cost of admission is one new unwrapped toy per person or a monetary donation (including students and faculty). All proceeds (toys and monetary donations) will be given to Toys for Tots in the St. Charles/St. Louis area.

The field hockey team, coached by Jack Cribbin, recently completed its 2008 regular season with a 9-5 overall record, the program's second straight season with a winning mark.

Annual Fall Dance Concert at Scheidegger Center

The Lindenwood University School of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to present the 2008 annual fall dance concert. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9. Each show will be in the Bezemes Family Theater at the new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

"We host this concert every semester," said Janet Strzelec, dance program director. "But this one is especially exciting because it will be the first in the new center."

Tickets cost \$10 for the general public. Lindenwood students and staff may show valid school identification at the center's box office to receive two free tickets. For more information, please contact the box office at 636-949-4433.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Nov. 3-9)

--The ninth-ranked Lindenwood football team has two regular season games remaining, starting with a road contest this Saturday at Central Methodist.

--The women's volleyball team will start their postseason this week by hosting a first-round conference tournament match on Saturday.

--The Lions basketball squad has four early season games this week, including hosting ninth-ranked McKendree on Wednesday at the Performance Arena.

--Lindenwood cross country will host the HAAC Championships this week at McNair Park in St. Charles.

National Championship The Lindenwood men's water polo team won its third straight national title on Sunday with a 16-11 victory over New York. Sharn Appel was named the tournament MVP, and Ali Campbell, Aaron Saule and Justin Bowers were also named to the all-tournament team.

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