

## COMMUNIQUE

**Margie Meiser Named Employee of Month for February**

Those who spend much time in Butler Hall or the Presidential Office Building (formerly the President's House) have probably seen Margie Meiser. At the very least, they have seen evidence that she has been there: cleanliness.

Housekeeper for Butler Hall and the POB, Meiser, pictured at left, has been named Employee of the Month for February. She has been assigned to Butler Hall all of her five years at Lindenwood and worked in the Tea Hole until the building was razed last summer, at which point she took on the POB.

"It was strange to see the building taken down after working there all that time," Meiser said.

The nomination for Meiser states, "Margie goes way above and beyond what would be expected in cleaning a building. She has been observed scraping old paint off radiators, taking a toothbrush to hard-to-reach places, and planting flowers outside..."

Meiser said her duties include keeping the sidewalks and curbs clean outside her buildings.

"I guess I carried it a little bit farther," she said. "Definitely, being outside and planting flowers is my favorite thing to do here. I'm looking forward to spring."

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, Meiser was part owner of Kingshighway Produce, which sold flowers, produce, and pastries to convenience stores. She said she likes her work although recently she lost some of her outside duties to a blower that is used to remove leaves from the curb area between parked cars.

"Everyone can see the campus is growing," Meiser said. "It's a beautiful place to work and seems to be improving."

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**Jackson Promoted to Assistant Athletic Director;  
Little Takes Over as Head Women's Coach**

Longtime women's basketball coach Chanda Jackson has been promoted to assistant athletic director at Lindenwood University. Jackson, pictured at right, will help Athletic Director John Creer manage a growing athletic department that now offers students more than 40 intercollegiate sports.

"We are pleased to have Chanda's expertise in athletic administration," said Creer. "Her coaching experience and her knowledge of the NAIA and Lindenwood University will serve us well."

Jackson has been with the Lindenwood athletics department since 1995 when she was named an assistant women's basketball coach. She served in that capacity for seven seasons, helping Lindenwood take five trips to the national tournament.

In 2002, Jackson was named head women's basketball coach. In six seasons, she led the women's basketball team to six consecutive HAAC postseason appearances and established the women's basketball program as one of the top academic programs on the Lindenwood campus.

Jackson is a 1992 graduate of Washington University (Mo.). She was a four-year member of the women's basketball team there, helping the squad compile a 90-21 record, capture three conference championships and the program's first Final Four appearance. She was a recipient

## Did You Know

**Did you know that Mary Sibley's father, Rufus Easton, was sent by President Thomas Jefferson to St. Louis to investigate Aaron Burr and General James Wilkinson? Afterwards, Easton served as a federal judge for the Louisiana Territory, St. Louis' first Postmaster, a Congressional delegate, and Missouri's 2nd Attorney General. Easton also platted the land for Alton, Illinois, which he named after his son. Easton is buried in Lindenwood cemetery.**



John M. Olin School of Business Outstanding Student-Athlete award her senior year.

Jackson's promotion creates a vacancy on the Lady Lions bench. Creer has chosen George Little, an assistant coach for the Lady Lions for the past three seasons, as the new head coach.

Little has been a basketball coach in the St. Louis area since 1997 when he was named an assistant men's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Florissant Valley Community College. In 2000-01, he served as the interim head coach there and helped the team to a 24-10 record and a seventh-place national finish. From 2001-03, Little was the assistant men's basketball coach at Harris-Stowe, and he was promoted to head coach of that program for the 2003-04 season.

Little came to Lindenwood in 2005 as the assistant women's basketball coach and has served in that role over the past three years. He has been responsible for recruiting at LU as well as assisting in floor coaching and game preparation. Little is also an athletic events supervisor at the school.

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## Nominate Students for Front of Website

Lindenwood University faculty may nominate top students for the front of the LU website over the next 10 days.

The names submitted should be among the faculty members' best students and should be considered campus leaders. Please do not hesitate to submit a brief letter of support.

Please email all nominations to [squeen@lindenwood.edu](mailto:squeen@lindenwood.edu) by March 20. All nominations must include the student's name, cell phone number, and major.

We hope to have a new round of our top students on the website before the end of the semester.

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## Survey Will Gather Faculty/Staff Input on LU Website

Lindenwood University's Web Upgrade Committee has developed a brief survey designed to gather faculty and staff input that will be used to make direct modifications to Lindenwood's website.

All faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the survey, which is available online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uCwT8Jf6eVUk7yBL9GbVEA\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uCwT8Jf6eVUk7yBL9GbVEA_3d_3d). Questions on the survey cover a wide range of aesthetic and functionality issues.

The survey will remain open through April 4, after which the results will be tallied and considered toward re-design of the current website. Faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the survey, which takes only a few minutes.

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## Jobs in Higher Ed Available on New Website

The St. Louis Regional Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC) has launched a new website that provides a clearinghouse of information on jobs at 15 St. Louis-area colleges and universities, including Lindenwood.

The site includes a search engine that allows prospective job candidates to search through available jobs at the member institutions quickly and easily. It is the first website in the St. Louis region to offer academic institutions and job seekers a central site to post or peruse employment opportunities solely in research and higher education.

The site also includes information for those interested in relocating to the St. Louis region, including links to regional attractions, organizations, schools, and housing resources.

The HERC site also offers regular opportunities for member organizations to discuss issues and practices in recruitment and retention strategies. There are eight other HERCs in the United States: California (2), the Northeast (4), and the Midwest (2).

Rick Boyle, Lindenwood's vice president for human resources, said the university would be an active participant in HERC.

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## **NPA Speaker Hughes Will Discuss Finding, Living Your Passion**

Entrepreneur Steve Hughes will speak on "Finding and Living Your Passion" as part of the Nonprofit Administration program's Prominent Speaker Series at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the Spellmann Center Leadership Room.

With his company Hit Your Stride, Hughes helps corporate clients develop and present hard-hitting and effective presentations. In this lively interactive session, Hughes will explore what it takes to discover your passion, then will give ideas on how to get "from here to there."

"Regardless of your major and your background, you have the tools to create an amazing career and a fulfilling life," Hughes said.

Hughes has been interviewed on National Public Radio and on the Frank O. Pinion show on KTRS radio. Hughes holds bachelor's degrees in French literature and European history from the University of Kansas and an MBA in marketing from Washington University, where he was awarded the prestigious Olin Cup.

Prior to starting Hit Your Stride, Hughes worked for 12 years in advertising and sales promotion.

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## **MFA in Writing Students to Present Poetry Reading**

The Lindenwood MFA in Writing program presents a poetry reading by current students in Michael Castro's Poetry Writing cluster at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, in the Lindenwood University Cultural Center auditorium.

The event is offered free of charge and is open to the public. It also fulfills the colloquium requirement for LCIE students.

The participants are Jennifer Appal, Alex Balogh, Daron Kappauff, Megan McMichael, Beth Mead, Brian Reinhardt, Liz Rice-Sosne, Terry St. Sarah Wienke, James Worrell and Natalie Worrell.

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## **Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (March 10-16)**

Lindenwood's Sean McLelland will look to earn a spot on the 2008 United States Olympic Team when he competes in the 2008 Olympic Shotgun Selection Match this week in Kerrville, Texas. McLelland is currently in second-place in international skeet, and the top two shooters will represent the United States in China.

The Lindenwood baseball team looks to start piling up the wins to go along with the improved weather. The Lions have eight scheduled games this week, including home games on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

The softball squad has won its first four games this season. The team has eight home games scheduled this week on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.

Last Week's Postseason Recap--For most collegiate athletic programs, winning two national championships and having one runner-up finish is a good year. At Lindenwood, it was simply a good week. The wrestling and women's ice hockey teams both won national championships last weekend, while the men's ice hockey team finished second at the national tournament. At the NAIA indoor track and field meet, Lindenwood's Illiyam Chamov won a national title in the triple jump.

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