



Student Right To Know  
&  
Campus Security  
Annual Report  
1998-99

## **Graduation/Persistence Rate Fall 1997**

### **1995 Student Cohort**

- 91% of the students that enrolled at Lindenwood University for the Fall Semester 1995 as full-time undergraduate degree seeking freshmen continued toward graduation in post-secondary education for the Fall Semester 1997.
- 47% of these students enrolled at Lindenwood University for the Fall Semester 1996.
- 44% continued their education at another post-secondary institution.
- 6.8% are employed and did not return to college.
- 2.2% could not be located to determine status.

### **1994 Student Cohort**

- 87.6% of the students that enrolled at Lindenwood University for the Fall Semester 1994 as full-time undergraduate degree seeking freshmen continued toward graduation in post-secondary education for the Fall Semester 1997.
- 43.9% of these students enrolled at Lindenwood University for the Fall Semester 1996.
- 43.7% continued their education at another post-secondary institution.
- 10.3% are employed and did not return to the University.
- 2.1% could not be located to determine status.

Graduation Rate includes students who graduate within six years (for a four year program) or, if within those six years, transfer to another institution for which the prior program provided substantial preparation.

Persistence Rate is a projected graduation rate. It is used to track the student's re-enrollment through subsequent years until such time that a graduation rate can be fully reported.

## **Campus Security**

### **Mission and Authority**

Campus Security's mission is to prevent crime before it occurs. Particular concerns are building and perimeter protection, intrusion and access control, prevention of vandalism and pilferage, accident prevention, and emergency and disaster planning.

Campus security personnel receive training from supervisors and local police. Policies and procedures also aid the security officers training. Security officers are not deputized, and do not have independent police status.

Student misconduct can frequently be handled on campus by security and disciplinary personnel, without involving the police. Student misconduct handled internally will typically be the following sort of matters:

- Infractions of institutional policies and rules which are not crimes.
- Minor offenses which, although they may be crimes, could best be handled on campus (such as petty theft, minor property damage).

- Emergency proceedings to expel dangerous students from campus even though they will be the subject of concurrent or later criminal charges.

Misconduct that could involve criminal charges should always be a police matter. Police should be called immediately if:

- A situation exists that has the potential of being life threatening and/or causing serious property damage.
- A potentially dangerous situation is recognized, and the guidance of professional police officers is deemed necessary for the safety of students, staff, and/or visitors.
- A crime is witnessed or reported.

## **Campus Security Information**

Linden University complies with the Student Right -To-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, and the Campus Securities Disclosures (Section 485 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992), and provides the following information:

### **I. Reporting of Crimes or Other Emergencies**

The Campus Security Office and the Campus Life Office receive reports of criminal activity or other emergencies. These reports are documented and maintained for investigative and statistical purposes. In every report of a criminal nature, students making such reports have the right to make an additional report to the police department. Depending on the nature of the offense, the University may elect to contact police officials directly. Campus Security and/or Campus Life staff members investigate reports of criminal activity, or in the event police officials are notified, cooperate in police investigations. It should be noted that preserving evidence in matters involving alleged sexual assault is extremely important.

### **II. Security and Access to Campus Facilities**

Buildings and facilities of the campus have regular hours of operation, and policies and conditions for use. Students are expected to comply with such regulations. Anyone who gains unauthorized entrance at restricted times and ways (i.e. through windows, past locks, deception), as well as others who may have assisted in that access, are subject to criminal and campus disciplinary charges.

**In the traditional residence halls**, visitation by the opposite sex within the hall is permitted only for an occasional "open house" or other special event as authorized by the Director of Residential Services.

**Non-traditional, alternative residences, houses, apartments**, provide more of a "private residence" status, but are considered part of the University residence community and therefore are required to abide by the same policies.

Residence hall visits by parents or family members of the opposite sex are permitted by notifying the hall director, and by making courtesy announcements of their presence to the floor residents. Family visitors of the same sex are not restricted by these policies. Non-student visitors are of particular concern to the University. Non-family juveniles under 18 year of age, and uninvited or inconsiderate off-campus persons are not welcome in residence halls, non-traditional units, or on the campus, and are considered trespassers.

The University will make every reasonable effort to respect the privacy of students and give prior notice of entry into student rooms. The University reserves the right of entry without notice for such purposes as necessary to assure compliance with policies of the University, verification of occupancy, maintenance, and to meet emergencies. If necessary, the right of entry also includes student-owned vehicles.

### **III. Campus Law Enforcement**

Campus law enforcement falls under the jurisdiction of the Campus Life Office. The Director of Residential Services reviews reports of criminal activity and rule violations and is responsible for administering disciplinary action. Determination of student involvement in criminal activity can come from such sources as police reports, witnesses, staff or faculty reports, or from security personnel.

Security staff members have the authority to enforce University rules and policies outlined in the Campus Life Handbook. This enforcement is accomplished through completion of Behavioral Incident Reports referred to the Director of Residential Services, or in more serious matters, the immediate summoning of the Dean or the Dean's representative. Security personnel are unarmed. When circumstances warrant such action, security personnel will summon the police. Additionally, an excellent working relationship with the local police authorities has brought about a policy in which the police contact University officials anytime they are summoned to a University-owned address.

### **IV. Type and Frequency of Educational Programs**

In order to inform students, faculty and staff about campus security procedures and practices, several programs to prevent crime and promote awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, and other sex offenses have been designed and implemented. These include:

**Campus Life Handbook** - An annually published handbook for students which contains all of the rules and policies concerning student behavior on campus.

**Freshman/Transfer Seminar** - A seminar held in a classroom setting during which aspects of security and University policy are discussed in-depth with students new to the University. Classes meet once a week for 16 weeks.

**Dorm Meetings** - Monthly meetings are held with dormitory residents, the resident director, and the Director of Residential Services during which matters of discipline and security are reinforced.

**Faculty/Staff Meetings** - Weekly meetings are held to inform faculty and staff of policies and security measures.

**Resident Director and Resident Assistant Training** - On-going training throughout the year.

**Dorm Watch** - In a format based on the nation-wide crime prevention Neighborhood Watch Program, students are informed of ways to be responsible for their own security and the security of others in their residences.

**Informative Brochures** - Brochures are maintained in the Campus Life Office to inform students of means to avoid becoming victims of various crimes.

**Guest Speakers and Films** - Once per month.

### **V. Preventive Measures**

In order to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes, in addition to those measures outlined above, the University considers it necessary for those living and working on campus to be aware of criminal activity so any extra preventive can be taken. For that reason, information on crimes reported to the Campus Life Office is posted periodically on campus bulletin boards, in the campus newspaper, and is discussed in the various educational programs.

## VI. Student Services & Community Mental Health Services

The University Chaplain is available to victims of sexual assault and can assist in referring an individual to community counseling centers.

Local mental health facilities include

- St. Joseph Health Center - Behavioral Medicine.....344-6700
- Bridgeway Counseling .....949-9490
- Crider Counseling Center .....332-6000
- St. Charles Habilitation Center .....441-4977
- Southside Women's Center .....776-6727
- Women's Self-Help Center.....531-2003
- For Abuse of Men  
A.V.A. ....949-9440  
RAVEN.....645-2075

## VII. Annual Security Report Statistics of Criminal Activity Occurring On Campus

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires an institution to collect and publish statistics concerning criminal activity that occur on campus and is reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies. In compliance with this Act, Lindenwood University reports the following statistics: For the period of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996: Murder-0; Rape-0; Robbery-0; Aggravated Assault-0; Burglary-28; Motor Vehicle Theft-1. For the period of July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997: Murder-0; Rape-0; Robbery-0; Aggravated Assault-0; Burglary-7; Motor Vehicle Theft-2. For the period of July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998: Murder-0; Rape-0; Robbery-2; Aggravated Assault-0; Burglary-8; Motor Vehicle Theft-0. For the period of January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995: Forcible Sex Offenses-0; Non-forcible Sex Offenses-0. For the period of January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996: Forcible Sex Offenses-0; Non-forcible Sex Offenses-0. For the period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997: Forcible Sex Offenses-0; Non-forcible Sex Offenses-0.

## VIII. Criminal Activity at Off-Campus Facilities:

The University leases classroom space at two off-campus facilities: The 12000 Building, 11960 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 250, St. Louis, Mo.; and the Synergy Center, 5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, Mo. The University uses the Lindenwood University Club, located at 600 Old Friedens Road in St. Charles, Mo., for activities and off-campus functions. Monitoring and recording of criminal activity at these locations is conducted by the site coordinator, local police, and the main campus personnel. No criminal activity occurred during 1994-95, 1995-96, or 1996-97.

Most student housing is located on or immediately adjacent to the campus; however, certain non-traditional housing is located off-campus. Monitoring and recording of criminal activity at off-campus housing locations is a cooperative effort between the University and the St. Charles Police Department.

## IX. Liquor/Drug Abuse/Weapons Offenses Arrests Occurring on Campus

The Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires an institution to collect and publish statistics concerning liquor, drug or weapons arrests on campus. In compliance with this Act, Lindenwood University reports the following statistics: For 1995-96: Liquor law violations-0; Drug abuse violations-3; Weapons possession-0. For 1996-97: Liquor law violations-0; Drug abuse violations-1; Weapons possessions-0. For 1997-98: Liquor law violations-0; Drug abuse violations-1; Weapons possessions-0.

## **X. Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Use of Controlled Substances**

The University seeks to implement fully the Drug-Free Schools, Communities, and Workplace Acts of 1988 and 1989.

### **Alcohol**

Present state laws make liable to arrest and prosecution any person under 21 years of age who consumes and/or possesses alcoholic beverages, or supplies such beverages to persons under the age of 21. University trustees and administration have further instructed that alcohol be prohibited on campus and while engaged in any official business, activity, or function. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the Heart of America Athletic Conference with which the University affiliates, have policies prohibiting alcoholic beverages at any athletic event on or off-campus. On the campus, University officials will not seek out abuses of this policy by indiscriminate entry into student rooms. However, any problems brought to the attention of University Authorities will result in disciplinary action.

### **Controlled Substances**

In accordance and cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies, the University prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and related paraphernalia on University property or as part of any University activity. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, steroids, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, and any prescription drug except when used in accordance with instructions from proper medical authority. Students receiving federal financial assistance are required to sign pledges in that regard, and they risk the cancellation of aid by involvement in such activity. Violations will result in disciplinary action and may result in immediate dismissal.

## **XI. Sexual Abuse/Harassment Policy**

Illegal discrimination, including sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and forcible and non-forcible sex offenses, is prohibited. Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when (1) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's employment (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or classroom environment. Retaliation against or intimidation of a person who has filed a complaint of sexual harassment is also prohibited.

It is Lindenwood University policy that sexual harassment or sex offenses will not be tolerated and disciplinary action up to and including termination and/or dismissal will be imposed on employees engaging in such actions. Disciplinary action up to and including expulsion may be imposed on students engaging in such actions. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sexual assault. Assistance will be provided when reasonably available in changing academic and/or living situations if requested by the victim.

If you are aware of sexual harassment, or feel you are a victim of harassment, contact your supervisor or one of the University officers listed: Dr. Dennis Spellmann, President; Dr. David Williams, Dean of the University; Jeanne Murabito, Dean of Academic Services; Dr. Michael Mason, Chaplain.

Sex offenses should be reported to the Campus Security Office, Director of Residential Services, or one of the University Officers listed above.

## **XII. Student Educational Rights & Privacy Act**

Student education records are regarded as confidential and are released only with student written consent, or under specific guidelines set forth in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Certain items of student information have been designated by Lindenwood University as public, or directory, information: name; address; telephone; date of birth; major (and/or minor) field of study; participation in officially-recognized sports and activities, or clubs; weight & height of student-athletes; dates of attendance; and degrees and awards received.

Currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of directory information by notifying the Registrar, in writing, prior to the beginning of each term, that they do not want the directory information released. In conformance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the University has established a system to insure that students have complete access to their educational records and the right to challenge information they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. Information about these procedures, along with a copy of the University's policy complying with this Act, can be obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students also have the right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act.

### **XIII. Working Relationship Between the University and Local Police**

Lindenwood University and the St. Charles Police Department work jointly to provide a safe campus environment for students, staff, and visitors. This working relationship includes:

- St. Charles Police Department provides assistance to Lindenwood University for identifying vehicle ownership.
- St. Charles Police Department provides formal police incident reports, on a monthly basis, to Lindenwood University for the purpose of compliance with federal law.
- St. Charles Police Department provides crime prevention information for student use.
- Should a situation arise that causes a need for the St. Charles Police Department to come on campus without a warrant, or to question an individual, they first come to the campus security office, and are accompanied by a campus security officer.
- Lindenwood University, through the President's office, provides information requested by the St. Charles Police Department that is within Lindenwood University's legal authority to release.
- Lindenwood University and the St. Charles Police Department cooperate in the accumulation of data, in analyzing the data collected, and in a systemic response to crime.

### **How to Call the Campus Security Office, Police or Fire Department**

For reporting information, dial Campus Security at 949-4922 or 740-2700 (4:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., Monday-Friday and 24 hours on weekends.). For emergency, dial 911. These calls are answered by the police/fire dispatcher, and are handled immediately.

In order to provide the quickest response to your call, you should become familiar with the information needed by the dispatcher, and the order in which they will request it from you.

The dispatcher will ask:

**1. What is the nature of the call?**

Tell the dispatcher the exact problem. Example: Noise, Accident, Theft/Stealing, Burglary, etc.

**2. What is the location?**

Tell where this problem is, not where you are calling from.

**3. What is the major problem?**

Example: Your home has been broken into, house on fire, speeders, someone around your home.

**4. Your name?**

You do not have to give a name if you do not want to.

**5. Your phone number?**

You do not have to provide a phone number if you do not wish to do so. It would help, because if they did not locate the problem, they could call you back.

**6. Give any further information that would be helpful.**

Such as: Numbers of persons involved, numbers of vehicles involved in case of auto accidents, whether or not there were any injuries.

**7. When did this incident happen?**

Is it in progress at this time, or did it happen earlier?

**8. Respond to other location (If not same as #2 above)**

If you wish the officer to respond to a location other than the location of the incident.

**9. Person/suspects involved.**

Names or identification of persons involved, or suspects.

**10. Vehicle(s) description, if any involved & direction of travel.**

Color, year, make, body, style, and license.

**11. Are there any weapons involved?**

Tell if any weapons have been seen and what type.

**12. Any further information that you may have available.**



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