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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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LINDENWOOD COLLEGE II

My second annual report to this Board is designed to present my impressions of the year and to discuss some accomplishments which indicate a promising future for L.C. II and demonstrate that L.C. II is coming into its own.

I. STUDENT BODY

A. Enrollment

Male enrollment now stands at 172 full-time students. We have 102 non-resident students and 70 resident students. There are 92 part-time males attending our day and evening colleges. These figures are close to those of the Fall Term for the full-time students and demonstrate an increase with regard to part-time males. Entering Freshmen came from ten states and one foreign country, and 51% were in the upper half of their high school class. 53% received financial aid.

Applications for L.C. II are at the same level as last year at this time. The number of paid deposits from new resident students has increased. Paid deposits from non-resident students are about the same as at this date last year. These figures indicate that our enrollment will take a slight increase again next September.

B. Academic performance

1) Freshmen

Fifty-one percent of our entering Freshmen were in the upper half of their high school class. This figure was 43% for Freshmen entering in 1970 and 54% for Freshmen entering in 1971.

Analysis of the male Freshmen SAT and ACT scores reveals:

| | 1971-72 | 1972-73 |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| Verbal Mean | 520 | 485 |
| Math | 521 | 461 |
| ACT Composite | | 21 |

Frankly, at the outset of this year I was very concerned that our Freshman Class would have considerable academic difficulty. I was pleasantly surprised when at mid-term of the Fall Term only 13 Freshmen students received a total of 17 D and F warnings -- last year 29 Freshmen received a total of 50 D and F grades for the Fall Term. At mid-term of the current Spring Term 12 Freshmen received a total of 16 D and F warnings -- last year 16 Freshmen received a total of 21 D and F warnings for the Spring Term. The G.P.A. for the Fall Term of last year's Freshmen was 2.04. This year's Freshmen had a G.P.A. of 2.34.

Our present Freshmen performed fairly well academically, even though their board scores are somewhat low and their high school performance average. A part of this success could be due to the fact that we are recruiting well-motivated students who understand and are well suited for our academic program. I also believe our academic counseling and advising is quite effective.

2) Other classes

The percentage of Upperclassmen receiving D or F warnings for each of the long terms this year was about the same as last academic year. The composite G.P.A. for the Fall Term for Upperclassmen and Freshmen is as follows:

| | 1971-72 | 1972-73 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Seniors | 2.74 | 3.15 |
| Juniors | 2.73 | 2.80 |
| Sophomores | 2.52 | 2.32 |
| Freshmen | 2.04 | 2.34 |
| Over-all | 2.38 | 2.57 |

This is greatly encouraging!

B. Residence Halls

We continue to make progress in the area of student behavior. Students are demonstrating that internal dormitory governance can work. Disciplinary problems are at a minimum. Problems which arise are normally taken care of immediately. I commend the students for their efforts in managing themselves. Intervisitation appears to be running smoothly. I now question whether we need student assistants "sitting desk" over the entire intervisitation period. I point out that the women students are proposing a dormitory self-governance system. Should this proposal pass, L.C. II should enjoy the same privilege. But the male students are waiting to see the fate of the women's proposal before they request the same privilege.

C. Student Government

The election of student officers continues to be an area of some concern. Very few men run for office. This is especially true of non-resident students. Most of the student leaders for the next academic year will reside in Irwin Hall. Student Government matters are taken care of very effectively by a few interested students. Most students are apathetic. Pat McMackin did a fine job as Community Manager. He finalized documents, ran an efficient office, and was helpful to me in student personnel matters.

D. Graduating Class

Thirty-one male students will graduate this year. Pat McMackin and I are presently attempting to establish an alumni association for L.C. II. For this year we are planning a baseball game and picnic for the Seniors and Graduates. A dinner following the game is also planned. This is a beginning.

II. WORK OF THE LINDENWOOD COLLEGE II CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Three students have opted the L.C. II Independent Term for this Spring. David Levy and Vicki Devenport are studying at Child Center of Our Lady of Grace. Mark Poindexter has completed a history of St. Charles entitled A Right Smart Town.

The committee approved a new career-oriented Liberal Arts Degree, B.F.A. in Career-Oriented Studio Art. This new emphasis in our B.F.A. program gives practicum credit for work done by students who have attended art institutes.

The committee has approved forms that will be utilized to document the practicum credit, internships, and field studies for The Lindenwood Colleges. The L.C. II Curriculum Committee reviews, evaluates, and reports to the Educational Policy Committee and the Faculty concerning such programs.

III. SPORTS

As you know, I am an Athletic Director. We now have four varsity sports: soccer, baseball, tennis, and basketball. We are making progress in all these areas; that is, we are actually beginning to win games. "Bo" Sylvia will replace Pat Lacey as Basketball Coach for next year. Joe Guthrie, a Lindenwood Graduate, will be his Assistant. Student interest is great for basketball and it appears that we will have both a Varsity and Junior Varsity schedule for basketball this coming season. We play our home game and practice at the new Jefferson High Gym. Dick Berg, School Superintendent Colaw, Principal Washington, and I worked out this excellent arrangement. The baseball team looked different this year. The boys now have uniforms. "Clothes make the man" -- the team is playing much better. It also appears that several fine local student-athletes will be coming to Lindenwood next year. What is the Board's feeling about scholarships?

IV. DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary problems are minimal this year. I have taken no serious disciplinary action against any student and our Judicial Board did not hear a case. Minor problems did arise. These were taken care of privately and swiftly. The discipline section of my report to the Board was much larger last year. This year the men and I appear to operate by some "unwritten code." The students know where I draw the line. There now appears to be a state of equilibrium between the Dean and the students. Both the Dean and the students desire to maintain this balance. This situation appears to be functioning effectively.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lindenwood will now be listed as one of the institutions with which McDonnell-Douglas is affiliated in its Cooperative Education Program. I am in the process of contacting other organizations to establish a similar relationship. Michael Allison and Russell Fish, Math students, are currently engaged in internships at McDonnell-Douglas. As of this writing, Janet Schowe, Susan Butaud, and Christine Nothstine have an appointment to discuss a similar internship at McDonnell-Douglas.

Mark Barclay and John Dooley were recently notified that they have been accepted to do research at Argonne National Laboratories for the Fall Term of next year.

VI. FINAL COMMENTS

I hope the academic performance of our men continues to improve and we continue to attract increasing numbers of well-motivated students. All in all, we had a good year--a year which I have labeled "a year of stabilizing" for Lindenwood College II. We appear to be finding our direction and defining our programs. L.C. II is moving from being an undifferentiated embryo to a viable entity with formed structures and definable functions. I find the challenges

increasing, my duties diverse. I intend to continue as Biology Department Chairman and will do more teaching next year.

It is a pleasure for me, on behalf of L.C. II, to express our gratitude to Mrs. Dorothy Irvine, Secretary, for all the things she does so effectively to make L. C. II run smoothly.