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Pick Up Your Free Tickets to Rascals Game May 29

Lindenwood University faculty and staff are invited to relax and have some fun at the River City Rascals' baseball game on Thursday, May 29. It's Lindenwood Night at the Ballpark, and tickets are FREE. Not only will President Evans be throwing out the first pitch, but there will be a zany on-field promotion tailored just for the Lindenwood crowd. It is sure to draw a chuckle or two.

Please stop by the office of Vice President Rick Boyle, pictured at left, to pick up your tickets. Quantities are limited, so please visit Dr. Boyle soon.

The game against the Rockford Riverhawks begins at 7:05 p.m.

The Rascals are a minor league baseball team in O'Fallon, MO.

Did You Know?

Did you know that September will mark two anniversaries for Lindenwood's radio station, KCLC? Initiated by Professor Martha Boyer, KCLC began as a 1 watt AM station in 1948. By 1968, the communications program proved so successful that KCLC increased its wattage and switched to the FM band. Since then, KCLC's format has changed a few times: an NPR affiliate, one of the premier Bluegrass/Jazz stations in the US, and talk radio. KCLC now broadcasts at more than 30,000 watts.

Ellis Selected as Top Coach in Conference

Congratulations to Lindenwood men's golf head coach Roger Ellis, a professor in the management division, who was recently named the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) Coach of the Year after leading the team to its eighth straight conference title.

Ellis was named the conference coach of the year for the fifth time in his career. His Lions, who are ranked in the Top 10 in the nation, shot a four-under 292 in the final round of the men's golf championship to win the event by nine strokes over Baker. Adam Henning, David Lawson, and Brock Robillard were all named to the all-conference team for finishing in the top-eight at the event.

"It is a privilege to earn this honor because it came from a vote from my peers," said Ellis. "From a team standpoint, my players played a big part in winning the award. I was able to win because of the national presence our team has earned because of the number of tournaments we have won and our top-10 ranking."



The Lions golf team will compete in the NAIA National Tournament for the 10th straight season on May 13-16 in Plymouth, Ind

Williamson Wins Award for Rutgers Dissertation

Shane Williamson, director of first year programs was recently informed her doctoral dissertation was selected for the Excellence in Dissertation Award by the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education Alumni Association.

The title of Williamson's dissertation is "The Academic, Institutional, and Family Factors Affecting the Persistence of Black Male S.T.E.M. Majors." S.T.E.M. stands for "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics." The dissertation can be accessed online through the database ProQuest.

The award, which entails a plaque and a cash prize, will be presented at Rutgers' graduation ceremony on May 22 in New Jersey. Because she will not be in attendance, Dr. Sharon Ryan, the chair of her dissertation committee, will accept the award on her behalf.



Williamson defended the dissertation in October 2006 and graduated from Rutgers in January 2007.

"I was ecstatic when I was notified that I had won the award because this is a very competitive award," Williamson said.

Oldani Says Spring Fling Was a Success

Congratulations to John Oldani and the Student Activities staff on the recently completed Spring Fling. Oldani reports that the activities were a success all around.

"Spring Fling was a great success in spite of some bad weather," Oldani said. "The LUPalooza went off without a hitch on the 19th. We had to move it indoors due to the weather, but we had a steady stream of people participating. The weather kept some away, no doubt, but those who came had a great time. In the future, we're looking perhaps at a little shorter time span, perhaps six hours or so instead of ten.

Oldani said events during the week were successful and well attended, enjoyable and upbeat, and showed a great deal of planning and ingenuity.

He said weather threatened to scuttle the highly anticipated Foam Party but it, too, turned out to be successful.

"The storm in the early evening brought windy, cold weather, but the decision was made to carry on with the event," he said. "We had had a great turnout for the food just before the storm. The DJ set up under the clock tower. The foam machine worked great and students had a great time dancing in the foam. I was shocked at how many students attended in the cold weather. Shirt sales, etc., indicated nearly 400 students participated in that event."

Student Government and various student organizations, fraternities, and sororities were involved in the week's events.

"It was by far the best Spring Fling we've had at LU, thanks to so many students involved and the excellent job of the Student Activities staff," Oldani said. "They spent many long hours all week making the events successful, not to mention the weeks and months of preparation for the various events.

"The icing on the cake was the fact that we had absolutely no discipline problems at any of these events. It showed once again the quality and character of our LU students."

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (May)

The month of May will consist mostly of postseason action for the Lindenwood athletics teams that are still in action.

Four Lindenwood squads--women's lacrosse, men's tennis, men's golf and men's lacrosse--already have qualified for their respective national tournaments. All four are nationally-ranked, including women's lacrosse and men's golf, which are both eighth.

Three other teams--women's golf, softball, and baseball--will compete in NAIA regional tournaments during the first full week of May, as they hope to advance to further postseason play.

The Lions and Lady Lions track and field teams have two regular season meets remaining before they head to the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Edwardsville, Ill.

Postseason Results--Lindenwood added two conference titles over the weekend, with baseball and men's lacrosse capturing conference crowns. The school has now won 13 conference championships during the 2007-08 school year. Softball just missed adding another title to that haul by finishing runner-up at the HAAC Tournament. Women's water polo dropped three decisions at the CWPA National Championship and tied for 15th in its second straight trip to nationals.

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