



Men's basketball enjoys a sweet history-making season



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There were so many highlights and memories packed into one fantastic men's basketball season that it is difficult to put the entire season into words. But we'll try anyway.

The Lincoln University men's basketball, under the direction of second year coach Garfield Yuille, produced a season like no other in setting a school record for wins in a season, becoming nationally ranked and participating in the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in school history.

The Lions finished with a 25-5 record after a heartbreaking season ending 72-71 defeat to eventual national champion Virginia Wesleyan in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

Even though that loss stung, the Lions had several good times throughout the season as they climbed the national rankings with a high-octane offensive assault that left score-



After the Lincoln University men's basketball team was featured on ESPN's "Outside the Lines", renowned comedian and actor Bill Cosby made his first visit to Lincoln's campus in 51 years earlier this month. Here, Cosby poses with the Lincoln University men's basketball team, who finished with a 25-5 record, a school record for victories in a season.

keepers dizzy and fans breathless. Lincoln finished the season ranked 10th in the final D3hoops.com Top 25 poll. During the season, Lincoln won five tournaments,

knocked off a pair of nationally-ranked teams and earned their first win over Franklin & Marshall since 1950. **SEE PAGES 4-5 FOR A COMPLETE SEASON REVIEW.**

Jackson repeats as 55-meter dash queen



Lincoln University sophomore sprinter **Shanda Jackson** repeated as NCAA Division III 55-meter dash champion by racing to victory in 7.09 seconds at the 2006 Indoor Track and Field championship meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Jackson became the first Lincoln University female athlete to repeat as champion in the 55-meter dash since Rhondale Jones turned the trick in 1999

and 2000. In a riveting race, Jackson edged Augsburg's Tonnisha Bell by a tenth of a second. Bell was second in 7.10 seconds.

"My time was O.K.," Jackson said. "I wanted to do better seeing as I had a faster time in the trials."

Jackson lowered her school-record time by .01 second in breezing to the fastest qualifying time of 7.05 seconds. Last year, Jackson won the 55-

meter dash last season in a then school record time of 7.06 seconds.

"She ran very well," assistant coach Juan Edney said of Jackson's performance. "The only question mark we had is that she came up too early. We stress to them to not panic. If anything goes wrong, stay straight and keep on going. That's what happened and that is why she came out with the victory." **LU**

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Women's basketball makes postseason debut

The Lincoln University women's basketball team finished its tough 2005-06 season by winning two of its final three games to finish with an 8-19 record after defeating Green Mountain College, 83-40 in the consolation game of the Association of Division III Independents postseason tournament at Mitchell College in New London (Ct.).

In earning their first postseason victory in school history, the Lady Lions had five players reach double-digits highlighted by junior all-tournament selection **Mary Rotimi**, who notched her 18th double-double of the season with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore forward **Asha Atkinson** pitched in with her ninth double-double of the season (11 points, 13 rebounds and five assists).

Sophomore **Sharell McMillan** scored a career high 14 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out four assists for Lincoln. Freshman **Tanina Cook** netted a career-best 12 points to go along with six rebounds. Freshman **Danisha Sammons** contributed 11 points and six assists for the Lady Lions, who out-rebounded Green Mountain, 59-29. Lincoln also finished with a season-high 25 assists on 34 baskets.

Lincoln, which made 45.3 percent of its shots in the game, sprinted to a 43-17 halftime advantage. The quick-fingered Lady Lions also finished with 18 steals as six different players finished with two or more thefts. McMillan had four steals to lead the Lady Lions. Lincoln's unrelenting pressure created turnovers and offensive opportunities that Green Mountain College could not recover from.

Rotimi, who finished second in Division III in rebounds per game with 13.7, was selected to the all-tournament team in all four tournaments Lincoln par-



Mary Rotimi finished as the nation's second leading rebounder at 13.7 per game.

ticipated in during the 2005-06 season. She was named to the Frostburg State, Keystone and FDU-Florham all-tournaments prior to this one.

The Lady Lions entered the four-team tournament as the No. 2 seed.

"It was an honor to be selected for a tournament like this," Lincoln coach **Andy Haman** said. "We wanted to win this tournament, but we didn't do that so I used this experience as an opportunity for my team to perform in a playoff-type atmosphere. Participating in this tournament is an excellent foundation for our program to build on."

The Lions suffered a heartbreaking, 82-80 defeat to host Mitchell College in the semifinals. The Lions had a potential game-tying shot negated because officials ruled that the basket occurred after the final buzzer had sounded.

Lincoln finished its regular season by defeating Eastern University, 81-56 as its two Atkinson and Rotimi, both posted double-doubles in the same game for the seventh time this season. Atkinson scored 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds while Rotimi added 17

points and grabbed 22 rebounds. In addition to leading the Lady Lions in rebounding, Rotimi also led Lincoln in scoring with 13.4 point per game average.

Returning to the team from a broken ankle that sidelined her during 2004-05, Rotimi finished with 18 double-doubles this season to earn a spot on the Association of Division III Independents first team.

Atkinson finished as Lincoln's second leading scorer (11.7) and rebounder (7.4). She was named to the AD3I second team. She scored a career high 28 points during Lincoln's 75-65 overtime victory over Wilkes University earlier this year. The win over Wilkes ended a 32-game losing streak against schools from the Middle Atlantic Corporation's Freedom and Commonwealth Conferences. Atkinson teamed with Rotimi to form a powerful and at times unstoppable post combination.

Sammons finished as the Lady Lions' third-leading scorer (7.9).

After losing its first seven games to begin the season, Lincoln finished the year 8-12.

Lincoln's biggest challenge during the season was playing consistently for entire games. In the beginning of the season, the Lady Lions had trouble generating points against a tough schedule that included four Division II schools and one nationally-ranked Division III program. Despite the difficulties of a tough season, the Lady Lions endured and created some memorable moments throughout the season.

Sophomores **Latoya Milstrey**, McMillan and Cook combined to average 16 points per game.

"The regular season was a task," Haman said. "We played competitively at times, but during key moments of some games, you could see the other teams' seniority come through and our inexperience would show up." **LU**

Young, Jackson and Jones earn track and field honors

Junior **Bobby Young** was named the Division III national Men's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year by the United States Track and Field Coaches Association. The awards were presented at a banquet Thursday night at St. Olaf College, the site of the 2006 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field championships.

Sophomore **Shanda Jackson** and longtime coach **Cyrus Jones** were recognized for their outstanding work with regional accolades. Jackson is the NCAA Division III Women's Midwest region Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. Jones was honored as the NCAA Division III Men's Midwest region Indoor Track and Field Coach of

the Year.

Young won the NCAA Division III outdoor title in the 400-meter dash last spring with a time of 45.95 seconds. Despite struggling with injury problems this winter, Young won the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference title and has a 2006 best of 48.44 entering this weekend's indoor nationals.

Jackson had the second-fastest Division III time in the 55-meter dash entering this weekend's national championships. She more than held her own competing against Division I sprinters this winter.

Overall, Lincoln has won 16 NCAA Division III titles (men and women) during Jones' remarkable



Bobby Young



Shanda Jackson

tenure at the Pennsylvania school. The Lions qualified eight men and seven women for this year's NCAA

Division III Indoor Championships. **LU**

Women's 4 x 400-meter relay team wins championship race with school-record setting performance

Shanda Jackson provided the early fireworks at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championship meet at St. Olaf College.

And, the Lincoln University 4x400-meter relay's relay team closed with a bang. Their tremendous effort left a lasting impression and earned them a place in the Lincoln University record book.

The Lincoln quartet of junior **Shari Richardson**, junior **Ashley Parker**, sophomore **Yolona Sabb**, and freshman **Jordean Matthews** took the 2006 Championship with a school-record time of 3:51.08. They also became the first women's 4 x 400-meter relay team to win a race at the national indoor championship meet since **Shawna Hardy**, **Courtney Washington**, **Rachel Cunningham**, **Kia Savage** in 1996.

"That's crazy," Richardson said. "The only thing we knew was that we broke the field house record for the fastest time and then somebody told us we had the fastest Division III time for the year and we were like cool. Then to know we have the school record is pretty awesome."

Their time was a Division III season's best. They lowered the standard set in 2000 by **Vernick Smith**, **Sharae Miller**, **Zanora Berry** and **Rhondale Jones**. The previous 4 x 400-meter relay school best was 3:51.41 seconds.

Overall, The Lincoln University men's



Shari Richardson (standing left), Jordean Matthews (standing right), Yolona Sabb (kneeling left) and Ashley Parker (kneeling right) display their 4 x 400-meter relay championship plaques after winning the race and setting a school record in the event.

team finished second behind Wisconsin-LaCrosse with 31 points. UW-LaCrosse won its sixth consecutive indoor track title by scoring 78 points. The UW-LaCrosse men's team set NCAA records with 78 points and a margin of victory of 47 points.

The women's team placed eighth with 20 points on a pair of first place finishes. The UW-Oshkosh women's team edged out Williams College, 44-38, for their third consecutive team title.

"I didn't know we set the school record until later that night when I got back to the

hotel to check the Internet to see if the (men's) basketball team won," Richardson said. "I happened to click on the track page and saw that we broke the record. I know we were very focused going into the race and we were confident once we got in the pen that we could win this race."

On the men's side, UW-LaCrosse won five events, including the pole vault where it finished first, second, third and seventh.

Lincoln junior **Bobby Young** was second in the 400-meter dash (48.56 seconds) and senior **John Fudge** was third in the 55-meter hurdles (7.58 seconds). Young also teamed with **Randy Dawkins**, **Lance Wigfall** and **Keko Goldman** to finish second in the 4 x 400-meter relay in a time of 3:17.05.

"It was an all right weekend for us," Young said. "We messed up in a couple of events. I just got tired during my race in the last straightaway and I tightened up and (Wisconsin-LaCrosse's Nate Olsen) just passed me."

Junior **Reggie Hopkins** also placed second in the long jump on the opening day by leaping 23 feet, 10 3/4 inches. Wigfall was eighth in the 400-meter dash (49.03) and freshman **Jamal Whitted** placed ninth in the high jump (6-5 inches).

"Our 4 x 400-meter relay women's team winning made our day," Young said. "I am real happy for them." **LU**

Basketball team enjoys season like no other

The 2005-06 Lincoln University men's basketball team not only established itself as the best squad in school history, but by the time the final ball was dribbled, the Lions were among the nation's elite following a historic season.

The Lions followed up last season's 21 win campaign by winning a school record 25 games, qualifying for the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in school history, becoming nationally ranked and providing enough entertainment to put Blockbuster out of business.

During the season of many highlights, the Lions finished 10th in the final national rankings released by D3hoops.com. Lincoln had several individual players finish among the national leaders in several categories. The Lions also finished seventh nationally in scoring offense and fourth nationally in blocked shots. Overall, 2005-06 was a year to remember for the Lincoln University men's basketball team.

Incredible comebacks, amazing individual performances and a thrill ride through the NCAA Division III tournament

helped establish second year coach **Garfield Yuille** as one of the nation's up-and-coming head coaches. Yuille has guided Lincoln to a 46-12 mark in two years. Helping to forge an unshakable resolve was Lincoln's ability to rally from double-digit deficits to win games. In eight of Lincoln's 25 wins this season, the Lions trailed by at least 10 or more points at some point in the second half.

Among the major accomplishments for the Lions this season was winning the Association of Division III Independents Northeast Region championship tournament, defeating Franklin & Marshall College for the first time since 1950, hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Division III tournament, being featured on ESPN and in *Sports Illustrated* and living in the national rankings for 11 of the 14 polls.

Making Lincoln's season more remarkable is that the Lions achieved such lofty heights against a ridiculously-difficult schedule that featured 19 away games. As the season ended Lincoln's quality of wins index was seventh in Division III. Throughout the season, 22 of Lincoln's 30 opponents entered the game with at least a .500 record. Of course, Lincoln had the players to navigate a tough schedule and overcome several double-digit deficits.

Senior All-American guard **Kyle Myrick** was Lincoln's leader. He led Division III in scoring with a 33.7 point per game average (see more

Myrick on the next page).

The Lions were far from a one-man operation during the season. Junior guard **Sami Wylie** finished fifth in Division III in 3-pointers made per game and he was the Lions' second leading scorer at 17.4 points per game. Wylie made a school record 13 3-pointers during a 126-85 win over Delaware Valley this season.

Sophomores **Darryl White**, **Thomas Hickson**, **Tyreek Byard** and **Bryant Leach** all made meaningful contributions during the season. White finished sixth in the nation in blocked shots with 104. Byard was Lincoln's third leading scorer at 14.4 points per game. Leach was a sparkplug off the bench and Hickson continued to blossom as a strong post player. The defensive pressure applied by **Vincent Carter-Bey** and **Maurice Wood** helped Lincoln get out in transition and lock opponents down. Before tearing his anterior cruciate ligament, junior **Thomas Lahart** was beginning a breakthrough season. Freshman **Fred Luke**, sophomore **Garrick Wooten**, freshman **Gerard Corinealdi**, freshman **Anthony Morrison**, junior **Steven Lee** all had bright moments during the season.

Three of Lincoln's five defeats came in the final three seconds. Although the Lions' journey ended a couple steps from the Final Four, the ride will be remembered the most as the Lions made everybody pay attention to Lincoln basketball. **LU**



Tyreek Byard



Darryl White



Sami Wylie

FINAL D3HOOPS. COM TOP 25 POLL

1. Virginia Wesleyan (30-3)
2. Wittenberg (30-4)
3. Illinois Wesleyan (25-7)
4. Amherst (28-4)
5. Lawrence (25-1)
6. Hope (28-3)
7. Transylvania (27-5)
8. Puget Sound (23-5)
9. Wooster (26-4)
10. LINCOLN (25-5)
11. Augustana (23-6)
12. Baldwin-Wallace (25-5)
13. Mississippi College (29-2)
14. Calvin (23-7)
15. UW-Whitewater (23-6)
16. St. John Fisher (26-4)
17. UW-Stout (22-7)
18. York (Pa.) (25-4)
19. North Central (22-6)
20. St. Thomas (23-6)
21. Carroll (21-5)
22. Tufts (23-7)
23. Albion (20-6)
24. William Paterson (23-8)
25. Widener (23-6)

Others receiving votes: Carnegie Mellon 42, Randolph-Macon 38, Occidental 37, Worcester Polytech 36, Elmhurst 28, Ohio Northern 19, Whitworth 18, Utica 15, SUNY-Farmingdale 12, Trinity (Texas) 7, Carelton 5, UW-LaCrosse 4, Huntingdon 2, Christopher Newport 1

Myrick named Division III Men's Basketball Player of the Year

Lincoln University senior guard **Kyle Myrick** was named the Division III national Player of the Year by *Basketball Times*, the leading monthly basketball newspaper in the United States. In leading Lincoln to its finest season in school history, Myrick finished as Division III's leading scorer at 33.7 points per game. In addition, Myrick also finished third in Division III in assists per game (7.8) and fourth in steals per game (3.5).

The Lions (25-5) qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in school history and advanced to the Sweet 16 where they lost to eventual national champion Virginia Wesleyan, 72-71. Myrick was superb throughout the season as he helped Lincoln finish the season ranked 10th in the final D3hoops.com Top 25 poll, Lincoln's highest national ranking in school history.

"I am honored to receive this award and be recognized by the premiere college basketball magazine in the nation," Myrick said. "Of course, my coaching staff and teammates deserve all the credit for this award because without them none of this would have been possible. It's just a great feeling to have my hard-work and dedication recognized by those outside of Lincoln University. I am very appreciative of being named Player of the Year because I know there were a lot of worthy candidates out there."

Myrick, who was dubbed "Division III's



Kyle Myrick finished as Division III's leading scorer at 33.7 points per game.

most electric performer" by ESPN, ended the season by scoring 30 or more points in 10 consecutive games. He finished his sterling two-year career with 1,737 points, which is good for second on Lincoln's all-time scoring list. Myrick became the 21st college basketball player, regardless of division, to score 1,000 points in a single season and the first since Purdue's Glenn Robinson accomplished the feat in 1994.

Myrick scored 1,010 points during the past season, establishing a school record for most points in a single season.

"I am really happy for him because he deserved everything that he got because he worked hard for it," second-year Lincoln coach Garfield Yuille said. "I always thought he was one of the top ten guards in the country. Kyle was our leader this season and he elevated everybody's game to a higher level. I don't want him to leave, not because of his basketball ability, but because he's a nice person."

Honors were frequent for the 6-1 guard. This was Myrick's third national Player of the Year honor. He was named Association of Division III Independents and D3hoops.com National Player of the Year. In addition, Myrick was selected first team Mid-Atlantic Region by the NABC. He was named Most Valuable Player in five tournaments this season.

He was named ECAC Southern Region and Association of Division III Independents Player of the Week three times during the season. Myrick became the first player to be named Association of Division III Independents Player of the Month three consecutive times, seven times this season, finished with eight double-doubles. In three NCAA tournament games, Myrick averaged 37.3 points per game. During the month of February, Myrick averaged 42.8 points per game and 10.2 assists as Lincoln compiled a 5-0 record. **LU**

Myrick pours in school record 62 points

From beginning to end, the night belonged to Lincoln University senior All-American guard Kyle Myrick, the nation's leading scorer.

Playing his final regular season home game on Senior Night, Myrick treated the capacity crowd to an unforgettable scoring performance by dropping a career-high and school record 62 points to help the Lions defeat Penn State-Abington on February 20.

In scoring a Division III single-game high for this season, Myrick broke Jarett Kearsse's previous mark of 54 points, which was set on Feb. 12, 2005 against Hood College, when he dropped in a 11-foot turnaround jumper from the right baseline with 2 minutes, 33 seconds remaining. Myrick topped 60 points when he dropped in a 3-pointer with 57 seconds remaining. Myrick's point total ties him for the fifth highest point total in Division III men's basketball history.

"I had a feeling that I could have a big game tonight because I was feeling good in warm-ups," Myrick said. "This is exciting, but the magnitude of what happened tonight has not hit me yet because you know 62 points is hard to get against anybody. When I found out that I broke the school record, it was a big relief and it was like a big block of ice that melted off of my shoulders."

Myrick was 21-for-36 from the field, 7-for-17 from 3-point distance and 13-for-17 from the charity stripe. Myrick also added seven steals, six rebounds and six assists.



Sample tosses no-hitter to cap Lincoln's doubleheader sweep of Gallaudet

WASHINGTON, D.C. — **Matt Sample** threw his first career no-hitter as Lincoln defeated Gallaudet University, 9-0, in the second game of a doubleheader on March 10 at Hoy Field.

Sample was simply dominant as he baffled Gallaudet hitters with a buffet of pitches that danced in and out of the strike zone. Sample's effort helped Lincoln complete a doubleheader sweep of the Bison. In winning the first game, 9-5, Lincoln earned its fourth consecutive doubleheader sweep of Gallaudet in baseball.

"I was just feeling it that day and my teammates made the plays behind me and it made pitching that much easier for me," Sample said. "I was also hitting my spots and the ball was moving pretty good."

The second game belonged to Sample who took charge immediately as he retired the first nine batters of the game. Overall, Sample finished with 13 strikeouts and four walks. Sample's no-hitter was secured when he survived a walk in the bottom in the seventh inning and fatigue.

"I was definitely tired and I was staggering across the finish line," Sample said. "The only time I got nervous is when the guys began talking about it on the bench and I had to tell them to shut up."

Sample recorded the first two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning by recording a strikeout and inducing a ground ball. The final out was recorded on a fielder's choice when Aaron Brock's ground ball was fielded by shortstop **Anthony Sierra**, who tossed



Matt Sample tossed his first career no-hitter during a 9-0 victory over Gallaudet University. Sample recorded 13 strikeouts in the win.

the ball to third baseman **Joe Kruemmer** for the final out.

"It was a great feeling when I got that final out," Sample said. "I had never thrown a no-hitter before. My arm was killing me before the game and I didn't know if I would be able to pitch. I didn't have all of my velocity on my pitches and I think that helped me. I stopped thinking about throwing hard and started thinking about hitting my spots."

Even though Lincoln won this game comfortably, Sample was not able to cruise because it was just 4-0 Lincoln through five innings. The Lions pounced on Gallaudet's eight errors to score five runs in the final two innings. Lincoln was only credited with two hits in the win. **Josh Graber** and **Tim O'Rear** had Lincoln's hits. **Kruemmer** and **Vince Curtis** each drove in two runs for the Lions.

Sample's no-hitter occurred on the same day that the men's basketball team along with four busloads of students was 200 miles away in Virginia Beach preparing to play its NCAA Division III Sweet 16 men's basketball game against Virginia Wesleyan.

"I didn't realize he had a no-hitter going until the fifth inning when I checked the scorebook," Lincoln coach **Doug Thompson** said. "The way he performed was what I expected from him. He had command of his pitches. It was an outstanding game and there were very few mistakes committed by the defense in a supporting role." LU

Baseball bats spring to life in victory over Eastern

The Lincoln University bats got going early to spark an 18-8 triumph over Eastern University March 22 at blustery and chilly Lincoln Baseball Field.

With the victory, the Lions climbed above the .500 mark at 7-6 for the season. While the bats did the job, pitcher **Matt Sample** tamed Eastern long enough to improve his record to 4-3 on the season. Sample recorded nine strikeouts to raise his season total to 50.

Sample's teammates made his life easy by scoring the first 12 runs of the game by using a relentless running game and taking advantage of Eagle miscues during the first three innings. Leading the offensive assault for Lincoln was centerfielder **Duane Wyse**, who had four hits and drove in a pair of runs.

First baseman **Joshua Graber** and catcher **Tim O'Rear** pounded out three hits each

while designated hitter **Vince Curtis** enjoyed a fine afternoon at the plate by driving in three runs. O'Rear and Curtis also crossed the plate three times each as Lincoln scored 16 of its 18 runs in the second, third and fourth innings. For O'Rear, it was his fifth multi-hit game of the season.

"I think this win will turn our season around," O'Rear said. "We were struggling, but I believe we are coming together now. Our defense was solid and we got some timely hits, which made for a complete game."

Lincoln took advantage of three Eastern errors in the second inning to score five runs. O'Rear's RBI single began the run scoring barrage. Two of Lincoln's runs in the second inning scored on wild pitches while another scored during a rundown play in which Graber kept Eastern's fielders busy long enough to allow **Peter Fisher** to cross



Duane Wyse had four hits in Lincoln's win over Eastern.

the plate with the Lions' sixth run of the game. Lincoln held a 6-0 lead after two innings.

Lincoln doubled its advantage in the third inning by collecting six hits. Curtis had the big blow in the inning when he doubled with the bases loaded to drive in three runs. LU

Lincoln tennis team looking to have strong season

The Lincoln University men's tennis team began its season of high expectations with an 8-1 defeat to Hood College.

First-year coach **Domingo Montes** will depend on the triviriate of sophomore **Clyde Ledbetter**, senior **Antwan Graham** and sophomore **Brandon McLaren** to have a great season and lead the Lions to greater heights. The Lions have an exciting 11-match slate highlighted by five home contests.

"I feel that with continued dedication and hard work, our squad will compete in all matches," Montes said. "It may take us some time to get our timing down, being that we've been only able to practice outside roughly five times since the end of last semester. However, I know my team is anxious to get on the court and compete."

Ledbetter, Graham and McLaren are experienced players who have participated and experienced their share of success during several matches over the last two years. They give Montes a formidable trio to begin matches and score points. They all won at least one match during the fall season.

The rest of the men's team includes senior **Kareem Doug-**

las, freshman **Jonathan Ponder**, freshman **Roderick Vought**, freshman **Chester Hampton**, freshman **William Chad Long** and freshman **Marquees Schell**.

With Schell, Montes believes he has the building blocks in place for a solid program.

"He is one player I expect to improve tremendously as the year moves forward," Montes said of Schell. "He came in showing tremendous dedication and a love for the sport. He also has a lot of key tools that could make him successful."

The women's team, who played a majority of their matches in the fall, will play just two matches during the spring: against Hood College and Virginia State. Montes is really excited about the potential of freshman **Sherrell Harwell**.

"I believe she will be the key to our future success," Montes



Jonathan Ponder, Chester Harris, Sherell Harwell and Alisa Davis during a recent tennis match.

said. "She has shown dedication from start to finish and she has even requested a 7 a.m. practice. I am going to do my best as a coach to meet her enthusiasm as a player."

Rounding out the women's roster will be senior **Shawnelly Francis**, freshman **Alisa Davis**, freshman **Kemetra Rolle** and freshman **Marchelle Hall**.

"I am very excited about our upcoming season," Montes said. "We have been working on our conditioning and strength since the last match of the previous season. Everybody has benefited from our pre-season conditioning and I believe it will pay off for us. We plan to work hard, play hard and let the results come." **LU**

ARPIL 2006 SCHEDULE

Baseball

1 CHRISTENDOM (DH), 1
6 at Widener, 3
9 ST. MARY'S, MD. (DH), 1
12 at Lancaster Bible (DH), 1
17 WILLIAMSON TRADE
SCHOOL (DH), 1
19 at Christendom (DH), 5
23 GALLAUDET (DH),
Noon

Softball

2 at Northampton Commu-
nity
College (DH), Noon
10 at Cecil County Commu-
nity College (DH), 4
12 vs. Montgomery County
Community College
(@ Cecil County), 3:30
17 at Montgomery County
Community College (DH),
4

Tennis

2 at Virginia State, 11
4 CHESTNUT HILL, 3
9 at Keystone College, 1
11 NEUMANN, 3

Track and Field

1 at University of Maryland
8 at University of Delaware
21 at Morgan State
27-29 at Penn Relays

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

Wigfall caps outstanding meet with Athlete of the Week honor

Lincoln University junior sprinter **Lance Wigfall** has been named the Association of Division III Independents men's track and field Athlete of the Week. Wigfall helped Lincoln begin defense of its 2005 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field championship by performing well against a predominantly Division I field at the Raleigh Relays, which were hosted by North Carolina State University. In the meet, Wigfall

won the 400-meter dash in a time of 47.29 and he anchored the 4x400-meter relay team to victory with a time of 3:11.22. He was also part of the third place sprint medley relay team. Wigfall beat a field of 79 runners (75 of which were runners at Div. I schools) to win the 400. In the 4x400, Lincoln, who is coached by Cyrus Jones, was the only Division III school to finish in the top 20. The Association of Division III Independents consists of 18 Divi-

sion III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in nine sports in 2005-06. The Association recognizes outstanding athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. For the second year, the Association provides statistical services for its members in seven sports. **LU**



THE LIONS' ZONE



Jamanah Freeman



Lincoln's student body cheers the Lion basketball team on during its NCAA playoff game against Christopher Newport.



Athletics Director Cyrus Jones chills with Bill Cosby



Latoya Thompson & Natasha James



Alisa Davis and Chad Long



Josh "Tank" Graber



Bill Cosby, Garfield Yuille and Kyle Myrick during a special convocation



Vincent Carter-Bey



Lincoln University unveiled its brand new state-of-art baseball scoreboard on April 1, 2006. The Lions swept Christendom in a doubleheader, 13-3 and 14-9.