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Panama Invasion Hits Home

by Miguel Carrera
LindenWorld Writer

Judy Garland as "Dorothy" in *The Wizard of Oz*. "There is no place like home." For Christmas I had the opportunity to go back to my country (Panama), where I had not been for almost two years. But my home was not the same, my country was not the same either. One of my brothers was fired from the electric company where he worked because his political ideology was in opposition to the dictatorship, headed by Noriega.

The city was dirtier than ever. Many people were living on the streets and parks. Wherever I went, I found people of all ages asking for money.

I do not find the right words to describe the difficult situation my country was having with the dictatorship. I arrived in Panama December 11 and the government's workers had not received the second payment of November yet. On December 14, they got the payment but did not receive the full payment. They received a box with food, \$30 cash, and a check that could not be cashed until Jan. 29. Without doubt we were close to living as a communist country. Maybe that's why the people knew that the invasion was coming.

The Panamanians knew that Panama was going to be invaded, they did not know when it was going to happen. This was the first comment that all my friends and neighbors made to me. They knew about the invasion. But I do not know how.

On Dec. 20, about one in the morning, my oldest brother, some friends and me were celebrating a friendship reunion. All of the

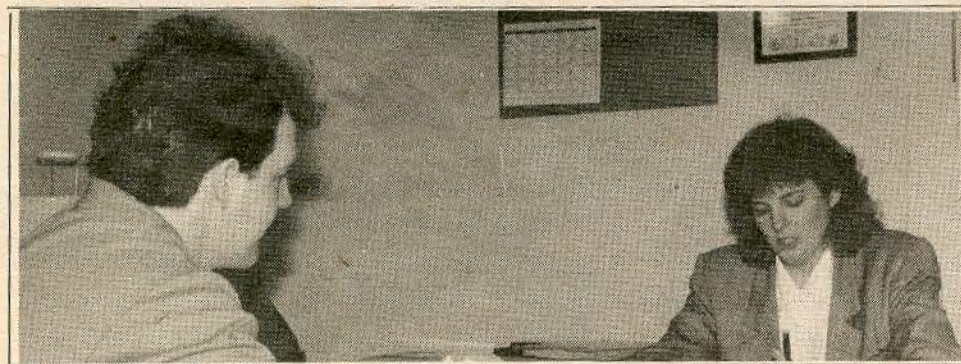
sudden, the explosions and shooting started. We turned the radio and TV on and they said that Panama was being invaded by the United States. Then started one of the worst times I ever had in my life. I could not go anywhere. All the stores were closed and the need for food was getting bigger. I could not do anything; just stay at home and hope that Noriega was captured because in that way everything would go back to a normal situation. Day after day, I was more worried that I was not going to be able to come back to America and finish my education.

On Jan. 2, I went back to Panama City because I needed to get ready to come to the United States. Before I left my country, I went to see The Chorrillo, a small town where the main headquarters of Noriega was. I drove with my brother and my brother's 6-year old son. We were driving through the city when we passed by a government building that was secured by American soldiers who had a big tank. My brother's son was so happy when he saw it. He said "Daddy, Daddy, look at the G.I. Joe!" My brother and me were laughing all day long about it.

When we got into Chorillo, I was surprised of what I was seeing. It was completely destroyed; of this small town was only left the name. On Jan 7, I planned to come back to America. I went to the airport about five in the morning and we left Panama about 2:30 in the afternoon. They (American soldiers) checked my baggages and my documents five times.

I am very glad I made it back and I hope that Panama will have a better future although there are too many questions that need to be answered.

New Resident Director Moves In



by Diann Dimaggio
LindenWorld Writer

This semester Lindenwood has a new Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Resident Life.

Camille Oehler will be responsible for housing, supervising the director of residential life, Wes Keene, and handling maintenance requests, a position previously held by Carol White, now working with admissions.

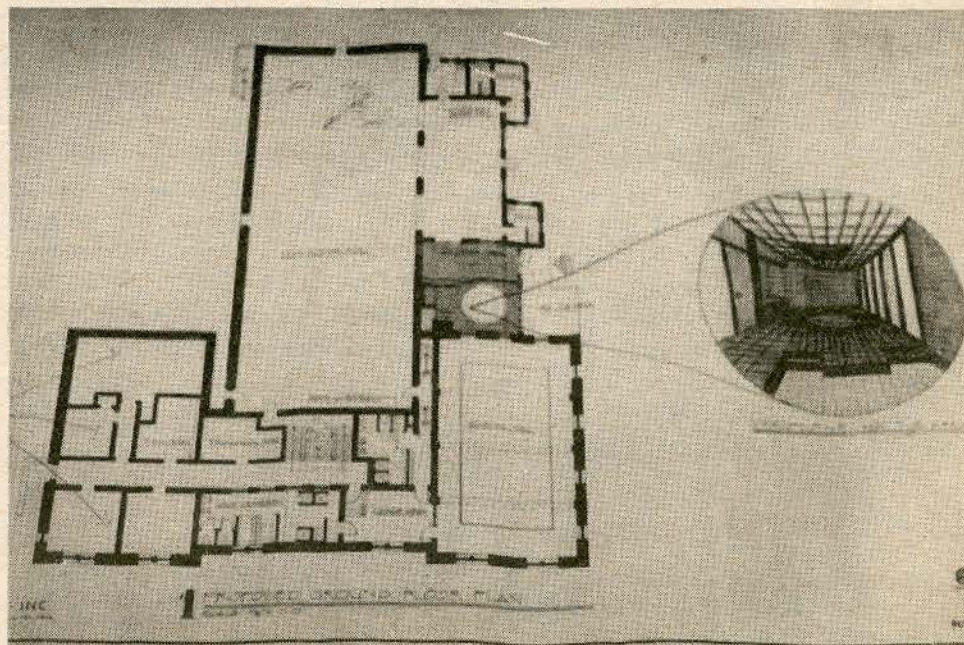
Oehler grew up in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She is single and has lived in St. Charles for 15 months. In this time she has worked for the American Cancer Society in St. Charles and the American Youth Foundation in St. Louis. Her outside hobbies include holding a position as president of the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce in which young

adults serve the area through community service.

Oehler's goals for this semester are to control noise, create a positive living atmosphere, and work on cleanliness in the residence halls. She hopes to accomplish these through the cooperation of students. Students who are disturbed by noise should try and approach the noisemakers to solve the problem, she said. If the problem still exists, she advises contacting the resident advisors or directors in the residence hall for their assistance.

To keep the residence halls looking clean, Oehler has devised a system in which two work and learn students are responsible for the housekeeping and trash on an assigned floor.

She said she is very happy to be here at Lindenwood. Anyone needing her assistance may reach her at ext. 222 or in Butler 116.



BUTLER REHAB PLANS - Architectural drawings of plans for the renovation of Butler Hall. (Photo by Kim Freese)

Butler Rehab Underway

by Jill Endraske
LindenWorld Writer

Currently Butler Hall is being converted into a new student center. This project was prompted by school spirit and the advice of Lindenwood College alumnus Peter Bezemis. Sophomore Jeff Cox said, "Last semester we were sitting around complaining about all of the changes around campus to Peter. Peter said Carpe diem." Carpe diem is a Latin word meaning "Seize the day." Cox said this motivated him along with seniors Wendy Brotherlin, Chris Podhorsky, and Paul Knauer to form Carpe Diem, a "positive organization."

With the assistance of Wes Keene, student life activities director, they brought the idea of a new student center to Dennis Spellmann, interim president. After Spellmann approved the proposal, "It was smooth sailing from then on," said Podhorsky. According to Keene, "Mr. Spellmann has been very cooperative."

Plans for the renovation of Butler Hall include a non-alcoholic sports bar called "The Lion's Den," a snack bar, tv rooms, game

Education Profs Published

An article titled "Resurrect the 'Dragon Grammaticus'" by Jeanne Donovan, professor of education at Lindenwood College appears in the current (January 1990) issue of "English Journal", the magazine for secondary teachers of English, published by the National Council for Teachers of English. The article details a study of current teaching practices in the teaching of grammar, compares these practices with what research says works, and makes suggestions for improving the teaching of

rooms, study rooms, individual rooms for clubs and organizations to hold meetings, and possibly a whirlpool. Cox said he feels this will "cut down the noise in the dorms."

Carpe Diem encourages other students to participate in the decisions for the construction and decoration of the new student center. The group will be circulating a survey around campus to obtain other ideas. A date for the completion of the student center has not yet been determined.

Although three Carpe Diem members will be graduating in May, Brotherlin said, "We're doing it for the school." She continued, "We're not Spellmannites. I don't agree with all of the changes on campus. Nevertheless, they've happened and therefore a new student center would help the campus. It's a step in the right direction."

Podhorsky said, "We want to leave a little bit of us here and that'll be in Butler."

Students with a "positive attitude" interested in joining Carpe Diem should contact Knauer, Brotherlin, Cox, or Podhorsky.

grammar in the middle school/junior high school.

Patricia McKissack, who teaches summer courses and short courses for the education division at Lindenwood has been announced the winner of the Coretta Scott King literary award for excellent writing related to the black experience. The 1990 award was given by the American Library Association for the McKissack book, "A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter" (Walker, 1989) written for children ages 12 to 14.

OPINIONS

Panama Saved From a Monster

Only an individual in complete isolation can make decisions ignoring the wants, needs, and actions of others. In a well organized society, the decisions of human beings cannot be made without regard of others. That is what Noriega was doing in Panama. Noriega violated the constitution, trafficked arms and drugs, established a permanent persecution against opposition leaders, established capricious limitations on freedom of speech, press, and congregation. Without doubt, Panama was having one of the worst times of her history as a republic.

Obviously, the invasion by the United States was the only solution we had to our political problem. All the internal and external efforts had been fruitless. In 1984, we had a presidential election where the people elected Arnulfo Arias as their president. However, Noriega and his dictatorship organized a fraud and put Nicolas Barleta in as his president. Dias Herrera, a former colonel said to Reuter news agency, "I can give all the details of the fraud because it took place in my house." In May of 1989, we had another presidential election. This time the Panamanians elected Guillermo Endara as their president, but Noriega nullified the election. The United States put on some economical pressure, marches were organized by the Panamanians, and a committee of the American States Organization was in Panama trying to find a solution to the problem. But all these actions did not have any result.

I consider that Panama was not invaded, Panama was saved of a monster. Panama was saved of a dictatorship that for 21 years had been ruining the country. Panama was given the opportunity for democracy. Now after the invasion there is optimism, there is hope about the future of the country. There is also freedom of press and all the newspapers, radio stations, and TV stations that were closed by the regime are open again. Let's hope that the future will be better for our country. Let's hope that the new government will establish justice above all political interests. Let's hope we Panamanians will have strong motivation to work hard for the reconstruction of our country. Let's hope that God has prepared a better future for us. Let's hope so.

Miguel Carrera

Positive Changes for Lindenwood College

I've noticed that you can't walk down the halls of Roemer lately without hearing 101 grumbles and complaints about Lindenwood. Students are griping about everything from policies to parking. These are legitimate problems, but they are problems resulting from transition. They are problems that will work out as Lindenwood gets back on its feet. Perhaps it's time for every student to pause for a minute and look at some positive assets of Lindenwood, because this negative morale is definitely working against us.

Our college is improving every day whether we want to admit it or not. It's a popular belief among students that LC is behind the times. That may be true socially but not technically. Take the new micro-computers for instance. After a few snags last semester classes are using the 20 microcomputers every day. They are a major part of business and communication courses as well as computer science courses. Students are learning what it will be like to rely on these computers everyday out in the real world. And eventually the lab will be open to any LC student who wants to use it.

Another technical advance LC has made is updating the TV studio. Communications students now have two new chip technology cameras and a new time base corrector to work with. This ultimately means more programming for cable and many more contacts and experience for these students.

We should all take these advances and the other renovations around campus into consideration before we open our mouths to grumble. Lindenwood is improving every day, and we still have excellent programs, a super faculty, and a beautiful campus. If we are all patient through the transition phase, Lindenwood will continue to advance, instead of being bogged down by negative attitudes, and we all come out on top!

Cynthia Foster

LETTERS

Library Posts New Hours

New hours for the Margaret Leggat Butler Library are posted as:

Mon-Thurs	8:30am-11:00pm
Friday	8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday	8:30am-4:30pm
Sunday	2:00pm-10:00pm

Butler Library hours are in effect January 8-May 5, 1990. The Library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 15.

Also, new library cards will be issued for the 1990 spring semester. Please be sure to stop by the Butler Library front desk to pick up your new card. Thank You!

LCIE Survey Results to be Announced at Colloquium

300 LCIE students completed surveys last quarter for the math class. You ranked what you like and dislike about the faculty, facilities, etc. Some of the results were:

Strengths

Faculty Quality
Cluster Format
Enrollment Process

Weaknesses

Parking Availability
Personal Safety
Building Upkeep

But there's more! Come and let us share with you all the information we covered. Also, we would like all of you to join us in formulating recommendations to improve our educational experience. So, bring your ideas and help us answer the question, "If I were running this college, I'd..."

When: January 27, 1990

9:00 AM

Where: Young Hall Auditorium

Flute Featured at First of Sunday Concert Series

Lindenwood music professor and keyboardist Terry Martin will accompany a former professor of flute in West Africa at the first of a series of "Sunday Afternoon Concerts" at Lindenwood College. The concert will be held at 3p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28 in Sibley Chapel.

Guest flutist Rita Roth taught flute at the Music Conservatory of Kenya, West Africa. She has most recently performed as flutist and piccolist with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert will feature a variety of musical styles and instruments including the flute, alto flute, piccolo, harpsichord and piano. Works by J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Johann Kuhnau, Charles Keochlin, and Edlin Burton will be performed.

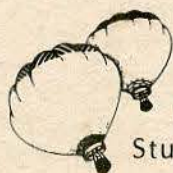
The concert series will run throughout the spring semester and are open to the public. General admission is \$2.00. For more information, contact Terry Martin at 949-2000, ext. 253.



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