

REPORT
of the
PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE
to the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of
LINDENWOOD COLLEGE

October 30, 1959

It is a pleasure to make this report to the Board of Directors of Lindenwood College.

ENROLLMENT

505 students matriculated at the opening of college. This is the highest enrollment of full-time students in the history of the college. 240 of them are entering freshmen. 173 of these entering freshmen were in the upper quarter of their graduating classes in high school. Of these 173, 23 made exceptionally high scores on their aptitude tests and are being counseled as superior students.

In terms of ability, as indicated by test scores and high school grades, this is probably the finest freshman class that we have ever enrolled. To some extent this is due to the higher standards for admission which we have recently established, but it is interesting to note that this improvement in the caliber of the freshman class is reported by a number of colleges.

On October 19 we had 74 students enrolled for the fall of 1960 as compared with 47 on a corresponding date last year.

STUDENT COUNSELING PROGRAM

Under Miss Lichliter's leadership a new program of student counseling was instituted this fall. 37 carefully selected upperclassmen were chosen to counsel new students throughout the year. These students have been given some training in their responsibilities and have been given a counseling manual, copy of which is

attached to this report. Problems which may face entering students are classified and when they are severe, suggestions are made for referral.

In the manual we point out:

"The student counseling program was instituted because of the influence of two factors. One was the knowledge that 'the influence of student on student is a very significant aspect of college life.' For that reason we felt the need of a selected group of students whose determined and vital interest was to interpret life at Lindenwood to their own small assigned group of new students and to aid them in any necessary adjustment to it.

"The second factor was the awareness that the college had the obligation to provide the opportunity to as many undergraduates as possible for training and experience in the skills and competencies of leadership possibilities.

"A natural by-product of these two factors is an enlargement of the basic philosophy of the college - greater personalized attention to the education and social development of each individual student."

SUPERIOR STUDENTS

We are seeking the best way in which to serve superior students. You have been given some report of earlier experiments in this area. We have now, under the leadership of the Dean, a faculty committee studying curricula for independent study for superior students. Some students would be allowed to enter this program this year.

A STUDY OF LINDENWOOD GRADUATES

Miss Lichliter's office has completed a study of Lindenwood graduates in the last ten years. 76% of the graduates filled out detailed questionnaires and gave us some information and some indication of trends that are significant to future planning.

Nearly twice the number of graduates received the bachelor of arts degree as received the bachelor of science degree and one-fifth of the graduates received

the bachelor of music or the bachelor of music education degree. Elementary education and education had the highest number of majors (13%) with English a close second. So far as the continuing education of the graduates is concerned, 22% of those responding to the inquiry had attended graduate school. The percentage of each graduating class to continue in graduate school, except for the class of 1957, was double or triple the national percentage. Of those who went on the graduate school, 54% had fellowships or assistantships. That these students had a consistent and considered sense of direction is shown by the fact that 90% of them continued their undergraduate major on the graduate level. Most of them sought the master's degree, although several continued toward a Ph.D. Well over half of those who did go on to graduate school were married by 1959.

In the last ten years the percentage of those going to graduate school has increased.

As we compared our findings with those of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, a greater percentage of Lindenwood graduates married within the first year after college, a considerably greater percentage went on to graduate school, and a higher percentage were employed.

A comparison between the classes of 1949 and 1958 to see how differently first year graduates fared a decade ago shows that in 1949 there were none married before graduation and in 1958 11% were married before graduation. In the 1949 class, 12% married within the first year after graduation and in 1958, 20%. In 1949 18% went on to graduate school and in 1958, 24%. In each year 70% were employed immediately after leaving college.

A number of questions in the standardized questionnaire allow for a measure of evaluation on the part of the alumnae as they look back upon their college education, their "first job", and their future plans with regard to employment.

Out of the 387 graduates, 295, or 76%, returned these questionnaires, and their answers were without doubt rewarding to the College and encouraging so far as the college-training woman is concerned. Out of the 295 responses, 96% of those who were married felt that they had been definitely helped by their college training for their role as wife and mother, although the help could be said to be in many instances quite indirect and intangible.

Of the 295 who responded, 170 were employed. 80% of those employed said that they were in the kind of job they had hoped to get after college; 83% had jobs which met their economic needs; 92% felt that their positions provided a step forward in professional development; and only 19% felt that they were in jobs which served only to mark time. Most significant was the fact that 98% felt that their college training had definitely helped them in their work and 85% were in jobs which were related to their college majors.

SURVEY OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES IN MISSOURI

In accordance with the policy of our Presbyterian Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia, the Presbyterian colleges in Missouri will be surveyed by competent men employed for that purpose outside our own group. The men employed to survey the colleges are Dr. Allan O. Pfinster and Dr. Donald M. Mackenzie. Dr. Pfinster is from the University of Michigan and had previously made a study of college population trends in Missouri. Dr. Mackenzie is Professor at the University of Chicago and is serving as Assistant Secretary of the North Central Association.

A committee of thirty laymen and ministers within the state who are not members of our college boards have been appointed to receive this survey after it has been given to our Advisory Committee of our national Board.

The purposes of the survey are to gather the facts and to make recommendations which will lead to greater support of our institutions and to the strengthening of these institutions. Subjects which will be dealt with are facilities, endowment, efficiency of the size of institution, and religious emphasis.

It is expected that the men who make the survey will make at least two visits to each campus and on one visit will have an opportunity to meet some members of the Board.

There are a number of trends observable in higher education in America today that are significant for our privately supported institutions. Ten years ago 58% of the undergraduates were in privately supported institutions. Last year 41% were in these institutions. With the increase expected within the next decade it seems clear to many of us that this percentage will be further decreased.

Other factors that will effect our picture are development of community colleges, emphasis on natural sciences, difficulty of recruiting adequate faculty, and, perhaps, the growing emphasis on religion on the campuses of tax supported institutions.

STUDENT POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

The student political conventions will be held on the Lindenwood campus April 6, 7 and 8. Procedure will be identical with that in previous years. We expect to have at least fifty colleges and universities sending delegates and will, of course, have the cooperation of the Departments of Political Science on other campuses in relating class work to the political conventions.

We believe that the students will enjoy these conventions and we believe also that there will be a serious effort to become acquainted with political issues.

ALUMNAE WEEK-END

The program for Alumnae Week-end and Founders' Day, November 6 and 7, is as follows:

Friday, November 6

- 9:00 - 12:00 Registration in Library Club Room
- 12:30 Luncheon - Ayres Hall
- 2:00 Tour of Historic St. Charles by the St. Charles Historical Society
- 2:00 Tour of Campus by the Encore Club
- 5:00 Fashion Show by the St. Louis Alumnae Afternoon Club
- 6:00 Annual Alumnae Dinner for alumnae and seniors - Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 Play - "Mrs. McThing" - Roemer Auditorium

Saturday, November 7

- 9:00 - 10:30 Coffee at headquarters
- 9:30 Alpha Sigma Tau Coffee - Fine Arts Parlor
- 11:00 Founders' Day Convocation - Lindenwood Chapel. The speaker will be Nila Magidoff and her subject will be "My Return to Russia as an American".
- 12:30 Luncheon - Ayres Hall
- 1:30 Annual Alumnae Association Meeting
- 3:00 - 5:00 Reception at home of President and Mrs. McCluer
- 6:30 Buffet supper - Vogt's Restaurant

Sunday, November 8

- 9:00 - 10:00 Bon Voyage breakfast - Cobbs Tearoom

It has been suggested by the Alumnae Council that we award Certificates of Merit to alumnae at our annual Founders' Day convocation, and that we award an official souvenir to graduates of fifty years ago at the Alumnae-Senior dinner.

The alumnae have been showing increased interest, and a greatly increased number made contributions to the College this last year. The newly created Alumnae Council has become an instrument through which the alumnae are being of increased help to the College in many ways.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Presbytery of St. Louis is holding its October meeting at Lindenwood College on October 27.

Three meetings held on the campus last June were of considerable value to the College. They were:

National Association of Secretaries of State Teachers Associations.

Midwest Fulbright Conference on American Higher Education.

Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Women's Synodical Society of Missouri of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The Missouri College Joint Fund Committee will hold its November meeting at Lindenwood College and be our guests for dinner. The number of corporations giving to this fund is increasing year by year and the total amount we have received will, we hope, be significant. It is likely that we shall get from this fund eventually as much as we get from the church.

"The Eye on St. Louis" program on Channel 4, on Thursday, November 5, at 10:15 P.M., will include a look at Lindenwood College.

The course in English Literature by Dr. Alice Parker over KETC on a grant from the Ford Foundation is serving students of Lindenwood College, University of Missouri, Harris Teachers College, Southern Illinois University, and Belleville Junior College. It has also attracted a large number of adult listeners who are not taking the course for credit.

FACULTY

Dimitri Kabalezski, Commissioner of Music for the Soviet Union, is to be guest conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., October 24. He planned to have one of his own concertos included in the program and discovered that our concert artist in residence, Ozan Marsh, was the only American concert artist offering this concerto in his repertoire. Mr. Marsh was, therefore, approached by Mr. Kabalezski's agent. After some conversation with Moscow he has agreed to appear in Washington to play this concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Two members of the faculty, Associate Professor Walter Grundhauser, and Associate Professor T. W. Doherty, received their doctorate degrees this summer - Dr. Grundhauser in zoology from St. Louis University, and Dr. Doherty in modern languages from Middlebury College.

Dr. Gouldner, who is Chairman of our Department of Sociology, has completed manuscript of a volume to be published probably next spring.

Dr. Conover, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, is working on a volume to be published by Westminster Press. The outline of his book has been approved.

AUDIT REPORT

Copies of the audit report have been mailed to members of the Auditing, Finance and Executive Committees of the Board. Copies are attached to this report for other members of the Board.

The audit report reveals an operating surplus of \$41,000 on last year's operations. This surplus does not include profit on sale of securities. This happy situation is brought about by the fact that even though our income from students was less than anticipated, our expenditures were less than anticipated and the income from endowment and gifts was more than anticipated.

BUILDINGS

In accordance with the action of the Board at the last meeting, the administration of the College has entered into a contract with Kenneth Wischmeyer, architect, for a proposed new dormitory. He is at work and hopes to have completed drawings ready for us to submit to a contractor before the next Board meeting.

Work recommended by the Committee on Dormitories and Committee on Buildings and Grounds was completed this summer at slightly less than the amount we were authorized to spend.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the easement granted the St. Charles Gas Company, which expires November 18, 1959, be extended for one year.

It is recommended that the resolutions in appreciation of the service of Arthur A. Blumeyer and the Reverend Elmer B. Whitcomb, which have been prepared, be made a part of the Board record:

"The Board of Directors of Lindenwood College mourns the loss of Arthur Blumeyer and extend to the members of his family our deepest sympathy. To each member the loss is personal for to each one he was a highly esteemed friend. In our fellowship of labor, Mr. Blumeyer served Lindenwood College with fidelity and great ability. A man of keen mind and unquestionable integrity, he gave the College the service of decisive and sound judgments and of high hope in the future. His record as a trustee of Lindenwood College is an outstanding example of trusteeship exercised with patience, industry, great ability, and good conscience."

The Board of Directors of Lindenwood College mourns the death of Elmer B. Whitcomb, an esteemed and beloved colleague. He had given much through and study to the place of the church-related college in the field of higher education in America. His counsel has been invaluable. The warmth of his friendship, the depth of his interest, his unfailing readiness to serve the College, and the wisdom of his service, have been great sources of strength to the Board and to the College. Deep appreciation of his twenty-two years on this Board and of his great contribution to the College is gratefully recorded. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of his family."

It is recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Robert L. McLeod, Jr., as Dean of Chapel, this resignation to be effective at the beginning of the second semester.

Dean Paulena Nickell reaches retirement age during the year and has elected to retire at the end of the school year. Appropriate appreciation in recognition of her excellent and enduring service to the College should be expressed this spring.

It is recommended that the appointment of the following faculty members be approved:

Mrs. Mary Christianson, part-time Instructor in the English Department, at an annual salary of \$4,000.

Mr. Rowland W. Dodson, part-time Instructor in Physics, at an annual salary of \$1,700.

Miss Mitzi Fenn, as Assistant Professor in the Physical Education Department, at an annual salary of \$4,800.

Mr. F. E. Perkins, as part-time Instructor in the Department of Music, at an annual salary of \$2,000.

Mrs. Orene Rains, as part-time Instructor in the Department of Education, at \$600 for one semester.

It is recommended that the scholarship program as outlined in the catalog be approved.

It is recommended that we make a change in our contract with the General American Life Insurance Company for retirement annuities for members of our staff giving the administration the discretion to make a member of the staff eligible for this insurance with the college participating, at any time after employment.

Respectfully submitted,



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