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Bert Griffin to Retire After Nearly 10 Years at Lindenwood



"Five days and a wake-up."

That is the way Lindenwood University maintenance man Bert Griffin describes the remaining time before his retirement. Griffin said the "wake-up" reference comes from the Army, in which he served from 1968 to 1970.

"You don't count that last day," Griffin said. "You just have to wake up."

Working in maintenance and purchasing, Griffin is the maintenance man for the education faculty office building, Roemer Hall, the Welcome Center, the Heritage Campus boiler room, Gamble House and the Hyland Performance Arena. Nearly 10 years ago he came to Lindenwood after finding out about the job from an acquaintance who worked here at the time.

Griffin, who lives in Bethalto, Ill., said he plans to travel with his wife in their RV, work around the house and spend time with his nine grandchildren.

The university's administration is planning a retirement party for later this month.

Did You Know?

Did you know that before he was President, General Benjamin Harrison was a patron of Lindenwood from approximately between 1875 and 1881? While the reason for the connection isn't known, it is thought that Harrison's ardent participation in the Presbyterian Church played a role in his interest. Between 1880 and 1893 Harrison's Indianapolis pastor, Rev. Irwin, served as Lindenwood's president.

Godar Receives National Athletic Trainer Award

Athletic trainer Tom Godar will receive the CUATC NAIA Assistant Athletic Trainer of the Year Award in a ceremony on June 18 at the convention center in St. Louis.

One recipient is selected from each division of the NCAA and one is selected from the NAIA. In order to be considered for the award, an assistant athletic trainer must be nominated by his or her program director.

"It was completely unexpected," Godar said. "I didn't even know that Randy (Biggerstaff) had nominated me."

Godar has been on the faculty at Lindenwood since 2003, prior to which he attended graduate school here.

"Tom's contribution to our department is greater than that of many assistants," said Biggerstaff, head athletic trainer at Lindenwood. We would have a very tough time getting by without him."

Congratulations, Tom!



Still a Few Rascals Tickets Remaining for May 29

Don't forget to stop by the office of Vice President Rick Boyle and pick up FREE your tickets to Lindenwood Night at the T.R. Hughes Ballpark. The River City Rascals will play the Rockford Riverhawks at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, May 29.

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.

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

Anthony Clark to Take the Helm of ISEE

Please welcome Dr. Anthony Clark to Lindenwood University. Clark joins the business faculty and will also be director of its Institute for Study of Economics and the Environment (ISEE), beginning on July 1. Clark replaces the retiring Ken Chilton.

"Dr. Chilton laid a strong foundation for ISEE at Lindenwood University, and we deeply appreciate what he has accomplished," said James Evans. "We know that Dr. Clark will further enhance this valuable program."

Clark has a doctorate in resource and development economics from the University of Missouri. He taught economics at Lindenwood during the spring semester and will become an associate professor of management in July. He has taught courses in economics, entrepreneurship, and accounting previously. Clark also was an economist in the Telecommunications Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission (a division of Missouri's Department of Economic Development.)

"ISEE programs will continue to uphold the basic premise that, under most circumstances, the market system works better as an organizing principle than does any available alternative," said Clark. "This principle applies to environmental issues as well as other important issues facing our economy."

In addition to continuing the Economic Policy Lecture Series that has become a staple on the Lindenwood University campus over the past six years, Clark says he will seek to take ISEE's message out into the community. He plans to develop a series of presentations that highlight the importance and usefulness of economics in everyday life. He also will continue to produce and co-host (with the Division of Management) the local cable television program "Focus on Business."

Clark further plans to expand the economics course offerings at Lindenwood, with the end goal of establishing an undergraduate economics major. He also envisions conducting select research projects of local or regional relevance--projects that could serve as vehicles for increased collaboration between the university and the community, as well as educational opportunities for LU students.

Chilton will continue as an Adjunct Fellow at the Institute.

"Since I have been involved with environmental policy issues for three decades now, I appreciate this opportunity to continue to share my views with students and policymakers," Chilton said.