

“Briefing on Central Europe: An Ambassador’s Assessment”



George H. Walker III
U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, 2003-2006

On Wednesday, February 28, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, Mr. George H. Walker III, presented an *Economic Policy Lecture* at Lindenwood University. He gave a “Briefing on Central Europe: an Ambassador’s Assessment”

Ambassador Walker spoke with obvious fondness for the people of Hungary. Hungary is a small country with a population of 10 million and bordered by seven different nations. In 1989, it was freed from the Soviet Union and proclaimed the Republic of Hungary. In 1999, Hungary joined NATO and then the EU in 2004. The nation is a solid democracy and its economy is growing. Trade between Hungary and the U.S. reached \$ 3.6 billion in 2005. Ambassador Walker concluded by giving insights drawn from his experiences in his three years as ambassador.

During the question and answer period, he was asked, “What does it take to be a leader nowadays?” He responded that “you need to have desire, integrity, honesty, and people skills.”



Ambassador George H. Walker III at the podium



From the left to the right: Ambassador George Walker III, President James Evans, Dr Kenneth Chilton and Dean Edward Morris.



Ambassador Walker addresses large audience of students, professors and local citizens.