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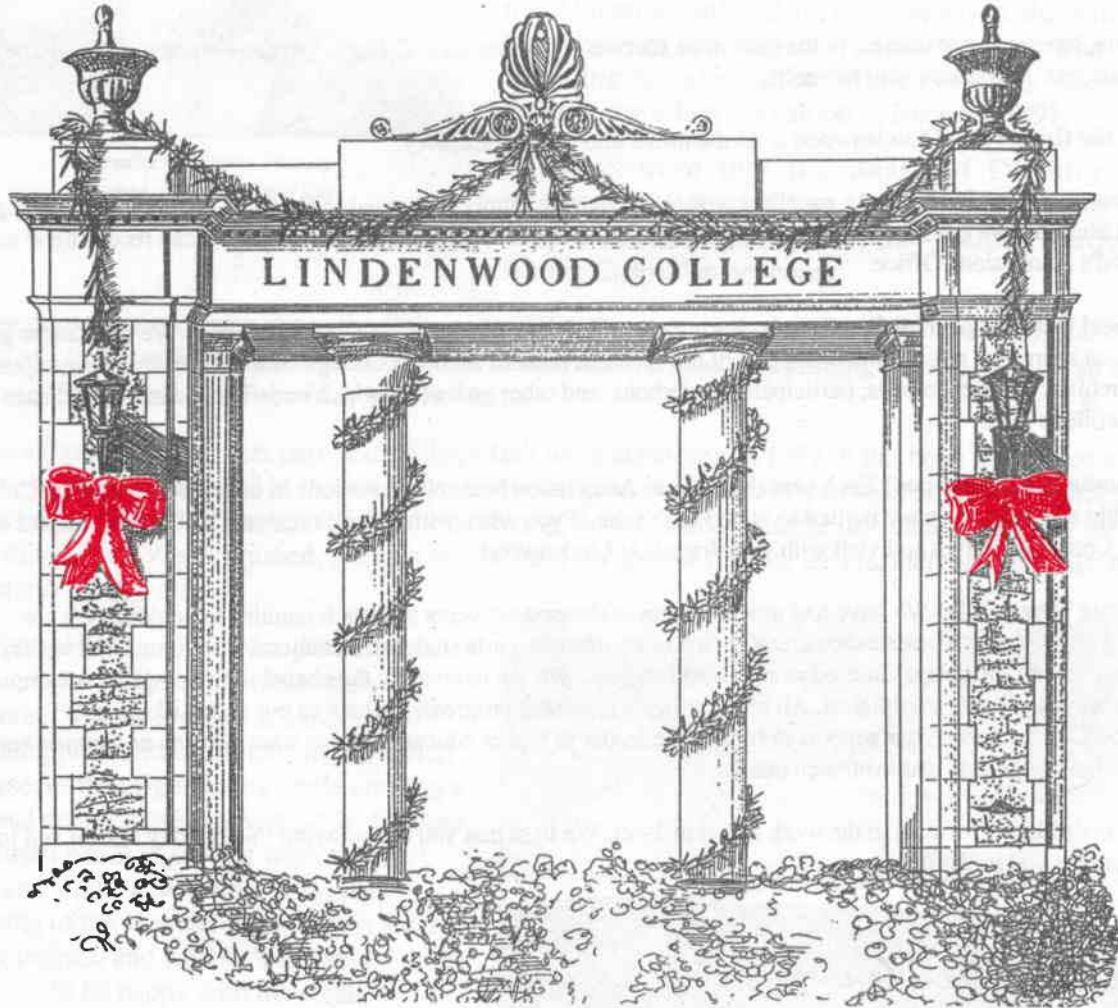
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## Message from the Alumni Board President



Dear Fellow Alums!

This is my first opportunity to communicate with all of you. To those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself. I have the challenge of being the first male president of the Alumni Association. Lindenwood's rich heritage has created a very diverse alumni population with many different Lindenwood experiences.

I was a commuter business student and attended our college from 1974 to 1978. After completing law school in 1981, I was asked to serve on the Lindenwood Alumni Board and I have spent the last dozen or so years working with alumni and observing the College from many different perspectives. I also have the pleasure of serving on the adjunct faculty, thereby keeping contact with Lindenwood students.

Our school has gone through a major transformation over the last six years, narrowly averting financial disaster to become of the nation's leading private colleges, operating with no bank debt. The Alumni Board has also come into its own, growing from a small group struggling for a policy voice, to having substantial representation on the Board of Directors. Alumni now provide real input on the direction of the College.

We, as alumni, have a vested interest in the continued success of Lindenwood College. We can — and must — do our part to ensure this success. Here's how you can help:

- 1. Spread the Good News!** Lindenwood is on the move into the 21st Century.
- 2. Recommend a New Student!** An excellent student body, with highly motivated individuals, will continue the legacy which past alumni have established. We all know high school and college age students which we can recommend to Lindenwood's Admissions Office.
- 3. Volunteer!** Our new Alumni Coordinator, Barb Kohrs, is always looking for alumni volunteers. We all possess gifts which we can share, the gift of time being one of the greatest. Alumni serve on College boards, give student symposiums, maintain archives, stuff envelopes, participate in telethons, and other endeavors which benefit the students and ease the burden on college staff.
- 4. Come home to Lindenwood!** Each year the Alumni Association hosts class reunions in conjunction with the College's Homecoming activities. You are invited to attend each year, if you wish, with special reunions for honored classes every five years. Come back often and visit with your friends at Lindenwood.
- 5. Contribute Financially!** We have had much success in the past six years yet much remains to be done. We are building a state-of-the-art performance arena so that our performing arts students, intramural contestants and varsity athletes can perform on campus instead of in leased facilities. We are renovating the chapel in Sibley Hall. A campus computer network is being established. All of these items represent progress, the path to our successful future. Lindenwood College needs your support to remain the leader in higher education. Give what you can and remember Lindenwood in your estate and insurance plans.

The Alumni Board looks forward to the work ahead in 1995. We trust that you are enjoying this holiday season and look forward to serving you in the future.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric O. Stuhler". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Eric O. Stuhler  
President, Lindenwood Alumni Association

# College Chapel Named, Renovations to Begin

After more than 100 years, the chapel in Sibley Hall finally has a name and will soon have a new look. At their November 1994 meeting, the board of directors passed the following resolution:



*Dorothy DuQuoin Warner  
Alumni, Director Emeritus  
Chapel named in her honor*

*Be it understood that Dorothy DuQuoin Warner is a great believer in Lindenwood and its students. She is committed to education, the fine arts, her community, and the spirit of Lindenwood College.*

*Let it be known Dorothy Warner served the College for more than twenty years as a member of the Board of Directors. Upon her retirement in 1992, she was conferred with the title *Director Emeritus* and given lifetime membership on the Board. She also served on the Alumni Board and in 1977, received the Alumni Merit Award for Service to Lindenwood. She is a founding member of the Butler Society and was awarded the Sibley Medallion of Honor in 1991.*

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Lindenwood College takes great pride in naming the Chapel located in Sibley Hall the "Dorothy DuQuoin Warner Chapel" in her honor.*

Dorothy donated a generous gift to the College, specifically to renovate the 108-year-old chapel. Her continuous support of Lindenwood has enabled the College to renovate the indoor swimming pool in Butler Hall and a suite in historic Sibley Hall, both of which bear her name.

The chapel/assembly hall was part of the Sibley Hall wing expansion in 1887. It has been remodeled several times in the past century, and in the last 20 years, the original chairs were either sold or put into storage. The College has recovered approximately 130 of those original wood and wrought iron chairs, and is in the process of refurbishing them. When finished, the area will be used for special College events, including recitals, musical performances and lectures.

**Brett Barger** ('93), Lindenwood's business manager, is in charge of the renovation operations. "We are looking at a number of remodeling possibilities for the chapel, which will preserve the original look while creating a functional area for special events," said Barger. "The chapel needs plastering work on the ceiling and walls, new wainscoting, and refinishing of the wooden floor. This is a very exciting project, and when it's finished, I think everyone will be happy with the result."



*The chapel/assembly hall in Sibley Hall, as it appeared in 1907.*

# LINDENWOOD COLLEGE:

## *Commitment to Excellence*

*In just a few years, Lindenwood College will enter the third century of serving students as a teaching institution. Begun shortly after Missouri joined the Union, the college blossomed in the 1900s as student enrollment and expectations for quality education grew. As Lindenwood College prepares to enter the 21st century, it once again rides a wave of history...providing educational excellence as an affordable liberal arts college.*

Throughout its history, Lindenwood has thrived on change and challenge. It has not simply survived change but used it as an opportunity to excel. That ability to adapt has never been more critical than in today's competitive environment.

The college was founded by Mary and George Sibley during a time when the promise of a new nation seemed endless and public service was considered a noble calling. They were filling a gap in the New West: higher education for young women.

Among the linden trees, Mary Sibley taught the virtues of individual responsibility and hard work. What began with less than a dozen students blossomed into a college offering a variety of degrees to prepare graduates for tomorrow's demands.

The college has withstood the test of time. As in Mary Sibley's day, the Lindenwood College today mixes quality education with a commitment to personal responsibility, offering young people and their families a choice. It's a choice that more people are drawn to each year.

Lindenwood hasn't forgotten its roots. That means putting into practice the virtues of quality, honesty, dependability and respect for work that were the foundation of the school's first days. It means a clearly defined philosophy that emphasizes the basics: teaching, individual responsibility and choice.

Perhaps never before in its history has Lindenwood College been as clear about where it is headed and why. It embodies a vision which is achieving success.

Most successful business enterprises operate with simple rules: expect excellence and dedication from employees, offer a quality product and create a clearly defined chain of command. Dedicated employees who work hard produce a product the market wants. A clear chain of command defines who is responsible for setting direction and making final decisions.

An institution of higher learning should aim for nothing less. It, too, is a business enterprise with a competitive product and demanding customers. Lindenwood's dedicated, hard-working employees are creating a quality product that the marketplace is seeking.

Expecting the best from the college's faculty and staff takes a shared commitment of purpose. It summarizes the college's vision and its collective mission is to translate that philosophy into action.

That philosophy sets Lindenwood College apart from some others in the academic world.

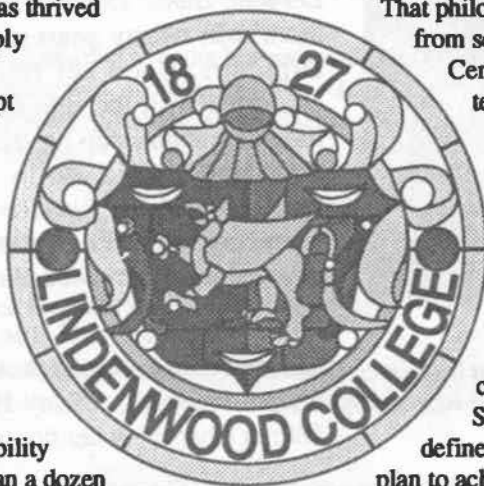
Century-old academic practices, such as tenure, have their roots in Europe with no place in today's evolving environment. Productivity and accountability are the sound management concepts which are replacing these antiquated practices. No successful business enterprise operates with such unproductive practices and a growing number of colleges that do so are failing.

Successful enterprises have a clearly defined objective and a well-thought out plan to achieve it. At Lindenwood College, that objective is to provide a quality education to students who choose such an environment. Reaching that goal requires teachers who teach and are evaluated on their abilities to do so.

Providing students and their parents a choice by offering high academic standards in an atmosphere that stresses personal responsibility is an important Lindenwood goal. Our students and their families entrust us with their dreams for the future and expect quality teachers. That's a responsibility the college takes seriously by emphasizing quality teaching and providing a community that fosters intellectual, spiritual, social and physical growth.

As Lindenwood approaches a new century, it is stronger than ever financially and philosophically. Aiming for excellence is a never-ending exercise. Good performance can be made great. Great performance must be maintained. Continuous improvement takes the best of every one of Lindenwood College's Board, faculty, staff and students. The school looks forward to a bright future where everyone works together to achieve their goals.

Today's Lindenwood leaders are proud to build on the tradition begun so long ago by Mary and George Sibley. And they believe the Sibleys would be proud to know that the small school they founded has successfully faced the future by being true to its past.



## College Tops In Placement

Over the past two years, 97 percent of Lindenwood College students who participated in the College's job placement program were placed in jobs or graduate school within three months of graduation.

"A college should measure its success by the success of its graduates," said Dennis Spellmann, president. "We work with every student in the program until they are placed in a job or graduate school. We are not aware of another school in the country that can match our record of success."

"Lindenwood's remarkable placement record is due to the Talent Accomplishment Program (TAP) that begins as soon as a student is admitted to Lindenwood," said Brian Watkins, director of student development. "We work with every student to develop a running resumé that includes their work and service experiences, and their record of leadership activities. The result: a profile of a well-rounded liberal arts educated graduate that is culturally literate and extremely marketable. This is the kind of person employers tell us they want to hire."

Eighty percent of Lindenwood's graduates receive job

offers at or before graduation, as reported in the 1995 *Peterson's Guide to Four Year Colleges*. According to the guide, Lindenwood's job offer rates leads a majority of the nation's private colleges:

College/University	Job Offer Rate
Lindenwood College	80%
DePauw	70%
John Carroll	66%
DePaul	65%
St. Ambrose University	61%
Butler	60%
Illinois Wesleyan	57%
Lehigh	57%
Amherst	55%
Gustavus Adolphus	50%
Notre Dame	50%
Northwestern	40%

"Many of these colleges did not report any data for job offers," said Spellmann. "We actually track our students to see how they're doing in the first year after graduation." The TAP resúmes are available in the LionNetwork Catalog, published annually each spring.

## Students Break New Ground



Five of the nine Lindenwood students chosen as members of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. (l to r) Janet Marik, Lisa Yost, Donna Matthews, Bob Zenker, Lonnie Schwent.

This semester, nine Lindenwood College students were chosen to be among the first student members of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. Linda Bockman, Sandy Imbeaux, Janet Marik, Donna Matthews, Kris Petersen, Lonnie Schwent, Nathan Wilmes, Lisa Yost, and Bob Zenker are being honored because of their outstanding leadership qualities and involvement in both campus and community service.

These students were chosen on the recommendation of their division deans. Lindenwood College was contacted by Marilyn Westenberger, who serves on the Chamber Board.

Westenberger suggested the Chamber bring in students as members of the board. Incorporating students into the Chamber benefits everyone.

"The students win, the members win, and the Chamber wins," said Westenberger.

"The Chamber wins because the students bring in contributions of time and insight.

The members win because the students bring in new ideas. The students win because they get to interact with many business and community leaders."

The main goal of the program is to help students who are coming out of college to participate in the community in a business atmosphere. The program also gives students insight into their respective fields.

Bob Zenker says that being part of the Chamber provides him with an outlet to explore the businesses of the St. Charles area.

The students involved are required to give 16 hours of volunteer time to the

Chamber. Eight of those hours can be in attendance to the general membership or committee meetings. These meetings provide a networking opportunity, and it also allows the students to hear guest speakers from many fields of interest.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for an undergraduate to get an idea of what jobs are out there," said Susie Pundmann ('93), director of capital funds at Lindenwood and co-coordinator of the program.

Michelle Orr ('94) of the Career Development Office, and also co-coordinator of the program, said that this experience allows the students to get involved in the community while enhancing their resumé and giving them practical experience. The program ties in with TAP as well.

Lonnie Schwent is one of the program's participants and she said, "This has allowed me to get involved with the community that I am soon to become a part of, and it's an excellent opportunity to meet leaders of the St. Charles community."

*This story was written by junior communication major Angie Chazelle.*

## LC Welcomes New Alumni Coordinator, Chief Development Officer

**Barbara Brockgreitens Clark Kohrs** ('63) is Lindenwood's new Community Relations and Alumni Coordinator. Barb came to LC in June, after she retired from a 31-year teaching career in St. Charles County. Barb's family ties to Lindenwood are deep; her sister **Terry Rau** ('71) is an LC grad. Son **Tom Clark** graduated with a business degree in 1992 and is currently working on his MBA at Lindenwood. Daughter **Karen** has also attended LC. You can reach Barb by calling (314) 949-4908.



**Barbara Kohrs**  
*Community Relations & Alumni Coordinator*

Barb works closely with LC's Development Office. This fall, **Gary Greene** came on board to lead the office as the College's Chief Development Officer. He joins **Susie Pundmann** ('93), director of capital funds, and **Sherri Bloms**, office manager. **Barry Freese** ('77), former director of development, has found a higher calling and is leaving LC to pursue a career in ministry. Barry promises to stay involved with Lindenwood as an active alumnus and volunteer. You can contact Gary, Susie or Sherri by calling the Development Office at (314) 949-4903.



*Development officers Susie Pundmann and Gary Greene look over plans for the new performance arena.*

## Butler Society Recognition Dinner Held

The fourth annual Butler Society recognition dinner was recently held at the new Lindenwood College Club following the Fall Board of Directors meeting. Excitement surrounding this gala event was heightened by the presence of a group more than four times larger than that attending the inaugural gathering. Honored guests included members of the Lindenwood Sibley Heritage Society.

The Butler Society is named for Colonel James G. and Margaret Leggat Butler, Lindenwood's most generous supporters of the 1900s. Colonel and Mrs. Butler's gifts made possible the construction of Ayres, Butler and

Niccolls halls. Later, funds from the Butler's estate led to the construction of Roemer and Irwin Halls, Butler Library, the Gables and Eastwick residence.

Today, the Butler Society meets once each year to honor a distinguished group of loyal friends who have committed their resources to promote the rich heritage of Lindenwood College and to support its leadership position for the future. Gifts from Butler Society members are used for library and classroom resources, building construction and renovation, general operating expenses, and scholarships. Members provide their donations in the form of unrestricted gifts, endowments for scholarships or to supplement faculty salaries, and toward capital campaigns for new buildings and facilities.

The Sibley Heritage Society is named in honor of the estate planning done by Major George and Mary Easton Sibley. Because of this planning, the names of Major and Mrs. Sibley continue to be honored today, as does the college they founded. The Sibley Heritage Society recognizes those who plan for Lindenwood's future by including Lindenwood in their estate, by making a gift of a paid up insurance policy, or by donating gifts such as trusts, annuities or property.

Your gift to Lindenwood College—either by present or planned giving—is valuable in more than one way. First, your support will help Lindenwood continue to recruit and educate top caliber students who can, upon graduation, bring honor to themselves and to this College through their career and life choices. Second, donors may be able to realize significant tax advantages through either form of giving. For information on how your gift will help, please call the Lindenwood College Development Office at (314) 949-4903, or write and use the return envelope enclosed. **Remember, Your Support Does Make A Difference!**

# The Lindenwood Information Highway...

*You do not have to live in the area to be a valuable resource and become involved in the continued success of Lindenwood College. It is truly a change of seasons, and alums across the country can help in recruiting students, supporting reunion plans and helping Lindenwood stay in touch with fellow alums.*



*Members of the Class of '44 celebrated 50 years during Reunion Weekend. Pictured are (l to r) Mary Blackhurst Wolf, Helen Devine Fangman, Grace Earline Gray Arsenault, Corinne Baker Helgerson and Ruth Heyden Steber.*

**Imogene Stroh Stumpf** ('39) visited France in the fall, and relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., in October. She would love to hear from alums in the area. For Imogene's address, contact the Alumni Office at (314) 949-4908.

**Mardell Seeley Finsel** ('40) worked for the county welfare department and taught psychology, sociology and history in the Fort Smith, Arkansas school system. Mardell writes that her granddaughter attends college in the St. Louis area.

**Margaret Ahrens Sahlstrand** ('61) is teaching at Central Washington University. She is also developing an embossed paper company and says business is excellent. Margaret has just moved to a new studio.

**Dorothy Doenges Sedovic** ('63) visited the Alumni Office this fall and toured the campus with her dad. Dorothy lives in Overland Park, Kan., with her husband John.

**Jeanne Pohlmann Rohen** ('64) received her doctorate in education from St. Louis University in May. Her daughter, **Jennifer** ('94) graduated from Lindenwood in May and is now attending St. Louis University Law School.

**Kathy Leonard** ('72) is serving in the office of St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr. as special media coordinator. Kathy was formerly with Lambert International Airport in St. Louis.

**Tom Clark** ('92) is employed by the St. Charles County Economic Development Council as manager of the Synergy Center, a small business incubator. The center will double in size during 1995. Lindenwood College is the center's education partner, offering undergraduate and graduate programs on-site.



*Three Lindenwood sisters gather at the 1994 Reunion Luncheon (l to r): Alice Ritter Boschert ('74), Grace Ritter Jackson ('34) and Ruth Ritter Staggemeier ('73). A fourth sister, Elnor Ritter Lammers ('45), lives in California and was unable to make the trip.*

The Lindenwood College Alumni Board elected new officers at its meeting on Reunion Weekend: **Eric Stuhler** ('78), president; **Froma Johnson Oberkramer** ('59), vice president; **Glenda Raef Schaefer** ('68, '90), secretary; **Mary Ann Messer Oelklaus** ('65), treasurer. *Point of interest: Eric is the first male president of the alumni board in the College's history.*

## *In Memoriam...*

**Carolyn Kinney Doherty** ('42)  
**Elanor Wilcoxson Jaeger** ('44)  
**Judith Glover Schwarz** ('56)  
**Marilyn Malone Gustafson** ('63)



# Tell us about yourself...

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