

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

May 22, 1957

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student achievement during this college year has been very gratifying. Two students won in the Young Artists' Contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the St. Louis Symphony, one in voice and the other in violin; a sophomore who directed the World University Student drive at Lindenwood won one of four \$1000 fellowships giving her membership in the summer group that will visit Ghana, Africa, this summer; several students were winners in the poetry contest sponsored by the Wednesday Club of St. Louis; the staff of LINDEN BARK received an award as the outstanding small college paper of the State; students in radio and television work were invited to present three programs over KWK-TV on their "Look, Listen and Learn" program and others presented three programs each month on KFUD on the Children's Hour. Perhaps more gratifying than any of these accomplishments is that the honor roll this year was composed of the largest number of students we have ever listed on it. There have been disappointments too, in the considerable number of students who were put on probation at the end of the first semester and in the number of students who married while in college.

ENROLLMENT PROSPECTS

Rank in the upper half rather than the upper three-fourths of the graduating class in high school will be required for admission next fall. An increase in rate of \$140.00 also goes into effect next fall. Nevertheless applications for admission are keeping pace with last year. We now have 519 boarding students enrolled for next fall and are prepared to house 456.

CHAPEL DEDICATION

The outstanding event of the year has been the dedication of the new Lindenwood College Chapel-St. Charles Presbyterian Church building. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake delivered the dedicatory sermon, Dr. Harry T. Scherer, President of the Board of Directors of the College, led in the dedication of the building, Mr. Howard I. Young received the keys for Lindenwood College. Representatives of the Synod and of the two Presbyteries of St. Louis had a part in the program. It was, we believe, an impressive and significant service. The sanctuary was filled. With the help of closed television sets in three places in the building we were able to bring the dedicatory service before approximately 1400 to 1500 people. There were, however, several hundred who had to be turned away.

Representatives of churches and from a number of alumnae clubs marched in the processional, which included the Board of Directors and Faculty of Lindenwood College, the Elders, Deacons and Trustees of the St. Charles Presbyterian Church and the members of the joint corporation. A member of the Faculty remarked to me after the dedication that this was a history-making occasion and truly as significant, she believed, as the dedication of Roemer Hall.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY

Sixty-eight students participated in worship services in twenty-four churches on National Christian College Sunday. The students offered prayer, gave short talks, read the Scriptures, or provided music for worship services. Word has come to us from the churches and from the students themselves assuring us this experience has been good for the college, for the students who participated and for the churches.

PARENTS' WEEK-END

The dedication of the new chapel climaxed activities of our Parents' Week-End at the college. Other events included a play Friday night, horse show Saturday morning, crowning of the May Queen Saturday afternoon and dinner for our guests on Sunday after the church service. It was necessary for us to serve Sunday dinner in the Library Club Room and in the Gymnasium as well as in the dining room. Approximately 450 people from the homes of our students were our guests and more than 1100 people were served.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION

A committee of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education spent two days on the campus of Lindenwood College in March. We had invited the Council to review the work in the college in the hope that our program for the education of teachers will be accredited by the national organizations. The committee was composed of the Chairman of the Department of Education of the University of Omaha, the Dean of Nebraska Wesleyan University, a professor of Education from Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas, the Superintendent of Schools of Kirkwood, a representative of the State Department of Education, and a representative from North Central Association. We believe that the members of the committee were quite favorably impressed with what they found at Lindenwood and that we shall receive the approval of the Association sometime this summer. The report will be acted upon by the Council in June. The high percentage of our graduates who go into the teaching profession make it desirable, if not imperative, that we win this accrediting.

MISSOURI COLLEGE JOINT FUND COMMITTEE

Support for the Missouri College Joint Fund Committee continues to grow. The report of the Executive Secretary of the Committee submitted last week indicates that up to May 1, 1957 twenty-nine new corporations had been added to the roll of contributors. It seems very plain that we shall have a considerable increase in support from business during the calendar year 1957. This support is encouraging because it means general acceptance by the business community of a responsibility for maintaining the strength and quality of education offered in institutions receiving no tax support. It is also encouraging because it indicates a great appreciation of what seems to me of vital importance for the future, the fact that support for these institutions must have precedence over support for pilot projects or new experiments. Some foundations have been primarily interested in support of projects and much good has been accomplished in this way, but if we are to take care of the great increase in the number of college and university

students in this country after 1960 we shall need increased financial support for the basic work we are now undertaking. Scholarships and loan funds to individuals will not provide this support. It was pointed out by Dr. Henry in our conference in St. Louis, under the auspices of the Presidents' Committee on Education Beyond High School, there is a wide difference between expenditures on education for individuals and aid to institutions.

In this connection perhaps I should add that one of the greatest dangers in the present planning for higher education in the next decade is the assumption that because the needs are so great and important that somehow all will be met within this decade. It seems to me that there is the possibility that not all the needs for facilities and personnel for diversified educational opportunity required by a student population double that which we have now will be met so promptly. That being the case, the quality of education may be maintained only by giving priority to certain needs. If we attempt to solve our problem by establishing two-year community colleges we shall likely put comfort and convenience of the student above the high quality of education that is needed. Priority should be given to faculty salaries, for, whatever new techniques may be devised, the one essential requirement for good teaching is a good teacher. We can be proud of the action we have taken at Linderwood in this regard.

TRUSTEES CONFERENCE AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

The National Committee of Church Men for Church Colleges, the Board of Education of The Methodist Church and the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., is sponsoring a Trustees Conference at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, June 28-30.

The chief speakers will be:

- Dr. Henry T. Heald, President of the Ford Foundation
- Dr. Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company, (Indiana)
- Mr. Milburn P. Akers, Executive Editor, Chicago Sun Times
- Dr. Theodore A. Distler, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges

Apart from the formal addresses, there will be informal discussions on public relations in church colleges, relation of church and college, financing the church college, and the training of Trustees. It is hoped that the Lindenwood Board may be represented at this conference.

FINANCING THE CHAPEL BUILDING

The Lindenwood College-St. Charles Presbyterian Church Corporation has paid the following amounts:

Architect	\$ 27,943.96
Contractor	405,692.81
Furniture & Furnishings	23,651.27

In order to make these payments the Corporation borrowed from the Bank of St. Louis and now owes the bank \$99,200. It is estimated that additional payments for pews, glass work, contractor, and several suppliers will require another \$64,000. An effort is being made to secure payments on unpaid pledges and to secure new gifts to apply on the chapel fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following students, recommended by the Faculty, are recommended to the Board of Directors for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, subject to their satisfactory completion of work now in process:

Albritton, Ann
Charles, Ruth Ann
Hubbell, Jane Graham
Kasper, Marian
Keller, Marian Fuller
Knight, Carol Lee
Kyung, Ook Koh
Lefler, Sally Gene
Ratjen, Carol Luise
Root, Alice Lynn Prouty
Ryter, Gwendolyn Rose
Vallou, Angeliki

For the Bachelor of Science degree:

Coatsworth, Cynthia Anne
Givens, Barbara Dee
Karshner, Louise Schafer
Keen, Jacqueline Ann
Oetting, LaVerne Elizabeth

Palmer, Fern
Rosenkranz, Jane Peebles
Stillwell, Carol Marie
Stringer, Barbara Ingmand
Swanson, Julia Marie
Zotos, Ann

for the Bachelor of Music Education degree:

Micheletto, Tillie
Partin, Marella Gore

for Diplomas:

Butler, Elizabeth Ann - Voice
Partin, Marella Gore - Voice
Gatchell, Ann - Cello
Lunt, Lois Elaine - Piano

The following students are recommended for degrees, subject to completion of work now in force at the college and the completion of not more than ten hours in summer school:

Ault, Nancy Joan
Marko, Rose Marie
Rio, Linda
Martin, Joyce

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

It is recommended that Dr. John Thomas be made Professor Emeritus in Music.

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Ozan Marsh as Professor of Music and Artist in Residence
Patricia Benkman as Resident Pianist
Dr. Hazel M. Toliver as Associate Professor of Classics
Mrs. Mary R. Tillotson as Assistant Professor of Art

Respectfully submitted,

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President