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Castro Presents Poetry Readings in New York



Michael Castro recently made a trip to New York to do a series of poetry readings.

On March 8, Castro, pictured at left, and his co-translator, Gabor G. Gyukics, read from their book, *A Transparent Lion: Selected Poems of Attila Jozsef*, at the Hungarian Cultural Center.

The two did a similar reading the next night at the Book Court Bookstore in Brooklyn. On Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11, Castro performed his own work with musical accompaniment at two popular clubs.

On March 10, Castro performed at the Bowery Poetry Club with the Krakovians, a European trio consisting of German saxophonist Carolina Strassmeier, Austrian percussionist Harry Tanschack, and Dutch bassist Willem Von Hambracht.

Finally, on Sunday, March 11, he performed with flute and saxophone player J.D. Parran.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood was a campaign stop for Senator Robert Taft's bid to win the Republican nomination for U.S. President in 1948? Known to many as "Mr. Republican," Taft was one of FDR's leading opponents. Later in the year, Taft lost his party's nomination to Governor Thomas Dewey of New York.

Cribbin's Crew Top St. Jude's Fundraiser

Congratulations to Jack Cribbin, pictured at right. His field hockey team and women's lacrosse team placed first and third respectively among LU athletic teams in fundraising for the campus Up 'Til Dawn initiative for St. Jude's Research Hospital. Taking second place was the men's ice hockey team, which is coached by Derek Schaub.

The teams and other Up 'Til Dawn fundraisers were recognized at an awards ceremony in the Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on March 12.

Fundraising efforts took place November of last year as students gathered in the Connection Center and wrote letters to family members asking them to contribute to St. Jude's, which conducts pediatric cancer research.

Overall, the Lindenwood community raised more than \$32,000 through the effort.



Shaper of Reaganomics to Speak about Economy

Murray L. Weidenbaum, Ph.D., will speak on the current state of the U.S. economy at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, in the Leadership Room of Lindenwood University's Spellmann Campus Center.

Weidenbaum, who appears as part of the university's Economic Policy Lecture Series, will present a speech titled "Challenges Facing the U.S. Economy: Short-and Long-Term Solutions."

Weidenbaum was President Ronald Reagan's first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors in 1981 and '82 and was one of the key shapers of the administration's economic policy as well as a frequent spokesman on economic and financial issues for the administration.

He was also assistant secretary of the treasury for economic policy in the Nixon administration and has served on the faculty at Washington University since 1964, where he was chairman of the economics department from 1966 to '69. He is currently the Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor at Washington University.

Prior to coming to Washington University, Weidenbaum was a corporate economist at the Boeing Company. He is currently on the boards of directors for Harbour Group, Macroeconomic Advisors, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees from City College of New York and Columbia University, respectively, as well as a doctorate from Princeton University, where he was a Banbury Fellow.

For more information, contact Ken Chilton at 636-949-4742.

Campus Y to Hold Fundraiser at Chevy's

The Lindenwood University Campus Y will hold a fundraiser at Chevy's restaurant in St. Charles from 5 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19.

Fifteen percent of the proceeds from the restaurant during that period will be donated to the Campus Y to support its service programs on campus and in the community.

The restaurant is located at 2911 Veterans Memorial Parkway, at the corner of Regency Parkway and the South I-70 outer road, east of Zumbahl Road.

Students Meet President of Costa Rica

Five LU students had the experience of a lifetime recently when they met President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica. Twelve LU students are studying Spanish in Costa Rica during the spring semester. This is the first time that students have been able stay in Costa Rica for a full semester rather than a shorter two-week J-term experience.

Notes from the students indicate that them are everyone is enjoying themselves.

One of these activities took place two weeks ago. Five of the 12 students visited the first colonial church built in Costa Rica, located in the town of Cartago, where they attended a free Baroque concert. After the concert, there was a reception, and one of the LU students recognized (from Professor Nancy Cloutier-Davis' J-Term reading material) one very important guest: Oscar Arias, the President of Costa Rica!

The students approached the President, introduced themselves, explained to him what they were doing in his country, and were able to take several pictures with him!

Oscar Arias has been a leading political figure in Costa Rica for the last 30 years. The highlights of his career have included holding the presidency of this small Central American country between 1986-1990. During his presidency, in 1987, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for being at the center of the local solution to end the civil wars of neighboring countries, a conflict famous in the US because of the Iran-Contras Affair. He has been serving as President of his country for the second time since 2006 and will be power until 2010.

What an amazing experience for our students.

LU Psychology Program Cleans Up at Convention

The Lindenwood University Psychology Department deserves praise for its students' performance in the recent Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention at Emporia State University in Kansas last weekend.

Michido Nohara-LeClair, associate professor of psychology, reports that five of the seven papers presented by Lindenwood students at the conference placed first or second in their respective sessions.

Lindenwood was among 35 schools presenting at the research conference, which included large, research-oriented schools such as the University of Missouri–Kansas City and Missouri State University, as well as smaller schools such as Columbia College and Rockhurst University.

"Carter Bray, Liz Dalton, and Rachel Rogers won first place whereas Kat Borsheim and Elizabeth Cain won second place in their respective sessions," Nohara-LeClair said. "Although they did not place, Dana Castellon and Abby Ramon did an amazing job with their presentations as well; all seven of our champion students outperformed themselves at this convention and raised the bar yet again for the high standards for academic excellence at Lindenwood."

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. on 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. Clair, Sarah Wienke, James Worrell, and Natalie Worrell.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (March 17-23)

The Lindenwood softball team is off to a 10-2 start, including a 4-0 mark in conference play. The team is scheduled to play eight games this week, including home games on Monday and Thursday.

The Lions baseball team looks to stay in first-place in the HAAC East Division with HAAC doubleheaders this week versus Baker and William Jewell.

The fifth-ranked men's volleyball team has its final home match of 2008 on Wednesday night when it hosts sixth-ranked Missouri Valley.

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