

LRU Swimming Earns Scholar All-America Honors

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Both the Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's and Women's Swimming Teams have earned Scholar All-America accolades for the spring semester of 2011.

The award is sponsored by the CSCAA (College Swimming Coaches Association of America).

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America presents the Team Scholar All-America award to college and university swimming and diving teams who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

The L-R Men's Swimming Team posted a 3.14 grade point average for the spring semester while women's squad sported a 3.19 GPA.

A total of 49 NCAA Division II Women's Swimming Teams earned the honor while the Bears were one of 15 D-II men's squads with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher this past spring.

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's and Women's Teams open the 2011-12 season on Wednesday, October 5, against Campbell at the Shuford Physical Education Center.

The Bears' annual intersquad meet is scheduled for Thursday, October 15.

The women's squad will be beginning its fifth season of intercollegiate competition at Lenoir-Rhyne while the men's team starts its second year this fall. Both squads are under the direction of Paul Schiffel.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN GOLFER DIES IN FIRE

Georgia Southern Athletics was notified that sophomore golfer Thomas Sharkey (Helensburgh, Scotland) died Sunday after an early morning fire in Scotland.

The entire Georgia Southern family mourns this tragic loss. Sharkey was scheduled to play in the Scottish Amateur beginning Tuesday. He competed in seven events for Georgia Southern during the 2010-11 season, including his best outing at the Schenkel Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. A memorial service will take place at a later date with details to be announced.

FURMAN'S SCARPA TO RETIRE

Furman University's Paul Scarpa, the winningest Division I tennis coach in America and longest tenured head coach in any sport in Furman and Southern Conference history, has announced his retirement following 45 seasons at the helm of the school's men's tennis program.

Scarpa, who took over the school's net program in 1967 and directed it to 853 victories and 17 Southern Conference championships, and who has been enshrined into three halls of fame, will remain with university as a special assistant to the president and Furman ambassador at large.

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