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MoSTEP Review Tremendous Success!

A huge "thank you" goes to everyone who took part in the preparations for the recent MoSTEP visit. This was a campus-wide effort, and each individual effort was greatly appreciated.

The exit interview with the visiting MoSTEP team was encouraging and suggested, unofficially, that there are no major problem areas in our teacher and administrator education programs. Lindenwood

continues to be recognized as showing strong performance in those areas.

The final (and official) report will be available either this summer or next fall. We wish to caution everyone that the feedback we received is preliminary and unofficial. The visiting team has the prerogative to alter its preliminary indications upon further review. That said, the visit appears to have gone exceptionally well.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Cindy Bice, pictured above, for her leadership in this project. Cindy, we hope you have caught up on a few hours of sleep.

Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to coming to Lindenwood, President Franc McCluer was president of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, when Winston Churchill visited the U.S. and gave his "Iron Curtain" speech? McCluer was able to arrange the famous event through a college friend who served as an advisor to President Truman.

Boyle Passes Test in Front of Tough Crowd

Standing in front of 1,000 middle schoolers and delivering a speech is daunting for even the most seasoned veterans. Just ask Rick Boyle.

Our esteemed vice president for human resources was on the hot seat Friday in front of 1,000 middle schoolers in the Wentzville School District. His mission: explain to them that "knowledge is power." The desired result? Get the kids excited about MAP testing.

To add to the pressure, Boyle, pictured at right, had his grandson, Austin, in the crowd.



Boyle hit it out of the park. Armed with all sorts of show-and-tell materials—like a cell phone and an iPod with a pink rhinestone cover—he got through to the kids and did an outstanding job. Rumor has it Boyle gave a shout out to his grandson during the 10-minute address.

"I was glad to get back to work," he said. "That was nerve-wracking. I'd rather be in the classroom."

The kids, and quite a crowd of administrators and teachers, gave Boyle a standing ovation after he finished

his speech.

Black Student Union Challenges Police in Basketball Game

The Black Student Union has challenged the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in a game of basketball. The police have ambitiously accepted the challenge, and the game has been set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Hyland Performance Arena.

"Come out and watch your students get smashed by a group of grumpy old men and women," said Professor Pernell Witherspoon.

Both teams have added extra activities as part of the game to make this an exciting event. Come and enjoy. It should be fun to watch.

Honors Convocation April 27 at LUCC

The 2008 Honors Convocation will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Lindenwood University Cultural Center. This year's event will differ from previous years' events in that only the individual awards will be acknowledged. It was decided that since the larger group awards have their own individual ceremonies, the recipients of the larger group awards will be listed in the booklet, but only the individual awards will be discussed and announced.

All presenters are asked to arrive at the LUCC by 1:30 and to check in with Jann Weitzel. Presenters will be seated on the stage and will introduce the award recipients. Presenters are asked to keep their comments to no more than 1-2 minutes in order to keep the entire program under two hours.

In addition, all presenters are asked to contact the recipient of the award to make sure that he/she will be in attendance. Each recipient will be sent a notice, but we want to make sure that the reminder is not overlooked.

We hope to see all faculty members in attendance at this wonderful event honoring our outstanding students.

Weidenbaum Speaking Wednesday on 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." Classes are welcome to attend.

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.

Scupin Has Fulbright Information Available

The Lindenwood community is excited about Professor Sue Tretter's Fulbright Award for this next year in Germany. Professor Ray Scupin, himself a Fulbright Scholar in 1980 and again in 1987, just received the booklets announcing the various Fulbright Awards for the academic year 2009-2010. Fulbright sent a CD to him with PDFs on the Scholars Program. If anyone is interested in looking at the booklet or the CD, please email him at rscupin@lindenwood.edu. He has three copies of the booklet and one copy of the CD.

'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' to Close Downstage Space

Come see the last full-length production produced in the Harmon Downstage. Tennessee Williams' classic "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," directed by Larry Quiggins, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on April 10-12 in the Harmon Hall Downstage Theatre.

"Tennessee Williams stated many times that 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' is his favorite of the plays that he wrote as well as the best," Quiggins said. "These are strong comments coming from the man who wrote such classics as 'The Glass Menagerie,' 'A Streetcar named Desire,' and 'Suddenly Last Summer.'

This production is MFA candidate Nick Kelly's thesis, and he plays Big Daddy Pollitt.

Other cast members include Rebecca Helms, Mike Juncal, Tara Rispin, Whitney Compton, Ryan Wood, and Mike Dowdy.

"I have not worked with a group of actors this phenomenal since 'All My Sons' and if you have any interest in Tennessee Williams or if you talk about him in class, I encourage you to attend and tell your students about it," Quiggins said. "This is definitely one of the most powerful plays of the 20th century."

The play is open to the general public with general seating; admission is free. Doors open at 7:00 and seating will be limited, so come early. The Downstage Theatre has been in use since 1970, and, starting in the fall, studio productions will be presented in the Emerson Black Box Theatre in the new Lindenwood Center for Fine and Performing Arts. So come and pay your respects to the space that has been presenting productions since 1970.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (April 7-13)

Lindenwood will look to add to its national championship total this week. The six-time defending national champion roller hockey squad, four-time defending champion shooting team, and three-time defending national title-winning JV roller hockey team will all look to extend their championship streaks at their national competitions this week.

The Lions baseball team has just 10 conference games remaining, with six scheduled for this week. The Lions host Benedictine on Wednesday before going to Central Methodist for a four-game set over the weekend.

The women's lacrosse team will host the Lindenwood Invitational this weekend. Seven of the eight teams are nationally ranked, including five in the Top 10.

Conference Championship--Lindenwood won its seventh conference championship of the 2007-08 school year last week when women's water polo won the Heartland Division Championship. The Lady Lions were seeded

fifth but defeated all four teams seeded ahead of them for the title. Every game was decided by two goals or fewer, including a 4-3 win over Carleton in the finals. The men's volleyball team also competed at its conference tournament last week, finishing second after falling to the number one team in the country, Park, in the finals.

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