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## MILLION DOLLAR ENDORSEMENT!



*Architect's rendering of the proposed Lindenwood College performance center. Drawing by Hastings & Chivetta, Inc.*

### Mabee Foundation issues challenge to LC

Lindenwood College received a hearty endorsement last month from one of the most prestigious philanthropic foundations in the country.

The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has approved a \$1 million challenge grant for LC's arena/gymnasium project.

"We are proud that Lindenwood has met the high standards set by the Mabee Foundation," said Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann. "We will rise to the challenge and meet our goal."

Under the terms of the grant, LC must raise an additional \$1.25 million toward the cost of the building by April of 1995.

The general objectives of the Mabee Foundation are to assist religious, charitable and educational organizations in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Institutions applying for grants must demonstrate sound character and stability with progressiveness and

purpose.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," said Spellmann. "So far, we've raised over \$3 million in cash and pledges. Now, we are committed to raising the funds necessary to meet the Mabee challenge and to building a truly superior sports and performance arena that can be enjoyed by the entire community."

Ed Watkins, LC consultant, praised the campaign's co-chairmen, Harlan Pals and Henry Elmendorf, for their leadership in recruiting more than 380 community and business leaders to help raise money for the arena. Watkins says many others are stepping forward to get involved with the project as well. "The response has been tremendous," said Watkins. "People recognize the need for a multi-purpose center in this area, and Lindenwood College is proud to be the catalyst for this project." ❦

*For more on the new center, see related story on back page.*

### "In the style of Roemer Hall..."

The architect's conception of the arena was designed to complement Lindenwood's beautiful historical buildings. Hastings & Chivetta, Inc., architects for the project, utilized the gable style and pitched roofs of Roemer Hall as influence when planning the appearance of the new structure.

"We wanted this modern performance center to harmonize with the rest of the

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LC students David Russell and Melissa Weishaupt working at the recent Volunteer 5 Awards Show.

## LC-Channel 5 Partnership

"Lindenwood College...The Leader In Success."

Those words are heard by millions of people several times a day on KSDK-TV, Channel 5 in St. Louis.

LC is a co-sponsor of the television station's "Volunteer 5" program, which matches area non-profit agencies with volunteers from all over the region. Just entering its second year, the program has been very successful, and Lindenwood College has been a major contributor to the effort.

Not only is LC helping to sponsor Volunteer 5, LC students are volunteering their time and efforts to coordinate the program for the TV station.

"We are very proud to be a partner with Channel 5 in this humanitarian effort," said LC President Dennis Spellmann. "Our community service program actively encourages volunteerism among our students. We believe that the earlier students become involved with the greater community, the more likely they are to develop into strong leaders and citizens." 🍀

## Community Service: Students Help Seniors

This year, a group of LC students literally did their homework on the job.

As part of a class on service and fundraising, the six students applied for and received a grant to help 50 elderly people clean their furnaces, or get help with energy assistance, medical information, transportation and

access to food.

The students called their program *HALO*, Heating and Lighting Outreach Program. Union Electric, a partner in the class, funded the project. The money was used to clean furnaces and air conditioners, and pay for training the students to conduct home visits to the seniors. 🍀

## Honors Day Recognizes Achievements

More than 300 LC students were applauded for their college accomplishments at the annual Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 24, at the St. Charles Presbyterian Church.

In addition to receiving individual awards for academic achievement, service, and

leadership, students were initiated into such honorary societies as Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Lambda Delta, Linden Scroll, Kappa Delta Pi (education), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish), and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. 🍀

## Giving Students "The Edge"

LC students are capturing the competitive edge in the job market, thanks to an innovative new pilot program at Lindenwood.

### Talent Transcripts

Many graduating seniors are profiled in the College's annual LIONetwork Talent Transcript book, which is distributed to area corporations and business leaders.

The catalogue is composed of "Talent Transcripts," which are resumes of students' extracurricular activities and accomplishments.

"The Talent Transcript is designed to complement the student's academic transcript," said Ed Watkins, LC consultant and creator of the concept. "It gives prospective employers a more accurate picture of what the student is all about: his or her community involvement, club activities, etc. This information, combined with the official record of the student's grades and coursework, is valuable to employers who have a multitude of job applicants to choose from."

This is the second year for the Talent Transcript book. Last year, Watkins said, 100% of the students listed in the book were placed in jobs or graduate schools within 6 months of graduation.

### Job Fair

The Talent Transcript catalogue was well received by business leaders who participated in the LC job fair in March.

Representatives from large and small companies met with Lindenwood students, exchanging information and job-hunting tips.

According to Lynette Basler, LC career development director, the College's first career fair was a big success. Many students are hearing from the employers who were involved, and have been placed in full or part-time jobs, or internships.

"We're really excited with the response we've received from the students *and* the businesses," said Basler. "They've given us a lot of positive feedback and ideas that we can use for next year's event."

### Community Work Service Program

Students who get involved in LC's Community Work Service Program find their experiences really make their Talent Transcripts stand out.

Juniors and seniors spend one semester volunteering at a local non-profit agency for about 10 hours per week. Besides helping the agency, students receive numerous benefits: hands-on experience, networking skills, and an appreciation for responsibility and leadership. Students also enjoy the opportunity to make a difference in their community, and become active civic leaders. 🍀

# Support Equals Success

## Support To Safeguard the Future

Friends and alumni of Lindenwood participate in various ways to safeguard the future of the College. From support of the endowment to residential renewal, individuals who believe in Lindenwood have committed themselves to its mission. The members of the college community wish to offer a special word of gratitude to all Lindenwood supporters for their generosity and vision.

## Endowment Growth

The past few years have been good to the Lindenwood endowment fund. Loyal Lindenwood supporters have helped bring the fund from a low point of \$600,000 to over \$6.2 million in less than five years. A healthy endowment helps ensure that the faculty and staff of Lindenwood College can continue to serve students of all ages in the field of higher education.

We wish to spotlight a few of these supporters for their unfailing generosity to the Lindenwood College endowment in the past few years.

### **Margaret & Lloyd Ketcham Independence, MO**

Margaret Hoover Ketcham, (Class of 1933), and her husband Lloyd are a couple who are the embodiments of giving spirits. Margaret has given of her time for over 25 years as a volunteer at the Nelson Art Gallery and to the people of Mexico as a clinic volunteer for more than four decades. Together, the Ketchams created Lloyd Ketcham Oldsmobile, a highly reputable business in

Independence. Margaret and Lloyd, a University of Missouri-Columbia engineering grad, not only offer their time but their resources to their community and also to Lindenwood. Their generous contributions have created the largest endowed scholarship managed by the College. Through their assistance, numerous students have benefitted from the individual attention and the liberal arts tradition offered at Lindenwood. Their assistance specifically to students helps preserve the future.

### **Virginia Sodemann St. Louis**

Virginia Sodemann, (Class of 1935), is another fine example of selfless giving of her time and resources. For years, Virginia has donated countless hours volunteering at Deaconess Hospital. This hospital, along with her church and her beloved alma mater, Lindenwood College, are among her major philanthropic interests. Virginia, a Butler Society patron, donated stock to create the Sodemann endowment at Lindenwood. ♣

## Residential Renewal

The residential campus is the heart of Lindenwood, both historically and physically. Over the past few years, the College has experienced a rebirth of its residential campus, a rebirth supported by the generosity of alumni and friends. Through various campaigns, nearly \$600,000 was raised for much-needed capital improvements.

The restoration and reopening of Ayres (formerly Jubilee) Hall was the first major project, followed by the renovation and fourth floor completion of Irwin Hall.

The electric and plumbing in Sibley Hall has been modernized, while still maintaining its historical beauty, and improvements have been made to nearly all the residential halls over the past few years.

Several Lindenwood supporters have donated money specifically to the renovation campaigns, and have had floors, suites and rooms named after them. They include:

- **Dorothy Warner Floor**  
(1st floor Ayres, Class of 1936))
- **Barbara Ringer Hamill Floor**  
(2nd floor Ayres, Class of 1932)
- **Calvert Floor** (3rd floor Irwin)  
Eloise Calvert (1937)  
Nancy Calvert (1961)  
Jane Calvert Rogers (1967)

## Residential Honor Walk

Many donors choose to support Lindenwood renovations through the Residential Renewal Honor Walk. Donors are recognized with their names on a brick paver, which has a prominent place among the walks of the campus. The first walk is located in front of Roemer Hall. ♣

## Annual Giving

The Annual Fund is one of the most important funds at Lindenwood College, because it allows the College to provide the special services above and beyond that of other colleges -- services that make a Lindenwood education a quality experience. The Fund includes three key areas: Academic Programs, Scholarships, and Building Renovation. Your donations to the Annual Fund are critical to moving the College forward in its mission of a values-centered education. Your gifts enable more students to attend Lindenwood, increase the quality of LC's academic programs, and continue the upkeep of this beautiful historical campus. **Your gift does make a difference!** Please take a moment to fill out and send the enclosed pledge card with your gift to Lindenwood College by June 30, 1994. Or, for more information, call Barry Freese, Lindenwood Director of Development, at (314) 949-4908. **Thank you!** ♣

## Roemer Style

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campus," said Dennis Spellmann. "Thanks to generous supporters, several buildings were constructed on the campus during the administration of John Roemer. They each have a unique beauty. We wanted our newest building to invoke that atmosphere of Gothic Revivalist architecture found in Roemer Hall, and many of the other buildings on campus."

Lindenwood Assistant Art Professor Elaine Tillinger says almost all the older buildings on campus have traces of Neo-Classicism or Gothic Revivalist design. "The buildings here are eclectic in terms of architecture, but they are a reflection of the trends found in late 19th Century Romanticism," Tillinger said.

Spellmann said that reaction to the look of the new building has been overwhelmingly positive. "Everyone -- especially many of the alumni -- is very excited that we are designing this building of the future to be a reflection of Lindenwood's glorious past. It will be a thoroughly modern sports and performance facility on the inside, but on the outside, this building will be pleasing to the eye and atmosphere of this community." ❦

## Arena Plans Underway

The performance center/gymnasium is the next phase in Lindenwood's plan to build a comprehensive sports and performing art center. The arena will be part of the College's amateur sports complex, joining the Harlan C. Hunter Stadium, baseball and softball fields, an outdoor track, fitness center, and the fieldhouse.

The new arena will be home to the Lindenwood Lions basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams, seating 3,000 fans and providing classrooms, equipment, training and locker rooms, community room, and conference rooms.

President Dennis Spellmann says the arena will complement the Rec-Plex Natatorium, located a few miles away in St. Peters.

"We have the opportunity to be the next link in the area's move to provide more cultural and athletic events," said Spellmann. "The whole community can get behind this project and pull together to make it successful and beneficial for the whole region." ❦

### Lindenwood College May Festivities

Friday, May 20, 1994

*Sibley Medallion of Honor Dinner*

Recipient: Anne Hodges Pals ('65)

*Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.*

Speaker: George M. Conn, Jr.

*Associate Director,*

*Higher Education,*

*Presbyterian Church USA*

Saturday, May 21, 1994

*Commencement, 10 a.m.*

Speaker: Horace Wilkins, Jr.

*President, Missouri*

*Southwestern Bell*

*Honorary Doctorates*

L.H.D. Horace Wilkins, Jr.

Bob Meisel

*Businessman,*

*Civic Leader*

D.Div. George M. Conn, Jr.

*Alumni Merit Awards*

*Service to Lindenwood*

Nancy Calvert ('61)

Margaret Hoover Ketcham ('33)

*Volunteer Accomplishment*

Elizabeth Mudd Rauch ('44)



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