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**Mueller Named Dean of Human Services**

President James D. Evans has appointed Carla Mueller dean of Lindenwood University's Division of Human Services, overseeing Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Nonprofit Administration. Mueller had been interim dean since early summer when Pernell Witherspoon stepped down to devote more time to his dissertation.

Mueller, who is currently enrolled in Lindenwood's Ed.D. program, is pictured above. She is known for working hard to develop strong relationships with faculty, students, and the community. She earned her MSW at the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana and her B.S. from Southern

Illinois University-Carbondale.

"Carla Mueller is one of the savviest university administrators with whom I have worked," said Evans. "She is remarkably rational and supportive while, at the same time, being refreshingly sincere and realistic in her management of personnel and programs. Her personal maturity and extensive professional experience mesh very well in the important role she plays at Lindenwood."

Mueller said she was honored to be appointed to the post of a "growing division that is really all about heart and helping. We aren't necessarily about sending kids on to careers with big fat paychecks. We help people get ready to help others."

Mueller is already well acquainted with all facets of her division, and she specifically mentioned the excitement surrounding LU's partnership with the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, under which LU's top criminal justice students spend their last semester training in the academy.

She is also well versed on the Social Work Program's pending application for additional accreditation and certification from the Council on Social Work Education.

"The requirements are stringent," she said. "But it will be worth the effort. The CWSE accreditation will be a big boost."

Mueller said she was proud of the growth and efforts throughout the division. She said Nonprofit Administration continues its strong work "preparing students to help our nonprofit organizations help others." She also mentioned the growth occurring in the Christian Ministry Studies Program and Lindenwood's respected ROTC program.

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**LU to Launch Customer Service Training**

Lindenwood University has received positive feedback from students about personal attention, but a task force on customer service wants to "take our customer service to a new level."

Vice President of Human Resources Rick Boyle, pictured at right, said customer service training should begin sometime next month for many offices on campus, among them Business Office, Financial Aid, Admissions, Academic Services, Maintenance, Student Development, and Information Technology.

Boyle said Dean of Evening Admissions Brett Barger and Dean of Day Admissions Joe Parisi deserve credit for spearheading the first training module, which will include telephone communication. Other training modules will include, for instance, interdepartmental communications. Groups will be limited in size to about 20.

Barger and Parisi will soon be meeting with supervisors and department heads to schedule the training and plan for evaluation and reinforcement visits.

"We want to set Lindenwood apart from the rest of the area when it comes to customer service," said Boyle. "A lot of our students give us examples of how well they are treated, but we want to go beyond that and establish a benchmark. It's nice to be able to improve something that's not broken...to refine and improve."

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**Did You Know?**

**Did you know that President Franc McCluer's nickname was "Bullet"? Apparently President McCluer acquired his nickname while on the debate team during his college years. During one particular debate with a Texan who had a southern drawl, President McCluer shot off several rebuttal arguments before the opposition could respond. Thus, the Texan dubbed President McCluer, "Bullets."**

Boyle praised the efforts of Lindenwood's customer service task force, which began meeting in October. Members include Barger, who is chairperson; Parisi; Boyle; Vice President John Oldani; and Business Office Manager Terry Kappeller.

"I cannot say enough about the hard work of Brett and Joe and the rest of this committee," Boyle said.

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## Campus YMCA To Hold Nonprofit Fair

The Lindenwood Campus YMCA will host a Nonprofit Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Butler Loft. More than 30 local nonprofit organizations will be represented at the event.

Students have been invited to attend, as are faculty and staff, who will have the opportunity to network with the organizations on hand to form partnerships and gain resources and support.

For more information, contact the Campus Y at 636-949-4787 or at [campusymca@hotmail.com](mailto:campusymca@hotmail.com).

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## Grant Writer Starts Job in LU Advancement Office

The Institutional Advancement Office is pleased to welcome Kathy Simmons to Lindenwood University. She has been hired as the grants manager and is responsible for the development and management of a first-class grants program to support the mission and vision of the University.

Simmons, pictured at right, brings to this position impressive grant writing and development experience in Illinois where she secured \$6,200,000 for Benton High School. She won grants to support the areas of infrastructure, technology acquisition and programming, library collection development, violence prevention, environmental projects, professional development programs for faculty, among many other programs.

Simmons has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; her bachelor's degree in education with a major in English is from UM-St. Louis. Lucy Morros, Lindenwood's vice president for Institutional Advancement, said Simmons is well versed in the complex methods of putting together grant projects, monitoring grants, and maintaining a tracking system. Morros said, "Kathy brings just the right combination of skills and experience to support the dynamic growth of the University."



Simmons and her husband, Ernest, live in Crestwood; their son Paul is studying at the University of Illinois at Champaign.

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## 'Lights Out' Thursday Night at Hyland Arena

The Hyland Performance Arena will be rocking Thursday evening as the Lindenwood athletics department and student activities team up for a "Lights Out at Lindenwood" event during the men's and women's basketball games.

Throughout the week, raffle tickets will be on sale during lunch at the cafeteria. Each raffle ticket is a chance to win one of three iPods that will be raffled that evening. Students must be present at the game to win. Those who purchase raffle tickets will also receive a free Lindenwood t-shirt to wear on Thursday night to show their Lion spirit.

The main gymnasium lights will be turned out in the arena between games. Students will receive glow tubes in order to help light the gym in a unique way and encourage the men's team as it starts warm-ups.

The basketball teams are hoping for a large showing from Lindenwood faculty and staff to help create a great atmosphere for their important contests against Central Methodist. President and Mrs. Evans will host a special reception in the VIP Room for all faculty and staff. The reception starts at 5 p.m.

The women's basketball game against Central Methodist will start at 5:30 p.m. while the men's game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

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## Training Center Offers Lindenwood Open House

Lindenwood faculty and staff are invited to an open house at the HIT Center St. Peters, a training facility that offers customized personal fitness training programs from fitness and weight loss to sport-specific athletic training in a "scientifically designed" exercise environment.

Refreshments, tours of the facility, and a training package and iPod raffle will be held. The HIT Center is located at 5252 Mexico Road in St.

Peters, directly behind the St. Peters Rec Plex. For more information, call 636-441-6448 or visit [www.hitcenters.com](http://www.hitcenters.com).

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## Guest to Speak about Police Perceptions of Shootings

The Human Services Division presents the first of many prominent speakers at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, in the Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center.

David A. Klinger is an associate professor at UM-St. Louis. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Seattle Pacific University in 1980, a master's degree in justice from American University in 1985, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Washington in 1992. Prior to joining the Criminology and Criminal Justice faculty at UM-St. Louis, he was assistant (1992-1998) and associate (1998-1999) professor of Sociology at the University of Houston.

Prior to pursuing his graduate degrees, Klinger worked as a patrol officer for the Los Angeles and Redmond (WA) Police departments. In 1997, he was the recipient of the American Society of Criminology's inaugural Ruth Caven Young Scholar Award for outstanding early career contributions to the discipline of criminology. Klinger's research interests include a broad array of issues in the field of crime and justice, with an emphasis on the organization and actions of the modern police. He has published scholarly manuscripts that address arrest practices, the use of force, how features of communities affect the actions of patrol officers, and terrorism. He has conducted two federally funded research projects dealing with the use of force by police officers, one on officer-involved shootings and the other on police special weapons and tactics (SWAT) teams.

Klinger serves as the director of the department's master's program. He is the author of *Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force*.

He will speak about his experiences and the perceptions that police have about police shootings. He has conducted many interviews and published scholarly research on the emotional trauma that officers experience after shootings. Klinger will also have books on hand to sign for those interested.

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## Jozsef Poetry Reading Feb. 5 in Sibley Chapel

A reading and discussion of the poetry of Attila Jozsef, Hungary's greatest 20th century poet, will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, in Sibley Chapel on Lindenwood University's main campus.

The reading and discussion will be held by his translators, Hungarian poet Gabor G. Gyukics and Lindenwood professor Michael Castro. Castro is pictured at left. The event is being sponsored by Lindenwood University's MFA in Writing Program in conjunction with the English Department.

Attila Jozsef (1905-1937) wrote an intense, personal poetry with political and metaphysical overtones that still resonates with Hungarians, cutting through socio-economic and ethnic strata with its directness.

Castro and Gyukics's renderings have drawn praise because they have captured an edge in Jozsef's voice that "feels quite contemporary," a quality which eluded earlier English translators and accounts for his continuing popularity in Hungary and around the world.

Jozsef's work has been set to music by composers and blues singers, choreographed for dance, and transformed into visual art. It has been translated into many languages, including French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Finnish, Swedish, and now the English translations by Castro and Gyukics in their book *A Transparent Lion: Selected Poetry of Attila Jozsef* (Green Integer Books 2006). The book was published in the wake of the 100th anniversary of Jozsef's birth, the subject of a year-long national celebration in Hungary that featured a conference of his international translators, readings, and other events participated in by Castro and Gyukics.

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## New Program Lists Top Academic Performers

A new program created by President James D. Evans in the fall recognizes the collective academic achievements of Lindenwood's athletic teams and residence halls. The program names the semester's top 50 percent, academically, among the men's and women's sports teams and men's and women's residence halls.

The results from the fall 2007 semester were announced recently. The lists below denote the top 50 percent in descending order.

Top 50 percent Among Women's Sports Teams--Dance, Cycling, Volleyball, Basketball, Lacrosse, Shooting Sports, Golf, Water Polo, and Bowling.

Top 50 Percent Among Men's Sports Teams--Tennis, Shooting Sports, Cycling, Soccer, Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Golf, Volleyball, Baseball, and Lacrosse.

Top 50 Percent Among Women's Residence Halls--Calvert Rogers Hall (highest among all residence halls with a cumulative GPA of 3.07), Rauch Memorial Hall, McCluer Hall, Niccolls Hall, Blanton Hall.

Top 50 Percent Among Men's Residence Halls--Matthews Hall, Guffey Hall, Flowers Hall, Cobbs Hall.

The program was intended to recognize the top teams and residence halls academically and to motivate students to achieve academically. The names of the top residence halls and athletic teams will be placed on trophies that will be on display in the Spellmann Center. The other residence halls or athletic teams in the top 50 percent will receive a certificate that will be posted in the residence hall or outside the team coach's office.

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## **Lindenwood Athletic Headlines Feb. 4-10**

--The Lindenwood men's basketball team will host one of the hottest programs in the nation on Thursday night. The Lions will look to get back in the win column when they face Central Methodist, who is on a 10-game winning streak. A large crowd is expected at the game, with Lindenwood students receiving a free t-shirt and having a chance to win an iPod. The Lions will also go on the road on Saturday versus Baker.

--The women's basketball team hopes to take another step closer to a berth in the HAAC Tournament when it hosts Central Methodist on Thursday. The team travels to Baker on Saturday.

--The third-ranked Lindenwood men's ice hockey team concludes its regular season this weekend at home with a two-game series against Duquesne.

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

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