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LINDENWOOD SETS RECORD WITH FALL ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment at Lindenwood this fall is 1,974 students, a figure that establishes the record as the highest enrollment in the institution's 155-year history.

While many of the area's private schools are reporting enrollment declines, the fall enrollment at Lindenwood represents a nearly 3.1 percent increase from the 1,916 students enrolled a year ago. It also surpasses the all-time highest enrollment of 1,969 students that was recorded in the fall of 1980.

Currently, total enrollment consists of 1,415 undergraduates and 559 graduate students. While the official headcount for undergraduates declined from 1,448 a year ago to 1,415 this fall, graduate students increased from 468 to 559.

Of the total, 865 students are enrolled in the Lindenwood Evening College, 329 persons are students in the LCIE and the remaining 780 students are taking daytime courses and other programs at the main campus as well as satellite branches, in business and industry in the area and in nursing programs at area hospitals in St. Charles and St. Louis counties.

One of the areas which contributed to Lindenwood's record enrollment was the Evening College which reports enrollment increases for course offerings at the Downtown St. Louis and West Port centers as well as its off-site nursing programs at area hospitals.

According to Phil Edwards, director of the Downtown and West Port centers, enrollment has increased from 92 students a year ago to 282 students this fall at both facilities. In addition, the opening of the West Port Center last summer played an important role in the enrollment hikes at both facilities.

The addition of Deaconess Hospital this year into Lindenwood's nursing program also played another key role in substantial increases in enrollment at all off-site locations. This fall, there are 208 students enrolled in the nursing program as compared to 70 one year ago. Instruction is offered at the Lutheran Medical Center, Christian Hospital - Northwest and St. Luke's Hospital - West as well as Deaconess in St. Louis County and at St. Peters Hospital in St. Charles County.

Currently, Lindenwood's nursing program is awaiting accreditation from the National League for Nursing (NLN), the New York City-based official accrediting body for colleges and universities throughout the country. Once Lindenwood receives NLN accreditation, which is expected before the end of the year, enrollment is expected to increase even more in the nursing program.

Lindenwood's increase in 1982 enrollment differs from several other area institutions, such as Washington University and St. Louis University, both of which have reported drops in enrollment. It also differs from national predictions that there will be an enrollment decline at private colleges and universities throughout the country because of economic conditions and uncertainties in the student financial aid picture.

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According to tabulations compiled for the U.S. Department of Education's "Higher Educational General Information Study" (HEGIS), Lindenwood's enrollment was 1,346 in 1975; 1,612 in 1976; 1,728 in 1977; 1,727 in 1978; and 1,678 in 1979. The HEGIS report, prepared by the Office of the Registrar, is an official annual report for the federal government.

'GRIFFEN CREATIVE HAPPENING' SCHEDULED

Student and faculty poets will join three guest poets when the Griffen Society presents its "Creative Happening" November 15 from 7-9 p.m. in the main reading room of Butler Library.

Following student and faculty presentations from 7-8 p.m., guest poets Edward Boccia, James Finnigan and the Rev. Karl Kopp, all of St. Louis, will take the stage. Boccia is an instructor of painting and drawing at Washington University and is a member of the board of directors of the St. Louis Poetry Center. His works have been published in "Fieldstone" magazine and he has received honorable mentions in several local poetry contests. Employed in marketing at Control Data Corp. in St. Louis, Finnigan is assistant editor of the St. Louis creative magazine, "Image," and has had poems published in the "Minneapolis Poetry Journal" and the "Laurel Review." A former instructor at Kenyon College, Arkansas Technical College and the University of Albuquerque, the Rev. Kopp is a minister at the Divine Science Church of Crestwood. The editor and publisher of "Red Earth Press," the Rev. Kopp has published such poetry volumes as "Yarbrough Mountain" and "The Juggler."

The "Creative Happening" is open to all Lindenwood faculty, staff and students as well as the public free-of-charge. Refreshments will be served.

ST. CHARLES ALUMNI CLUB MEETING SET

Jean Fields, assistant professor of English and communications arts, will be the speaker at the monthly meeting of the St. Charles Lindenwood Alumni Club, scheduled November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Arts Building on campus. Her presentation is entitled, "Mythology of Women on the American Frontier." The meeting is open to all area Lindenwood alumni and friends. Refreshments will be served.

PSYCHOLOGY INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Jane Kniestedt of the Edgewood Chemical Dependency Department at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis will be the guest speaker at the Psychology Interest Group's meeting, November 10 in the Cardinal Room of Ayers Cafeteria. The 12:30 p.m. session will feature a 30-minute film presentation that will cover symptoms of chemical abuse, drug intervention and recovery, according to Margaret Cook, president of the newly-formed group. All Lindenwood students are invited to attend. For further information on the meeting or the Psychology Interest Group, contact Ms. Cook at Campus Box #145.

ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE SET NOVEMBER 10

"Environmental Regulations of the 1980s - Costs and Benefits" is the title of a lecture to be presented November 10 by Edward H. Ziegler, associate professor of environmental law at the University of Dayton. The address, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium, is open to all free-of-charge.

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CONTINUING ACCREDITATION UPHELD BY NCA

The Executive Board of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools (NCA) has upheld an earlier recommendation by an NCA review committee that Lindenwood continue to receive accreditation in all aspects of its academic and administrative operations until 1984. The decision, announced last week by the Chicago-based NCA, ends nearly eight months of accreditation studies at Lindenwood and overrides a recommendation for accreditation with financial probation made earlier this year.

The NCA's recommendation cites the strengths of the institution's faculty and programs as well as the high level of services provided by the colleges to the area and community. It also states that Lindenwood's financial condition "is stronger than initially had been reported by the visiting accreditation team."

Last March, an NCA accrediting team recommended continued accreditation with probation. The probationary recommendation, which later was challenged by Lindenwood officials, stemmed from the \$2.6 million in short-term indebtedness incurred by the colleges during a period of years in the mid-1970s.

Although the report suggested improvements in certain aspects of the institution's operations, it praised Lindenwood for many of its programs and services, particularly in the sciences and for the quality and dedication of its faculty. Problem areas, which the NCA said are similar to ones it found during similar visits in 1975 and 1979, include a lack of administrative continuity, operating deficits, accumulated short-term indebtedness and the lack of institutional data and research.

The NCA noted that attempts to correct many of these problem areas have been undertaken, stating that such patterns and problems "exist in varying degrees and some areas have seen improvement in recent years."

In concluding remarks, the NCA said the 155-year-old Lindenwood "has adequate publicly-stated purposes, consistent with its mission and appropriate to a post-secondary institution."

FACULTY MEMBERS NEEDED FOR AAUP CHAPTER

The Lindenwood Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is seeking members from the Lindenwood faculty. One of nearly 1,400 chapters throughout the country, the Lindenwood Chapter joins 70,000 members of the nation's largest association devoted exclusively to representing college and university faculty members.

Organized in 1915, the AAUP seeks to advance the interests of the profession by establishing professional standards, representing faculty interests before legislative bodies and executive agencies and promoting the economic benefits of faculty members. Other membership benefits include collective bargaining assistance; the publication and analysis of faculty salaries and fringe benefits throughout the country; maintaining an authoritative voice in governmental relations; a subscription to "Academe: Bulletin of the AAUP" and introductory incentives to "The Chronicle of Higher Education" and "The New York Review of Books"; and services such as life and health coverage, professional liability insurance, low-cost auto rental programs and AAUP travel incentives.

Dues range from \$10 to \$49 annually, depending upon the membership classification. Faculty members are urged to take advantage of the 1982 rates because dues will increase about eight percent in all categories in January, 1983. For further information on AAUP membership and benefits, contact Jeanne Donovan at extension #355.

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ST. CHARLES ROTARY CLUB SCHOLAR

Nancy Schrader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schrader of St. Peters, has been awarded a \$750 scholarship from the St. Charles Rotary Club. A freshman at Lindenwood, she is a June graduate of St. Charles' Francis Howell High School.

The scholarship award is presented annually by the Rotary Club to a student enrolling for the first time at Lindenwood. Applicants are judged on their scholastic achievement, academic excellence, financial need and their involvement in extra-curricular activities and community events.

HATHA YOGA OFFERED AT LINDENWOOD

If you want to get into Yoga, you'll have the opportunity next month when Lindenwood once again offers an eight-week Hatha Yoga course, November 11 through Jan. 19, 1983.

Hatha Yoga is the traditional Hindu form of physical and mental well-being. The exercises are designed to elasticize and tone the muscles, to develop suppleness and to establish mental concentration and body control. The course is termed extremely useful for those suffering from tension, body stiffness or weight problems.

The course will be taught by Terri Miller, wife of the dean of faculty, a member of the St. Louis Yoga Teachers Association and a former student of Liliias. It will be offered on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Course fee is \$25.

For further information and registration procedures, contact Barbara Ludwig at extension #346.

ESTHER FENNING REJOINS STAFF

Former employee Esther Fenning of St. Charles has rejoined the Lindenwood administrative staff as an assistant to Alumni Director Terrie Rollings and the Alumni Relations Office. A 1977 graduate of Lindenwood who has taken noncredit courses at Washington University and the University of Missouri-Columbia, she served as public information officer for the colleges from 1980-81.

FACULTY ART SHOW OPENS NOVEMBER 8

The Lindenwood Art Faculty Show opens November 8 in the Hendren Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. Featuring art such as ceramics, photographs, paintings, drawings and prints by Lindenwood Art Department faculty members, the show will be open to the public through December 17. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

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