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When Les Prinster of St. Charles was born, Lindenwood was a venerable 83-year-old college--seven years younger than Prinster is now. Like a lot of senior citizens, Prinster has decided that the time is right to return to school. This spring, he is taking a Survey of Economics course at Lindenwood.

Prinster sold his funeral home business five years ago, and he sold some rental property just last month and now said he has the time to take a college economics class, a subject he said interests him. At Lindenwood, he was able to take advantage of a standing 50 percent tuition discount the university offers to students over 55 years old to make it easier for senior citizens to return to school.

"I wanted to know something about economics," he said. "How it works, supply and demand, how does it apply to unemployment? This is something I've wanted to do for awhile."

Prinster says he had not attended college before now. He was born in O'Fallon in October of 1909 and moved to St. Charles when he was nine. He has lived there ever since. Prinster is the only surviving charter member of the St. Charles Kiwanis Club, which was founded in October of 1936. He and his wife, Mary, raised six children here.

Prinster still owns two farms in Warren and Montgomery counties and said he enjoys collecting different types of antique tractors and farm equipment.

"I've got some time now to do some things I have wanted to do for a while, and taking this class is one of them," Prinster said.

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