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Below please find the 26th edition of Communique, a weekly newsletter for Lindenwood University employees. If you have an item for Communique, please email squeen@lindenwood.edu.

# **Outstanding Results from Homecoming Weekend**

Lindenwood University not only got a victory on the football field Saturday, but the winning atmosphere was evident the entire homecoming weekend—from the alumni reception all the way to the Homecoming Dance.

Alumni Director Katy Montgomery said the alumni reception Friday was a tremendous success. She said others told her it was "the biggest ever." Nearly 200 alums, faculty, staff and board members packed the VIP room.

President Evans was the featured speaker Saturday morning at the alumni and parent breakfast in the Leadership Room, and Montgomery said "you could feel the energy in the room."

Then came the Sneak-a-Peak Tour of the Fine and Performing Arts Center, which was featured Saturday night and Sunday morning on KSDK Channel 5. The afternoon brought a well-attended and exciting 27-3 football victory over William Jewell.

The momentum continued Saturday evening with Lindenwood's inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet. More than 100 individuals witnessed the induction of the late Dennis Spellmann, LU's former president, along with two coaches and 14 of our finest student-athletes in history. The emotional ceremony left those in attendance "feeling the energy" surrounding Lindenwood.

Vice President for Student Development John Oldani reports that there was record attendance at Saturday evening's Homecoming Dance in the Spellmann Center—over 400 students attended.

Oldani said there were absolutely no discipline problems and that the students had an enjoyable alcohol-free event.

President Evans said Monday morning he was very pleased with the how the entire weekend went. He praised the work of all Lindenwood staff and faculty who worked tirelessly through the weekend to make it "the best Homecoming ever."

## **Quiggins Named September Employee of the Month**

Theatre faculty member Larry Quiggins has been named Employee of the Month for September. Quiggins, who is in his seventh year at Lindenwood, was director of the Theatre Department's production of "Blithe Spirit," which was on the Jelkyl stage Oct. 4 through 6 and 11 through 13.

Prior to joining the Lindenwood faculty, Quiggins was a graduate assistant in the Theatre Department. After receiving his MFA in 2000, he was hired as a production and stage manager in theatre; the following year, he joined the full-time faculty as an assistant professor and is now an associate professor of theatre.

Quiggins also runs Lindenwood's improv troupe, the Nick of Time Players, a group of nine students who perform for the Lindenwood community at the beginning and end of each semester and at four to ten high schools in the region annually for recruiting purposes.

In addition to his work in theatre, Quiggins is known as an expert in comic books. A comic book collector for 40 years, Quiggins used to own a comic book store and is recognized as one of the top two or three comic book historians in the St. Louis area. He is often called on by insurance companies to appraise comic book collections and was recently interviewed for a television news feature when the long-time Marvel character Captain America died. Because of that background, Quiggins also teaches an art history class on the history of comic books and comic strips.

"I am honored and pleased to have been named Employee of the Month," Quiggins said. "It is nice to have my work recognized in that way."

## Discounted Microsoft Products Available for Download

Lindenwood University is now offering limited versions of Microsoft products at a discounted price for students, faculty and staff. The Microsoft Student Select program allows students, staff and faculty at Lindenwood University to purchase full featured, perpetually-licensed software at special academic discounts up to 80 percent off retail price. The list of software includes Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac, Office 2007, Office OneNote 2007, Project 2007, SharePoint Designer 2007, Visio 2007 and Microsoft Windows Vista.

The Microsoft Work at Home program allows qualifying staff and faculty to purchase inexpensive media kits to install Office and Windows on their home machines for work purposes. Only staff and faculty members who are primary users of a work machine with a copy of the software installed are eligible to purchase the Work at Home media for their personal computer and the software must be used for work purposes only. The list of software available for faculty and staff includes Microsoft Office 2003, Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac, Office 2007, Office OneNote 2007, Project 2007, SharePoint Designer 2007, Visio 2007, Microsoft Windows Vista, and a limited version of Microsoft Windows XP.

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# Hickenlooper Wins International Award for Screenplay

Lindenwood English Professor George Hickenlooper has won an award for one of his screenplays from the Oxford International Institute for Documentary and Drama in Conflict Transformation. Hickenlooper was notified on Thursday that he received the Tony McAuley Prize for New Writers in Social Justice for his screenplay "Roger Casement Traitor."

The screenplay was based on his stage play of the same name, which he wrote 30 years ago. The play was produced in New York, California and St. Louis and won some prizes then, including a statewide Missouri play writing competition.

A historical drama, the play is about Roger Casement, an Irish-born diplomat who was knighted by Queen Victoria "for services to humanity in the Congo" and was later hanged for supporting the Irish rebels in the Easter Uprising of 1916. Hickenlooper said he did the original research for the story at the Hoover Library at Stanford while living in California. Hickenlooper has been at Lindenwood since 1992.

The award affords Hickenlooper a professional critique of the script and access to a network with professional producers, including members of the group, which consists of academics and film and theatre people who try to promote theatre pieces and films that deal with social justice issues. Hickenlooper said Toney McAuley was a distinguished Irish educator and broadcaster and advocate of the restoration of Irish folk music.

## Armor Maker Delgado Will Display Work for Halloween

Anyone who has ever visited a castle has seen a suit of armor standing in a hallway. On Oct. 30-31, the Lindenwood community will have the opportunity to view a suit of armor created by Lindenwood chemistry professor Ricardo Delgado. And, unlike the armor in those castle hallways, this stuff is still used—by Delgado.

Delgado is a member of a group called the Society for Creative Anachronism, whose membership recreates settings, clothing and armed contests of medieval times for education and entertainment. A member for the past 10 years, Delgado is involved in combat contests with the society and has been making his own armor almost the entire time.

"I have always been good at working with my hands," Delgado said. "I have taught classes through the SCA on armor-making as well."

If you want to come see what a real, working suit of armor looks like, visit Delgado's office, Young 417 on Oct. 30 or 31.

"I thought it would be interesting to show my students," Delgado said. "Of course, faculty and staff are welcome to come, too."