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PRESIDENT CITES CHANGE, PROGRESS AT LINDENWOOD

"There is no question in my mind that Lindenwood is financially sound and secure, and that it has an academically strong future and a useful and viable plan for what it can do within the next few years," said President Robert Johns.

Addressing St. Charles community and civic leaders recently, Dr. Johns said, "I have never seen an educational institution such as this one involve itself in such a creative and productive change in the past three years."

When he assumed the presidency three years ago, Lindenwood Colleges faced dire financial strains and management difficulties. In 1979, it operated at a deficit of more than \$500,000. "Last year, it was less than half that amount and, this year, it looks as though we are going to break even . . .," he said. "Today, Lindenwood is current on every account within 30 days and, financially, we are in pretty good shape." The colleges' current fund-raising and development drives are geared toward paying off short-term notes from previous debts incurred prior to 1979.

Citing an almost entire new staff in the past three years, the president said Lindenwood had no management or operational plan in 1979. "Now, we have a detailed and workable plan that has been checked carefully by some of the best university administrators in the land. We are now in the process of building a development program . . . and, for the first time, have an organized and sound program for future development."

Academically, the colleges have entered into new adventures which Dr. Johns calls "spectacular." He said LCIE "has been reorganized into one of the most useful and highest quality programs of individualized instruction in the country. It has been rated by outside sources as being an unusually good program with good leadership.

"The Evening College has been able to modify its programs to better serve the community and its needs, and it has some of the best instruction of any schools within the area."

He said in 1980 the colleges offered no programs in leisure learning "for those who didn't want college credit but who wanted to come to this campus to learn something. Now, more than 1,000 persons have gone through our Leisure Learning Program, and other institutions have asked us for consultant advice for establishing similar programs.

"Our library has moved from a Class D status to Class A, making it as good as any library can be expected for an institution of this size," he added.

He said Lindenwood is in the midst of a major remodeling program for all college facilities. "This is a beautiful campus but it had been neglected in recent years. In the past two years, every building has had some form of major remodeling - plumbing, roof repair, electrical wiring, steam distribution systems and window replacement."

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Commenting on the faculty, Dr. Johns said, "I am very proud of our faculty. It is as good, not only in training and background but in its dedication to teaching, than any other I have worked with. Another encouraging sign," he said, "is the strength our alumni have shown in recent months. Our Alumni Council is taking an active interest in our development.

"A college like this has to dynamically change each year, and I think we are going to go some place in the next few years . . . I see a very strong future for this institution in the years ahead," he concluded.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST APPOINTED FULL-TIME

Judith W. McMahon, a clinical psychologist and author, has been appointed an assistant professor of psychology for the 1982-83 academic year.

She is a 1968 graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and holds a Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology from Washington University. Dr. McMahon is the author of several manuscripts and seven psychology texts, including Psychology: the Hybrid Science, coauthored with her husband and published this year by Dorsey Press.

A consultant to business and professional organizations, Dr. McMahon has served as a teaching assistant at Washington University, as an adjunct professor at UMSL and as a visiting lecturer for Washington University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

A member of the American Psychological Association, she has served as a reviewer and a consultant on psychology textbooks for several publishers as well as a consultant in program development for the Missouri Psychological Association. Dr. McMahon also has been a frequent speaker at seminars, workshops and symposiums throughout the area as well as appearing on KMOX Radio's "At Your Service" program.

LINDENWOOD SELECTED FOR CHEERLEADING CAMP

The 140-acre Lindenwood campus is one of 64 sites in the United States and Canada selected to accommodate the August 2-5 summer camp of the World Cheerleading Council. Several hundred cheerleaders from high schools throughout the Midwest are expected to attend the four-day training camp.

According to the Dallas, TX-based council, which has been conducting summer camps and one-day cheerleading clinics since 1971, Lindenwood was selected because of its outstanding facilities, dedication and interest of the administration and its proximity to St. Charles and St. Louis facilities and activities.

Open to individuals and squads, the program of instruction will include dance routines and pompon activities, individual and squad routines and performances, fundamentals of gymnastics, rhythm and adaptation of stunts and routines, lectures and discussions, pep assemblies, information on crowd control and sportsmanship, cheers and chants and the latest in cheerleading techniques.

On the final day of the camp, the evening of August 5, the community is invited to a "mock" pep rally which will highlight the week's activities. Participants will be divided into various groups, representing different high schools. Each school will have its own mascot, name, colors and cheers that will enable delegates the opportunity to construct a pep asseumbly for presentation to the entire camp.

ST. CHARLES FIRE TRAINING EXERCISES

Members of the St. Charles Fire Department have been utilizing campus facilities for the past few weeks as part of their annual fire training exercises.

Each of the department's 61 full-time firefighters have been taking part in the weekly exercises, which stress ladder and hose evolutions and various fire rescue techniques. Supplemented by lectures and classroom work during winter months, the fire training program is part of a year-long exercise to test new ideas and concepts in fire fighting, fire prevention and rescue techniques.

"The fire training exercises are a means of practically applying new ideas and concepts," states Capt. Jerry W. Hodges of the St. Charles Fire Department. "They allow each of us to practice together as a unit. The Lindenwood Colleges campus was chosen because of its central location as well as to acquaint the department to buildings and facilities," said Hodges, a 1978 Lindenwood graduate.

The Lindenwood campus is one of several training sites utilized throughout the department's 14-square-mile service area.

COLLEGES HOST REDEMPTORIST CONVOCATION '82

More than 300 religious leaders and priests from throughout the country converged upon the Lindenwood campus last week for the Redemptorist Convocation '82. The five-day event celebrated the 150th anniversary of service to the Catholic Church of the United States by the Redemptorist Fathers. The convocation attracted delegates from both the St. Louis Province and the Vice Province of New Orleans as well as representatives from mission provinces in Manaus, Brazil, and Bangkok, Thailand, both of which are celebrating their 250th anniversary of the founding of the Redemptorist Fathers by St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Featured during the week were committee and general sessions, liturgy preparations and masses, seminars and workshops, prayer services, keynote addresses by religious leaders and a convocation dinner and festive services. Also featured was the reading of an apostolic blessing by Pope John Paul II, delivered earlier to the Redemptorist Fathers General Council on its observance of 150 years of service in America.

This was the first time the Lindenwood Colleges hosted the convocation of Redemptorist Fathers.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERS WORKSHOP

"Writing for the Education Market" is the subject of a one-week summer workshop to be offered by the Education Department. The course, scheduled August 2-6, will enable participants to develop a marketable article which can be submitted to publishers of educational materials.

Materials to be considered in the course include workbooks, tape scripts for all subject areas in grades K-12, activity books, sound filmstrip scripts, books, journal articles and activity cards. The course also will feature three editors from nationally-known educational firms who will work individually with workshop participants.

DIRECTOR NAMED FOR ESL PROGRAM

Linda L. Barnes, acting associate director of freshman English at the University of Cincinnati, has been named director of the ESL program.

A 1973 graduate of the University of Arkansas, she has an M.A.T. in English degree and a Ph.D. degree in applied linguistics from the University of South Carolina.

Prior to her association with the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Barnes taught freshman English at Beaver College in Pennsylvania and at the University of South Carolina. She also served as an ESL instructor and a writing specialist at the University of Pennsylvania and the Community College of Pennsylvania.

She is a member of the Conference on College Composition & English, the National Council of Teachers of English, the Linguistics Students Organization and the North and South Carolina Association of Linguists. A researcher and author, she has had several articles published as well as conference papers.

Dr. Barnes will assume the ESL director's position in August.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT AT YOUNG HALL

A photographic exhibit by beginning and intermediate students currently is on display now through July 16 in the first-floor gallery of Young Hall. The black-and-white photos represent the gamut of student photographic interests, according to Hans Levi of the Communication Arts Department. The exhibit can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP AT LINDENWOOD

If soccer is your sport, now through July 16 you'll be able to observe junior and senior high school students from throughout Missouri and Illinois compete in five one-week training camps.

Designed for both novice and advanced players, the soccer camps are directed by Pat McBride, head coach of the Kansas City Comets and a two-time college All American. The six-day sessions will consist of individual concentration on ball skills, classroom and film instruction, programs for beginners and advanced players, kick boards and skill tests and daily soccer training.

One of two camp locations McBride operates, the Lindenwood site was chosen because of the campus' excellent facilities, which include both Astro-turf and grass playing fields as well as lights for night play. "The training facilities at Lindenwood," McBride said, "are certainly one of the best in the country and will allow the youngsters to perform in the same atmosphere as the great stars of the professional league."

An estimated 200 youngsters are expected to attend McBride's annual soccer camps.