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## Picking Up Her Roots

Donovan To Be  
Conferred  
*Professor Emerita*

by Tracie Kester

"I won't be a stranger," said Jeanne Donovan, Ph.D. and professor of education, as she affectionately reflected upon her time spent at Lindenwood.

"Lindenwood College is an institution because of the people and the environment ... especially the people," said the 17-year L.C. veteran, explaining one of the aspects she treasured about the College.

"I'm comfortable at a smaller school," she said. "The faculty is wonderful to be apart of. You get to know them and the students individually." One aspect about Lindenwood's faculty Donovan stressed, was that "they do stay. Working closely with the other professors was intellectually stimulating." And the best part, she continued, is that "they work together ... you never see English teachers not talking to math teachers."

Donovan teaches history and philosophy of education, educational psychology, and adolescent development, just to name a few.

Although Lindenwood was fortunate to have won the heart of such a respected professor and a cherished woman, Donovan began her teaching career over 40 years ago.

Growing up in Southwest Mis-

souri, Donovan was the middle of seven brothers and sisters and said that she knew she wanted to be a teacher all of her life.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Donovan went on to teach first grade at St. Stevens School for one year. She spent her next 11 years at St. Clement school where she taught third, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, and was the school principal for the last five years.

Deciding it was time to continue her own education, Donovan left St. Clement to focus the next three years on earning her masters degree and Ph.D. from what is now known as George Peabody Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"People thought it was a strange combination to major in English and minor in psychology," Donovan said, "but being an educator, I think the two together are very important."

After teaching English composition, and general psychology for three years at St. Mary's College in O'Fallon, Mo., Donovan, wanting to focus her talents more on teaching education, moved to Harris-Stowe State College,



**Jeanne Donovan**

a teacher's college.

"I enjoyed my four years there," recalled Donovan. "But I lived in St. Charles at the time and I hated driving in all that traffic over the bridge everyday. I would always pass Lindenwood and say, 'Someday I will work there.'"

So Donovan applied to Lindenwood every summer since, and then in 1974, there was an opening in the education department.

"Even then, Lindenwood was accredited by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)," Donovan said. "Being accredited is a lengthy process," she explained. "We were just reaccredited in 1992."

Donovan spoke highly of Lindenwood's strong educational program.

"Our philosophy is that teaching is both an art and a science," Donovan said. "We prepare the students by

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# Record Number Of Graduates Set For Commencement Festivities

## U.S. Congressman Jim Talent To Be Featured Speaker

The big day is just a few weeks away... A record number of graduates will receive their diplomas at this year's Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20. Five-hundred twenty-five undergraduate and graduate students will gather at the gazebo under the linden trees to take part in this year's festivities. A total number of 780 students are graduating this May and June.

U.S. Congressman Jim Talent (R-Mo.) is the featured commencement speaker. Area businessman Harlan Pals will give the baccalaureate address Friday night at the St. Charles Presbyterian Church. Both men will receive honorary doctorates during

the commencement ceremonies.

Retiring education professor Jeanne Donovan, Ph.D., will be conferred *professor emerita*, in recognition of her many years of service at Lindenwood. An honorary baccalaureate degree will be given to the family of Lisa Tighe, a senior psychology student who died in an accident last fall. Board members Ben Blanton and Larry Kelley will also receive honorary baccalaureate degrees for their service to Lindenwood.

Here are a few last-minute reminders for graduating students:

- 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, Commencement Practice. Meet in front of Roemer Hall.
- The Baccalaureate service

begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19.

Afterwards, graduates and their guests are invited to a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association in Harmon Hall.

Graduates are reminded to gather for the commencement processional at 9:15 a.m. Saturday in front of Roemer Hall. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. President and Mrs. Spellmann will host a reception for graduates and their guests immediately after commencement on the quad. Graduates should return their caps and gowns to the lower level of Roemer Hall, then go to the Business Office to receive their diplomas.

Congratulations to you all!

### Donovan

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teaching them the science, but they're the ones who put it together and turn it into the art. I can walk into any school and find a Lindenwood graduate teaching," she said proudly. "The product is the proof of the pudding!"

Lindenwood gives Donovan a lot of the credit for its successful graduates. Lindenwood nominated Donovan for the Emerson Electric Teacher of the Year Award which she won in 1993. The Emerson is a St. Louis area award to recognize special teachers at all levels.

"I felt very privileged to have been nominated," she said.

Donovan will also be conferred *Professor Emerita* at Commencement on May 20. This is an honor given to professors retiring after a significant number of years.

For now, Donovan's future plans go no further than a long-awaited trip to New England this fall with her husband, James, who retired last year from Fort Zumwalt South High School, where he was a counselor.

"We heard the foliage is beautiful around the fall and my husband and I always said when we both retire, that's what we were going to do."

Retiring? Maybe from full-time teaching, but even now Donovan thinks she may come back and teach a class.

"Lindenwood has the ability to make you sink your roots ... like the linden tree," Donovan said. "It is a little sad to pick up my roots and leave."

## Bon Appetit!



As Food Service Director for AmeriServe, Inc., Lindenwood's food service company, I would like to thank all the students, faculty, and staff for their support this past year. We appreciate the many comments and suggestions you have offered. We made a number of improvements based on those suggestions and have many more planned.

For those of you who enjoy trivia, here are a few food service facts: since May 1, 1994, we have prepared 529,882 meals, used 10,800 pounds of hamburger, served 3,240 pounds of cookies and 40,500 bananas, and used 14,850 pounds of turkey. Over the past year, we have roasted a 500-pound buffalo, a 1,200-pound steer and an 180-pound sow.

We are looking forward to serving you next year as we have many exciting events planned.

Ralph Pfremmer,  
Food Service Director



# Growth In Enrollment Helps To Keep College's Tuition Affordable

Lindenwood College continues to keep the price of quality education affordable for all students.

Continued growth in enrollment and management of expenses has enabled the College to provide a quality education while keeping costs down. Full-time semester undergraduate students will see only a modest increase in tuition and no increase in room and board for the 1995-96 academic year. According to David Williams, Ph.D., dean of admissions and financial aid, the College will continue to provide financial aid assistance to offset a portion of that increase. While individual circumstances may vary, most returning full-time semester undergraduate students in good standing will pay only a \$150 increase for tuition each semester.

A full listing of fees can be found in the 1995 Fall Semester Schedule and is also posted outside the Business Office in Roemer Hall.

Renewal loan applications for the upcoming academic year were sent to all students who have received Stafford loans in the current academic year. Please forward the application to the Financial Aid Office as soon as you have received your Student Aid Award.

Returning students will receive their 1995-96 Student Aid Award after they have submitted their yellow Student Aid Reports to the Financial Aid Office. It is important that you submit these Student Aid Reports as soon as possible. All students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office at 949-4923.

## linden notes

Members of **Linden Scroll** found themselves in a very rewarding experience recently. The honors service organization donated time and food to prepare a pancake supper for people in need at the Celebration Fellowship Church in St. Charles on April 7.

The church regularly serves meals to the homeless. The members of Linden Scroll who served at the supper indicated they hope to continue to donate their time as part of their community service.

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Lindenwood College junior **Jennifer Siess** has been selected as the recipient of the 1995 A.O. Duer Award by the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association. This award, annually presented to a junior student-athlete in any sport who has excelled academically as well as athletically, emphasizes the NAIA's policy of scholarship in athletics programs. The NAIA Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives selected Siess from a field of nominees from across the country.

Siess, a midfielder on the Lindenwood soccer team, has helped lead the Lady Lions to the NAIA national tournament the past two seasons. Siess was named to the honorable-mention American Midwest Conference team this past season, and was honored in both 1993 and 1994 as an All-America Scholar Athlete.

The A.O. Duer Award is named in honor of the NAIA's former executive secretary for his 26 years of service to the association.

## Student Photos

for the 1994-95 Yearbook

will be taken from  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 3,  
and Thursday, May 4,  
in the cafeteria.





# LindenWorld Calendar of Events

May 1995

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8 pm Spring Choral Concert, Jelkyl Theatre	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11 am-1 pm, 4-6 pm Student Yearbook Photos, Ayres Cafeteria	<b>4</b> 11 am-1 pm, 4-6 pm Student Yearbook Photos, Ayres Cafeteria	<b>5</b> 11:30 pm Midnight Breakfast, Ayres Cafeteria	<b>6</b> Final Exams
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 pm Pizza Party, Ayres Cafeteria	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 pm Ice Cream Social, Ayres Cafeteria	<b>11</b> 6 pm Residence Halls Close	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Final Exam Week, through May 11</b>						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 3 pm Commencement Practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 pm Baccalaureate	<b>20</b> 10 am Commencement
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## Midnight Breakfast

11:30 p.m. Friday, May 5

A tradition before final exams on the Lindenwood campus.

Faculty and staff suit up to serve breakfast  
to the students in Ayres Cafeteria.

