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John Brown Letter to Parents Regarding Changes at Lindenwood, July 1968

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The President's Room

Dear Parents:

As the summer progresses and we prepare for the opening of a new college year in September, I want to bring you up to date on some of the things that we are doing at Lindenwood.

A NEW ACTING DEAN OF STUDENTS

Miss Mary Lichliter, who has served as Dean of Students at Lindenwood for the past 20 years, has been named Director of our expanded Continuing Education Program for mature women.

Mrs. Nancy McClanahan, who graduated from Lindenwood in 1956, and is currently director of our alumnae program, has been appointed Acting Dean of Students while we search for a successor to Miss Lichliter.

MALE STUDENTS ACCEPTED

The Board of Directors of the college has asked the administration and the faculty to proceed with the development of plans for a coordinate men's college at Lindenwood. To assist in planning the men's college, we are admitting a very small group of selected men students this fall as special students at Lindenwood. Lindenwood has long had three or four men as special students, particularly in the field of drama. Male graduates of Lindenwood College include a successful stock broker in Chicago; a computer programmer, who is also a past president of the St. Charles Junior Chamber of Commerce; and the member of last June's graduating class who received offers of graduate fellowships from four major universities. Lindenwood's contingent of male students has been expanded to approximately 12 for the coming year. Ayres Hall, one of our smallest residence halls, has been temporarily converted into a men's residence hall. this conversion, we are also exploring the possibility of setting aside some rooms on the first floor for overnight housing of campus visitors.

NEW ROLE FOR THE "RED GABLES"

With the completion of our library addition this September, space will be available for a freshman reading room, which was housed last year in a red frame house in the center of the campus. This fall the "Red Gables" will become a center for student activities, including offices

for the student government and student publications. Our Director of Student Activities will have her office in the building along with the students. The Gables will be available for the use of student organizations as we continue our work toward the development of a new student center.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

We have filled all of our faculty vacancies for the coming year and are pleased with the quality of the new professors who will be joining us. New members of the faculty are:

- Dr. Edward Eddowes, Professor of Psychology
- Dr. Luis Galvez, Professor of Modern Languages
- Dr. Dean Eckert, Associate Professor of Art
- Dr. George Warheit, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Dr. Kenneth Greenlaw, Assistant Professor of Music
- Dr. Peter Graham, Assistant Professor of Biology
- Mr. Robert Wier, Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Mrs. Joy Ebest, Instructor in Physical Education

NEW RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

A group of upperclass students have been selected as Resident Assistants for the fall of 1968 to assist new students in understanding the programs, policies and procedures of the college, and to help them take advantage of educational opportunities available at Lindenwood.

Miss Barbara Zeliff is Student Chairman of the Resident Assistant program, and Resident Assistants for the year 1968-1969 are:

Mary Kathryn Bordner Susan Bridges Joan Chapman Marjean Creekmore •Valerie Gemeinhardt Mary Ellen Heslop

Margo Kelsey Karen McKinley Elva Percival Barbara Roth Ann Schaberg Linda Stukenbroeker Rogers Nancy Terhune Anne Whitney Carolyn Wiese Danielle Wilson

LC JOINS THE COMMUNICATIONS EXPLOSION

Our new educational FM station will be ready to go on the air this September with equipment purchased with a gift from Mr. Robert Hyland of KMOX in St. Louis. We still need funds to cover the costs of an engineer, news wire service, and other operating costs, and a proposal to a family foundation is still pending to help get the station off to a good start.

GOVERNMENT LIBRARY GRANT

The Office of Education made a matching grant to Lindenwood recently in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of books and materials for our rapidly growing library.

FINE ARTS CONSTRUCTION ABOUT TO BEGIN

The contract has been awarded for the new Fine Arts building, and we expect the construction will begin late this summer.

CONFLUENCE MAY HAVE SECOND ISSUE!

<u>Confluence</u>, a national literary magazine for young writers which grew out of Lindenwood's Creative Writing program, has received a grant of \$1,000 from the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines to help in the production of the next issue.

GIFT INCOME UP

Gift income for Lindenwood College increased again last year, with significant help from the newly established Parents Fund. We deeply appreciate the help of all of you who have given this year. The more than \$100,000 which we receive in unrestricted gift income each year makes a critical difference in the quality level of the education which we can make available to your daughters.

OFF-CAMPUS CO-OP PROGRAMS

Our efforts to develop cooperative programs with other colleges and universities have met with increasing success. Agreements with Florida Presbyterian College, Inter-American University in Puerto Rico, Austin College, and others, have opened up exciting new opportunities for our students interested in taking an off-campus course during the January term.

'An agreement with St. Louis University complements the Lindenwood curriculum by making the full range of their courses in Classical Languages available to our students.

A growing relationship with Fontbonne and Maryville Colleges in St. Louis makes it possible for students at any of the three colleges to take a course at any of the other colleges with the approval of the student's department chairman. This arrangement makes it possible for Lindenwood students to take courses in subject areas which are not offered at Lindenwood at no additional cost.

NEW CALENDAR DATES

The orientation program for new students this fall has been shortened, and classes for all students will begin on Monday, September 9, instead of September 14, as announced in last year's catalog. A reminder to this effect is being sent to all students.

OLD YEAR ENDS; NEW BEGINS

We are now completing the largest Summer Session in the history of Lindenwood College, and are looking forward to a challenging year ahead. Please write me if you have any questions, and I will do my best to keep you continually informed.

Sincerely yours,

John Anthony Brown

President

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